

Psalm 55:1-23 **Hear my prayer O Elohiym – My Friend is my Enemy
Through it all David will trust in Yahweh**

Trust in God Concerning the Treachery of Friends

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. * A Contemplation* of David.

¹ Give ear to my prayer, O Elohiym (God), And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

² Attend to me, and hear me; I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily,

³ Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me, And in wrath they hate me.

⁴ My heart is severely pained within me, And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

⁵ Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

⁶ So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

⁷ Indeed, I would wander far off, *And* remain in the wilderness.

Selah

⁸ I would hasten my escape From the windy storm *and* tempest."

⁹ Destroy, O Adonay (Lord), *and* divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

¹⁰ Day and night they go around it on its walls; Iniquity and trouble *are* also in the midst of it.

¹¹ Destruction *is* in its midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets.

¹² For *it is* not an enemy *who* reproaches me; Then I could bear *it*. Nor *is it* one *who* hates me who has exalted *himself* against me; Then I could hide from him.

¹³ But *it was* you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.

¹⁴ We took sweet counsel together, *And* walked to Beit Elohiym (the house of God) in the throng.

¹⁵ Let death seize them; Let them go down alive into hell, For wickedness *is* in their dwellings *and* among them.

¹⁶ As for me, I will call upon Elohiym (God), And Yahweh (the LORD) shall save me.

¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.

¹⁸ He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me, For there were many against me.

¹⁹ El (God) will hear, and afflict them, Even He who abides from of old.

Selah

Because they do not change, Therefore they do not fear Elohiym (God).

²⁰ He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; He has broken his covenant.

²¹ *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, But war *was* in his heart;
His words were softer than oil, Yet they *were* drawn swords.

²² Cast your burden on Yahweh (the LORD), And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

²³ But You, O Elohiym (God), shall bring them down to the pit of destruction;
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; But I will trust in You.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Give ear to my prayer, O Elohiym (God), And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.
Attend to me, and hear me; I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily, Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me, And in wrath they hate me. [Psalm 55:1-3]
 - ✧ David called on Elohiym to notice his anguish by his enemy's oppression and hatred.
- ✧ My heart is severely pained within me, And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me. So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. Indeed, I would wander far off, *And* remain in the wilderness. I would hasten my escape From the windy storm *and* tempest." [Psalm 55:4-8]
 - ✧ David described his anguish and is seeking a way of escape.
- ✧ Destroy, O Adonay (Lord), *and* divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
Day and night they go around it on its walls; Iniquity and trouble *are* also in the midst of it.
Destruction *is* in its midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets. [Psalm 55:9-11]
 - ✧ David called upon Adonay to punish the wicked for the violence and strife in the city.
- ✧ For *it is* not an enemy *who* reproaches me; Then I could bear *it*. Nor *is it* one *who* hates me who has exalted *himself* against me; Then I could hide from him.
But *it was* you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.
We took sweet counsel together, *And* walked to Beit Elohiym (the house of God) in the throng.
Let death seize them; Let them go down alive into hell, For wickedness *is* in their dwellings *and* among them. [Psalm 55:12-15]
 - ✧ The anguish is not so much for the enemy but the fact that it is coming from a friend.
 - ✧ David called for judgment against the oppressors.
- ✧ As for me, I will call upon Elohiym (God), And Yahweh (the LORD) shall save me.
Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.
He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me, For there were many against me.
El (God) will hear, and afflict them, Even He who abides from of old. [Psalm 55:16-19]
 - ✧ David expressed his confidence in Yahweh to save him afflict the wicked.

- ☆ Because they do not change, Therefore they do not fear Elohiym (God).
He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; He has broken his covenant.
The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, But war *was* in his heart;
His words were softer than oil, Yet they *were* drawn swords. [\[Psalm 55:19-21\]](#)
 - ✧ The problem with the oppressors is that they do not fear Elohiym.
 - ✧ The error of the oppressors is their broken covenant and hypocritical words.
- ☆ Cast your burden on Yahweh (the LORD), And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.
But You, O Elohiym (God), shall bring them down to the pit of destruction;
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; But I will trust in You. [\[Psalm 55:22-23\]](#)
 - ✧ David advised the righteous to trust in Yahweh.
 - ✧ David acknowledged that Elohiym will fully repay the wicked.
 - ✧ David will trust in Yahweh.