

## **A Study of the Wisdom Literature (OT Survey Lesson 271—Psalms 141-143 )**

**Introduction:** The psalms of David reflect his character as a man after God's own heart. In these psalms we see his dependence upon the Lord and his commitment to holiness.

**Lesson aim:** To stress the need for holiness in the midst of trying circumstances

### **A psalm of David seeking help from God to remain righteous in the face of adversaries—Psalm 141:1-10**

1. What is the psalmist's first petition? (v. 1) How did he want his prayer to be regarded by the Lord? (v. 2)
2. What prayer did David pray for himself? (v. 3-4)
3. What was David's attitude toward the rebuke of others? (v. 5)
4. What did David anticipate would be the end of those who pervert justice? (v. 6)
5. In what condition did David describe the righteous? (v. 7) This condition was based on what attitude toward the Lord? (v. 8)
6. What does David ask the Lord to do? (v. 9-10)

### **A psalm seeking deliverance—Psalm 142:1-7**

(Our text note indicates that his psalm belongs to the time of David's flight from Saul. See 1 Sam. 22:1ff; 24:3ff)

1. How did David describe his pleas to the Lord? (v. 1-2) He prayed them with the realization that God knew what? (v. 3)
2. How did David describe his loneliness and isolation? (v. 4)
3. What did David cry out to the Lord? (v. 5-6)

4. What did he ask the Lord to do? (v. 7) What thing did he hope to experience after his deliverance?

### **A prayer for deliverance and guidance—Psalm 143:1-12**

1. To what characteristics of God does David appeal? (v. 1) What does David affirm about men in their relationship with God? (v. 2)
2. Why did David offer this prayer to God? (v. 3) What affect did this have on David? (v. 4)
3. What gives David assurance and hope during this time of crisis? (v. 5) What does this cause him to do? (v. 6)
4. What does David ask God to do for him? (v. 7-8)
5. How does David indicate his desire to serve God faithfully? (v. 8b-10) Who would lead him?
6. For whose sake did David seek the Lord's deliverance? (v. 11) Upon what basis did David call for the "cutting off" of those who were wicked? (v. 12)