

# Psalms 7:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

## Analysis

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Having established his innocence, David now pleads for God's intervention. 'Arise' calls God to action from His seeming inactivity. 'In thine anger' requests that God's wrath be directed at the wicked, not David. 'Awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded' appeals to God's own commitment to justice. This teaches that God's people can appeal to His character and promises when seeking vindication. The prayer anticipates the final judgment when God will arise to vindicate His people.

## Historical Context

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The call for God to 'arise' echoes the prayer when Israel's ark moved forward (Numbers 10:35). 'The judgment that thou hast commanded' refers to God's covenant promise to judge righteously. David appeals to God's own standards of justice, showing that God's law is not arbitrary but rooted in His character.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. Do you pray with confidence in God's commitment to justice and vindication?
2. How does anticipation of God's final judgment affect your response to present injustice?

## Interlinear Text

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| קִּימָה                  | יְהוָה הָ | בְּאַפִּי בְּ  | הָ נִשָּׂא             | בְּעֵבֶר וְ                 |
| Arise                    | O LORD    | in thine anger | lift up                | thyself because of the rage |
| H6965                    | H3068     | H639           | H5375                  | H5678                       |
| צוֹרְכֵי                 | וְעֵי וְ  | אֵל לִי        | מִשְׁפָּט              |                             |
| of mine enemies          | and awake | H413           | for me to the judgment |                             |
| H6887                    | H5782     |                | H4941                  |                             |
| צִוִּיתִּי:              |           |                |                        |                             |
| that thou hast commanded |           |                |                        |                             |
| H6680                    |           |                |                        |                             |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 44:23** (Resurrection): Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

**Psalms 35:23** (Judgment): Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

**Psalms 3:7** (Resurrection): Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

**Isaiah 33:10** (Resurrection): Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

**Psalms 138:7** (Judgment): Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

**Psalms 44:26** (Resurrection): Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

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