

Psalms 35

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Contend, O Lord, with Those Who Contend

- 1** Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.
- 2** Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.
- 3** Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
- 4** Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.
- 5** Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them.
- 6** Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.
- 7** For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.
- 8** Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.
- 9** And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.
- 10** All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

- 11** False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

22 This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

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Angel — מלאך (Mal'akh)

Angel, messenger

The Hebrew **mal'akh** (מֶלֶךְ) means angel or messenger—a heavenly being sent by God. Angels serve as God's messengers, worship Him, and minister to believers (Hebrews 1:14).

God — אלים (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.

Judgment — משפט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מְשֻׁפֵּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Lord — יהוה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

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

Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

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

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 35:1 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 43:1; 119:154; Proverbs 23:11; Acts 5:39. **References Lord:** Exodus 14:25; 1 Samuel 24:15; Proverbs 22:23; Isaiah 49:25; Jeremiah 51:36; Lamentations 3:58

Psalms 35:2 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 91:4; Exodus 15:3; Isaiah 13:5; 42:13

Psalms 35:3 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 27:2. **Salvation:** Isaiah 12:2

Psalms 35:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 35:26; 38:12; 71:24; 129:5; 1 Samuel 23:23; Jeremiah 46:5

Psalms 35:5

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Psalms 35:6 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 73:18. **Darkness:** Jeremiah 23:12

Psalms 35:7 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 9:15; 25:3; 64:4; 69:4; 119:85; 140:5; Job 18:8; John 15:25

Psalms 35:8

Parallel theme: Psalms 9:15; 57:6; 1 Samuel 18:17; Esther 7:10; Proverbs 5:22; 29:1; Isaiah 47:11; Luke 21:34; 1 Thessalonians 5:3

Psalms 35:9 **Salvation:** Isaiah 61:10

Psalms 35:10

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Psalms 35:11 Resurrection: Psalms 27:12

Psalms 35:12

Good: John 10:32. **Evil:** Psalms 38:20; Proverbs 17:13; Jeremiah 18:20. **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 19:15

Psalms 35:13 Parallel theme: Leviticus 16:29; 16:31; Job 30:25; Matthew 10:13; Luke 10:6.

Prayer: Matthew 5:44

Psalms 35:15 Parallel theme: Psalms 7:2; Mark 14:65

Psalms 35:16 Parallel theme: Psalms 37:12; Job 16:9; Lamentations 2:16; John 18:28

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Psalms 35:18 Resurrection: Hebrews 2:12. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 116:14; 116:18

Psalms 35:19 Parallel theme: Psalms 13:4; 38:16; 38:19; 69:4; Proverbs 6:13; 10:10; John 15:25

Psalms 35:21 Parallel theme: Psalms 22:13; 40:15; 70:3

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Psalms 35:23 Judgment: Psalms 7:6. **References Lord:** Psalms 44:23; 142:5; Isaiah 51:9. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 59:4; 80:2. **References God:** Psalms 89:26; John 20:28

Psalms 35:24 Righteousness: Psalms 7:8; 43:1. **Judgment:** Psalms 26:1. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 35:19

Psalms 35:25 Parallel theme: Psalms 124:3; Lamentations 2:16

Psalms 35:26 Parallel theme: Psalms 38:16; 132:18; Job 8:22; 19:5

Psalms 35:27 **References** **Lord:** Psalms 40:16; 147:11; 149:4; Zephaniah 3:17. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 70:4; Romans 12:15; 1 Corinthians 12:26. **Righteousness:** Psalms 68:3; 142:7; Proverbs 8:18

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Righteousness: Psalms 71:24. **Resurrection:** Psalms 145:21. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 145:5

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