

## Psalm 64 A Psalm of David

### ***LORD, wicked men are planning to hurt me***

<sup>1</sup> Dear LORD Jesus<sup>1</sup>,

I know I'm complaining, but please help me. Save me from wicked men who try their best to hurt me, and save me from all of my extreme apprehension<sup>2</sup> about what they might do to me. <sup>2</sup> Please hide me from all of the terrible things my enemies intend to do. These some of the things they are attempting to do to me:

1) they secretly meet together to come up with their next plan of attack;

2) they commit gross injustices<sup>3</sup> and are willing to start an insurrection if that's what it takes to be able to cause me harm;

<sup>3-4</sup> 3) their words are sharp and cutting like a knife or an arrowhead. Without hesitation and without fear of retribution they speak against me when they are out of my sight. They do it even though I live such a good life that no one can rightfully accuse me of wrongdoing.

<sup>5</sup> 4) They keep telling each other that what they are doing is necessary and right. They talk about the traps they intend to spring upon me. All the while they say to each other, "We can terminate this guy, and no one will see what we are doing."

<sup>6</sup> 5) They dream up all kinds of gross injustices, saying, "Everything is ready. We have planned out the trap to the last detail, and nothing can go wrong." There is no limit to the depth of depravity to which these men will stoop in order to accomplish their desired end.

### ***LORD, You are planning to hurt them in return***

<sup>7</sup> My enemies plan all of these things against me, but all the while the LORD is planning His own attacks against them. The LORD will shoot His arrows at these wicked men, and they will be severely wounded. <sup>8</sup> He will trip them up and cause their own words to generate their downfall. Everyone who sees their demise will shake their head in disgust and turn their back on those wicked people. <sup>9</sup> As a result, men will fear the LORD when they see how He punishes wicked men, and they will tell everyone about how the LORD accomplished the task. Wise men will seriously consider the consequences of doing wrong and will choose to live in a good and godly manner. <sup>10</sup> The righteous man will be thrilled with the way the LORD works, and as a result, he will put his trust in the LORD for blessing and protection. In the end, everyone who does what is right in the sight of the LORD will glory in Him and will do it from the heart.

<sup>1</sup> In John 14:6 Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "Jesus Christ" has been used.

<sup>2</sup> Definition for "dread", [www.dictionary.com/browse/dread](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/dread)

<sup>3</sup> Definition of "iniquity", Ibid.