

Lesson #2 – INTEGRITY IS CRITICAL FOR PROTECTION FROM OUR ENEMIES Psalm 7

INTEGRITY ENSURES PROTECTION FROM FIERCE ADVERSARIES SINCE THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE WILL VINDICATE THE INNOCENT AND EXECUTE THE WICKED

INTRODUCTION:

This second lesson will focus especially on **the Struggle** ... the various **Conflicts** ... the arenas where our Integrity will be challenged and attacked and tempted.

Two Key verses from Proverbs:

Prov. 10:9 *“He who walks in integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will be found out.”*

Prov. 28:18 *“He who walks blamelessly will be delivered, but he who is crooked will fall all at once.”*

I. (:1-2) THE RIGHTEOUS TAKE REFUGE IN GOD FROM FIERCE ADVERSARIES

A. The Role of Protector

1. Our Responsibility = Take Refuge
2. God’s Responsibility = Deliver Me

B. The Role of Attacker

The enemy pursues / cripples / devours

II. (:3-5) INTEGRITY ENSURES PROTECTION

A. Integrity means:

doing no injustice / not harming a friend / not taking advantage of someone

B. We need protection against those who would:

pursue my soul / overtake it / trample my life / *“lay my glory in the dust”*

III. (:6-11) THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE WILL VINDICATE THE INNOCENT

A. (:6) Provoking the Appointed Judge to Action

B. (:7) Preparing the People to Receive the Verdict

C. (:8-11) Promising Vindication for the Men of Integrity

1. Explaining How God Judges
2. Expecting Vindication for the Righteous

IV. (:12-13) THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE HAS PREPARED WEAPONS OF EXECUTION

V. (:14-16) THE WICKED WILL GET WHAT THEY DESERVE

A. (:14) They Traffic in Wickedness

B. (:15-16) They Will be Trapped in Their Own Traps

VI. (:17) PRAISE THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

Transition: Preparation time for praise and worship Sunday morning