

Psalm 142

"A Cry to Yahweh in the Cave"

(Maskil¹ 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.

¹ Ps 142 Superscription - Maskil: Possibly, "a contemplative poem" (so [BDB](#)). See footnote on Ps 32 Superscription.

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."

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