



BROKEN BUT
BLESSED

Psalm 56

1 Be gracious to me, O God, for man has trampled upon me;

Fighting all day long he oppresses me.

2 My foes have trampled upon me all day long,

For they are many who fight proudly against me.

3 When I am afraid,
I will put my trust in You.

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4 In God, whose word I praise,
In God I have put my trust;
I shall not be afraid.

What can *mere* man do to me?

5 All day long they distort my words;
All their thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They attack, they lurk,
They watch my steps,
As they have waited *to take* my life.

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7 Because of wickedness, cast them forth,
In anger put down the peoples, O God!

8 You have taken account of my
wanderings;

Put my tears in Your bottle.

Are *they* not in Your book?

9 Then my enemies will turn back in the day
when I call; this I know, because God is for
me.

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10 In God, *whose* word I praise,
In the Lord, *whose* word I praise,

11 In God I have put my trust, I shall not be
afraid. What can man do to me?

12 Your vows are *binding* upon me, O God;
I will render thank offerings to You.

13 For You have delivered my soul from
death, indeed my feet from stumbling,
So that I may walk before God
In the light of the living.

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1. God delivered David from bondage when he was foolish.

Then David arose and fled that day from Saul, and went to Achish king of Gath.

1 Sam. 21:10

2. God delivered David from bondage when he was powerless.

For the choir director: according to Jonath elem rohokim. A Mitktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath –
Psalm 56 title

Jonath elem rohokim – **The silent dove in distant places**

3. God delivered David from bondage when he was fearful.

11 But the servants of Achish said to him, "Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing of this one as they danced, saying,

'Saul has slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands'?"

12 David took these words to heart and greatly feared Achish king of Gath.

1 Sam. 21:11-12

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4. David learned that God was on his side all day long.

Ps. 56: 1,2,5 - All day long they are against me.

Ps 56: 3 - 4 – When I am afraid I will trust in You.

Ps. 56: 9 – God is for me.

Lessons of the Broken but Blessed

- God knows where I am in my brokenness.
56:8
- God is for me. 56:9
- God delivers my soul from death. 56:13
- God keeps me from stumbling. 56:13
- God gives us life direction. 56:13



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