Psalm 142

"A Cry to Yahweh in the Cave"

(Maskil 1 of David, when he was in the cave. A Prayer.)

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A1 THE PSALMIST'S ANGUISHED CRY OF HUMAN ABANDONMENT 142:1-4

B1 His Audible Cry 142:1

C1 Vocal Cry:  {1} I cry aloud with my voice to the LORD;

C2 Vocal Request: I make supplication with my voice to the LORD.

B2 His Troubled Complaint 142:2

C1 Poured Out Complaint:  {2} I pour out my complaint before Him;

C2 Declared Trouble: I declare my trouble before Him.

B3 His Acknowledgment of Yahweh's Awareness of His Inner Agony 142:3

C1 Yahweh's Awareness

D1 Overwhelmed spirit:  {3} When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,

D2 Divine awareness: You knew my path.

C2 Devious Trap

D1 Devious location: In the way where I walk

D2 Disguised trap: They have hidden a trap for me.

B4 His Feeling of Human Abandonment 142:4

C1 No Regard

D1  {4} Look to the right and see;

D2 For there is no one who regards me;

C2 No Escape: There is no escape for me;

C3 No Concern: No one cares for my soul.

A2  THE PSALMIST'S RELIANCE ON YAHWEH FOR DELIVERANCE  142:5-7

B1  His Reliance upon Yahweh as His Refuge  142:5

C1  His Audible Cry:  {5} I cried out to You, O LORD;
C2  His Trust in Yahweh
   D1  I said, "You are my refuge,
   D2  My portion in the land of the living.

B2  His Request for Deliverance from His Persecutors  142:6

C1  His Plea for a Hearing
   D1  His plea:  {6} "Give heed to my cry,
   D2  His reason:  For I am brought very low;
C2  His Plea for Deliverance
   D1  His plea:  Deliver me from my persecutors,
   D2  His reason:  For they are too strong for me.

B3  His Request for Escape and His Faith in Yahweh's Salvation  142:7

C1  His Request for Escape
   D1  From prison:  {7} "Bring my soul out of prison,
   D2  For thanks:  So that I may give thanks to Your name;
C2  His Assurance of Deliverance
   D1  Surrounded by the righteous:  The righteous will surround me,
   D2  Blessed by Yahweh:  For You will deal bountifully with me."