

Psalm 70 *A Psalm of David*

LORD, please punish my enemies

¹⁻³ LORD, there are some really evil people who are trying to hurt me and kill me if they can. They are doing this because they delight in hurting me. They say, “Aha, aha! You rascal. You’re guilty and deserve to die.” Please rescue me quickly, and don’t wait. LORD, they are thrilled to hurt me, so stop these people in their tracks. Cause them to be ashamed of the way they have humiliated themselves and have made good people despise them.

LORD, please save me from my enemies

⁴ Let everyone who seeks to know You shout for joy because they are thrilled with You. You have made salvation available through faith in the shed blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Messiah¹. Let everyone who loves Your salvation shout joyfully, and say, “God is the greatest! Isn’t He wonderful?” ⁵ I would love to be one of those who shout for joy, but right now I am being harshly treated and am in need of help because it is not in my power to rescue myself. LORD, please hurry and come to my aid. Save me, because You are my only hope, and You are all I need.

¹ In John 14:6 Christ said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me.” Therefore, the name “Jesus Christ, the Messiah” has been used.