



SERMON NOTES

January 11, 2009

Scripture: Psalm 17:1-15 (NAS)

Topic: "The Prayers of the Righteous"

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- 1 Hear a just cause, O LORD, give heed to my cry; Give ear to my prayer, which is not from deceitful lips.
- 2 Let my judgment come forth from Your presence; Let Your eyes look with equity.
- 3 You have tried my heart; You have visited me by night; You have tested me and You find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.
- 4 As for the deeds of men, by the word of Your lips I have kept from the paths of the violent.
- 5 My steps have held fast to Your paths. My feet have not slipped.
- 6 I have called upon You, for You will answer me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, hear my speech.
- 7 Wondrously show Your lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at Your right hand From those who rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye; Hide me in the shadow of Your wings
- 9 From the wicked who despoil me, My deadly enemies who surround me.
- 10 They have closed their unfeeling heart, With their mouth they speak proudly.
- 11 They have now surrounded us in our steps; They set their eyes to cast us down to the ground.
- 12 He is like a lion that is eager to tear, And as a young lion lurking in hiding places.
- 13 Arise, O LORD, confront him, bring him low; Deliver my soul from the wicked with Your sword,
- 14 From men with Your hand, O LORD, From men of the world, whose portion is in this life, And whose belly You fill with Your treasure; They are satisfied with children, And leave their abundance to their babes.
- 15 As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake.

I. OUR PURE APPROACH TO GOD

- A. Honesty In Prayer
- B. One Man Who Could Pray This
- C. We Through Christ Have Gained The Right *Romans 8:1, 33, 34*
- D. The Righteous Pursue Righteous Living
- E. Show Me Your Lovingkindness *1John 4:8, 16; Exodus 33:18-23*

II. A PLEA FOR PROTECTION

- A. The Pupil Of The Eye
- B. Under The Protective Wing
- C. God's Nearness To Hear

III. THE ENEMY THAT SURROUNDS

- A. Self-Indulgent
- B. Proud And Arrogant
- C. Like Lions In Their Attack
- D. Your Enemies Are God's Enemies
- E. Their Children Follow Their Path *Exodus 20:4-6*

IV. AS FOR ME

- A. We Will Stand Before him In Righteousness
- B. Satisfaction Now And In Eternity