

# Psalm 57- To God Who Fulfills His Purpose For Me

Psa 57:1-11 ESV To the choirmaster: according to ***Do Not Destroy***. A Miktam of David, **when he fled from Saul, in the cave.**

- Condition? **In a cave running for his life - Saul wants to kill him**
- He went to Ahimelech to get food and a weapon (Goliath's sword) -- thus 85 priests were executed by Saul
- Runs to cave of Adullam - 400 people follow -- described as in distress, in debt and depressed
- Wrote a song based on the song "**Do Not Destroy**" - **Truths that form the basis of his Faith**

**1) God is the only source of deliverance** (not the cave, not the sword, not the 400) ~ Jehoshaphat  
Be **merciful** to me, O God, be **merciful** to me, for ***in you my soul takes refuge***; in the shadow of ***your wings***  
***I will take refuge***, till the storms of destruction pass by.

**2) God is greater than my predicament** (He has a purpose that CANNOT be thwarted)

2 I cry out to God **Most High**, to God who **fulfills** his purpose for me. 3 He will **send** from **heaven** and save me; he will **put to shame** him who tramples on me. Selah. God will **send** out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

- He had faith enough to cry out to God **most HIGH** (MOST HIGH elevated - supreme)
- I cry out to **God who fulfills HIS purpose for me** (nothing can thwart God's purpose) Dan 4:17 & 35
- **He will** send from **heaven** AND SAVE ME (faith and hope for a different future)
- STEADFAST LOVE and FAITHFULNESS (Translated Mercy and Truth KJV)

**3) My soul can be bowed down** - Lot his righteous soul was vexed by the sin of Sodom

4 **My soul is in the midst of lions**; I lie down amid fiery beasts-- the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. 5 Be exalted, O God, ***above the heavens!*** Let your ***glory be over all the earth!*** 6 They set a net for my steps; **my soul was bowed down**. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah.

- In you **my soul takes refuge** (vs 1)
- Even tho' God is in heaven, may his glory be over all the earth -- He will send from heaven to deliver

**4) Tho' our soul can be bowed down, Our heart can remain steadfast!**

7 **My heart is steadfast**, O God, **my heart is steadfast!** ***I will sing and make melody!*** 8 Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! 9 ***I will give thanks to you***, O Lord, among the peoples; ***I will sing praises to you among the nations.*** 10 **For** your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. 11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

- His love and faithfulness are steadfast - this contributes to my steadfastness
- I will sing and make melody, I will give thanks, I will sing praises to you
- He sees just how great love and faithfulness are...Great to the Heavens...Reaches to the Clouds
- Be Exalted O God Above the Heavens ---- You Glory Be Over All The Earth

## SUMMARY

Are you in a cave or do you know someone who is in a "cave"? - is your soul downcast?

1. Have you forgotten how Great God Is? - He is in HEAVEN - His PURPOSE is never thwarted
2. Do you realize that while there is pressure on the soul, there can be steadfastness of heart?
3. Are you willing to be one who praises and gives thanks to God?
4. May we look to see the Glory of the Lord be over all the earth - may it begin with me