

## Psalm 17 - Psalm 17:1-15

*Topics:* Answers, Character, Deceit, Decisions, Enemies, Evil, Faith, Faithfulness, Heart, Heaven, Hope, Judgment, Justice, Listening, Love, Obedience, Perseverance, Prayer, Punishment, Purity, Right, Righteousness, Salvation, Sin, Testing, Trust

### Open It

1. What resolutions do people often make at the beginning of a new year?
2. What resolutions have you successfully kept?
- \* 3. What do you think prevents people from keeping New Years resolutions?

### Explore It

4. To which of the Lord's roles did the psalm writer appeal? (17:1-3)
- \* 5. How did David want to be treated by the Lord? (17:1-3)
6. What claims did David make about his own character? (17:1-5)
7. What resolution did David make about his behavior? (17:3)
- \* 8. To what standard did David hold himself accountable? (17:4-5)
9. What motivated David to trust in the Lord? (17:6)
10. What request did David present before the Lord in this prayer? (17:6-9)
11. How does God show His great love toward His people? (17:7)
12. What mental pictures did David use to describe God's protection over him? (17:8)
13. What accusations did David make against his adversaries? (17:10-12)
14. What image did David use to describe his enemies? (17:12)
- \* 15. What specific action did David ask the Lord to take on his behalf? (17:13-14)
16. How were the motivations and goals of David's enemies different from his own? (17:14)
17. How does God provide for those He loves? (17:14-15)
18. With what sentiments did David conclude his prayer? (17:14-15)

### Get It

19. What does this psalm teach us about prayer?
20. What action has the Lord taken in your behalf?
21. What picture or image would you use to describe what the Lord has done for you?
22. How did David keep himself pure despite pressure from those around him?
23. What steps can Christians take to withstand the temptations of the world?
24. What temptations do you think present the strongest challenge to Christians today?
- \* 25. What is one adversary or conflict that you face?
- \* 26. What resolutions would you like to make about your own attitudes and actions?
27. How do you need to handle the challenges in your life?
28. How does David's conclusion of this psalm encourage you?

### Apply It

29. What step could you take today to guard against the temptations that threaten your purity?
- \* 30. What step can you take this week to trust the Lord with one conflict or problem?
31. How could you remind yourself that one day you will be completely satisfied in God's presence?