Psalm 59

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Deliver Me from My Enemies

(1 Samuel 19:1–24)

- ¹For the Leader; Al-tashheth. [A Psalm] of David; Michtam; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him. Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God; Set me on high from them that rise up against me.
- ²Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, And save me from the men of blood.
- ³For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul; The impudent gather themselves together against me; Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.
- ⁴Without my fault, they run and prepare themselves; Awake Thou to help me, and behold.
- ⁵Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, Arouse Thyself to punish all the nations; Show no mercy to any iniquitous traitors. Selah
- ⁶They return at evening, they howl like a dog, And go round about the city.
- Behold, they belch out with their mouth; Swords are in their lips: 'For who doth hear?'
- But Thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; Thou shalt have all the nations in derision.
- ⁹Because of his strength, I will wait for Thee; For God is my high tower.
- 10The God of my mercy will come to meet me; God will let me gaze upon mine adversaries.
- 11Slay them not, lest my people forget, Make them wander to and fro by Thy power, and bring them down, O Lord our shield.
- 12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, Let them even be taken in their pride, And for cursing and lying which they speak.
- 13Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they be no more; And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob, Unto the ends of the earth. Selah

- 14And they return at evening, they howl like a dog, And go round about the city;
- 15They wander up and down to devour, And tarry all night if they have not their fill.
- ¹⁶But as for me, I will sing of Thy strength; Yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning; For Thou hast been my high tower, And a refuge in the day of my distress.
- ¹⁷O my strength, unto Thee will I sing praises; For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.