

Psalm of the Precious Secret

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MICHTAM / MIKTAM - This is usually understood to mean THE GOLDEN PSALM, and such a title is most appropriate, for the matter is as the most fine gold. Ainsworth calls it "David's jewel, or notable song." Dr. Alexander, thinks that the word is most probably a simple derivative of a word signifying to hide, and signifies a secret or mystery, and indicates the depth

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of doctrinal and spiritual import in these sacred compositions. If this be the true interpretation when the two are put together, they make up a name which every reader will remember, and which will bring the precious subject at once to mind. THE PSALM OF THE PRECIOUS SECRET.

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PSALM 56

For the director of music. To the tune of "A Dove on Distant Oaks." Of David. A *miktam*. When the Philistines had seized him in Gath.

PSALM 56:INTRODUCTION

The Context of the Psalm

¹⁰ That day David fled from Saul and went to Achish king of Gath.

1 SAMUEL 21:10

¹¹ But the servants of Achish said to him, "Isn't this David, the king of the land? Isn't he the one they sing about in their dances: "'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands'?"

(When the Philistines had seized him in Gath.)

1 SAMUEL 21:11

¹² David took these words to heart and was very much afraid of Achish king of Gath.

1 SAMUEL 21:10-15

⁵ For when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn—conflicts on the outside, fears within.

2 CORINTHIANS 7:5

The precious secret - Part 1

Describe your problems to Him

¹ Be merciful to me, my God, for my enemies are in hot pursuit; all day long they press their attack. ² My adversaries pursue me all day long; in their pride many are attacking me ⁵ All day long they twist my words; all their schemes are for my ruin. ⁶ They conspire, they lurk, they watch my steps, hoping to take my life.

PSALM 56:1-2, 5-6

Its not personal

("This always happens to me ... Why always me")

Its not permanent

("This will never change ... This always happens."),

Its not pervasive

("Everything goes wrong ...Nothing ever goes right.")

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The precious secret - Part 2

Ask for specific outcomes

⁷ Because of their wickedness do not let them escape; in your anger, God, bring the nations down. . . . ⁸ Record my misery; list my tears on your scroll— are they not in your record? ⁹ Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this I will know that God is for me.

PSALM 56:7, 8-9

The precious secret - Part 3

Decide - put your trust in the Lord

³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

⁴ In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

PSALM 56:1-4

¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise—¹¹ in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can man do to me?

PSALM 56:1-4

³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame
³³ the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

¹¹ Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame

⁶ the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame

PSALM 25:3, ROMANS 9:33, ROMANS 10:11, 1 PETER 2:6

Prayer and Warfare

FOCUS - 8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. - 16

FELLOWSHIP - 1 Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. - 57

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FAVOR - 11 Then people will say "Surely the righteous still are rewarded; surely there is a God who judges the earth." - 58

FORTRESS - 9 You are my strength, I watch for you; you, God, are my fortress, 10 my God on whom I can rely. - 59

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FOES - 5 Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered. . . . 12 With God we will gain the victory and he will trample down our enemies. - 60

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¹³ So he pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard. ¹⁴ Achish said to his servants, "Look at the man! He is insane! Why bring him to me? ¹⁵ Am I so short of madmen that you have to bring this fellow here to carry on like this in front of me?"

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