

Innocent in the Gospel

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Psalm 17

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A Bold Appeal

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- Urgent pleas... a claim of innocence 2,3
- David was a man after God's own heart 1 Sam 13:22, but also a sinner
- We know to pray 'forgive us' Lk 11:4; we are but unworthy Lk 17:10
- David doesn't claim sinlessness, just a transparent life
- David knows God won't hear if he harbors sin Isa 59:1-2
- David understood the Gospel: we don't come before God on our own merit
 - Abraham - believed the Lord... counted as righteousness Gen 15:6
 - Job - was considered righteous by God Job 1:8; 42:8
 - Our righteousness is because we *'believe that God will provide'* Gen 22:7-8 - **THAT is the HEART OF THE GOSPEL!**

How NOT to be Presumptuous ?s for Gospel believers

- Are we being disobedient? Psa 66:18 pray the 10 commands. Ask yourself if you seek holiness 1 Pet 1:16; Jesus challenge to obey the Lord: Lk 6:46
- Are we being selfish? What is your focus? God or self? Look to the model of Jesus Christ Phil 2:3-5
- Are you neglecting some important duty? Obedience is more than not breaking the law, it involves duty! WSC Q4 What is sin? A: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God. Gal 6:10
- Is there a wrong you need to make right? God cares about our sins against others Mt 5:23-24. Look for bitterness or unforgiveness...
- Are your priorities in order? V5 David kept God's priorities in his life – remember that the POWER of the Gospel (what Jesus did past, present and future) allows us to walk in the PURPOSE of the Gospel: we are saved into God's family Gal 4:4-5 and saved to be His ambassadors- 2 Cor 5:20.

The Love of God

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- David appeals to God's character... especially His Covenant (steadfast) Love
- Ex 15:13 - God led His people in steadfast love
- Dt 32:10-11 - How God cares for His people:
 - apple of His eye
 - hide in the shadow of His wings

Life in a Fallen World

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- David speaks about the reality of life in a fallen world
 - enemies have no mercy - fat & calloused hearts
 - enemies have arrogant mouths

A Summary Appeal

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- Based upon the arguments presented thus far...
- David calls for his enemies to be subdued
- David asks for his own deliverance
- He remembers that the wicked are getting their portion now...

A Believer's Hope - Our Comfort

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- The hope and comfort of the Gospel - never, ever forget it!
- Remember these 5 things to keep from losing HOPE:
 1. Gospel keeps us from ENVY
Remember who you are (Gal 4:7) when you see evil prosper
 2. Gospel cures our FEARS
What is the worst they can do to you? Kill you? You are God's treasured possession. Psa 116:15
 3. Gospel is a cure for DOUBT
Remember God's Covenant Love – it is dependent upon His character, not yours!
 4. Gospel is a cure for DEPRESSION
When we fix our eyes on anything but God it is easy to lose sight and be depressed – Remind yourself of the Gospel daily!
 5. Gospel fixes our FRUSTRATION
From frustration v1 to perfect satisfaction v15. How – David remembered the Gospel: Romans 1:17