

January 2015 Theme: Trusting God in Troubled Times

Text: Psalm 7

“O LORD MY GOD, IN YOU I HAVE PUT MY TRUST”

(I) COMMENCING THE YEAR WITH TRUST IN THE LORD

“O LORD my God, in You I put my trust...” Psalm 7:12

1. Declaration of trust

- a) Open
- b) Clear
- c) In prayer

2. Definiteness of trust

- a) Basis of a relationship with God
- b) Knowledge of God established

(II) CONTEXT OF THIS TRUST

1. Amidst obvious problems in life

- a) Problem of persecution
- b) Fierceness of enemies
- c) Wicked intentions

2. Place of self-examination

- a) Checking iniquity
- b) Checking response to evil
- c) Making sure that there is nothing that will hinder God's help

(III) CALLING ON GOD

1. To judge the wicked

- a) To arise
- b) To deal with enemies who are bent on destruction (**Psalm 7:6-7**)
- c) To judge the wicked (**Psalm 7:8**)

2. To judge us too

- a) According to our righteousness (**Psalm 7:8**)
- b) According to our integrity (**Psalm 7:8**)
- c) To establish the just (**Psalm 7:9**)
- d) To save the upright (**Psalm 7:10**)

(IV) CONTEMPLATION OF WHAT GOD WILL DO

- 1. He will be angry with the wicked every day (Psalm 7:11)
- 2. He will destroy the unrepentant wicked (Psalm 7:11-16)

(V) CONCLUDING THOUGHTS: AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

- 1. Praise to the Lord for being the Righteous Judge (Psalm 7:17)
- 2. Rejoicing in the Name of the Lord (Psalm 7:17)