

INTRODUCTION: A PIT OF DESPAIR! (Ps.142; see 1Sam.22)

EXPLANATION: POOR DAVID! (Psalm 142:1-7; see Lam.3:22-24)

TITLE (see Ps.57; 102)

1. Maskil: wisdom in poetic form with music to understand and remember
2. of David: by him, for him and/or in his honor (i.e., Messianic; see Lk.24:44)
3. in the cave: Adullam (1Sam.22:1f; see Lk.23:53f)
4. a Prayer: an earnest cry for help (see 1Kngs.8:28; Is.56:7)

A. MY PLEA (1-3a; see Kidner outline)

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| 1. my voice: personal (1) | cry: desperate for help (1,6; note: repetitions; see Mk.10:46f) |
| 2. unto the Lord: covenantal (1; see Ex.6:7; Ps.22:1) | supplication: petition for grace (1; see 2Sam.2:27; Heb.4:16) |
| 3. complaint (2) | pour out before Him (2) |
| 4. trouble (2) | declare, report, explain (2) |
| 5. my spirit (3a) | wind knocked out (3; see 143:4) |
| 6. You yourself (3a) | knew (3a; see Mt.6:32) |

B. MY PLIGHT (3b,4)

1. hidden: trap set *against* him (3b; see 140:5)
2. seen: no one at the right *for* him (4; right, see 109:31; 16:8; 110:5; 121:5)
 - a. no one even notices (- +)
 - b. wrecked escape (+ -)
 - a. no one cares for me as a person (- +)

C. MY PORTION (5,6a)

1. cry: desperate for help (5,1; note: repetitions)
2. declaration: true hope (6; Lord, see 2a, 2b)
 - a. You yourself (6a; see 4)
 - b. my refuge (6b; see 4b)
 - c. my portion in land of living (6b; 27:13; 116:9; see Num.18:20; see Ps.73:26)

D. MY PROSPECT (6b,7a)

1. pay close attention (6a; contra 4a)
2. my ringing cry, shout (6a; see 1,5)
3. very weak vs. very strong (6b; see 3,4; see Mt.26:38)
4. rescue, pull out, extricate (6b; see 3b, title)
5. bring out from dungeon (7a; see Jn.11:43f; 20:1f; Rom.6:4)

E. MY PURPOSE (7b)

1. to praise His Name in testimony to His deliverance (6,7; see 66:16; Mk.5:19)
2. in the congregation of the righteous (7; see 116:14,18; Heb.10:25f)
3. because You are finishing me (7, ripen; see Col.3:10; Phil.3:12; 2Cor.4:16)

F. SUMMARY: FAITH (1-4) JOINED BY HOPE (5,6) LEADING TO LOVE (7)

CONCLUSION: POOR YOU! (Ps.142; 2Sam.22:1f; see Rom.6:1f; 8:17; 1Pt.4:12f)

A. PRAISE GOD BECAUSE HE HEARD & ANSWERED JESUS (Ps.142; 22:1f&21f; Heb.5:7; Jn.20:1f)

B. PRAISE GOD BECAUSE HE HEARD & ANSWERED DAVID IN JESUS (7; see 2Sam.22:1f; Ps.110:1)

C. PRAY & PRAISE GOD BECAUSE HE HEARS & ANSWERS YOU IN JESUS (Heb.4:14-16 /Ps.142; Lam.3:22-24)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)