

Psalms 59

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Psalms 59 is a Davidic poem, a poem of exile, when Saul sent men to spy on David's house to kill him. This poem expresses David's trust in God and his cry for help in times of crisis, as well as his hope for God's righteous judgment. David had suffered a lot in his life, but God was always his only refuge in times of distress, so he felt that God should be celebrated. When we pray, we should understand that God is a loving, author, and gracious God. The following verses have been rewritten with new verses to retain the core message and message.

"The Watchman of the Night"

They besieged me like a wolf, whispering in the night, their teeth glinting with hatred. Not because I have made a mistake, not because I have betrayed, but because I want my life, and chase after me. Arise, O Lord, as the morning light pierces through the darkness, Behold, they wait, not to hear me, but to devour me, and lie in a corner like wild beasts. Thou art my shield, my tower, and in the midst of the storm, I hide under thy wings. The enemy roars, and they have no shame, and they open their mouths to curse, like mad dogs. They use lies as swords, pride as armor, but Lord, you sit in the sky and laugh, and you know their ends, like a fog that lifts. Lord, do not destroy them at once, lest they forget the day of your judgment. Let them go

around in circles in their own arrogance, until they know that your name is all over the world. I wait at the dawn, singing of thy lovingkindness, for thou art my fortress and a safe dwelling place in distress. Thou art the source of my strength, the direction of my singing, I sing to thee till the night recedes, for thou art my God, my love, my shield and my light.

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Amplified Bible

Prayer for Rescue from Enemies.

To the Chief Musician; set to [the tune of] “Do Not Destroy.” A Mikhtam of David, [a record of memorable thoughts] when Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him.

59 Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;

Set me *securely* on an inaccessibly high place away from those who rise up against me.

2

Deliver me from those who practice wrongdoing,

And save me from bloodthirsty men.

3

Look! They lie in wait for my life;

Fierce *and* powerful men [are uniting together to] launch an attack against me,

Not for my wrongdoing nor for any sin of mine, O Lord.

4

They run and set themselves against me though there is no guilt in me;

Stir Yourself to meet *and* help me, and see [what they are doing]!

5

You, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel,

Arise to punish all the nations;

Spare no one *and* do not be merciful to any who treacherously plot evil. *Selah*.

6

They return at evening, they howl *and* snarl like dogs,

And go [prowling] around the city.

7

Look how they belch out [insults] with their mouths;

Swords [of sarcasm, ridicule, slander, and lies] are in their lips,

For *they say*, “Who hears us?”

8

But You, O Lord, will laugh at them [in scorn];

You scoff at *and* deride all the nations.

9

O [God] my strength, I will watch for You;

For God is my stronghold [my refuge, my protector, my high tower].

10

My God in His [steadfast] lovingkindness will meet me;

God will let me look *triumphantly* on my enemies [who lie in wait for me].
11

Do not kill them, or my people will forget;
Scatter them *and* make them wander [endlessly] back and forth by Your power, and bring them down,
O Lord our shield!
12

For the sin of their mouths and the words of their lips,
Let them even be trapped in their pride,
And on account of the curses and lies which they tell.
13

Destroy *them* in wrath, destroy *them* so that they may be no more;
Let them know that God rules over Jacob (Israel)
To the ends of the earth. *Selah*.
14

They return at evening, they howl *and* snarl like dogs,
And go [prowling] around the city.
15

They wander around for food [to devour]
And growl all night if they are not satisfied.

16
But as for me, I will sing of Your mighty strength *and* power;
Yes, I will sing joyfully of Your lovingkindness in the morning;
For You have been my stronghold
And a refuge in the day of my distress.
17

To You, O [God] my strength, I will sing praises;
For God is my stronghold [my refuge, my protector, my high tower], the God who shows me [steadfast]
lovingkindness.

Overview of Psalm 59

Title: "*Deliver Me from My Enemies, O My God*"

- **Attributed to:** David
- **Historical Context:** Written when **Saul sent men to watch David's house to kill him** (1 Samuel 19).
- **Structure:** A *lament psalm*, with imprecatory elements (calling for judgment on enemies), but ends in confident praise.

This Psalm reflects a time of grave danger and emotional intensity. David cries out for protection from violent enemies who lie in wait to kill him. Despite the threat, he reaffirms his trust in God as his **fortress and deliverer**.

Full Description and Themes

Psalm 59 can be divided into several thematic sections:

1. **Verses 1–2 – Plea for Deliverance:**
 - David appeals to God to rescue him from enemies who are intent on taking his life.
 - He stresses his innocence and the unjust nature of the attack.
2. **Verses 3–4 – Expression of Urgency and Innocence:**
 - David emphasizes that he has done nothing wrong to deserve this.
 - He is not seeking vengeance, but justice.
3. **Verses 5–7 – Imprecation Against the Wicked:**
 - He calls on God to punish the evildoers.
 - The enemies are portrayed as fierce, like dogs prowling the city.
4. **Verses 8–10 – Confident Trust in God:**
 - Despite the threat, David expresses confidence in God’s power and justice.
 - God laughs at the wicked and is David’s strength.
5. **Verses 11–13 – Call for Humbling the Wicked:**
 - He doesn’t ask for their death, but that they be humbled so others may learn.
 - There is a desire for God’s justice to be known throughout the land.
6. **Verses 14–15 – Repeat of the Wicked's Behavior:**
 - Like a refrain, the image of enemies prowling like dogs is repeated.
 - Their hunger and emptiness symbolize their futility and evil intent.
7. **Verses 16–17 – Conclusion with Praise:**
 - David ends in triumph and trust.
 - He sings of God's steadfast love and strength.

✦ Important Verses (Key Highlights)

Here are some of the most impactful verses with brief explanations:

- **Verse 1:**
“Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me.”
– A direct and heartfelt cry for protection.
- **Verse 9:**
“O my Strength, I will watch for you, for you, O God, are my fortress.”
– Shows David's shift from fear to trust; God is his stronghold.

- **Verse 10:**
“My God in his steadfast love will meet me; God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.”
 – Expresses deep faith in God’s justice and lovingkindness.
 - **Verse 16:**
“But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.”
 – A vow to praise God, showing confidence that deliverance will come.
 - **Verse 17:**
“O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.”
 – Reaffirmation of God's protective and loving nature.
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Spiritual Influence and Application

1. **Faith Under Fire:**
 Psalm 59 teaches us to **trust God even in the darkest of nights**, when enemies (physical or spiritual) seem overwhelming.
 2. **God as Protector:**
 It emphasizes that God is a **fortress and refuge**—a theme echoed throughout Scripture (e.g., Psalm 18, Psalm 91).
 3. **Spiritual Warfare:**
 The Psalm has relevance in understanding **spiritual enemies** (e.g., temptation, oppression, fear), not just human foes.
 4. **Prayer and Praise:**
 It is a model of **honest prayer**—starting in desperation, moving through petition and trust, and ending in praise.
 5. **Imprecatory Balance:**
 It shows how to **express righteous anger** and a desire for justice while **still leaving vengeance to God**.
 6. **Morning Worship Theme:**
 The idea of praising God *in the morning* speaks to beginning each day with **renewed trust and gratitude**.
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Final Takeaway

Psalm 59 is a powerful example of how to **remain faithful and courageous when surrounded by threats**. David teaches us to **cry out to God honestly**, trust in His **steadfast love**, and **praise Him in advance** for deliverance.