

Conquering Fear

Psalm 56

**To the choirmaster: according to The Dove on
Far-off Terebinths. A Miktam of David, when the
Philistines seized him in Gath.**

**Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on
me;**

**all day long an attacker oppresses me;
2 my enemies trample on me all day long,
for many attack me proudly.**

**When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.
4 In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?**

**5 All day long they injure my cause;
all their thoughts are against me for evil.**

**6 They stir up strife, they lurk;
they watch my steps,
as they have waited for my life.**

**7 For their crime will they escape?
In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!**

**8 You have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.**

Are they not in your book?

**9 Then my enemies will turn back
in the day when I call.**

This I know, that God is for me.

**10 In God, whose word I praise,
in the Lord, whose word I praise,**

11 in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

**12 I must perform my vows to you, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.**

**13 For you have delivered my soul from death,
yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God
in the light of life.**

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The Chorus

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**10-11: In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,
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Romans 5:10

“For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

Three Reactions to Attack

1. Fear
2. Trust
3. Offering

2 Corinthians 9:7

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Summary

Trusting the Lord and his word conquers fear and inspires thankful offerings.