



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Psalm 57:1-11 (NAS)

Topic: "Glorifying God through Trials"

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- 1 Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me, For my soul takes refuge in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge Until destruction passes by.
- 2 I will cry to God Most High, To God who accomplishes all things for me.
- 3 He will send from heaven and save me; He reproaches him who tramples upon me. Selah. God will send forth His lovingkindness and His truth.
- 4 My soul is among lions; I must lie among those who breathe forth fire, Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows And their tongue a sharp sword.
- 5 Be exalted above the heavens, O God; Let Your glory be above all the earth.
- 6 They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down; They dug a pit before me; They themselves have fallen into the midst of it. Selah.
- 7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!
- 8 Awake, my glory! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.
- 9 I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations.
- 10 For Your lovingkindness is great to the heavens And Your truth to the clouds.
- 11 Be exalted above the heavens, O God; Let Your glory be above all the earth.

### **I. ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTION IN THE MIDST OF TRIAL**

- A. Not Asking The Why?
- B. But Asking What Do You Want Me To Do?
- C. Scripture Reveals The Answer – Glorify God

### **II. TO BRING GOD GLORY WE MUST TRUST HIM IN TRIALS**

- A. Take Refuge In God Alone
  1. Not depend on our own merit
  2. Not rely on human means
- B. Prayer Brings Glory To God
  1. It is the language of trust
  2. It acknowledges our dependency upon God

### **III. GOD IS GLORIFIED THROUGH OUR PRAISE** Psalm 57:7-11

- A. Praise Is An Act Of The Will
- B. Praise Testifies To Others Concerning God's Greatness