

Psalm 64

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The Hurtful Tongue

(James 3:1–12)

¹For the Leader. A Psalm of David. Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; Preserve my life from the terror of the enemy.

²Hide me from the council of evil-doers; From the tumult of the workers of iniquity;

- 3**Who have whet their tongue like a sword, And have aimed their arrow, a poisoned word;
- 4**That they may shoot in secret places at the blameless; Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
- 5**They encourage one another in an evil matter; They converse of laying snares secretly; They ask, who would see them.
- 6**They search out iniquities, they have accomplished a diligent search; Even in the inward thought of every one, and the deep heart.
- 7**But God doth shoot at them with an arrow suddenly; Thence are their wounds.
- 8**So they make their own tongue a stumbling unto themselves; All that see them shake the head.
- 9**And all men fear; And they declare the work of God, And understand His doing.
- 10**The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall take refuge in Him; And all the upright in heart shall glory.