

Psalm 142

"A Cry to Yahweh in the Cave"

(Maskil ¹ of David, when he was in the cave. A Prayer.)

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A1 THE PSALMIST'S ANGUISHED CRY OF HUMAN ABANDONMENT 142:1-4

B1 His Audible Cry 142:1

- C1 Vocal Cry: *{1}* I cry aloud with my voice to the LORD;
- C2 Vocal Request: I make supplication with my voice to the LORD.

B2 His Troubled Complaint 142:2

- C1 Poured Out Complaint: *{2}* I pour out my complaint before Him;
- C2 Declared Trouble: I declare my trouble before Him.

B3 His Acknowledgment of Yahweh's Awareness of His Inner Agony 142:3

- C1 Yahweh's Awareness
 - D1 Overwhelmed spirit: *{3}* When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,
 - D2 Divine awareness: You knew my path.
- C2 Devious Trap
 - D1 Devious location: In the way where I walk
 - D2 Disguised trap: They have hidden a trap for me.

B4 His Feeling of Human Abandonment 142:4

- C1 No Regard
 - D1 *{4}* Look to the right and see;

¹ Ps 142 Superscription - Maskil: See footnote on Ps 32 Superscription.

D2 For there is no one who regards me;

C2 No Escape: There is no escape for me;

C3 No Concern: No one cares for my soul.

A2 THE PSALMIST'S RELIANCE ON YAHWEH FOR DELIVERANCE 142:5-7

B1 His Reliance upon Yahweh as His Refuge 142:5

C1 His Audible Cry: {5} I cried out to You, O LORD;

C2 His Trust in Yahweh

D1 I said, "You are my refuge,

D2 My portion in the land of the living.

B2 His Request for Deliverance from His Persecutors 142:6

C1 His Plea for a Hearing

D1 His plea: {6} "Give heed to my cry,

D2 His reason: For I am brought very low;

C2 His Plea for Deliverance

D1 His plea: Deliver me from my persecutors,

D2 His reason: For they are too strong for me.

B3 His Request for Escape and His Faith in Yahweh's Salvation 142:7

C1 His Request for Escape

D1 From prison: {7} "Bring my soul out of prison,

D2 For thanks: So that I may give thanks to Your name;

C2 His Assurance of Deliverance

D1 Surrounded by the righteous: The righteous will surround me,

D2 Blessed by Yahweh: For You will deal bountifully with me."

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 142

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