Psalm 4

"Faith Amid Opposition!"

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David

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A1 THE CALL FOR HELP  4:1

B1 The Plea for Present Help: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
B2 The Reminder of Past Help: You have relieved me in my distress;
B3 The Plea for Present Help Repeated: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

A2 THE WARNING TO THE ENEMIES  4:2-5

B1 The Protest to Enemies  4:2

C1 The shame of dishonor: O sons of men, how long will my honor become a reproach? ²
C2 The humiliation of deceit

D1 How long will you love what is worthless
D2 And aim at deception? ³ Selah.

B2 The Protection of Yahweh  4:3

C1 Possession -- the Godly are Yahweh's Possession: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself;
C2 Response -- Yahweh Will Respond to the Cry of the Godly: The LORD hears when I call to Him. ⁴

1 Psalm 4. A song of trust (Ryrie Study Bible).

2 4:2 - reproach: The background of this psalm is likely the same as that of Psalm 3; i.e., Absalom's revolt. David appeals to the rebels to have second thoughts about supporting Absalom.

3 4:2 - deception: "The intrigue of Absalom if this was in David's mind here, was partly an attempt to tarnish David's reputation (2 Sam. 15:3)." (Allen P. Ross, Psalms, The Bible Knowledge Commentary, I, 794)

4 4:3 - the LORD hears: It is almost as though David is warning his enemies to leave him alone because he has instant 911 access to the Divine police force!
B3  **The Admonition to Trust in Yahweh  4:4-5**

C1  Fear Sin!  Tremble, and do not sin;  4:4
C2  Pause to Reflect!  Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
C3  Offer Fitting Sacrifices!  Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,  4:5
C4  Trust in Yahweh!  And trust in the LORD.

A3  **THE JOY AND SECURITY FROM TRUSTING IN YAHWEH!  4:6-8**

B1  **The Pessimism of the Faint-Hearted:**  Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"  4:6

B2  **The Response of Faith in Yahweh:**  Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O LORD!

B3  **The Joy from Trusting in Yahweh  4:7**

C1  You have put gladness in my heart,
C2  More than when their grain and new wine abound.

B4  **The Security from Trusting in Yahweh  4:8**

C1  The evidence of security:  In peace I will both lie down and sleep
C2  The reason for security:  For You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety!