

## LESSON 13

## SUPPLICATION.

## I.

**H**EAR my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me: my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah. Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faileth; hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust; cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.—*Psalm cxliii.* 1-8.

But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation. Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. Hear me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily. Draw nigh unto my soul and redeem it: deliver me because of my enemies.—*Psalm lxxix.* 13–18.

And said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: Let thy ear be now attentive, and thy eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thy ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name; and prosper, I pray

thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.—*Neh.* i. 5, 6, 11.

## II.

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee : let my prayer come before thee : incline thine ear unto my cry ; for my soul is full of troubles : and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.—*Psalms* lxxxviii. 1-3.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee : let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed : let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. Show me thy ways, O Lord ; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me ; for thou art the God of my salvation : on thee do I wait all the day. Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses ; for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions : according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.—*Psalms* xxv. 1-7.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness : according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence ; and take not the Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation ; and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.—*Psalm* li. 1-3, 9-13.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes ; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law ; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments ; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity ; and quicken thou me in thy way. Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear. Turn away my reproach which I fear : for thy judgments are good. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts : quicken me in thy righteousness.—*Psalm* cxix. 33-40.

END LESSON 13