

LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED FORTY

Scripture: Psalms 140:1-13

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Introduction:

- A. This is identified as a Psalm of David written to his Chief Musician.
- B. It was written in a time of trouble when enemies were after him, maybe Absalom, maybe Saul. Either of these would be classed as those who should be his friends and helpers.
- C. There are good lessons for God's people in any age. We need to know that those who should be our best support are many times our worst enemies.

I. LEARN THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHOSE PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO DEFEAT AND DESTROY GOD'S PEOPLE. vs. 1-5

- A. ---Whoever they might appear to be, David identified them as:
 1. v. 1 evil and violent people.
 2. those who imagine mischiefs in their heart and continually gather to war against God's people. v.2
 3. v. 3 Those who have sharp and poisonous tongues.
 4. v. 4 Those who purpose to overthrow God's man, David.
 5. v. 5 those who have hid snares, spread nets, and set traps for God's man, David.
- B. There are yet many people on the earth who are like those in David's day.
 1. Most, if not all who act as these, profess to be God's people.
 2. Most of the people of the world respect God's people and especially God's preachers.
 3. Those who work against dedicated church members and God's preachers are church members who are lost or are so backslidden that they spend more time working against God's people than they do earning a living.
 4. There is more talk against God's dedicated church people done by others who claim to be God's people than there is done by the people of the world.
 5. Many traps have been set to catch God's preachers off guard ... and many have been destroyed because of them.

II. LEARN THAT OUR GOD IS OUR ONLY DEPENDABLE PROTECTION AGAINST SUCH PEOPLE. vs. 6-8

- A. v. 6 We need to plead with God to hear us.
- B. v. 7 We must look to God for strength.
- C. vs. 8-11 We need to ask to deal with such people.
 1. v. 8 to not let the plans of the wicked win.
 2. v. 9 to let the wicked be caught in their own traps.
 3. v. 10 to totally defeat the wicked.
4. v. 11 to not let the wicked speaker be established to win a following.

III. LEARN THAT GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD DISPLAY TOTAL CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD. vs. 12, 13

- A. v. 12 Know that God will maintain the cause of His afflicted people.
 1. He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
 2. He has promised to keep that which is committed unto Him against that day.
 3. It is recorded that we are kept by the power of God unto the final deliverance.
 4. He has promised that He will not permit us to be tested beyond what we are able to bear.
- B. v. 13 the upright, God's people shall dwell in God's own presence.
 1. John 14:1-3 "that where I am, there ye may be also."
 2. I Thes. 4:13-18 "So shall we ever be with the Lord."

IV. LEARN THAT IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT GOD'S PEOPLE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR ALL HE IS TO US. v.13

"Surely, the righteous shall give thanks unto THY NAME."