

Psalm 109

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The Song of the Slandered

¹For the Leader. A Psalm of David. O God of my praise, keep not silence;

²For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit have they opened against me; They have spoken unto me with a lying tongue.

³They compassed me about also with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause.

⁴In return for my love they are my adversaries; But I am all prayer.

⁵And they have laid upon me evil for good, And hatred for my love:

⁶Set Thou a wicked man over him; And let an adversary stand at his right hand.

⁷When he is judged, let him go forth condemned; And let his prayer be turned into sin.

⁸Let his days be few; Let another take his charge.

- 9**Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.
- 10**Let his children be vagabonds, and beg; And let them seek their bread out of their desolate places.
- 11**Let the creditor distraint all that he hath; And let strangers make spoil of his labour.
- 12**Let there be none to extend kindness unto him; Neither let there be any to be gracious unto his fatherless children.
- 13**Let his posterity be cut off; In the generation following let their name be blotted out.
- 14**Let the iniquity of his fathers be brought to remembrance unto the LORD; And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
- 15**Let them be before the LORD continually, That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- 16**Because that he remembered not to do kindness, But persecuted the poor and needy man, And the broken in heart he was ready to slay.
- 17**Yea, he loved cursing, and it came unto him; And he delighted not in blessing, and it is far from him.
- 18**He clothed himself also with cursing as with his raiment, And it is come into his inward parts like water, And like oil into his bones.
- 19**Let it be unto him as the garment which he putteth on, And for the girdle wherewith he is girded continually.'
- 20**This would mine adversaries effect from the LORD, And they that speak evil against my soul.
- 21**But Thou, O GOD the Lord, deal with me for Thy name's sake; Because Thy mercy is good, deliver Thou me.
- 22**For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.
- 23**I am gone like the shadow when it lengtheneth; I am shaken off as the locust.
- 24**My knees totter through fasting; And my flesh is lean, and hath no fatness.
- 25**I am become also a taunt unto them; When they see me, they shake their head.
- 26**Help me, O LORD my God; O save me according to Thy mercy;
- 27**That they may know that this is Thy hand; That Thou, LORD, hast done it.
- 28**Let them curse, but bless Thou; When they arise, they shall be put to shame, but Thy servant shall rejoice.
- 29**Mine adversaries shall be clothed with confusion, And shall put on their own shame as a robe.
- 30**I will give great thanks unto the LORD with my mouth; Yea, I will praise Him among the multitude;

31 Because He standeth at the right hand of the needy, To save him from them that judge his soul.