

"Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest."
Psalm 55:6 (NIV)

When You Want to Get Away Psalm 55

Psalm 55:1-8 (NIV)

"Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me. My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught at the voice of the enemy, at the stares of the wicked; for they bring down suffering upon me and revile me in their anger. My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death assail me. Fear and trembling have beset me; horror has overwhelmed me. I said, 'Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest — I would flee far away and stay in the desert; I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm.'"

I. A Relentless Enemy

Verse 2-3 – "I am distraught at the voice of the enemy, at the stares of the wicked; for they bring down suffering upon me..."

Acts 13:10 (NIV)

"You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?"

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

II. A Tortured Spirit

Verse 4-5 – "My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death assail me. Fear and trembling have beset me; horror has overwhelmed me."

2 Corinthians 11:23-27 (NIV)

I have worked harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea. I have been in danger from rivers, from bandits, from my own countrymen, from Gentiles; in the city, in the country, at sea; and in danger from false brothers. I have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

III. A Profound Longing

Verse 6-8 – "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest — I would flee far away and stay in the desert; I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm."

IV. A Righteous Determination

Verse 16-19 – “But I call to God, and the LORD saves me. Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice. He ransoms me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me. God, who is enthroned forever, will hear them and afflict them.”

2 Corinthians 12:10 (HCSB)

So because of Christ, I am pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in catastrophes, in persecutions, and in pressures. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

V. A Valuable Lesson

Verse 22 – “Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.”



What if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

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