Psalm 140

**aFor the director of music. A psalm of David.**

**David was Close to His Worship Leader, and often wrote songs for him.**

**Who was Asaph, probably one of the greatest worship leaders who ever lived.**

**Asaph** was one of David's musicians, a Levite, the son of Berechiah. An inspired seer, and a composer of music. ... **Asaph** founded a school of Music. A school of Worship

Asaph was a man who faced **Disillusionment**.

Have you ever been disillusioned with people? Things rarely go as we expect.

Many times we might ask why? Why did my loved one get sick? Why does my relationships seem to fail? Why do those that seem to care less about the lord many times seem to prosper?

Asaph was acquainted with all this and more. **But still kept a worshipers heart!**

Most Christians don’t even recognize his name. Even those who do, do not seem to recognize his importance.

They probably just know he had something to do with the Psalms.

It is recognized that Asaph was David's music director,

**History of a heart of worhip—asaph had a mentor**

David moved the tabernacle outside his window. For the first time ever, the Ark of the covenant was approachable by anyone at anytime. The vehicle david chose was 24 hour worship. A heart of worship found its way into a kingdom and in David.

Psalm 27:4King James Version (KJV)

4**One thing have I desired of the Lord**, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

**Enoch** was probably the last one to have this kind of heart, we know what happened to him.

**Who was Asaph?.** Asaph was a young **priest** from the tribe of Levi, when David brought the Ark of the Covenant up to Jerusalem in about 1000 to 995 BC. His father, Berekiah was appointed Doorkeeper of the Ark, and Asaph was so talented that David put him in charge of the music before the Ark of the Covenant.

Surely David seen something in Asaph, and probably on many occasions played music with him, imparting that heart of worship. We know that Asaph attained that heart for He wrote much of the original music for David's Psalms. He even wrote twelve Psalms.

He wrote more of the Bible than Peter, James, Jude, Jonah, Amos, Micah, Joel, Malachi, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Nahum, Haggai, or Obadiah.

The Bible tells much about Asaph's life. We know s Asaph lived in 1020 - 920 BC. And **his ministry** stretched through the reign of three kings. David's,Solomon's and Rehoboam's

He seen greatness and tragedy. He was part of the great wave of worship in Davids time as the **director of music in the Tent** of Meetings, the tabernacle of David and finally in Solomon's Temple. He was assisted there by his brother Zechariah. While most priests and Levites were serving at Gibeon, Asaph was in charge of the music in Jerusalem at the Tabernacle of David until the dedication of the Temple. About forty years.

*Imagine those worship services.. He saw the death of David, the accession. He was there when Davids first born died.*

*He lead worship on the day that the angel of the Lord Just about destoyed the city and its people do to Davids disobedience.*

*He witnessed David’s son Try to hunt down and kill his dad.*

*He was there when his beast friend and mentor died, and as a result the ending of the 24 hour worship and Davids tabernacle.*

*Asaph observed Solomons ascention, the building of the Temple. He Lead the worhips at the service Of Solomons great prayer, and wrote psalms about it.*

[**1 Kings 8:39**](http://bible.knowing-jesus.com/1-Kings/8/39)

Verse Concepts

**then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive and act and render to each according to all his ways, whose heart You know, for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men,**

 Then stood by while Solomon destroyed a legacy through a life style of woman worship.

*As a result during Solomon's reign,* ***Asaph's brother Zechariah was assassinated in the Temple by Solomon's agents****. Neither Asaph nor Zechariah would keep silent about Solomon's wickedness. Zechariah paid the ultimate price.*

 *After Solomon's death, Asaph, witnessed David's kingdom torn in two by God's decree. Asaph's family served in the temple as either musicians or doorkeepers, many of them perished in the attacks.*

 *In the winter of his years Asaph surveyed the wreckage of his hopes. The Kingdom destroyed, the Temple in ruins, his family killed. And the heart of Worship that once ruled a nation disappear as the worship of false gods and idols took hold, watching people begin to burn their children alive in worship to a false deity.*

Yet, through it all, Asaph finds God's faithfulness a strong tower of hope. God **reveals to Asaph the ultimate truth of what He had promised**.

[*Psalm 50*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_50)

This Psalm forecasts the judgment to come and the manifestation of God

[*Psalm 73*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_73)

Divine providence and the internal battle within one's soul are the two main themes of this psalm

In this Psalm, Asaph questions the fairness of why the wicked seem to prosper

[*Psalm 74*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_74)

"Why, God, have you cast us off forever?"[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalms_of_Asaph#cite_note-NAB-5)  depths of their despair. Amidst the cries of despair a voice of praise to God also comes through.

