

**February 18, 2025**

Because God is loyal and faithful

***Ps. 57:9-10 I will praise You, LORD, among the nations; I will sing of You among the peoples. For great is Your love, reaching to the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.***

This Psalm of praise to God reminds us of the scope of praise that Our LORD deserves. He is above all, and He is worthy of ALL praise. Now this Psalm of David would be a likely Psalm of praise if it had been written after one of Israel's victories over the enemy. But instead, this Psalm was written by a young David, who had been anointed to be King, but was hiding and running from King Saul. Instead of asking God why He was allowing Saul to continue to rule, David was praising God, singing praise to Him, and exalting God for His faithfulness.

Most people would find it odd to see this hunted young man praising God instead of asking Him why was He allowing Saul to remain King. And, I believe that this is the reason why: David loved God more than he loved himself. This is a rare attribute indeed, especially for those in leadership positions. But David was not like most people. In fact, scripture tells us that David was a man after God's own heart. What David saw was not having to run and hide for his life, but instead, that God's plan was in the process of unfolding. And unfolding it was. Saul was moving farther away from God because of his own desires and losing the ability to lead the people of God. He ultimately chose to disobey God and offer sacrifices instead of waiting for the prophet of God, Samuel. What once was a fugitive, hiding in caves, would now be exalted to the throne of Israel and be the greatest king that the Hebrews ever had. This little shepherd boy, who had faced the giant, who had been faithful in the service to the King, who had gathered a group of misfits around him to also fight for Israel, would now be given the throne. But remember, this Psalm was written when he was running from the King; and that should say it all about David.

**Dear LORD, help us to praise You in the easy times and in the hard ones as well. It is easy to praise You when things seem to be fine. Help us LORD, to keep our eyes on You, no matter what circumstances we face. In Jesus Name, Amen**