



Pictured above is a cave near En Gedi, Israel (near the Dead Sea). It's taken from the inside looking out and is most likely the place from where David wrote Psalm 142.

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“Does God (or anyone else) really care?”



## 1. David's Complaint

**Psalm 142:1–2, HCSB** -<sup>1</sup> *I cry aloud to the LORD; I plead aloud to the LORD for mercy. I pour out my complaint before Him; I reveal my trouble to Him.*

## 2. David's Condition

**Psalm 142:3–4, HCSB** -<sup>3</sup> *Although my spirit is weak within me, You know my way. Along this path I travel they have hidden a trap for me. <sup>4</sup> Look to the right and see: no one stands up for me; there is no refuge for me; no one cares about me.*

### A. David's spirit was in darkness

**Psalm 142:3, NASB95** -<sup>3</sup> *When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, You knew my path. In the way where I walk They have hidden a trap for me.*

**Psalm 142:3, NCV** -<sup>3</sup> *When I am afraid, you, LORD, know the way out. In the path where I walk, a trap is hidden for me.*

### B. David's steps were in danger.

**Psalm 142:3, NKJV** -<sup>3</sup> *When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, Then You knew my path. In the way in which I walk They have secretly set a snare for me.*

### C. David's soul was deserted.

**Psalm 142:4, HCSB** -<sup>4</sup> *Look to the right and see: no one stands up for me; there is no refuge for me; no one cares about me.*

## 3. David's Cry

**Psalm 142:5–7, HCSB** -<sup>5</sup> *I cry to You, LORD; I say, “You are my shelter, my portion in the land of the living.” <sup>6</sup> Listen to my cry, for I am very weak. Rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me. <sup>7</sup> Free me from prison so that I can praise Your name. The righteous will gather around me because You deal generously with me.*

## 4. David's Confidence

**Psalm 142:5–7, NASB95** -<sup>5</sup> *I cried out to You, O LORD; I said, “You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living. <sup>6</sup> Give heed to my cry, For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my persecutors, For they are too strong for me. <sup>7</sup> Bring my soul out of prison, So that I may give thanks to Your name; The righteous will surround me, For You will deal bountifully with me.”*

### Life Application Section

1. The instruments that God sends are His Word, His Spirit and His Bride.
2. The involvement that God seeks is action from all of us.
3. The indifference that God's scorns are business and apathy.



**Overwhelmed and all alone, David was sure that God would hear his cry for *refuge, rescue and release.***