

## **Psalm 120**

## A Song of Degrees

King James Version (KJV)

**120** In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

<sup>2</sup> Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

<sup>3</sup> What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue? (done- added)

<sup>4</sup> Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper. (God killed 185,000 Syrians in one night, while they slept)

<sup>5</sup> Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar! (Mesech- A harsh, rude and distant northern people – associated with Gog <Prophecy for Moscow>?) (Kedar– synonymous for the cruel people of North Africa, Arabia)

<sup>6</sup> My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

<sup>7</sup> I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war. (Hezekiah, trying to appease Senachareb, gave him the treasury of the temple as well as his riches. You cannot appease evil. Senachareb further insisted on a yearly tribute of 30 talents of gold and 300 talents of silver from the people of Judah. This kept them in perpetual poverty.)

Probably written by Hezekiah, when Jerusalem lay under siege from Senachareb of Syria.

Psalms 120 -> 134 are called the Psalms of Degrees – See 2Kings-20:1-11

Divided into groups of three ( Distress / Trust / Deliverance) repeated 5 times