

Psalm 59 A Psalm of David, when Saul sent men to watch the house in order to kill him

¹ O LORD my God,

Please save me! My enemies are attacking me, so please put me in a secure place where they cannot get to me. ² Yes, rescue me from bloodthirsty men who go about committing dreadful sins. ³⁻⁴ These are fierce men who set one ambush after another hoping to cause my demise. LORD, they keep doing it even though I have done nothing wrong. They are determined to hurt me even though I am not guilty of anything they feel I have done to them. LORD, please look down and see what's really going on, and then help me. ⁵ You are the God of hosts, the God of Israel. Please stand up now, and punish all of the nations that sin by betraying the trust of another¹.

Now stop what you are doing, and ponder the seriousness of my situation. When you are in trouble, turn to the LORD for help like me.

⁶ These people return every evening looking for me. They wander around the city like a pack of dogs ⁷ and spout all kinds of harsh and cutting words intended to hurt me. All the while they say, "We have nothing to fear. Nobody hears what we are trying to do to David."

⁸ But You, O LORD, laugh at their stupidity, and You scoff at all of the nations that do evil. ⁹ You are my place of security, and because of Your strength² I will eagerly watch for You to come to my aid. ¹⁰ I am fully confident that You will pour out Your tender love and kindness upon me by allowing me to triumphantly see the downfall of my enemies. ¹¹ Oh, but don't kill them outright. Instead, use Your great power to be my shield and then scatter them. ¹² Let their cursing and their sinful, destructive words be the very things that will catch them in their pride and cause them to come crashing down. ¹³ Once You have scattered them, destroy them so completely that everyone will know what happened and realize that the God of Israel rules everywhere on the earth.

Now stop what you are doing, and ponder the power of the LORD to eliminate your enemies. Trust Him to do for you what you cannot do for yourself.

¹⁴ For now, these men are free to return every evening looking for me. ¹⁵ They wander around the city like a pack of dogs hooting, hollering, and complaining if they don't get what they want.

¹⁶ These people can do what they feel they must. As for me, I will joyfully sing about Your great strength and Your tender love and kindness early in the morning. I have to, because I have been kept safe by trusting in Your name. As a result, You have protected me when my troubles threatened to overwhelm me. ¹⁷ LORD, You are my strength, and I will sing praises to You. You are my stronghold, and You show it by pouring out Your tender love and kindness upon me in abundance.

¹ Dictionary definition of "Treachery" www.dictionary.com/browse/treachery

² Steveson, Peter A., Psalms, © copyright BJU Press, Greenville South Carolina, USA pg. 228