

Psalm 120 A Song of Ascents

Hello. My name is David. At one point in my life I was forced to live with people who hate Israel. This happened because King Saul was chasing me everywhere I went trying to kill me. Living with Israel's enemies was my only recourse, yet the depravity of those people troubled me greatly. Why did it cause me such emotional turmoil? Read on and see.

David's plight

¹ When I was in trouble I cried out to the LORD in prayer, and He answered me by providing a way for me to leave that country. This is what I prayed:

² Dear Lord,

“Please deliver me from the lying, deceiving language of these evil people. ³ What do they deserve, and what should be done to them? First, these lying, deceiving people should be silenced by a bullet to the heart by a strong, mighty soldier, and secondly, they should be burned to ashes like a juniper tree. ⁵ This is what should happen, but for now I am experiencing grievous distress and affliction¹ since I am forced to live among these people. In fact, I live in one of the tents of Kedar right in the middle of the region of Meshech. ⁶ These people hate peace, and I have had to live with them for too long. ⁷ It has been especially difficult for me because all they want is war but I love peace. LORD, please deliver me from these people.”

Thank You,

David

¹ Definition of “Woe” www.dictionary.com/browse/woe