

PSALM 58 – The Just Judgment of the Wicked!

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(Psa 58:11) So that men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; Surely He is God who judges in the earth.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS! –Thomas Chisholm – William Runyan (3:40)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth. Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness! Lord, unto me!

PSALM 58 is a psalm against unjust judges and civil leaders. In this psalm David is concerned and praying about the judicial processes. He could see, already, the beginning of a breakdown of the judicial system. This did progress until God's complaint through the prophet just before Israel went into captivity is that "justice does not issue forth." The judicial system had broken down completely. This is where, usually, the breakdown of a nation begins. If your judicial system breaks down then it follows that the breakdown there filters on out through the rest of the nation. David seeing the beginning of the breakdown of the judicial system was concerned. He prays about it, he cries out about the breakdown of the judicial system.

PSALM 58 - To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy (the righteous)." a Michtam of David Vs. 1-5 – The ungodly enemy is accused!

Psa 58:1 Do you indeed speak righteousness, you silent ones? Do you judge uprightly, you sons of men?

- *Do you judge uprightly, you sons of men?* This was the issue that David is going to address in this psalm. The failure for true righteous judgement to be coming forth.

Psa 58:2 No, in heart you work wickedness; You weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.

- *No, in heart you work wickedness.* All the wickedness of the life is wrought in the heart. It intimates that they wrought with a great deal of plot and management, not by surprise, but with premeditation and design, and with a strong inclination to it and resolution in it.
- Justice has often been pictured with the scales, the balances. They are weighing the balances, the wickedness, with their own perverted actions themselves. In other words, when a judge does not live righteously he then has a very soft attitude towards those who are doing wicked things.

Psa 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

- With wicked judges, soon there will be wicked from the womb. This is what is called a slight exaggeration because they are not in their bassinets lying, they can't speak yet, but soon, their

actions reveal their deceit. A baby begins to show lying very early! It shows it early in life that rebellious spirit and that it seems to be almost an inherent kind of a trait.

Psa 58:4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent; They are like the deaf cobra that stops its ear,

None so deaf as those that will not hear.

Psa 58:5 Which will not heed the voice of charmers, Charming ever so skillfully.

- In the Middle East snake charming was a very common thing and it is still practiced in India today. They have their snake charmers, playing their flute and getting the snake to dance. But these are like the deaf cobra who cannot be charmed. A deadly influence in the culture.

Vs. 6-8 - Judgment is sought from the judge!

Psa 58:6 Break their teeth in their mouth, O God! Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD!

- They think that what David was referring to was that the snake charmers would usually take the snakes that they would have in their baskets, and they would break their fangs on the rock or stick. This was done so that if the snake did strike them, there was no fang to excrete the poison. It was a common practice of the snake charmers, so they believe that that was what David was saying when he said break their teeth in their mouth unfortunately.
- To render the corrupt judges and civil leaders harmless. Not so much that they might not feed themselves as that they might not be able to make prey of others,

Psa 58:7 Let them flow away as waters which run continually; When he bends his bow, Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces.

Psa 58:8 Let them be like a snail which melts away as it goes, Like a stillborn child of a woman, that they may not see the sun.

- You pour out a cup of water in the desert and it just disappears. Let them be blown away.
- *When he bends his bow, Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces.* Obviously, David would like to get rid of them, water that's poured out on the ground, like a snail that melts away. In that desert area quite often on the extremely hot days the snails would just be destroyed and shrivel up within their shells. When I was a little kid we used to pour salt on them, and it would melt them. It's interesting to watch it's sort of like putting vinegar and baking soda together, they bubble and all and they just melt.
- *Like a stillborn child of a woman,* Meaning a child that is born prematurely, suddenly, without expectancy. He prays that they might be the stillborn, which dies as soon as it begins to live and never *sees the sun.*

Vs. 9-11 - Seen in prophetic visions as already executed!

Psa 58:9 Before your pots can feel the burning thorns, He shall take them away as with a whirlwind, As in His living and burning wrath.

- They would use the thorns, many times, in fires for heating the pots and so forth but he's saying that the Lord is going to take them away with a whirlwind.

Psa 58:10 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked,

- *The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance.* That saints would be encouraged and comforted by it. The pomp and power, the prosperity and success, of the wicked, are a discouragement to the righteous; they sadden their hearts, and weaken their hands, and are sometimes a strong temptation to them to question their foundations. But when they see the judgments of God hurrying them away, and just vengeance taken on them for all the mischief they have done to the people of God, they rejoice in the satisfaction thereby given to their doubts and the confirmation thereby given to their faith in the providence of God and his justice and righteousness

in governing the world. They shall rejoice in the victory thus gained over that temptation by seeing their end.

- *He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.* There shall be abundance of bloodshed. It shall be as great a refreshment to the saints to see God glorified in the ruin of sinners as it is to a weary traveler to have his feet washed.
- It shall likewise contribute to their sanctification; the sight of the vengeance shall make them tremble before God and shall convince them of the evil of sin, and the obligations they lie under to that God who pleads their cause and will suffer no man to do them wrong and go unpunished for it. The joy of the saints in the destruction of the wicked is then a holy joy, and justifiable, when it helps to make them holy and to purify them from sin.

Psa 58:11 So that men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; Surely He is God who judges in the earth.

- *Surely, there is a reward for the righteous.* Any man may draw this inference from such providences, and many a man shall, who before denied even these plain truths or doubted of them. Some shall have this confession extorted from them, others shall have their minds so changed that they shall willingly own it, and thank God who has given them to see it and see it with satisfaction. That God is the bountiful rewarder of His saints and servants.
- *Surely He is God who judges in the earth.* He is the righteous governor of the world, and will surely reckon with the enemies of his kingdom. He presides in all the affairs of the children of men, and directs and disposes them according to the counsel of his will, to his own glory; and he will punish the wicked, not only in the world to come, but *in the earth*, where they have laid up their treasure and promised themselves a happiness - *in the earth*, that the Lord may be known by the judgments which he executes, and that they may be taken as earnest of a judgment to come.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY – John Petersen, Alfred Smith – Graham Crusade Choir (2:56)

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***A pilgrim was I, and a wandering, In the cold night of sin I did roam,
When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me, And now I am on my way home.***

(Chorus):

***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days, all the days of my life;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days, all the days of my life.***

***He restoreth my soul when I'm weary, He giveth me strength day by day;
He leads me beside the still waters, He guards me each step of the way. (Chorus)***

***And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever, And I shall feast at the table spread for me;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days, all the days of my life.
All the days, all the days of my life.***

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