

MEDITATION ON MINE ENEMIES

As I read through and meditate on the Psalms, and on the life of the chief Psalmist, David, it overwhelms me to consider how his whole life was consumed with battling his enemies, for there were so many. As a shepherd boy, his enemies were the beasts of the wilderness. As a mighty man of war, his enemies were not only the surrounding nations, as he fought for his country, but also King Saul and his army, who sought to kill him out of envy and jealousy. After these enemies were destroyed, those in his own family coveted the throne and rose up against him. And finally, as God's dedicated servant, all of the enemies of God also became his personal enemies as he cried night and day for God to arise, judge the wicked, and avenge His name.

Those who have been taught that the Bible, from beginning to end, is all about Jesus Christ, immediately see the typology connecting David with Jesus. We can easily make the comparison between David's life as a hunted, persecuted individual and the life of our Lord. The typology extends much further but I am presently only considering one aspect; the relentless attacks of the enemy. Incredibly, in the Psalms alone, the word enemy or enemies occurs 106 times. They were a constant, persistent problem. So, as I read the Psalms to examine what the Lord would have me to know, I naturally wonder; who are mine enemies?

Looking back through the church age I see many who were persecuted for Christ's sake, from Stephen and the apostles to the persecuted brethren in the middle ages, to the missionaries of today who are at great risk. But, I have no one hunting me down, no one examining me to see if I will incriminate myself, no one asking me to deny my faith. I have no enemies or do I?

The apostle John, penning the warning from God, knew I would have an enemy:

1 John 3:13

Marvel not, my brethren, if **the world** hate you.

The apostle Paul, penning the warning from God, knew I would have an enemy:

Galatians 5:17

For **the flesh** lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

The apostle Peter, penning the warning from God, knew I would have an enemy:

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary **the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Mine enemies have been revealed. They are the world, the flesh, and the devil. All three are insidious, menacing, and dangerous. Their attack is relentless and I am powerless to defeat them. However, I have a secret strategy. I will meet every onslaught from my hidden position in Christ Jesus. He has achieved the victory, and I am on the winning side!