

Show me the Way

Psalm 143

Familiar Themes

hear me v1; 140.6; 141.1

be merciful to me v1;140.6;142.1

come quickly v7; 141.1

I'm pursued v3; 142.6

I'm faint vs 4,7; 142.3

rescue me v9; 140.1;142.6

preserve my life v11; 141.8

*destroy my enemies v12; 140.9-11;
141.6,10*

some conflicts persist,

others re-occur John 15.18-20

new challenges can teach us

new things about God Jas 1.2-4

1. New intensity to troubles, v3

➤ *dismay: things may get worse
before they get better*

2. New understanding

of human sinfulness, v2

- *universal - personal Rom 3.23, 20*

3. New focus on God's character, v1

- *faithful, righteous, loving vs1,8,12*
God alone is truly good Ps 4.6

4. Fresh recollection

of God's past actions, v5

- *superb track record*
= hope for the future Ps 77.1-15
faith must be fed Rom 10.17

5. Fresh longing for God himself, vs6-7

- *only God can satisfy 42.1-2; 63.1-5*

6. New confidence in God, vs8-9

- *new day, better news 30.5; 126.5*

7. New commitment to God, vs8,10

- *show me - the way to go v8*
- *teach me - to do your will v10*
- *lead me – by your Spirit v10*
the mark of true sonship Rom 8.14