

# Psalm 35

# *A Lamp*

## TO OUR FEET

### Daily Devotions

#### **Day 1: Bring Your Case**

Psalm 35:1 — “Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me.”

When we are hurt, our first instinct is often to replay the conversation, build our defense, or imagine how we will set things right. Beneath that impulse is often a heart that wants control. But Jesus has already secured your standing before God through His cross. You do not come to God as a defendant trying to prove yourself, but as a beloved child who has already been received. Because Christ has carried your guilt, you are free to bring your pain honestly to your Father.

Reflection: What burden are you carrying today that needs to be named before God instead of managed alone?

Prayer: Father, teach me to bring my case to You first. Amen.

See also: 1 Peter 5:7

#### **Day 2: Protest Honestly**

Psalm 35:9 — “Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord.”

David does not pretend everything is fine. He protests, laments, and tells the truth. Yet even in pain, he leans toward praise. We often think faith means smiling through suffering or hiding disappointment. But Jesus Himself wept, groaned, and cried out to His Father. Grace frees us from pretending. Because Christ knows sorrow and carries our weakness, we can be honest about what hurts without losing hope. Faith does not deny pain; faith brings pain into the presence of God.

Reflection: Where are you tempted to pretend instead of pray honestly?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, teach me to tell the truth in Your presence. Amen.

See also: Hebrews 4:15–16

### **Day 3: I Am Your Salvation**

Psalm 35:3 — “Say to my soul, ‘I am your salvation.’”

Sometimes God does not immediately give answers, vindication, or resolution. Sometimes He gives Himself. Our hearts often demand explanations, timelines, or outcomes. But the Father has already given His greatest gift—His own Son. Jesus was falsely accused, betrayed, mocked, and crucified so that sinners could be rescued. If God did not spare His Son, He will not abandon you now. When answers do not come, His presence remains. Christ is not merely part of your rescue—He is your salvation.

Reflection: Where do you need to stop demanding answers and receive Christ again as enough?

Prayer: Father, remind my soul that Christ is enough for today. Amen.

See also: Romans 8:32

### **Day 4: Leave Justice with God**

Psalm 35:24 — “Vindicate me according to your righteousness.”

We all love justice—especially when we have been wronged. But beneath our desire for justice often hides a desire for revenge, control, or personal vindication. At the cross, God showed that He never ignores evil. Justice fell fully on Christ for all who believe. That means no sin is overlooked, and no wound is unseen. Because God judges justly, you do not need to carry the weight of vengeance. You are free to entrust your wounds to the Judge who sees perfectly and loves completely.

Reflection: What relationship today needs to be released from your courtroom into God’s?

Prayer: Righteous Father, free me from vengeance and teach me to trust Your justice. Amen.

See also: Romans 12:19

### **Day 5: Praise in Public**

Psalm 35:28 — “My tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.”

Psalm 35 begins in a cave but ends in the congregation. What began as protest becomes public praise. God often forms worship in hidden places—through tears, waiting, unanswered questions, and quiet trust. The risen Christ meets His people there and slowly turns pain into testimony. You may still be waiting for some answers, but even now God is writing a story of grace. One day your private prayers may become public praise that strengthens others.

Reflection: Who needs to hear one small story this week of God’s faithfulness in your life?

Prayer: Lord, turn my waiting into worship and my wounds into witness. Amen.

See also: 2 Corinthians 1:3–4