

My Strong Deliverer

Psalm 140

David – a life of hard conflicts

John 15.18-21

1. The Problem He Faced, vs1-5

➤ **his opponents, v1**

- **proud v5**

- **evil vs1,4; 1 Peter 5.5**

- **violent vs1,4**

➤ **their tactics vs2-5**

- **schemers v2**

- **stirrers v2**

- **slanderers v3; a war of words**

James 1.26;

Prov 16.28; 20.19; 26.20

Eph 4.29; Mat 5.11-12

1 Pet 2.23; 3.9-12

- **ensnarers vs4-5 traps to trip**

John 8.4-6; Mat 22.15-21

be aware of enemy tactics 2 Cor 2.11
use God-given weapons 2 Cor 10.3-4

2. The Prayer He Offered, vs6-11

➤ *his God*

- *personal to him v6 “my God”*
Ps 139.21-22
- *committed to him vs 6-8 LORD*
1 John 4.19; John 15.16
- *sovereign v7; Ps 135.5-6;*
68.20
Acts 4.24; Mat 28.18
- *strong v7; 2 Cor 12.7-10*
- *Saviour, deliverer v7*
- *shield for thoughts v7*
in the heat of the battle

➤ *his plea*

- *God’s protection vs1,4*
prevention better than cure
- *God’s victory vs9-11*
as head of state
retribution in kind

God's intervention
a NT perspective Rom 12.17-21
seek enemies salvation
1 Peter 3.9

3. The Confidence He Displays, vs12-13

- **God will secure justice v12**
for the poor and needy
- **God's people will praise him v13**
in his presence forever
Rom 21.3-5