

PSALM 56 WALKING BEFORE GOD ESV

INTRODUCTION – INSCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND UNCERTAIN (NOT IN LXX)

1 Samuel 21:10-15 may not be the occasion of the psalm. Nor may chapters 27 or 29.

I. SEE HOW GOD RESCUED DAVID

Help!	1 Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; 2 my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly.	Every line about the enemy!
Fear God, not man	3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. 4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?	Progress: Afraid, but David trusts God.
They're watching me!	5 All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. 6 They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life.	Still aware of being hunted by the enemy, but no longer afraid.
Central prayer	7 For their crime will they escape[?] In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!	Appeals to God's justice.
God is watching over me.	8 You have kept count of my tossings [wanderings] put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? 9 Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me.	More aware that God is on his side; hardly any mention of enemies.
Fear God, not man	10 In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, 11 in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?	Progress: More confident statement of faith. Enemies hardly mentioned. The LORD's word emphasised more.
Helped!	12 I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. 13 For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. <i>ESV</i>	Gives thanks and worships God; no mention of enemies at all. Cf. vv1-2

II. LOOK AWAY FROM THE ENEMY TO THE LORD

III. LOOK AWAY FROM THE WIND TO JESUS MATTHEW 14

- Matthew 14:25-31 ... "Take heart; it is I [I AM]. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord [=LORD in Gk LXX] ...
- Hymn: *Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below* – Katharina von Schlegel (1752)

CONCLUSION BACK IN PS 56 AGAIN

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.

- Psalm 56:13 walk before God in the light of life. *ESV*

