

When the Church Seems Doomed

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- David represents the Christian Church - those who worship God
- His warriors wanted to destroy enemies 2 Sam 16:9
- David reminds – that is not the way of righteous 2 Sam 16:10-11
- David's response: he turned to God & sang a prayer to His God: Psalm 7
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Portrait 1) **A Vicious Attack** **1-2**

- Declaration of trust in God alone.
- Image of lion attacking suddenly – an impossible situation
- Often as a Christian Church we find ourselves in an impossible situation
- David knew God handled impossible situations
- Gospel: a reminder that your God solves impossible situations 2 Cor 5:21
- David did NOT turn to his enemies... he turned to his God... so should we!

Portrait 2) **To Whom Do You Turn?** **3-5**

- Situation like a hushed courtroom - Shimei has tossed accusations
- David doesn't answer accuser, instead he turns to the Holy Judge alone 1 Pet 2:23
- The Holy Judge knows everything

Portrait 3) **A Call for God to Act** **6-8**

- David calls upon a Holy God who will deal with sin & judges the world
- When God intervenes then evil will be destroyed
- David trusts God to avenge

Portrait 4) **A Call for a Righteous Judge** **9-10**

- A call for justice from the Righteous Judge
- A trust in God's provision of mercy for those He declares righteous

Portrait 5) **The Righteous Judge Acts** **11-13**

- God is a Righteous Judge, God feels indignation every day
- For those who do not repent, judgement is sure
- God has revealed Himself by: Creation Rm 1:19-20; conscience Rm 1:21-23; Word 2 Tim 3:16-17; Jesus Jn 1:14
- Let God deal with the unrighteous because He will act

Portrait 6) **How the Righteous Judge Often Works** **14-16**

- God often lets the wicked get caught in their own trap
- We must resist taking vengeance Rom 12:19-21 Let God do that...

A Promise & Our Hope **17**

- David praises God because He is righteous and He is Most High (powerful)
- We can rest in God through Jesus because He is righteous and powerful

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