



14 JUNE 2026 AM

Psalm 70

## SHORT SUMMER PSALMS: TETHER

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Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD...I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

Psalm 70:1, 5

## INTRODUCTION

- this morning, we continue our series of messages under the heading **SHORT SUMMER PSALMS**

we are looking at **five** psalms with **five** verses

- **Psalm 70** is the next psalm in this series:

**tether = to connect one thing to another so as to restrict movement**

**a symbolic connection to memory or the past**

junior high...tether ball

- the timing of this psalm is unclear, so we do not know the circumstances when David composed it

being pursued by Saul?

being chased by Absalom?

some political intrigue?

BTW: who wouldn't like David???

- at any rate, David is impatient with God and urgency is what he is praying for here

NOTE: walking Penny off leash...

# 1. ENDLESS RESPITE **verse 1**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me,  
O LORD.

**respite = a period of temporary delay**

whatever the situation was, David was in a hurry to have it resolved **NOW**

make haste 3x

make no tarrying

we understand this, right? in our culture, we don't have to wait on anything anymore:

instant everything

fast, free delivery

the tediousness of having to wait

The 21st century differs from all earlier cycles in one crucial respect: acceleration has become planetary, simultaneous, and compressed into spans of decades rather than centuries. Where Athens and Rome once had generations to adjust to conquest, and Britain had centuries to digest industrial transformation, today's world faces cascading revolutions that arrive faster than institutions can stabilize.

Cultural Acceleration: 21st Century...

<https://philarchive.org/archive/CATGQZ>

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we *know* the biblical promise:

**Isaiah 40:31**

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

but does that manifest itself in our daily lives?

...looking at you, cotton farmers

### **Job 14:14**

If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

### **Psalms 25:3**

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

### **Psalms 25:5**

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

at this time, David understood there was a purpose for his waiting

### **Proverbs 27:18**

Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honored.

a fig tree takes 3-5 years before it begins to bear fruit; how long will you wait to be honored with God's answers?

*cf Israel as a fig tree and her future promises fulfilled*

Matthew 21:19-20

by the way, notice the superscription of this psalm: *to bring to remembrance*

this same psalm first appeared as part of **Psalm 40 (vs 13-17)**

whereas David is praying for God to hurry up and answer his prayer, at one time he had a different perspective:

### **Psalm 40:1**

I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

how much time lapsed between **Psalm 40** and **Psalm 70**?

knowing we *must* wait and knowing *how* to wait are two different skill sets

## 2. EQUAL REWARDS **verses 2-4**

Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt. Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha. Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

David prayed for two different groups of people: his **foes** and his **friends**

**6x** he used the word **LET**

= to cause to; to allow

as for his enemies, these prayer requests are known theologically as *imprecatory* prayers

*imprecate* = to invoke evil; to utter a curse

consider some really nasty prayers in *Psalms*:

### **Psalm 137:8-9**

O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us. Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

### **Psalm 109:7-12**

how mad do you have to be to pray something like this?

by contrast, what David prayed isn't nearly so nasty:

ashamed = to be disappointed

confounded = to blush; embarrassed

turned backward = to flinch

confusion = to wound (taunted; insulted)

turned back = to retreat; to trip up

### **Psalm 119:157**

Many are my persecutors and mine enemies;  
yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

### **Romans 12:19-21**

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

### **Hebrews 12:14**

Follow peace with all men, and holiness,  
without which no man shall see the Lord:

and consider how David prayed for his friends:

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:  
and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let  
God be magnified.

David understood that his friends were those who  
had the same goals in life...who wanted God's will to  
be done and God to be glorified

### **Psalm 119:63**

I am a companion of all them that fear thee,  
and of them that keep thy precepts.

### **Psalm 119:79**

Let those that fear thee turn unto me,  
and those that have known thy testimonies.

what kind of friends do you have?

### 3. EARNEST RECOGNITION **verse 5**

But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

**THIS** is where we need to arrive:

a *poor* man...a *praying* man

**poor = pressed down**

**needy = destitute**

it is difficult for those without a need to turn to God for help

#### **Revelation 3:17 Laodicea**

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

#### **Matthew 19:24**

...It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

#### **1 Timothy 6:17**

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

it isn't a sin to be rich; but difficulties are God's way of focusing our attention back on Him and His power

even here...after arriving at the understanding he cannot save himself...he needs God's power... David *still* adds one more thing

be careful here:

make no tarrying...

**tarry = to loiter; to procrastinate**

#### **Daniel 9:21-23 John 11**

in your prayer life, be cautious not to add one. more. thing.