

PSALM 109 - 2023 – A Cry for Justice! Pleas For Judgement of False Accusers

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"CALL UPON THE LORD" (3:37/3:40) *Elevation Worship*

We need no other hiding place Our hope is safe within your name This we know, this we know You promise never to forsake What you began you will sustain This we know, this we know

Refrain: I will call upon the Lord For he alone is strong enough to save

Rise, your shackles are no more For Jesus Christ Has broken every chain

All of the heavens and the earth Announce the fullness of your worth This we know, this we know

And every enemy will flee As we declare your victory This we know, this we know. (Refrain)

Jesus' name will break every stronghold Freedom is ours when we call his name

Jesus' name above every other All hail the power of Jesus' name (Refrain – 2x)

PSALM 109 – Help Me, O Lord My God; To the Chief Musician; A Psalm of David.

- Psalms 7, 35, 55, 58, 59, 69, 109, and 139 were written by David to ask God to bring judgment upon his enemies. (The other two imprecatory psalms, 79 and 137, were written by Asaph and an unknown psalmist.) Psalm 109 trips up a lot of people because it is known as one of the imprecatory psalms. That is a psalm in which there is a prayer for the most severe (of any Psalm) judgement of God upon the enemies. The prayer for judgement does not sound like the image of Jesus Christ that we so often have in our minds. We think of Jesus on the cross saying, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do” and we think of how Jesus taught us the importance of forgiveness. Yet in this psalm we find the prayer for judgement upon the enemies. As he is praying, in reality these are the things that shall take place upon those whom God has judged.

Vs. 1-5 David humbly pleads with God that he may be delivered from his remorseless and false-hearted friends. In this, we find a description of the treatment of Jesus. We find the response to those who have despised and rejected the grace of God, the things that shall befall them and then further descriptions of what was done to Christ. It begins with the first five verses in which the psalmist is praying.

Psa 109:1 Do not keep silent, O God of my praise!

- My enemies speak, O God of my praise, be pleased to speak too. Break Your solemn silence, and silence those who slander me. It is the cry of a man whose confidence in God is deep, and whose communion with Him is very close and bold. Notice that he only asks the Lord to speak: a word from God is all a believer needs!

Psa 109:2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

- They brought false witnesses against Jesus to try to drum up charges before the high priest. They opened their mouths against him, they spoke against him with lying tongues.

Psa 109:3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, fought against me without a cause.

- When they took up stones to throw at Jesus He said, “I’ve done many wonderful works among you. For which of these works are you going to stone me now?” Here they are fighting against Him without a cause, speaking against Him words of hatred.

Psa 109:4 In return for my love they are my accusers (not just gossip, but intent to hurt, to kill), But I give myself to prayer.

- Here He came to pour out His heart in love, but they turned against Him and now His response.
- ***I give myself to prayer.*** As you look at Christ this is exactly what happened. They rewarded Him evil for good and hatred for His love. ***Do I do that?***

Psa 109:5 Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love.

- Evil for good is devilish. This is Satan's line of action, and his children upon earth follow it greedily. It is cruel, and wounds to the quick. The revenge which pays a man back in his own way has a kind of natural

justice in it; but what shall be said of that low harshness which returns to goodness the very opposite of what it has a right to expect? Our Lord endured such base treatment all His days. And believers endure it still.

Vs. 6-20 Filled with a prophetic furor, which carries him entirely beyond himself, he denounces judgment upon his foes. (Matthew 23:13-33). Difficult passages! May we pray, LORD, what I do not understand, teach me!

Psa 109:6 Set a wicked man over him, And let (used 27X, David doesn't take matters into his own hands, God says vengeance is Mine!) ***an accuser (satan) stand at his right hand.***

Psa 109:7 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin.

- You know prayer can become sin. Prayer can be very deceitful. Isaiah said, "God's hand is not short that He cannot save, neither is His ear heavy that He cannot hear but your sins have separated you from God." So, sin, when you are regarding iniquity in your heart, when you are living a horrible life, prayer then becomes sort of a mockery. When you lift of your hands in the attitude of prayer, it is an abomination to God because your heart is filled with sin.

Psa 109:7 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin.

Psa 109:8 Let his days be few, And let another take his office. (replacement for Judas)

- This is a prophecy concerning Judas Iscariot. In the first chapter of the book of Acts as the disciples were gathered together waiting for the promise of God there in Jerusalem, Peter stood up in the midst of them and said, (Act 1:16) "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;
- This is a direct prophecy concerning Judas Iscariot. In (Act 1:20) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms: 'LET HIS DWELLING PLACE BE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE LIVE IN IT'; and 'LET ANOTHER TAKE HIS OFFICE.'
- The prayer concerning Judas who betrayed the Lord with a kiss. Let his days be few; and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, Of course that would happen when his days were few.

Psa 109:9 Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

Psa 109:10 Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek their bread also from their desolate places.

Psa 109:11 Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labor.

