

PSA70 - NOTES

Background:

1. Written by David.
2. Psalm 70 is a Prayer Psalm. It is a Lament Psalm.
3. When and under it was written, we do not know.
4. The Psalm is a prayer for judgment. He asks for the enemies of God's people to be punished, and for the faithful to have joy. He asks that this be done quickly.
5. The key to the Psalm is in the end of v. 4 (Let God be magnified). The reason he asks for these things, and the praise he gives, is all for God's glory!
6. Key words in this Psalm: God (el) 3x; Back/Delay 2x; Say 2x; Shame 2x; Seek 2x; Hasten 2x; Lord (Yahweh) 2x; Help 2x;

VV. 1-3 - God, be quick to turn back the erring.

1. v. 1 - He turns to God for help
 1. **Synonymous Parallelism** = O God, hasten to deliver me; O Lord, hasten to my help
2. v. 2-3 - Turn the wicked - notice he is not asking for their destruction. Rather, he asks that something happens that they become ashamed of what they are doing. And that they turn back.
 1. v. 2 is almost identical to 40:14
 2. vv. 2-3- turn back - is saying cause them to retreat - much milder than the tone of Psalm 40
 3. **Synonymous Parallelism** =
 1. Let those be ashamed and humiliated - Who seek my life;
 2. Let those be turned back and dishonored - Who delight in my hurt.
 3. Let those be turned back because of their shame - Who say, Aha, aha!

VV. 4 - God, be quick to make joyful the righteous.

1. Only God can give true joy and gladness
 1. It comes to those who seek Him.
 2. It comes despite the circumstances.
 3. **Synonymous Parallelism** =
 1. Let all who seek You - rejoice and be glad in You;
 2. Let those who love Your salvation - say continually, "Let God be magnified."

VV. 5 - God, be quick to help me.

1. Because of those doing these things to me (vv. 2-3) I need the joy only you can bring (v. 4).
 1. **Synthetic Parallelism** =
 1. But I am afflicted and needy - Hasten to me, O God !
 2. You are my help and my deliverer; - O Lord, do not delay.