

Triumphant Tuesday Bible Study  
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## **Psalm Chapter 64 NIV**

**Psalm 64 can be divided into four parts. (1) Prayer for Preservation Vss.1-2, (2) Work of the Enemy Vss. 3-6, (3) Judgment of the Enemy Vss.7-9, and (4) Joy of the Righteous Vs.10.**

This whole Psalm has reference to David enemies, Persecutors, and Slanderers. David had many enemies and they gave him a great deal of trouble almost all his days.

Historically, this psalm is difficult to trace back to an event in David's life. Because of the order of the psalms, it is probably in the time of Absalom's (his son) rebellion against him. As a prophet, David is writing about the prayer of the remnant in their distress and its answer through the appearance of Christ.

The core of this psalm is the pride and perceived success of the wicked evil-doers. But **"pride goes before destruction" (Pro. 16:18). They laid on their arrow and began to shoot (Psa. 64:3-4). At that moment God hits them with an arrow (Psa. 64:7). Then it will be the end of their story.**

### **Prayer for Preservation Vss. 1-2**

**Vs.1) Hear me, my God, as I voice my complaint; protect my life from the threat of the enemy.**

David asked God to hear his voice as he voiced his complains to Him in prayer. He speaks aloud to God. It was not a "groining" as if in pain, but "complaining" in the sense of putting into words his problem. He complains because he is struggling as a result of the enemy's threat to his life. David knows that the enemy is capable of killing him, but he also knows that God is capable of protecting and preserving him.

**David said in (Psa.91:2) I say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. (Vs.15) He shall call upon me and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him.** Father God told us in **(Heb. 4:16) to come to Him boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

**Vs.2) Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, from the noisy crowd of evildoers.**

**Hide me;** protect me, guard me, make me safe so the enemy cannot find me. **From the conspiracy of the wicked;** from their secret counsel and from all the ill effects of their wicked plots against me. **From the noisy crowd of evildoers;** the insurrection, the large multitude disorderly violent mob that is coming against me. David prayed to God to protect him and to shield him because he knows that He had done it in the past and He will do it again. David said in **(Psa.62:5-6) Find rest, O my soul, in God alone, my hope comes from Him. (6) He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I will not be shaken.**

### **Work of the Enemy Vss.3-6**

**Vs.3) They sharpen their tongues like swords and aim their cruel words like deadly arrows.**

**They sharpen their tongues;** that is, they utter words that will cut deep, or penetrate the soul (mind, will, and emotions). **(Ps. 57:4) I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beast-men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp words.**

**Aim their cruel words;** the idea here is, that this was deliberate and purposely planned. It was not an outbreak of quick anger, but it was carefully planned and prepared. **(Ps.11:2) For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart.**

**Vs.4) they shoot from ambush at the innocent man; they shoot at him suddenly, without fear.**

**They shoot from ambush;** (in a secret place). There was a purpose to ruin him (David) and at the same time to hide them-selves or not to let him know who is doing it. It was not a face to face fight but a ware-fare with a hidden enemy. **(Ps.10:8)...from ambush he murders the innocent, watching in secret for his victims.**

**The innocent man;** at me David, who in spite of all my failures dare say that my heart is perfect to-wards God. I have not given these wicked men no just provocation. **(Ps.18:20) The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me. (21) ..... I have not done evil by turning from my God.**

**Without fear,** of God and reverence of man "this is a sign of reprobation"

**Vs.5) they encourage each other in evil plans, they talk about hiding their snares; they say, "Who will see them?"**

***They encourage each other in evil plans;*** planning on how to make their plots successful. Plans for making David unpopular, and then raising the stand of open revolt against him. **(2 Sam. 15:1-12)**

***Hiding their snares;*** to entrap David and ruin him. **(Ps.38:12) Those who seek my life set their traps, those who would harm me talk of my ruin; all day long they plot deception.**

***They say, who will see them?*** Not even God Himself will take any account of their actions. **(Ps.94:7) They say" The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob pays no heed."**

**Vs.6) they plot injustice and say, "We have devised a perfect plan!"**

**Surely the human mind and heart are cunning.**

***Perfect plan;*** that is they have found a plan to their liking. This is the language of self- congratulations.

***Mind and heart of man are cunning;*** the enemies are not only cruel and malicious, but their hearts are deep both to conceal and execute their wicked plans. **(Rom1:30) Slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil.....**

**Vs.7) but God will shoot them with his arrows; they will suddenly be struck down.**

Suddenly they will be struck down by God Himself; that is their wound will be a surprising blow to them and it will come when they least expect it. They felt so secure that their wicked plans will succeed without any repercussion from God or from man. David said in **(Ps.7:10-13) My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart. 11) God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses His wrath every day. 12) If He does not relent, He will sharpen His sword; He will bend and string His bow. 13) He has prepared His deadly weapons; He makes ready His flaming arrows.**

**Vs.8) He will turn their own tongues against them and bring them to ruin; all who see them will shake their heads in scorn.**

***Turn their own tongues against them;*** We read in **Jer.17:10) I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to the fruit of their doings.**

***Bring them to ruin;*** He, God Himself will bring them to ruin, He will bring a death blow to them. **(Pro.12:3, 7) A man cannot be established through wickedness.... (7) Wicked men are overthrown and are no more....**

***Shake their heads in scorn;*** men, even those that they know will look at them in disgrace because of their wickedness and their evil plot to ruin an upright man.

**Pro.14:12) There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.** Choices that seem perfectly right may end up destroying you and what looks good often isn't.

**Vs.9) All people will fear; they will proclaim the works of God and ponder what he has done.** The faith of David's enemies shall cause widespread fear and alarm. When God stands up for His own, all men, friend, and foe, will fear. His judgment on evil shall awaken in all people an awe of Him who has all power and is righteous in His judgement. God maintains His righteousness and will make that clear to every- one in His own time.

### **The Joy of the Righteous**

**Vs.10) The righteous will rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him; let all the upright in heart praise him.**

When judgment has come upon the enemies, "we the righteous ones will be glad and rejoice in the LORD" just like David did," for He JEHOVAH ROHI- My Shepherd has and will always take care of us the righteous. This should and must be an encouragement to all who believe in God and put their trust in Him. We must learn how to be still and know that He is the righteous judge. **Ps. 58:11) Then men will say, "surely the righteous still are rewarded; surely there is a God who judges the earth".**

**Ps. 32:11) Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you who are righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart. Phil. 4:4) Rejoice in the LORD always. I say it again: Rejoice!**

