

Heart-cry for a Broken World (Psalm 7)

A Shift of Gears

3 chords

A worship song

God is my safety (1-2)

It takes proper orientation to navigate in evil.

Evil is not so frightening when we refuge in God.

Prayer 1: Whatever my circumstance, keep me refuged in You.

Self-examination, not self-righteousness (3-5)

We must excavate our own hearts.

God's trajectory starts inward & moves outward.

Prayer 2: search me, O God; know me; try me; use this situation for my growth in righteousness.

Cry for God's intervention & justice (6-11)

Work of God (6-8, 11)

Plea (6)

Person & Plan (7-8, 11)

God is not unmoved by evil & injustice

God is on high ⇒ sovereign; sufficient; rule

He does & will judge, even if not on our time table.

Prayer 3: God, righteously intervene & judge according to your character & purpose.

Work of men (9-10)

Prayer 4: Let the evil of the wicked come to an end and establish Your righteousness.

Basis: man's evil ways (12-16)

Resists God (12-13)

Both a declaration and a warning

Prayer 5: God, draw evil-doers to repent. Make this a display of your glorious power to save.

Devises and carries out evil (14-16)

Description (14)

Result (15-16)

Prayer 6: If evildoers don't repent, cause them to fall by their own schemes.

Stay God-focused (17)

Thanksgiving and praise

Prayer 7: God, keep my eyes on You, not the evil. Be magnified, praised and exalted as the holy sovereign creator, deliverer, and just judge.