



The Wound of Love

Psalm 55



Under Pressure!

- Troubled, restless, distracted heart (2)
- Desire to escape (6-8)



Psalm 55

Cry of the Heart (1-8)

- Listen! (1-2a)
- Mental / Emotional State (2b-5)
- Escape? (6-8)



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Cry of the Heart (1-8)

Complaint (9-11)

- Heightened sensitivity to evil in the city (9-11)
- True Source of Suffering (12-14, 20-21)
- Imprecation (15)



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Cry of the Heart (1-8)

Complaint (9-11)

Commitment / Confidence (16-23)

- I will call upon God (16-19)
- Casts burden upon the Lord (22-23)



Christ in Psalm 55

Surrounded by enemies from "the city"

"For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel" (Acts 4:27)

Soul overcome with grief & distraction

"My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death" (Mt. 26:38; Mk 14:34)

Christ in Psalm 55

Experienced betrayal of close friend

"Judas, do you betray me with a kiss?"
(Luke 22:48)

In Gethsemane he longed that there might be some other way

"Abba! Father! All things are possible for you..." (Mark 14:35)

Christ in Psalm 55

He cast his cares upon the Lord

"...remove this cup from me..." (Mark 14:35)

The Lord sustained him

"... yet not what I will, but what You will"
(Mark 14:35)

"God raised up His Servant..." (Acts 3:26)

Why did it have to be a friend

Who chose to betray the Lord

Why did he use a kiss to show them

That's not what a kiss is for

Only a friend can betray a friend

A stranger has nothing to gain

And only a friend can come close enough

To ever cause so much pain

The scar of betrayal is the
high cost of love

"It is a sign that links us to
Jesus, who paid the
ultimate price of costly
loving" (Marva Dawn)

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