

Sunday Night Message

October 28, 2012

*Psalm 17*

Series – The Psalms

**Text – Psalm 17**

## **Introduction**

This is “a prayer of David”

Though many of the psalms are prayers, or contain prayers, there are only five that are designated as prayers: (Psalm 17, 86, 90, 102, 142)

This is also classified as a “lament”. Here David is pouring out his heart to the Lord. (Psalm 3 was also a Psalm of lament of mourning)

It is believed that this Psalm was written when Saul was on the run from King Saul – which would put him at around 26 years old – approximately 1054 BC.

### **I David’s Pleads His Case Before God (vs. 1 – 5)**

### **II David Prays For God’s Protection (vs. 6 – 9; 13 - 14)**

vs. 8 the apple of the eye – the pupil – “keep your focus on me”

This phrase is used 5 times in the Bible, which we will see.

### **Three Things That God Is Focused On:**

#### **1 God’s People - Israel**

*“For the LORD’S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.” -*

*(Deuteronomy 32:9-10)*

*“For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.” - (Zechariah 2:8)*

#### **2 God’s Place - Jerusalem**

*"Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease." - (Lamentations 2:18)*

### **3 God's Precepts - The Word of God**

*"My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye." - (Proverbs 7:1-2)*

**III David Presents The Character of His Enemies (vs. 10 - 12)**

**IV David Professes His Dependence In God (v. 15)**