

## PSALM 7

*A Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the Lord concerning the words of Cush, a Benjaminite.*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me, <sup>2</sup>lest like a lion they tear my soul apart, rending it in pieces, with none to deliver. <sup>3</sup>O LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands, <sup>4</sup>if I have repaid my friend with evil or plundered my enemy without cause, <sup>5</sup>let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it, and let him trample my life to the ground and lay my glory in the dust.

<sup>6</sup>Arise, O LORD, in your anger; lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies; awake for me; you have appointed a judgment. <sup>7</sup>Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you; over it return on high. <sup>8</sup>The LORD judges the peoples; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me. <sup>9</sup>Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous—you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God! <sup>10</sup>My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart. <sup>11</sup>God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. <sup>12</sup>If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow; <sup>13</sup>he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts. <sup>14</sup>Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies. <sup>15</sup>He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made. <sup>16</sup>His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends. <sup>17</sup>I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

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Next week:  
Questions for life events  
Across the Wharf

## SONGS FOR LIFE How to face injustice

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### UNJUST WORLD – injustice is widespread (v1b-5)

- the experience of David
- the experience of Jesus <sup>1</sup>
- the experience of people <sup>2</sup>

### JUST GOD – justice is coming (v6-16)

- God is just
- God will bring justice <sup>3</sup>
- ➔ take refuge in him (v1a) <sup>4</sup>
- ➔ give thanks to him (v17)



### Discussion questions

*Why is it good news that God is just and will judge?  
What difference will it make to how you respond to  
injustice in your life / the world?*

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<sup>1</sup> John 18:38; Luke 23:41; 1 Peter 2:22

<sup>2</sup> 1 Peter 4:4; 2:12

<sup>3</sup> Acts 17:31; 1 Pet 2:14; Romans 13:4

<sup>4</sup> 1 Peter 2:23; 4:19