

Lesson 147
Psalm 140-143 (Part 1)

- I. Introduction
- A. Last week, we started discussing the last eight Psalms that David wrote, Psalms 138-145. We will take these Psalms as a unit that are composed of principles, truths, warnings, and promises that each believer, both in David's day and ours, needs in living faithfully to God. We will examine the connectivity, harmony, consistency, profitability, of these Psalms and how we apply them to today's world.
 - B. Psalm 138 we looked at: boldness in trusting God's word, (v3) humility in knowing God, (v6) comfort in God's sovereignty. (v8)
 - C. Psalm 139, which we studied in Lesson 120, we saw who God was, as He reveals Himself to us in the scripture. We saw that he was omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, and holy and how David took comfort in these truths!
 - D. In Psalms 140-143, the primary theme is how God will deliver us from our enemies, preserve us when they surround us, and finally, will "cut off" all our enemies! (Ps 140:1-4, 141:9-10, 142:5-6, 143:3-4,9,12)
- II. The connectivity, harmony of these Psalms! (Psalms 138-143)
- A. Comfort of God's sovereignty over us!
 - 1. He is going to complete the work that he started in all His people. (Ps 138:8; Phil 1:6, 2:13; Rom 8:28-30)
 - 2. Nothing can happen to us that is outside of God's permissive will. (Ps 139:5,6; Rom 8:31-35)
 - 3. God has already ordained our destinies. (Ps 139:16-18; Eph 2:10)
 - 4. God is always thinking about us! (Ps 139:17)
 - 5. God is Holy and will always, and finally, cause righteousness to win over evil. (Ps 140:12-13)
 - 6. God will not leave our soul destitute. (Ps 141:8-10)
 - 7. He knows the path where we will go. (Ps 142:3,7)
 - 8. He will bring my soul out of trouble (Ps 143:11)
 - 9. He will "cut off" all our enemies. (Ps 143:12)
 - B. Boldness we can have because of His word.
 - 1. He makes us bold because of His words. (Ps 138:2,3) We said this was the confidence that David had in the promises of God, specifically as they applied to the Davidic covenant.
 - 2. He tries us to prove His word. (Ps 138:7, 139:23, 141:9, 142:6, 143:3-4)
 - 3. He tells us who His is! (Ps 138:2, 139; 141:8, 143:1,8,10)
 - C. Humility that creates dependence on Him
 - 1. He hears the prayer of the humble. (Ps 138:6, 141:1, 142:1, 143:1) Each of these Psalms are laments of total dependence on God and a realization that we cannot help ourselves. This is where all of us need to be! The scripture tells us that he dwells with those who have humble and contrite spirits. He will exalt those who humble themselves before Him. He will resist pride but give grace to the humble. He tells us he will lift us up when we humble ourselves, and he will draw nigh unto us in our humility.
 - 2. He often allows our spirit to be overwhelmed to bring us to humility. (Ps 139:23, 142:3,6, 143:4,11)
- III. Truths about our enemies.
- A. God must be the one who delivers and preserves us from them! Repeatedly, the Psalmist cries out to God for help. They are stronger, more numerable, more tenacious, more insidious, than we can bear! (Ps 140:1,142:6,143:3; 40:12, 69:4, 109:3-5)
 - B. They have an agenda against us!
 - 1. Plan evil things. (Ps 140:2; Proverbs 1:10-19)
 - 2. Purposefully and intentionally desire our fall. (Ps 140:4; Ps 59)
 - 3. They proudly lay traps for us. (Ps 140:5,141:9; 57:6)
 - 4. The means they use. They slander, falsely accuse, they lie against. (Ps 140:3,9,11)
 - 5. They desire to afflict our souls because they are wicked and wrathful. (Ps 140:1, 141:10, 143:12)
 - 6. They hate God, so they will hate us! All of us who desire to live Godly lives will suffer persecution from our enemies.
 - C. They will get worse and worse.
 - D. They will be defeated! (Ps 140:7-11, 141:10, 142:7, 143:12)
 - E. Examples of David's enemies, Christ enemies, our enemies.