

## David's Godly Responses to shame and rejection:

### David's possible natural response to the pressures of life:

David's natural response to get away from the constant threats and unkind treatment is to want to fly away to a place of peace and safety. A place where nobody can reach you or make your life miserable. Where nobody can hurt or shame you. (Ps. 55: 6-8)

### David's real spiritual responses: (Ps. 55:16, 22)

"As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me." (Ps. 55: 16). David's dependency upon and trust in the Lord: "Cast your burden upon the LORD, and He shall sustain you: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." (Ps. 55: 22)

### Release from this lifestyle is by:

1. Recognition and Acknowledgement of the problem or stronghold.
2. Repentance and Forgiveness.
3. Laying hold of God's healing and restoration through the cross of Jesus Christ.
4. Denouncing, Renouncing and Dissociation, followed by the removal of hierarchies in the spiritual realm.
5. Fill yourself with Word of God and the Spirit of revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
6. Become a worshipper instead of a worker or performer.

### Overcoming Escapism: Psalm 55:6-8, 16, 22 (A Psalm of David).

- David's trials and supplication: 1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not yourself from my supplication. 2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;
- David's sorrow: 3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me. 4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. 5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror has overwhelmed me.
- David's possible solution, escape: 6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. 7 Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah. 8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.
- David's observation of wickedness: 9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city. 10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it. 11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.
- David's hurts caused by close relationships: 12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: 13 But it was you, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. 14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.
- David's possible painful response: 15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.
- David's final spiritual responses should be the N. T. believer's spiritual responses:  
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