

Message Notes for June 8, 2025

Message Series: Psalm 35: How to Pray When Life is Unfair

Message Title: Lord, Vindicate Me So I Can Publicly Praise You

The first prayer we find is:

Lord, fight the _____ I can't fight

The second prayer we find is:

Lord, deal with the _____ I don't deserve

The third prayer is:

Lord, _____ me so I can publicly praise you

Do not let my treacherous enemies rejoice over me,
or those who hate me without cause wink the eye. Psalm 35:19 NRSV

Verse 19 touches on how some people become so proud of themselves...
they create a _____ of _____ - _____
and it expresses itself in ways that belittles others and makes them feel inferior.

For they do not speak peace, but they conceive deceitful words
against those who are quiet in the land. Psalm 35:20 NRSV

They open wide their mouths against me;
they say, "Aha, Aha, our eyes have seen it."
You have seen, O Lord; do not be silent! O Lord do not be far from me!
Wake up! Bestir yourself for my defense, for my cause, my God and my Lord!
Psalm 35:21-23 NRSV

Vindicate me, O Lord, my God, according to your righteousness,
and do not let them rejoice over me. Psalm 35:24 NRSV

Do not let them say to themselves, "Aha, we have our heart's desire."

Do not let them say, "We have swallowed you up."

Let all those who rejoice at my calamity be put to shame and confusion;
let those who exalt themselves against me be clothed with shame and dishonor.

Let those who desire my vindication shout for joy and be glad,
and say evermore, "Great is the Lord, who delights in the welfare of his servant."

Psalm 35:25-27 NRSV

When the world seems to be going crazy...

it is important to _____

Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all day long.

Psalm 35:28 NRSV

I find it remarkable how Psalm 35 fits so well the situation of

Jesus before _____

_____ comes from the Lord... not your own strength.