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David Dealt with Calamities

The headings of the psalms are not inspired words from God but reflect the ancient concepts of what was occurring in the life of the psalmist when he penned that psalm. The heading of Psalm 57 describes the events happening in the life of David when he wrote the psalm—“When David fled from Saul into the cave.” Regardless of when it was written, it shows us how David dealt with the most dire situations in his life.

David first looked at the most high God. In the midst of trials, God was one who “performs all things.” David’s God (and ours!) was not one who sat idly by when He saw His children suffering (verse 2). He is One who sends forth blessing of salvation from heaven and reproaches the enemies of those who threatened His children, attempting to swallow them up. He was the God who sends forth mercy and truth (v. 3).

David then looked around him and thought about his enemies. If the heading is accurate, King Saul had just returned from fighting with the Philistines and, upon learning where David had fled, took 3,000 soldiers to kill him (1 Sam. 24). David and his men had taken refuge in the recesses of a large cave when Saul approached the cave and went inside. David’s greatest enemy was before him with thousands of soldiers just outside the cave. Look at how David described them. They were the fiercest warriors among the sons of men. Their violent spirit was like coals of fire, their teeth were like

spears and arrows and their tongues were like a sharp sword (v. 4). They had figuratively dug a pit into which David might fall and prepared a net to ensnare him (v. 6).

David then showed his reactions to God's providence in the midst of ungodly men. "My heart is steadfast." His heart was anchored and firmly fixed on God and His nature. None of the adversity moved him. Instead of trembling with fear, David's heart was singing the praises of God. As each day dawned, the man after God's own heart loudly proclaimed His glory (vs. 7-9).

The psalm closes with words contrasting God and those fierce beasts of David's enemies. God was glorious, and His mercy and truth reached from David (in the recesses of that cave) unto the highest heavens. Read the events of what happened at the cave to see how God responded to all of this and delivered David.

Look again at the first verse. "In the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have passed by." Our lives are so often stressful and surrounded by adversity. When you find yourself in these circumstances never give up. We serve an eternal merciful God and all "these calamities" will pass by. Remember He is with you in your darkest "cave."

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Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
John & Gwen Smith,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley,
Diana McConnell,
Clara Williams, Janet Taylor
Charles & Ruby Malone

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Jeffrey Smith, Betty Turner,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Wayne Warren
Kenton Lancaster,
Bettye Kennon, Marilyn Ferrell

Sunday Sermon's

AM - Spititual Abundance
Philippians 4:19-20

PM - Singing Night

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

Directory Pictures to be taken
following morning services.

January 30

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

Cards to Send

Freeman & Sheila Kidder
95 Sugar Creek Drive
Henderson, TN 38340

Ron & Nadine McDonald
41 Chester Levee Road
Jackson, TN 38301

John & Gwen Smith
495 Medon Malesus Road
Medon, TN 38356

Pantry Item

Canned Mixed Vegetables

Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	25/33
AM Worship	35/32
PM Worship	41/12
Wed Bible Study	44/17
Contribution	3075

Those Privileged to Serve

Jan 23 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM. - M. Wages, G. Cooper

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Costel Gimphu
Opening Prayer:
Freeman Kidder
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jerry Crabb
Communion: Mike Wages
Contribution:
Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Sermon: Singing Night
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse
Communion: Ray Pack

Jan 26 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Devotional: Marion Thomas

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Jan 30 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM. - C. Kidder, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Read Scripture:
Jonathan Orr
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Sermon: Mike Wages
Closing Prayer: Freeman Kidder
Communion: Joe Venable
Contribution:
Freddie Callis

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Marion Thomas
Closing Prayer: Jerry Crabb
Communion: Ray Pack

Feb 2 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Devotional: Mike Wages

Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM