

Psalms 70:0 ¶ To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

It is interesting to note that this psalm of David is intended “to bring to remembrance” since it is basically a repeat of Psalm 40:13-17.

I liked this comment from Pastor Doug Ford of Calvary Chapel Sweetwater regarding the repetition: “Every word of scripture is there by the hand of God. It is there for His use and purpose. All scripture is God breathed. We should stand on it fully and completely. If we don't understand something, keep studying, pray for wisdom and knowledge. If something is repeated pay attention. God is trying to tell us something very important. So if your commentary calls this a mistake, your commentary is mistaken. It was written by a man and it's the thoughts of a man. Scripture is written by the Holy Spirit using the hands of men. And as hard as they may try, men cannot mess up what God is doing.”

Psalms 70:1 ¶ Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

This psalm opens with David once again pleading with God to hurry up and come to his help. His need is urgent.

There have been many times when I can identify with David's desire for God to “hurry up” and answer my prayer. However, I am so thankful to know that as a loving Father, He will answer how and when He knows to be best.

Psalms 70:2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

Psalms 70:3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

He asks God to disappoint his enemies in their efforts to kill him or harm him. He asks that their taunting be turned back against them.

Psalms 70:4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

On the other hand, David prays for all that seek God as LORD to rejoice and be glad. It should be natural for those that love the salvation of God to continually praise Him for it. The LORD is great whether or not we choose to praise Him. The best way for us to testify to His greatness is by willingly serving and obeying Him.

Another good thought from Pastor Ford: “Let God be magnified. This isn't a call for God to become bigger and stronger than he is. It's a call for God to become bigger and stronger in the believer's life. Let God be magnified. This is a great picture of the church being the church. We are woven together as a bunch of individuals. Each of us have our strength, but we are just one. When we are woven together we are stronger than the sum of our parts because God has given us individual gifts and talents to be one complete body.”

Psalms 70:5 But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

David closes the psalm with the thought that though he is poor and needy, the LORD is watching out for him. He is confident that God will help him and deliver him from his enemies, but he pleads that God do so quickly.