

Psalm 143

A Psalm of David

King James Version (KJV)

143 Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. (supplications= request or petition)

²And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

³For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. (Persecuted- also means pursued)

⁴Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

⁵I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. (muse- review, contemplate)

⁶I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah. (Spiritually speaking – the living waters)

⁷Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

⁸Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. (Let my affliction be ended by morning. Cause me to walk in the light. – Better translation)

⁹Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

¹⁰Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. (Teach= to goad or guide) (Pray for things to be by God's will, not yours) Also see Galatians-5:22

¹¹Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

¹²And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.