

Lament Vindication

Psalms of David · Book I

"A prayer of David"

PICTURE WORD

Apple of Eye

IN ONE SENTENCE

*nnocent and pursued, David asks God to guard him like the apple of his eye and to satisfy him with God's face.***Remember it:** Psalm Seventeen: keep me as the apple of your eye.

MEMORY VERSE

Keep me as the apple of the eye
hide me in the shadow of Your wings

Psalm 17:8 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

צִדִּיק

"righteousness" · verse 1

In the Psalms: 49 times, in 27 psalms

צִדִּיק, "righteousness," means rightness, a just cause.

Verse 1 literally says, "Hear, LORD, righteousness."

David asks God to hear a case that is true and fair. The psalm ends with the same word: he will see God's face "in righteousness."

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1–5 David presents his honest plea and tested heart.
- 6–9 He asks to be kept like the apple of God's eye.
- 10–12 Proud enemies surround him like a lurking lion.
- 13–15 He asks God to rise; he will be satisfied seeing God's face.

MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Psalm 17 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/17.**Cantillated.** Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Refuge in Trouble

Justice on the Wicked

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Innocent and pursued, David asks God to _____ him like the _____ of his eye and to satisfy him with God's _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. Under what does David ask God to hide him?

☐ A A great rock

☐ C A city wall

☐ B The shadow of your wings

☐ D A tent

2. What did God do when he visited David in the night?

☐ A Tried him and found nothing

☐ C Sent an angel

☐ B Gave him a dream

☐ D Rebuked him

3. With what will David be satisfied when he awakes?

☐ A Wealth

☐ C Seeing your form

☐ B Victory

☐ D A feast

TALK IT OVER

1. How does David contrast himself with "men of the world" in verses 14-15?

2. What does "apple of your eye" tell you about how God values his people?

3. What does it mean to be "satisfied" with God rather than with what this life offers?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 17 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 8 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: apple · guard · face · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 8) · 2. A (v. 3) · 3. C (v. 15)