

Be Thou Exalted

Text: Hebrews 10:1-4

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We can live lives of thankfulness knowing that God will protect the righteous and bring destruction to the wicked. Even when things look bleak, our hope and trust remain in the God who, in His mercy and faithful love, will keep His promises and bring divine victory. In this God is glorified and magnified for His continual watch-care and ultimate eternal salvation of His people.

I. May God be Exalted for His Refuge of Protection (Psalm 57:1-5)

To trust in God is to run to Him for security and protection.

Those who choose to seek refuge in God are admitting their own self-help and reliance is not good enough. David knew that he was incapable of saving himself from Saul; therefore, he placed his full weight and trust in God's salvation.

The refuge found in God is that which brings blessing (Ps. 2:12), salvation (Ps. 17:7), rejoicing (Ps. 5:11), goodness (31:19), and an inheritance (Isa. 57:13). It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man, princes, or horses (Ps. 20:7; 118:8-9).

God's name as *most high* recognizes His sovereign authority and exalted place above all else.

Today, let us raise our voices in exaltation that we serve the *most high* God. He is our Sovereign defender and protector. Nothing escapes His eyes or ears. The One who is over and above all is the One to whom we bow the knee with all our beings in thankfulness for His merciful watch care.

God's loving-kindness and faithfulness were a bastion against the gates of hell that the wicked were bringing to him.

Lesson: Such wonderful mercy and faithfulness that should cause us to wait, bow our heads, and offer a prayer of thanksgiving. Has not God Almighty repeatedly favored us with His merciful love and dependable truthfulness? God loves to hear his creatures tell Him how grateful they are for His work in their lives. He works tirelessly and relentlessly on our behalf.

Quote: "Howled at, hunted, wounded, but not slain. His place was in itself one of extreme peril, and yet faith made him feel himself secure, so that he could lie down" (Spurgeon).

Our God is high yet He brings His glory and power to us on this earth. Thus with one accord we must lift our lips in grateful praise and say *let thy glory be above all the earth*. Our praise should be lifted off our lips as simple as it is to breathe the air around us. Our hearts and lips must develop hearts of praise and blessing to our great God. In the middle of the overwhelming floods of life, David flooded God with praise. Can we do that? Ultimately this should be the refrain of all believers when God defeats His enemies and vindicates His beloved righteous people.

II. May God be Exalted for His Victorious Triumph (Psalm 57:6-11)

Here is the crux of the psalm. David's heart was fixed on God. The word *fixed* (Hebrew: *nakon*) means *to be marked by firm determination, to stand firm, to be steadfast*. In the midst of the storm, David's heart was resolute, calm, firm, and established. He knew what he believed and that knowledge governed his behavior.

When our spiritual foundation is strong, nothing can penetrate the bulwark of God's faithfulness, mercy, and truth.

David made a resolution that his being would be steadfastly focused on God. While the dog-like enemies set to destroy him, he would doggedly choose God. In that he would sing and make music in praise to the Lord.

“Right up from man's lowliness to heaven's loftiness mercy reaches. Imagination fails to guess the height of heaven, and even thus the riches of mercy exceed our highest thoughts. The psalmist, as he sits at the cave's mouth and looks up to the firmament, rejoices that God's goodness is more vast and more sublime than even the vaulted skies. And thy truth unto the clouds. Upon the cloud he sets the seal of his truth, the rainbow, which ratifies his covenant; in the cloud he hides his rain and snow, which prove his truth by bringing to us seedtime and harvest, cold and heat. Creation is great, but the Creator greater far. Heaven cannot contain him; above clouds and stars his goodness far exceeds” (<https://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/ps057.php>).

Sing it loudly! Praise Him proudly! Take up the grand chorus: Let God be exalted!
Let God's glory be above all the earth! Amen!