

A Study of the Wisdom Literature **(OT Survey Lesson 220—Psalms 35)**

Introduction: The wording of this psalm seems to favor being written by David during his pursuit by Saul. Though David was justifiably concerned about his treatment, his words seem to suggest persecutions great than his own experience. The Lord Jesus himself saw his own persecutions by the wicked as the fulfillment of David's words (Jn. 15:25). Thus we may say that though David might have with hyperbole spoken of his suffering in this psalm, it is the Lord Jesus Christ who truly fulfills the words in the most complete way.

Lesson aim: To show the difference between personal angry retaliation and holy indignation against those that do evil and dishonor God.

A prayer for the judgment of God against those who unjustly pursue David—Psalm 35:1-28

1. To what does David compare the Lord in the first three verses? What does he ask God to do?
2. What does David indicate that his enemies are doing to him? (v. 4-8) What does he ask God to do to them?
3. What would David do upon hearing of the judgment of the Lord against his enemies? (v. 9-10)
4. How did David say he had been treated by his enemies? (v. 11-12) How had he treated them? (v. 13-14) In spite of David's good treatment of them, what did his enemies do when he stumbled? (v. 15-16)
5. What did David promise to do, if delivered? (v. 17-18)
6. Was the treatment David's enemies gave him deserved? (v. 19-20) Describe their behavior (v. 21-22)
7. Summarize the thrust of David's remarks in v. 22-26.
8. There were some who took David's side against his enemies. What does David pray for them? (v. 27)

9. What does David promise that he will do when the Lord delivers him? (v. 28)