



Before the THRONE

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Psalm 143:1 – 4

“Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my plea! Answer me because You are faithful and righteous. Don't bring Your servant to trial! Compared to You, no one is perfect. My enemy has chased me. He has knocked me to the ground. He forces me to live in darkness like those in the grave. I am losing all hope; I am paralyzed with fear.” Psalm 143:1 – 4 NLT

The writer is obviously experiencing a dark time in his life. From all appearances he has come to a desperate moment. On one side he is facing an enemy that is ruthless. He is being overwhelmed on every level. But that is not all he is feeling. He feels that as the enemy has overwhelmed him; now even God has entered into judgment against him! At this point, he begins to lose all hope.

And yet... and yet he remembers God. “I remember the days of old. I ponder all Your great works. I think about what You have done. I reach out for You. I thirst for You as parched land thirsts for rain.” Selah! (Psalm 143:5 – 7 NLT).

Son, when you are overwhelmed, remember the Scriptures that remind you His unfailing mercy and compassion. Remember as well those instances past where He has answered your prayers!

“Come quickly Lord, and answer me, for my depression deepens. Don't turn away from me, or I will die. Let me hear of Your unfailing love in the morning, for I am trusting in You. Show me where to walk, for I have come to You in prayer. Save me from my enemies, Lord; I run to You to hide me. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. May Your Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing.” (Psalm 143:7 – 10 NLT) When you come to the end of self and all its abilities, you are in a position for the Lord to act – and that quickly!

“For the glory of Your name, O LORD, save me... bring me out of distress... In Your unfailing love... destroy my foes, for I am Your servant.” (Psalm 143:11 – 12 NLT).

“LORD, my circumstance is serious and I am desperate – help me! Amen.”

(If this is not your present circumstance, why not pray for those who are experiencing such troubled times?)

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