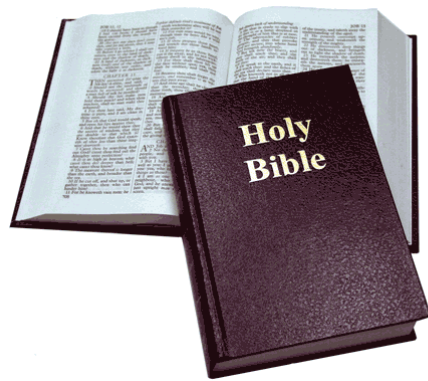


Spiritual Experiences from David's Psalms

Reading: Psalm 7:1-11



“A call for Justice”

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions
Tuesday 20th/Wednesday 21st November

Recommended Background Reading
2 Samuel 16:5-14

The incident referred to in the title of this psalm cannot be identified from the historical books in the Bible and therefore different suggestions have been made. Some enemy has been falsely charging David and as we shall see, the Psalm clearly fits the incident in 2 Samuel 16. David's son Absalom is conspiring to take the throne from his father and David has fled from Jerusalem. And if that was not enough, he faces more opposition in the form of Shimei.

Leave God to defend - verses 1-2

- 1) Read 2 Samuel 16:5-7. We might think that this would be the last straw for David. *What do verses 1-2 of our psalm tell us about his response to the attack?*

Leave God to examine - verses 3-5

- 2) Read the accusation made by Shimei in 2 Samuel 16:8. Often our reaction is to defend or justify ourselves. *What does David teach us by his actions in verse 3-5 of the psalm?*

Leave God to vindicate - verses 6-9

- 3) Read the response of one of David's close aides in 2 Samuel 16:9-10. *Why was Abishai so defensive of David and how does David's response differ in this psalm?*

Leave God to judge - verses 10-11

- 4) Read 2 Samuel 16:12-14. *What do verses 10-11 of our psalm tell us about why David can walk away from this situation and leave it to the Lord?*
- 5) Having examined David's reactions in this psalm; what have you found helpful that can be applied when you face opposition or false accusation?