

PSALM 70– Prayer for Relief from Adversaries!

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Psa 70:1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD!

ALWAYS - Kristian Stanfill (4:24)

*My foes are many, they rise against me But I will hold my ground I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm
My **help** is on the way, my **help** is on the way*

*Refrain: Oh, my God, **He will not delay** My refuge and strength always I will not fear, His promise is true*

My God will come through always, always

Troubles surround me, chaos abounding My soul will rest in You I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm

*My **help** is on the way, my **help** is on the way (Refrain)*

*I lift my eyes up, my **help** comes from the Lord (4X)*

From You Lord, from You Lord

*Oh, my God, **He will not delay** My refuge and strength always I will not fear, His promise is true*

My God will come through always, always

*Oh, my God, **He will not delay** My refuge and strength always, always*

Psalm 70 - As you look at Psalm seventy, it would seem that this Psalm has been taken out of Psalm forty.

This small portion perhaps for liturgical services was taken from the fortieth psalm beginning with verse thirteen. So you watch in Psalm seventy and notice how similar these passages are:

(Psa 40:13-17) Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me! [14] Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who seek to destroy my life; Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor Who wish me evil. [15] Let them be confounded because of their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!" [16] Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!" [17] But I am poor and needy; Yet the LORD thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.

David here prays that God would make haste to relieve and help him (*Psa 70:1, Psa 70:5*): *I am poor and needy*, in want and distress, and much at a loss within myself. Poverty and necessity are very good pleas in prayer to a God of infinite mercy, who does not despise the sighing of a contrite heart, who has pronounced a blessing upon the poor in spirit, and who fills the hungry with good things. He prays,

- That God would appear for him to deliver him from his troubles in due time.
- That in the meantime He would come in to his aid, to help him under his troubles, that he might not sink and faint.
- That He would do this quickly: *Make haste (Psa 70:1)*, and again (*Psa 70:5*), *Make haste, do not delay!* Sometimes God seems to delay helping His own people, that He may excite such earnest desires as these.

PSALM 70 – O Lord, Do Not Delay - To the Chief Musician. A Psalm Of David. To Bring to Remembrance.

Psa 70:1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD!

- Hasten, oh God, please! It is interesting to me how that we are so often slow and reluctant in our obedience to God. It takes all kinds of prodding, all kinds of pushing and all kinds of circumstances many times to get me aligned with what God wants me to do. I am often slow in my response to Him but turn it around and when I call on Him I want instant action, “Make haste, O God” (70:1). I wonder if sometimes He just lets me see how it is to have to be pushed

and prodded and shoved as He does not always respond as I think He should when I think He should. It is often true though that a person does not pray until it is a last resort and then it is a hurry up thing. Everything else has failed so I'm finally calling upon God, but this is the zero hour before I call. Thus the prayer to make haste.

- Those that were seeking his soul David had something to say about that.

Psa 70:2 Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused Who desire my hurt.

- David was not too kind to his enemies in his prayers. He really asked the Lord to take care of them. He desires God to bring them to confusion, to be ashamed and to be turned back.

Psa 70:3 Let them be turned back because of their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!"

- Now I do not know what "Aha, aha" really means except that it is probably a term of great derision and contempt. It is interesting that there are no curse words in Hebrew. It seems like the worst thing you can say to a person in Hebrew is "Aha, aha." If you will remember when Elisha the prophet was walking along and these teenage boys came out of the city to mock him, they mocked him with the words "Aha, go to you prophet" and so he turned around and cursed them. He came out and tore up forty-two of them. It must have been a pretty bad thing. David does not like it at least so he wants God to take of those that would say, "Aha, aha" to him.

Psa 70:4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!"

- ***Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;*** In contrast to those that are seeking David's hurt, those that are seeking the Lord. Rather than being put to confusion, being ashamed, confounded and turned back he says, ***Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.***
- ***And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!"*** Several times since Psalm forty people have come up to me and said, "Let God be magnified" and I like it. I really think that it should be something we should be declaring if we love His salvation which we surely do then we are encouraged and exhorted to say, "Let the Lord be magnified." You might add that to your spiritual jargon, to your praise the Lords and so forth add the "Let the Lord be magnified" here, "***Let God be magnified.***"

Psa 70:5 But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

- He is not poor in the senses of being broke. He is talking about it in the sense that Jesus talked about it in the Sermon on the Mount, when He said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." This is a beautiful expression of David's humility.
- The cry for God's help comes out of the consciousness of my weakness, my inabilities. Surely all of our prayers are an expression of our inability and our weakness for I am poor, and I am needy. Hurry Lord, for You are my Help, my Deliverer.

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CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED - Cody Carnes: (5:02)

Were creation suddenly articulating With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west We'd hear Christ be magnified
Were the whole earth echoing His eminence His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops We'd hear Christ be magnified

(Chorus) O Christ be magnified Let His praise arise Christ be magnified in me

O Christ be magnified From the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me

When every creature finds its inmost melody And every human heart its native cry

O then in one enraptured hymn of praise We'll sing Christ be magnified (O be lifted high, Jesus)

(Chorus)

I won't bow to idols I'll stand strong and worship You If it puts me in the fire I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too I won't be formed by feelings I'll hold fast to what is true If the cross brings transformation Then I'll be crucified with You 'Cause death is just the doorway Into resurrection life If I join You in Your sufferings Then I'll join You when You rise And when You return in glory With all the angels and the saints My heart will still be singing And my song will be the same. (Chorus – 2x)

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