

Psalm 7:1-17 The Blessing of a Clear Conscience Falls Church, April 28, 2024

Intro: as sinners, we take for granted the blessing of a clear conscience, until we consider what it would be like to live without a clear conscience.

**Since the LORD judges everyone, we must realize that having a clear conscience is a blessing from the LORD. (v.8-9)**

**When do we especially appreciate the blessing of a clear conscience?**

**1. while we are being pursued by an enemy, without cause. (v.1-5,12-13)**

[For example, we appreciate a clear conscience when we are continuing to “feel bad” but we shouldn’t, due to unrelenting false thoughts from our flesh, the world, or the devil.]

**2. while we are waiting for the LORD to arise against our enemies. (v.6-7,14-16)**

[For example, we appreciate a clear conscience while we are waiting for clarity about whether or not it is the Spirit Himself who is convicting us! See 1 Peter 3:16]

**3. while we are waiting for the LORD to vindicate us. (v.8-11,17)**

[Examples, a) while we are struggling to find certainty that we did not do that wrong, b) when we admit that we did the wrong, but we have since repented and it was cleansed by the blood of Christ and c) while we are waiting for others to come to the proper conclusion that we are innocent and offer us their acceptance.]

How do we apply this Psalm to our own walk with God?

What should we do when we are continuing to “feel bad” when we shouldn’t? What can we do when our false guilt stems from unrelenting false thoughts from our flesh, the world, or the devil?

How should we live and evaluate, so that we can discern whether our guilty feelings are true conviction of the Spirit or false accusations from our adversary?

Bible References: 1 Pet. 5:8-11 Acts 17:31 John 12:32 Heb. 10:31 Rev. 6:16 2:23 Luke 13:3,5 Eph 6:16 Luke 6:43-45 James 1:15 1 John 2:11 Matt. 5:3-5, 7:1-5 Gal. 6:1