[*Psalm 75*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_75)

This Psalm is labeled as a song or psalm to the leader,[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalms_of_Asaph%22%20%5Cl%20%22cite_note-NAB-5) interpreted as the chief musician[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalms_of_Asaph#cite_note-BOP-7) or leader of the community.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalms_of_Asaph#cite_note-Black-3)

[*Psalm 76*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_76)

This psalm focuses on elaborating on the incredible saving power of God. It calls the people to worship and praise God in thanksgiving for his saving power

[*Psalm 77*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_77)

This Psalm is a psalm of lament from a community

[*Psalm 78*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_78)

Historically themed psalm that is meant to show the people of the time the pattern of God’s saving mercy

[*Psalm 79*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_79)

The importance of prayer in the midst of calamities

[*Psalm 80*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_80)

This psalm is sometimes referred to as a testimony to Asaph It combines hope with a memory of great sorrow.

[*Psalm 81*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_81)

This psalm emphasizes praising a God who saves and a national return to worship

[*Psalm 82*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_82)

This psalm ends with a prayer for justice.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalms_of_Asaph#cite_note-Black-3)

Psalm 140 (KJV)

**140**Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

1. **Evil man.—**The singular of the object in this verse must not lead us to think the psalm is an expression of personal feeling against one enemy, for it is immediately changed to the plural.

 Ps 11:5**5** The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

* [*Leviticus 26:11*](http://www.learnthebible.org/bible/3/LEV/26/11)
 And I will set my tabernacle among you**: and my soul shall not abhor** you.
* [*Leviticus 26:30*](http://www.learnthebible.org/bible/3/LEV/26/30)
 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols**, and my soul shall abhor you.**
* [*Isaiah 42:1*](http://www.learnthebible.org/bible/3/ISA/42/1)
 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
* [*Zechariah 11:8*](http://www.learnthebible.org/bible/3/ZEC/11/8)
 Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me.
* [*Matthew 12:18*](http://www.learnthebible.org/bible/3/MAT/12/18)
 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.
* [*Hebrews 10:38*](http://www.learnthebible.org/bible/3/HEB/10/38)
 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

**2**Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war.

# 2 Corinthians 10:5King James Version (KJV)

**5**Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**3**They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.

**I personally have been damaged in my life by hearsay, and the wagging tongue. I know firsthand how Gossip can destroy a reputation.**

**4**Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

**5**The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins(traps) for me. **Selah.(Think about it!)**

**People in my life that I loved have set me up. They tried to take things that are precious to me, but for the most part they failed.**

**Some people key your new car, let rats go in your house, spread all kinds of rumors, while all the while you are trying to help them.**

**6**I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.

**7**O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, **thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.**

**Put on the Helmet of Salvation!. Have the Lord put a heart of flesh in you, a heart of worship, this is the heart that your supposed to guard that life springs forth from.**

**8**

Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. **Selah.(Think about that!)**

**David was bold in prayer!! He p**

As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

**10**Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

**11**Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: **evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.**

**Lord take the wealth of the wicked and give it to the righteous.**

W**hat is wealth?**

**Money? Talent? Power? Recognition? NOOO!!**

**A Lord that cares for the desires of your heart, who forgives you, heals your hurts, and provides.**

**Children who look to you unconditionally.**

**A spouse who loves you!**

**Testimony of the class kids!!**

 The Passion Bible.

**V12 For I know, Lord, that you will be the Hero. Of all those They persecute. And you will secure justice for the poor. Your godly lovers will thank you no matter what happens. For they choose and cherish your presence above everything else!**

**12**I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

 **The heart of worship has little to do with money, but is poor, its currency is the Presents of the Lord.**

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

  — Psalm 9:9

 But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

  — Psalm 9: 17-18

"Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise,” says the Lord. “I will protect them from those who malign them."

  — Psalm 12:5

With my mouth I will greatly extol the Lord; in the great throng of worshipers I will praise him. For he stands at the right hand of the needy, to save their lives from those who would condemn them.

  — Psalm 109:30-31

**3**Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

True wealth is to dwell in His presence.. this is was a Heart of worship is all about. David new this. He imparted this to Asaph. Asaph new this and though he went through a lot David new that Asaph was upright and would dwell in Gods presence. Asaph says it over and over again in ps 80 **3**Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.