

## LONGING FOR GOD'S VINDICATION

*Psalm 17 // June 13, 2021 PM*

I. Maintain the conscience (vv. 1-5).

II. Mind the covenant (vv. 6-12).

III. Marvel at the consummation (vv. 13-15).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is happening to David that leads him to pray this prayer? What is David longing for?
2. When David appeals to his righteousness, is he claiming to be perfect? Why is he pointing to his obedience to God's word?
3. What is the conscience? How can we have a clean conscience like David?
4. What OT songs was David remembering as he prayed in vv. 7-8? What does this show us about the relationship between the Bible and prayer?
5. Where do unbelievers place their hope? Believers? What difference does this make in the midst of persecution?
6. Jesus said that the psalms spoke of Him (Lk. 24:44). How does He ultimately fulfill this psalm and how does the church fulfill it as they share in His sufferings?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. When was the last time I suffered opposition or hostility from the world? Given 2 Timothy 3:12, what does this say about my godliness?
2. Do false accusations and enmity tend to drive me to self-pity, anger, or fear? Or do they drive me to God?
3. Is my present walk and future hope ordered by the word? Are my feet gripped to God's path and my inheritance in future glory? How might this reorient my response to persecution?