

# "Faith Amid Opposition!"

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David

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## A1 THE CALL FOR HELP 4:1

**B1 The Plea for Present Help:** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

**B2 The Reminder of Past Help:** You have relieved me in my distress;

**B3 The Plea for Present Help Repeated:** Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

## A2 THE WARNING TO THE ENEMIES 4:2-5

### B1 The Protest to Enemies 4:2

C1 The shame of dishonor: O sons of men, how long will my honor become a reproach? <sup>2</sup>

C2 The humiliation of deceit

D1 *How long* will you love what is worthless

D2 And aim at deception? <sup>3</sup> Selah.

### B2 The Protection of Yahweh 4:3

C1 Possession -- the Godly are Yahweh's Possession: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself;

C2 Response -- Yahweh Will Respond to the Cry of the Godly: The LORD hears when I call to Him.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 4. A song of trust (*Ryrie Study Bible*).

<sup>2</sup> 4:2 - reproach: The background of this psalm is likely the same as that of Psalm 3; i.e., Absalom's revolt. David appeals to the rebels to have second thoughts about supporting Absalom.

<sup>3</sup> 4:2 - deception: "The intrigue of Absalom if this was in David's mind here, was partly an attempt to tarnish David's reputation (2 Sam. 15:3)." (Allen P. Ross, *Psalms, The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, I, 794)

<sup>4</sup> 4:3 - the LORD hears: It is almost as though David is warning his enemies to leave him alone because he has instant 911 access to the Divine police force!

**B3 The Admonition to Trust in Yahweh 4:4-5**

- C1 Fear Sin! Tremble, and do not sin; 4:4
- C2 Pause to Reflect! Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
- C3 Offer Fitting Sacrifices! Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, 4:5
- C4 Trust in Yahweh! And trust in the LORD.

**A3 THE JOY AND SECURITY FROM TRUSTING IN YAHWEH! 4:6-8**

**B1 The Pessimism of the Faint-Hearted:** Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" 4:6

**B2 The Response of Faith in Yahweh:** Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O LORD!

**B3 The Joy from Trusting in Yahweh 4:7**

- C1 You have put gladness in my heart,
- C2 More than when their grain and new wine abound.

**B4 The Security from Trusting in Yahweh 4:8**

- C1 The evidence of security: In peace I will both lie down and sleep
- C2 The reason for security: For You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety!

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