

Reflection on Psalm 35

In this world we are
surrounded,
threatened,
harassed, and
seduced
by evil
with all its
hate and
deadly destructiveness.

But Lord Jesus,
You experienced this evil
just as we do,
yet without sin.

*In the world you have tribulation,
but take courage;
I have overcome the world. (John 16:33, NASB)*

Silently,
passively,
without any resistance,
You allowed evil to do
anything it wanted to you.
You were
tortured,
put to a cruel, humiliating death
without any mercy, and
buried.
Yet now You are
risen to new life,
enthroned at the right hand of the Father.

Risen Lord Jesus,
You are
our Shepherd,
our Savior,
our Champion.
You don't just *provide* our salvation.
You *ARE* our salvation! (Psalm 35:3)

We gladly,
 joyfully,
 wholeheartedly
follow wherever You lead,
 through suffering,
 through death itself,
 into new, eternal life,
 into the full glory of the Father.

Praise to You!

Hymn: Psalm 35

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