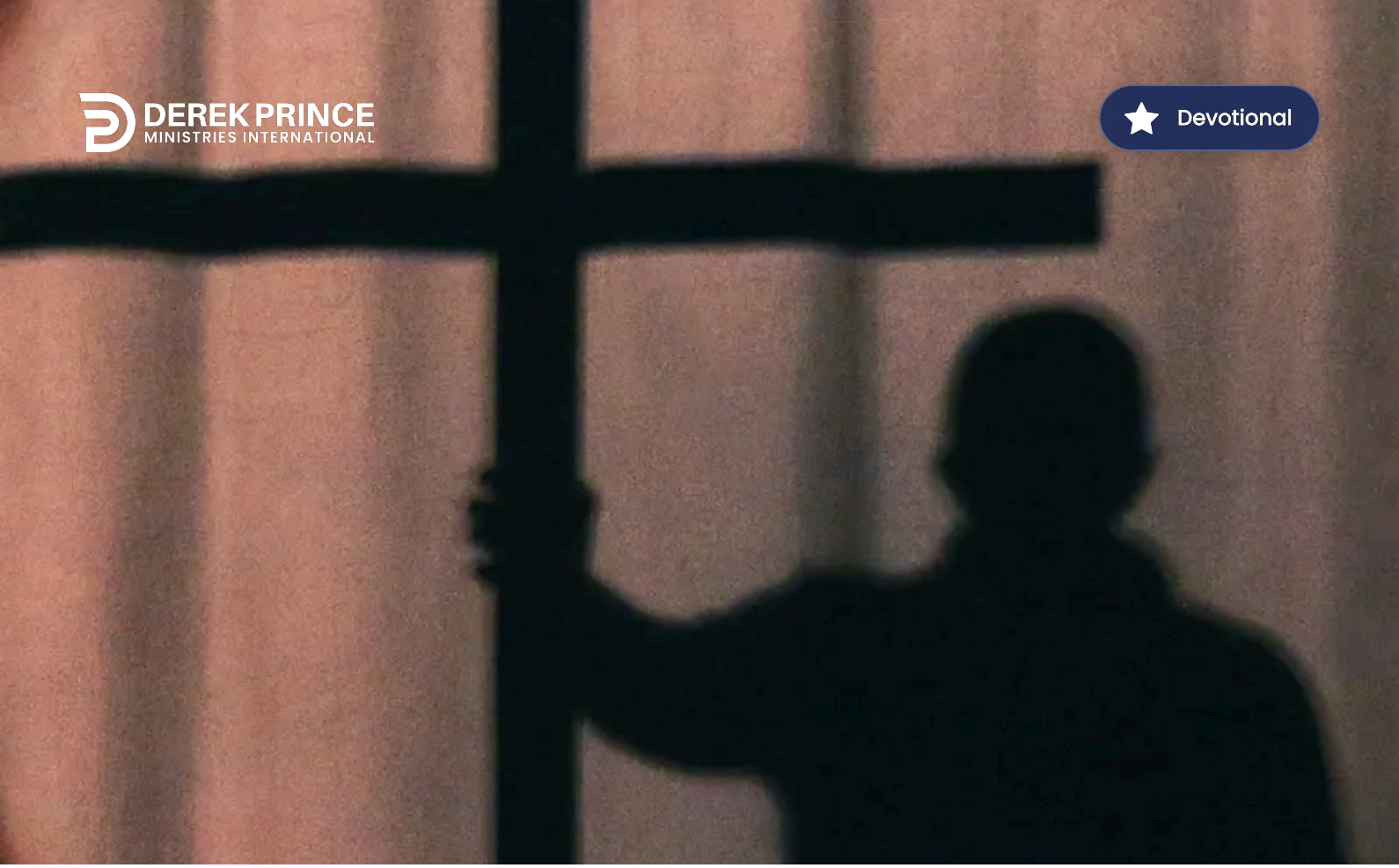


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Through the Psalms
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Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;
fight against those who fight against me.
Take up shield and buckler;
arise and come to my aid.
Brandish spear and block the way*
against those who pursue me.
Say to my soul,
"I am your salvation."
(Psalm 35:1–3)

* Alternative marginal translation

That was a prayer of David in a time of deep distress. He found himself surrounded by enemies pressing in against him and he saw no way to keep them out. He had exhausted his own strength and his own resources. So he cried out to the LORD: "Take Your stand against my enemies. Interpose Yourself between me and them." David saw that he needed more than weapons; he needed God in His own Person to be his defense.

David's prayer was answered at the time in a way that met his immediate need, but that was not the end. The final, conclusive answer to David's prayer came a thousand years later through David's greater Son, the LORD Jesus Christ. On the cross Jesus did just what David had cried out for. Jesus interposed Himself; He blocked the way against every enemy of our souls. By His atoning death He canceled every claim and silenced every accusation of Satan. He set a limit to Satan's territory. He created a boundary that Satan cannot pass over.

If you find yourself, like David, harassed by enemies of your soul too strong and cunning for you, then accept for yourself the answer to David's prayer. Take refuge behind the cross of Jesus, and hear Him say to your soul, "I am your salvation."

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