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Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; Fight against those who fight against me.

Take hold of buckler and shield And rise up for my help.

Draw also the spear and the battle-axe to meet those who pursue me; Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

Let those be ashamed and dishonored who seek my life; Let those be turned back and humiliated who devise evil against me.

Let them be like chaff before the wind, With the angel of the LORD driving them on.

Let their way be dark and slippery, With the angel of the LORD pursuing them.

For without cause they hid their net for me; Without cause they dug a pit for my soul.

Let destruction come upon him unawares, And let the net which he hid catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall.

And my soul shall rejoice in the LORD; It shall exult in His salvation.

All my bones will say, "LORD, who is like You, Who delivers the afflicted from him who is too strong for him, And the afflicted and the needy from him who robs him?"

Malicious witnesses rise up; They ask me of things that I do not know.

They repay me evil for good, To the bereavement of my soul.

But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting, And my prayer kept returning to my bosom.

I went about as though it were my friend or brother; I bowed down mourning, as one who sorrows for a mother.

But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered themselves together; The smiters whom I did not know gathered together against me, They slandered me without ceasing.

Like godless jesters at a feast, They gnashed at me with their teeth.

Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue my soul from their ravages, My only life from the lions.

I will give You thanks in the great congregation; I will praise You among a mighty throng.

Do not let those who are wrongfully my enemies rejoice over me; Nor let those who hate me without cause wink maliciously.

For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful words against those who are quiet in the land.

They opened their mouth wide against me; They said, "Aha, aha, our eyes have seen it!"

You have seen it, O LORD, do not keep silent; O Lord, do not be far from me.

Stir up Yourself, and awake to my right And to my cause, my God and my Lord.

Judge me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness, And do not let them rejoice over me.

Do not let them say in their heart, "Aha, our desire!" Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up!"

Let those be ashamed and humiliated altogether who rejoice at my distress; Let those be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves over me.

Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; And let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant."

And my tongue shall declare Your righteousness And Your praise all day long.

Psalm 35:1-28 (NASB)

Re: August 27 - I Samuel 19; I Corinthians 1; Lamentations 4: Psalm 35 - posted by MommaBear (), on: 2003/8/28 23:12

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE."

Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world

world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD." I Corinthians 1:18-31 (NASB)

Selah...

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