

THE WAYFARER'S COMPANION

SERMONS FROM THE PSALTER

HYMN 15

"A CRY FROM THE CAVE"

"The Ultimate Refuge When There's No Where to Run"

(Psalm 57)

INTRODUCTION:

- What do you do when the _____ you are experiencing and the _____ you are enduring threatens your _____?

• THE CLASSIFICATION OF PSALM 57:

- The 57th Psalm is an _____.

"For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. ["Do Not Destroy."] A Mikhtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave."

• THE CONSTRUCT OF PSALM 57:

A _____ Structure: 2 Stanzas with Refrain (Adequate, but Incomplete)

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> _____ Lines (v. _____)

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• THE CONTEXT OF PSALM 57: "...when he fled from Saul in the cave."

- Psalm 142; 1 Samuel 22-24

"So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam..."

— 1 Samuel 22:1, 2

"Now it came about when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, saying, 'Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.' Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men..."

— 1 Samuel 24:1, 2

1A. THE FUGITIVE'S ULTIMATE _____ : (v. 5, 11)

"Be exalted above the heavens, O God;
Let Your glory be above all the earth."

2A. THE FUGITIVE'S IMMEDIATE _____ : (v. 4, 6)

1B. _____ : The _____ of His Enemies: (v. 4)

"...Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows
And their tongue a sharp sword."

2B. _____ : The _____ of His Enemies: (v. 6)

"They have prepared a net for my steps;
My soul is bowed down;
They dug a pit before me..."

3A. THE FUGITIVE'S IMPASSIONED _____ : (v. 1-3)

• His _____ God & the _____
of God's Lovingkindness and Truth

"He will send from heaven and save me;
...God will send forth His lovingkindness and His truth."

1B. What David acknowledges about _____ :

1C. His _____. "I am at _____!"

2C. His _____. "But You are my _____!"

2B. What David acknowledges about _____ :

1C. His _____.

2C. His _____.

3C. His _____.

4A. THE FUGITIVE'S IMPASSIONED _____ : (v. 7-10)

• His _____ God & the _____
of God's Lovingkindness and Truth

"I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
For Your lovingkindness is great to the heavens
And Your truth to the clouds."

1B. "I am at _____!"

2B. "And in You I _____!"