Psalm 58

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God Judges the Earth

- For the Leader; Al-tashheth. [A Psalm] of David; Michtam. Do ye indeed speak as a righteous company? Do ye judge with equity the sons of men?
- ²Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; Ye weigh out in the earth the violence of your hands.
- ³The wicked are estranged from the womb; The speakers of lies go astray as soon as they are born.
- ⁴Their venom is like the venom of a serpent; They are like the deaf asp that stoppeth her ear;
- ⁵Which hearkeneth not to the voice of charmers, Or of the most cunning binder of spells.
- ⁶Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth; Break out the cheek-teeth of the young lions, O LORD.
- 7Let them melt away as water that runneth apace; When he aimeth his arrows, let them be as though they were cut off.
- ⁸Let them be as a snail which melteth and passeth away; Like the untimely births of a woman, that have not seen the sun.

- ⁹Before your pots can feel the thorns, He will sweep it away with a whirlwind, the raw and the burning alike.
- 10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance; He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- **11**And men shall say: 'Verily there is a reward for the righteous; Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.'