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Psalm 140

“Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, who devise evil things in their hearts; they continually stir up wars. They sharpen their tongues as a serpent; *the* poison of a viper is under their lips. Selah. Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, who have purposed to trip up my feet. The proud have hidden a trap for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; they have set snares for me.” Selah. I said to the LORD, “Thou art my God; Give ear, O LORD, to the voice of my supplications. O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; do not promote his evil device, lest they be exalted.” Selah. “As for the head of those who surround me, may the mischief of their lips cover them. May burning coals fall upon them; may they be cast into the fire, into deep pits from which they cannot rise. May a slanderer not be established in the earth; may evil hunt the violent man speedily.” I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and justice for the poor. Surely the righteous will give thanks to Thy name; the upright will dwell in Thy presence.” Psalm 140 NASB

We are living in a day of war, of terrorism, hatred and evil, of perplexity and confusion. Jesus said that during this time “Men's hearts *would* fail them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” (Luke 21:26 – 27) We must learn to make the Scriptures our own, praying them contemporarily, allowing them to minister to our hearts, our unique situations and the world where we live. You may not be used to praying in such a forthright and audacious way. Some may call such praying “unchristian.” Nevertheless, it is the Word of God and will minister life to those who believe it and judgment upon those who defy it.

Pray for the safety of the military, for war torn lands, for the broken and hurting. Pray for God's judgment on evil men and those men who devise wickedness and plot harm.

Let's pray through this psalm together...

“Lord hear our prayer...”

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