

## Psalm 55

## Mas-chil, A Psalm of David

King James Version (KJV)

**55** Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

<sup>2</sup> Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise; (To moan in despair)

<sup>3</sup> Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

<sup>4</sup> My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

<sup>5</sup> Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

<sup>6</sup> And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. Deuteronomy-32:11, Revelation-12:14

<sup>7</sup> Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

<sup>8</sup> I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

<sup>9</sup> Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city. (divide their tongues -> divide the counsels of David's betrayers)

<sup>10</sup> Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

<sup>11</sup> Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

<sup>12</sup> For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

<sup>13</sup> But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. (David was betrayed first by his son Absalom, and also by his close adviser, Ahithophel) (When Ahithophel's council was rejected by Absalom, he went home and hung himself, knowing he had betrayed David)

<sup>14</sup> We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company. (Ahithophel betraying David is a type for Judas betraying Jesus)

<sup>15</sup> Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them. (hell= the grave)

<sup>16</sup> As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

<sup>17</sup> Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. (cry aloud= same Hebrew word as the cooing of the dove)

<sup>18</sup> He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

<sup>19</sup> God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God. (changes= repentance) (fear and revere are the same Hebrew word)

<sup>20</sup> He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant. (Ahithophel – a type for antichrist)

<sup>21</sup> The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords. (Saying one thing and doing another)

<sup>22</sup> Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. (to be moved = to fall)

<sup>23</sup> But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

*To the chief musician upon Jo-nath-e-lem-re-cho-kim* (the dove in the distant oaks)

Probably written when Absalom usurped the throne of Judah from David. When Ahithophel, David's adviser, betrayed him to Absalom