

As A Matter Of Grace...

Psalms 25:21 (NKJV)

21 Let **integrity** and **uprightness** preserve me, For I wait for You.

Integrity: blamelessness - a state of innocence.

Psalms 7:title-8 (NKJV)

A Meditation Concerning the Words of Cush, a Benjamite.

1 O LORD my God, in You I put my trust; Save me from all those who persecute me; And deliver me,

2 Lest they tear me like a lion, Rending me in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this: If there is iniquity in my hands,

4 If I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me, Or have plundered my enemy without cause,

5 Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me; Yes, let him trample my life to the earth, And lay my honor in the dust. Selah

6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded!

7 So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You; For their sakes, therefore, return on high.

8 The LORD shall judge the peoples; Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, And according to my integrity within me.

There's a connection here to the period of Absalom's (When a leader is overthrown, it is typically referred to as a coup d'état (often shortened to "coup"). This term describes a sudden and illegal seizure of power from a government, usually involving the military or other political factions. Other related terms include insurrection or revolution, depending on the context and nature of the overthrow.)

against David, Absalom's father. David is forced to flee from Jerusalem into the wilderness. This period is a time of testing for David.

Uprightness: the quality of conforming to a moral standard.

This is the work of God for man (Prov 3:6 KJV "direct")

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall **direct** your paths.

Direct or make straight, level, unobstructed

It's during this time that it's speculated that David was inspired to record this Psalm along with the following two chapters.

2 Samuel 13-17 tell of this period and David's deliverance.

2 Samuel 6 tells of David's bringing back the arc of the covenant to Jerusalem

Psalm 25:9-10 (NKJV)

9 The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.