PSALM

35

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Imprecatory Lament Turning

Psalms of David · Book I · Psalms That Call for Justice

"By David."

PICTURE WORD

Chaff

IN ONE SENTENCE

David asks the LORD to fight for him against false accusers who repaid his kindness with hatred, and promises to praise him.

Remember it: Thirty-five: let them blow like chaff, for God himself is my salvation.

MEMORY VERSE

Brandish the spear and block those who pursue me. Tell my soul, "I am your salvation."

Psalm 35:3 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

יְשֻׁעָתֶֽךָ

"salvation" · verse 3

In the Psalms: 45 times, in 33 psalms

יְשֻׁעָתֶֽךָ means "your salvation." The root means to rescue, deliver, or give room to someone hemmed in. It lives on in the names Joshua, Isaiah, and Jesus. David wants to hear God say to his soul, "I am your salvation."

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–10	David asks the LORD to fight his attackers like a warrior.
11–18	Friends he prayed for repaid his kindness with cruelty.
19–28	He asks God to vindicate him, and promises praise.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

v. 19 → John 15:25 They hated me without a cause.

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 35 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/35**.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

David asks the LORD to _____ for him against false accusers who repaid his _____ with _____, and promises to praise him.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does David want God to tell his soul?

(A) "Be still." (B) "Run away."
(C) "I am your salvation." (D) "You are forgiven."

2. What did David wear when his enemies were sick?

(A) Sackcloth (B) Royal robes
(C) Armor (D) Linen

3. What do the mockers say when they open their mouths?

(A) "Peace! Peace!" (B) "Aha! Aha!"
(C) "Woe! Woe!" (D) "Glory!"

TALK IT OVER

1. How did David treat his enemies before they turned on him?

2. What does it mean to ask the LORD to fight for you rather than fighting yourself?

3. How can you respond when kindness is repaid with hatred? Jesus quoted verse 19.

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 35 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song
☐ I can say verse 3 by heart
☐ I can say what it teaches
☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: fight · kindness · hatred · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 3) · 2. A (v. 13) · 3. B (v. 21)