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Have you ever been betrayed? Did that betrayal come from a friend, someone you trusted? It is bad enough when we are disregarded or suffer abuse from a stranger, but if you have ever been betrayed by a friend, someone you loved and trusted, then you can understand David's despair. The one who "reproaches me" (v. 12, NASB) is his "familiar friend" and "companion." You can feel David's disappointment at the betrayal. This was an enemy in friend's clothing.

Maybe, like David, you have become angry and tempted to call down curses on those who have hurt you. I know I have. David does something spectacular: he casts his burden on the Lord, the only one in heaven and earth who will hear his cry and save him. As a result, God ransoms David unharmed from the battle waged against him (v. 18).

God will do the same for us if we will only cry out to him. Even though we may have enemies dressed in friend's clothing we can cast our cares on the Lord. "He will never let the righteous fall" (v. 22b).