## THE ROYAL BOOK THREE: Soul Food, Ch 2 Psalm 35 (Poetic Language) Pastor Miles McPherson – August 29, 2010



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Genre: Poetic Language (read it like poetry and songs)

Setting: Place – Time –

Key People: Author – David Audience – Israel

Drama: David is praying for vengeance against his enemies who attack him

without cause.

Vengeance: God repaying His/your enemies on your behalf. Vengeance is God's

responsibility (Romans 12:20).



READ {Psalm 35:1-6} Discovery: Vengeance is taken out on those unrighteous before God and not those unfriendly toward you.

**REFLECT** – It is possible that your conflict with others is your issue with God and not their issue with God?

**RESPOND** – Pray for wisdom to identify God's will.

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**READ** {Psalm 35:13-14} **Discovery: God grants vengeance for those who lives have a righteous \_\_\_\_\_ and pattern.** 

**REFLECT** – The righteous pray for their enemies and return good for evil.

**RESPOND** – Pray for one of your enemies today.



**READ** {Psalm 35:24-25} **Discovery: Vengeance will be given according to the righteousness of \_\_\_\_\_\_God**\_\_\_.

**REFLECT** – God has a righteous plan of redemption for your and your enemies.

**RESPOND** – Pray for God's cause to be fulfilled in the lives of your enemies.



**READ** {Psalm 35:24-25} **Discovery: The vengeance that results from your prayers** against others is the \_\_\_\_\_\_vengeance that prayer will bring on you.

**REFLECT** – For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. **Matthew 7:2** 

**RESPOND** – Describe in writing the biblical vengeance that is appropriate for your sins.

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Savior

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2:9-10

Using the guidelines below, here is a daily Bible text for you to READ, REFLECT and RESPOND.

NOTE: I have given the topic of the Psalm so you, the reader, can know what emotion or God attribute to look for.

Imprecatory Praise as creator Thanksgiving victory

MON - Psalm 58 WED - Psalm 19 over your enemies SUN - Psalm 101

TUE - Psalm 59 THU - Psalm 104 FRI - Psalm 18

SAT - Psalm 118



**Read** and discover what God communicated to the people at the time of the writing.

Read the text 2-3 times and identify either:

- 1. What God attribute is the text empowering your soul to contemplate? Forgiveness? Power? Grace? Etc...
- 2. What emotion is the text empowering your soul to communicate to God? Worship? Praise? Confession? Complaining? Etc...

How is the text directing you to think and make decisions like God?



**Reflect**, pray and determine what is God communicating to us in the present.

Write, in your own words, a 2-3 sentence prayer or revelation summarizing how the text, as Soul Food, has helped you express yourself to God or make a decision like God.

Note: Keep in mind to identify examples of either type of Parallelism and reflect on the message God is communicating to you by them.

**Synonymous Parallelism:** The second line reinforces the meaning in the first line with little or no added meanina.

**Antithetical Parallelism:** The second line asserts the opposite of the first line.



## **Respond** and do something!

Do something by praying and deciding what God wants to do in and through you in the future. Identify the steps of faith you need to take in order to facilitate God's promises. What am I going to do to apply my faith to be more of who God wants me to be? Is there sin to repent of? Is there something you can praise God for? Is there someone you need to forgive, serve or speak to? How are you worshiping God in your life?

Further applications – Send a challenge to people in your acquaintance. Be bold in what the Lord is showing you as a step of faith. Use social media to spread the Word of God (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Blog, email, etc.).

Devotional necessities: A Bible, pen or pencil, notebook or journal, a quiet place, a regular time, a prayerful heart of faith

## BOOK THREE: SOUL FOOD

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