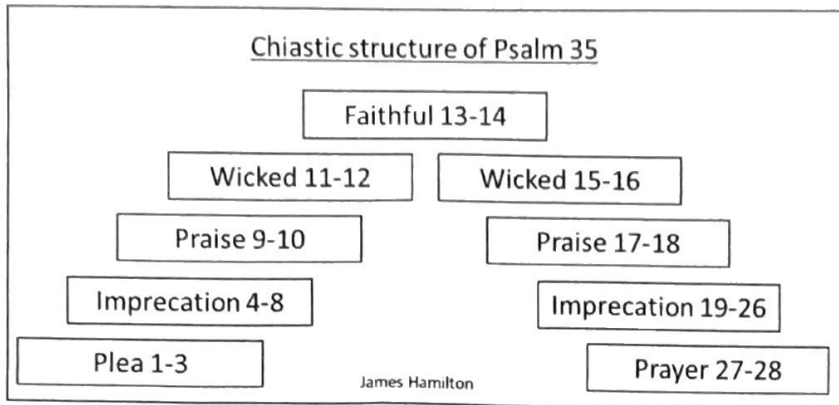


Merciful and Just Deliverance

Main Point: **God’s people should call on the Lord’s faithful justice and mercy to deliver them from their enemies**



Psalm 35 is written as a chiasmus, a parallel A-B-C-B-A structure with the emphasis at the apex.

We will discuss the pairs together.

Part One: Overview

- **Plea and Prayer:** (1-3, 27-28): “The object of the Psalmist is to commit his cause to God as Advocate, Judge, and Avenger” (W.S. Plumer)
- **Justice for the Wicked:** (4-8, 19-26): David is calling on God for justice. He is asking the Lord to be Judge and Avenger
- **Praise for Deliverance:** (9-10, 17-18) David confidently anticipates the Lord’s deliverance
- **Treachery of the Wicked** (11-12, 15-16): David describes the evil and falseness of his enemies
- **David’s Genuine Faithfulness** (13-14): David’s faithfulness is contrasted with his enemies’ treachery

<u>Key Images</u>
• Profane mockers at a feast (16)
• Swallowed him up (25)
• Driven like chaff by the Angel of the Lord (5)

Part Two: Summary and Application

- What is the **Peril** faced?
- What is the **Request** being made?
- What are the **Means** God uses?
- On what **Basis** do should we petition the Lord?