Psa 109:12 Let there be none to extend mercy to him, Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless

Psa 109:13 Let his posterity be cut off, And in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

- This sounds pretty heavy duty, heavy-handed, which it is. The judgement of God is going to be heavy-duty. We need to realize that. it is a fearful thing to fall in the hand of the living God. When God moves in judgement against those who have rejected Jesus Christ it is going to be a fearful awesome thing. (Heb 10:31) *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*
- If you reject God's plan, then God will judge, and it is going to be an awesome judgement!
- As he is praying, in reality these are the things that shall take place upon those whom God has judged.

Psa 109:14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

Psa 109:15 Let them be continually before the LORD, That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth

Psa 109:16 Because he did not remember to show mercy, But persecuted the poor and needy man, That he might even slay the broken in heart.

- They persecuted Christ, they killed Him.

Psa 109:17 As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.

- Let be as he established. "Whatever a man sows that shall he also reap." is what the Bible teaches us. Because he loved a curse, then let him be cursed. Because he was not interested in the blessing of God, then remove the blessing of God. That is righteous, that is just. You see, if you do not want to have anything to do with God, if you want to just live your own life separate and apart from God and you want nothing to do with God then it would be cruel for God to force you to spend eternity with him. You say

because they do not want anything to do with you then let them depart, let them be gone. They do not want your blessings then remove your blessings from them. They loved to curse, then let them be cursed.

Psa 109:18 As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, So let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones.

Psa 109:19 Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, And for a belt with which he girds himself continually.

- Cover him like a garment with curses.

Psa 109:20 Let this be the LORD's reward to my accusers, And to those who speak evil against my person.

- Thousands of God's people are perplexed with this Psalm, and we fear we have contributed very little towards their enlightenment, and perhaps the notes we have gathered from others, since they display such a variety of view, may only increase the difficulty. What then? Is it not good for us sometimes to be made to feel that we are not yet able to understand all the word and mind of God? A thorough bewilderment, so long as it does not stagger our faith, may be useful to us by confounding our pride, arousing our faculties, and leading us to cry, "What I know not teach thou me." (C. C. Spurgeon – Treasury of David)

Vs. 21-31 He returns to his communion with God in prayer and praise!

Psa 109:21 But You, O GOD the Lord, Deal with me for Your name's sake; Because Your mercy is good, deliver me.

- For those who oppose and for those who reject let Your judgement fall but for those that will call then Lord let your mercy be displayed.

Psa 109:22 For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.

- This a description of Christ and the reproaches and all that fell upon him

Psa 109:23 I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust

- The sundial, the shadow going down.

Psa 109:24 My knees are weak through fasting, And my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness.

Psa 109:25 I also have become a reproach to them; When they look at me, they shake their heads.

- (Psa 22:6-7) *But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. [7] All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head.*

Psa 109:26 Help me, O LORD my God! Oh, save me according to Your mercy,

- (Mat 26:39) *He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."*

Psa 109:27 That they may know that this is Your hand—That You, LORD, have done it!

Psa 109:28 Let them curse, but You bless; When they arise, let them be ashamed, But let Your servant rejoice.

Psa 109:29 Let my accusers be clothed with shame, And let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle.

Psa 109:30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude.

Psa 109:31 For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, To save him from those who condemn him.

Summary:

- An interesting psalm, a Messianic psalm and a prophetic psalm dealing with the treatment that Jesus was to receive and the judgement upon those who do not repent. They will find themselves enemies of God. They will find God as their adversary. The Bible says, "Woe unto him who strives with his Maker".
- Today there are people who are saying all kinds of horrible and blasphemous things against Jesus Christ. When I hear people make these horrible blasphemous statements I cringe within and I get angry. I'd love to bust them but God will do that, I don't have to. Their day shall come.

GOD SO LOVED – We the Kingdom – (4:24)

Ooh-ooh, ooh-ooh Ooh-ooh, ooh-ooh Ooh-ooh, ooh-ooh

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty Come to the well that never runs dry

Drink of the Water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy Come to the table, He will satisfy

Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us

Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Ooh-ooh, ooh-ooh Ooh-ooh, ooh-ooh Ooh-ooh, ooh-ooh

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions Come lay them down at the foot of the cross

Jesus is waiting there with open arms See His open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us

Whoever believes in Him will live forever The power of hell forever defeated

Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God From whom all blessings flow Praise Him, praise Him

For the wonders of His love Praise God, praise God (Oh-oh-oh) From whom all blessings flow

Praise Him (Praise Him), praise Him (Praise Him) For the wonders of His love His amazing love

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save (His one and only Son)

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us

Whoever believes in Him will live forever (He did it all for you, He did it all for you)

Oh, the power of hell forever defeated Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom

For God so loved, God so loved the world Bring all your failures, bring your addictions (Ooh-ooh, ooh-

ooh) Come lay them down at the foot of the cross (Ooh-ooh, ooh-ooh) Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

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OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:

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