

## Adult Impact Study Sheet – April 7, 2024

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Read **Psalm 17**; if possible from several translations.

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1. This Psalm is titled, A Prayer of David. Here David gives us a peek into his private devotions. Spurgeon wrote, “*David would not have been a man after God's own heart, if he had not been a man of prayer.*”<sup>1</sup> Consider and develop that thought.
2. In verse 1, David pleads for a hearing from God no less than three times, showing the urgency of his prayer. How urgent are we, are you, in our prayers? Do we cry out to Him?
3. At the close of verse 1, David says his prayer is not going out of deceitful lips. Are we always honest with God when we pray? What if we opened our prayer with, “Lord, You know my heart”? (see v. 3)
4. Do we, like David, ask God to defend us, or do we go about trying to defend ourselves? What are the positives/negatives of doing one or the other?
5. Read verse 5. In Luke 11:23, the Living Bible (German version) speaks of working “hand in hand” with the Lord. What does that mean to you?
6. *The **apple** of the **eye** refers to the pupil or, as the Hebrew language calls it “the daughter of the eye.” God places the eye in a well-protected position; it stands surrounded by projecting bones. Likewise, the righteous are in a protected position, no matter how deadly or wicked the enemy.*<sup>2</sup> Discuss what that means for the believer as the apple of His eye.
7. Read verse 14. Is it possible for the believer to find the main portion of his enjoyment in this life? If so, why is that? How can that be corrected?
8. Read and discuss what verse 15 means for the believer.

<sup>1</sup> Charles Spurgeon, *Parallel Classic Commentary on the Psalms*, 56

<sup>2</sup> *The Jeremiah Study Bible, OT*, 715