

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD!”

(Psalm 143)

One of Seven “Penitential” Psalms

“Penitential”

*Expressing deep sorrow and regret
at having done something wrong.*

*Psalm 6, Psalm 32, Psalm 38,
Psalm 51, Psalm 102, Psalm 130, Psalm 143*

“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD!”

(Psalm 143)

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications!
In Your faithfulness and in Your righteousness, answer me.

2 Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,
for in Your sight no one living is righteous.

7 *Answer me speedily, O Lord; my spirit fails! Do not hide Your face
from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit.*

8 *Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,
for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk,
for I lift up my soul to You.*

“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD!”

(Psalm 143)

3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me dwell in darkness, like those who have long been dead.

4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is distressed.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; in You I take shelter.

10 *Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.*

“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD!”

(Psalm 143)

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works;
I muse on the work of Your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to You;
my soul longs for You like a thirsty land. *Selah*

11 *Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake!
For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.*

12 *In Your mercy cut off my enemies,
and destroy all those who afflict my soul;
for I am Your servant.*

“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD!”

(Psalm 143)

1. The Plea

(vv 1,2; 7,8)

1 *Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications!*

7 *Answer me speedily, O Lord; my spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit.*

“Urgent and Desperate”

“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD!”

(Psalm 143)

2. The Plight

(vv 3,4; 9,10)

3 *For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has crushed my life ...*

4 *Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is distressed... **9** Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies ...*

“Crushed, Overwhelmed, Distressed”

“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD!”

(Psalm 143)

3. The Promise

(vv 5,6; 11,12)

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works ...

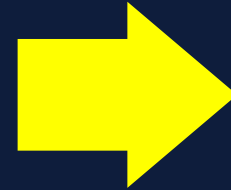
6 I spread out my hands to You ... 11 Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake ... bring my soul out of trouble. 12 ... for I am Your servant.

“Remembered, and Delivered”

“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD!”

(Psalm 143)

***Plea
Plight
Promise***



**Desperate
Distressed
Delivered**

“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD!”

(Psalm 143)

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 4:6,7)

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

(Ephesians 3:20,21)

“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD!”

(Psalm 143)

*“So David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’
And Nathan said to David, ‘The Lord also has put
away your sin; you shall not die.’”*

(2 Samuel 12:13)