# Psalms 140

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## Deliver Me, O Lord, from Evil Men

- <sup>1</sup> Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;
- <sup>2</sup> Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war.
- <sup>3</sup> They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.
- <sup>4</sup> Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.
- <sup>5</sup> The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.
- <sup>6</sup> I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
- $^{7}$  O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
- <sup>8</sup> Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Selah.
- <sup>9</sup> As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

- Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
- <sup>11</sup> Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.
- 12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.
- <sup>13</sup> Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

#### HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — יָהוָה / אֵדֹנֵי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (הְוָּהְיִּ), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנֵי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַּדִיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צָּדָק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Salvation — ישועה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּשָהְ) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

### CROSS REFERENCES

**Psalms 140:1** Parallel theme: Psalms 18:48; 43:1. **Evil:** Psalms 17:13; 71:4; 140:4; 140:11

**Psalms 140:2** Parallel theme: Psalms 21:11; 36:4; 38:12; 56:6; 62:3; 120:7; Proverbs 12:20; Hosea 7:6; Nahum 1:11

#### **Psalms 140:3**

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 57:4; 58:4; Genesis 3:13; Proverbs 12:18; 23:32; Isaiah 59:13; Jeremiah 9:3; 9:5; Matthew 12:34; 2 Corinthians 11:3

Psalms 140:4 Evil: Psalms 36:11; 71:4. Parallel theme: Psalms 17:5

**Psalms 140:5** Parallel theme: Psalms 31:4; 35:7; 36:11; 57:6; 119:69; 119:85; 119:110; 142:3; Jeremiah 18:20; 18:22

#### **Psalms 140:6**

**References Lord:** Psalms 16:2; 116:1; 119:57; 130:2; 142:5; 143:1. **References God:** Psalms 31:14; 64:1; 91:2; Zechariah 13:9

**Psalms 140:7** Salvation: Psalms 18:35; 27:1; 62:2; 62:7; 89:26; 95:1; 144:10; Isaiah 12:2. **References God:** Psalms 59:17. **References Lord:** 2 Samuel 8:14

**Psalms 140:8** Parallel theme: Psalms 27:12. References Lord: Deuteronomy 32:27; 2 Samuel 15:31

**Psalms 140:9** Parallel theme: Psalms 7:16; 64:8; 94:23; Esther 7:10; Proverbs 10:6; 10:11; 12:13; 18:7

**Psalms 140:10** Parallel theme: Psalms 11:6; 21:9; 55:23; 120:4; Proverbs 28:10; 28:17; Matthew 13:42; 13:50; Revelation 20:15; 21:8

#### **Psalms 140:11**

**Evil:** Psalms 9:16; 34:21; Proverbs 12:13; 13:21; Isaiah 3:11. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:17; 17:20; 18:21

**Psalms 140:12** Parallel theme: Psalms 9:4; 22:24; 72:4; 102:17; 1 Kings 8:45; 8:49; Isaiah 11:4; Matthew 11:5. **References Lord:** Psalms 35:10; Jeremiah 22:16

**Psalms 140:13** Righteousness: Psalms 11:7; 97:12; Isaiah 3:10. Parallel theme: Psalms 16:11; 23:6; 73:24; John 14:3; 17:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17

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