

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 7: 10-13

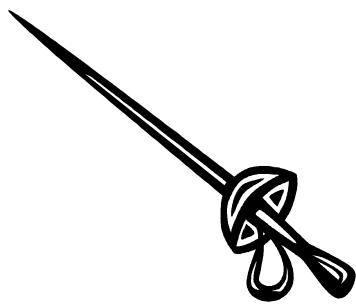
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My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart. God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath every day. If he does not relent, he will sharpen his sword; he will bend and string his bow. He has prepared his deadly weapons; he makes ready his flaming arrows.

The Message

Nobody gets by with anything. God is already in action—Sword honed on his whetstone, bow strung, arrow on the string, Lethal weapons in hand, each arrow a flaming missile.

God is not only a shield but also has a sword and bow - both of which can be used to protect and defend, but also to attack and conquer. King David describes God as a like a knight with all the armor, valor and allegiance.



With these weapons, God defends the "upright in heart" or those who seek to follow and serve him. In keeping with many stories, such as King Arthur, loyalty and devotion extend both from the king and to the king.

The king should love his citizens and seek to protect them through his oversight and the army that serves him. For God, this army includes a host of angels, such as appeared to the magi, which carry out the Lord's instructions, his work. Accounts of angels occur in multiple places of the scriptures.

One of the accounts or appearances of an angel occurred in the story of Gideon in the book of Judges: an angel comes to Gideon while he is working and with the opening statement, "**The Lord is with you mighty warrior.**" Gideon replied (perhaps not knowing that the person was an angel), "**If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us?**" Gideon could not understand how the Lord was with him because of bad things that had happened in his life; he thought the Lord had abandoned him. Those hearing Gideon's reply, the angel passed on the Lord's instructions along with the very simple but certain promise of God: "**I will be with you...**"

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