

## The Battle Against TYRANTS ~ Psalm 58

### INTRODUCTION

Our ugly emotions, sorrow and pain are not failures, not a sign of God turning away from us. The **Lament psalms** assure us that sorrow can bring us before God's throne, and that God welcomes even our most terrible thoughts. Vroegop

#### IMPRECATORY Psalms... OUP

- >call for Divine rather than human vengeance
- >ask for God to the Wicked
- > sin as well as the sinner

>**This Psalm is part** over Israel's horrible condition SPIRITUALLY because of Saul

>**It is also part** over the INJUSTICE that Saul had sown all over the nation

### The Charge AGAINST Tyrants ~ Psalm 58:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Do you rulers indeed speak justly? Do you judge uprightly among men? <sup>2</sup> No, in your heart you devise injustice, and your hands mete out violence on the earth.

<sup>3</sup> Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward and speak lies. <sup>4</sup> Their venom is like the venom of a snake, like that of a cobra that has stopped its ears, <sup>5</sup> that will not heed the tune of the charmer, however skillful the enchanter may be.

Comparing these wicked rulers to the venom of a snake emphasizes their Deadline. HCSB

### IMPLICATIONS

#### →These Tyrants have a Problem

<sup>2</sup> You plot injustice in your HEARTS. You spread violence throughout the land. (NLT)

**Jeremiah 17:9** (NIV) The HEART is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

They could not be Right in their judgements because they were WRONG in their hearts. OUP

**Luke 6:45** (NIV) The good man brings good things out of the GOOD stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the EVIL stored up in his heart. For out of the OVERFLOW of his HEART his mouth speaks.

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#### →Our Matter

<sup>1</sup> Do you rulers indeed SPEAK justly? <sup>3</sup> ...even from birth they have LIED and gone their own way.

<sup>4</sup> They spit VENOM like deadly snakes... (NLT)

**Luke 6:45** (NIV) ...the evil man brings evil things out of the EVIL stored up in his heart. For out of the OVERFLOW of his HEART his mouth speaks.

**Exodus 18:21** (NLT) ...select from all the people some CAPABLE, HONEST men who FEAR God and HATE BRIBES...

**Ephesians 4:29** (NIV) Do NOT let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

<sup>29</sup> Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. (NLT)

## The CURSE on Tyrants ~ Psalm 58:6-9

>Metaphor-

>Hyperbole-

<sup>6</sup> Break the teeth in their mouths, O God; tear out, O LORD, the fangs of the lions! <sup>7</sup> Let them vanish like water that flows away; when they draw the bow, let their arrows be blunted. <sup>8</sup> Like a slug melting away as it moves along, like a stillborn child, may they not see the sun. <sup>9</sup> Before your pots can feel the heat of the thorns-- whether they be green or dry--the wicked will be swept away.

Let the very weapons they use - their mouths - be destroyed as one would tear out the fangs of a lions. HOTC

<sup>9</sup> God will sweep them away, both young and old, FASTER than a pot heats over burning thorns. (NLT)

## IMPLICATIONS

→Justice

Come

**Galatians 6:7** (NIV) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

<sup>7</sup> Don't be under any illusion: you cannot make a fool of God! A man's harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows. (JBP)

**Galatians 6:9-10** (NIV) Let us NOT become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

## The TRIUMPH Over Tyrants ~ Psalm 58:10-11

<sup>10</sup> The righteous will be glad when they are avenged, when they bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked. <sup>11</sup> Then men will say, "Surely the righteous still are rewarded; surely there is a God who judges the earth.

**Psalm 1:3** (NIV) He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

The faithful remember who their God is: the Creator who loves to see His creation functioning properly (which is why He loves JUSTICE). ESV

## TAKE AWAY ??

**2 Peter 3:9-14** (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is NOT SLOW in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

<sup>11</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live HOLY and GODLY lives <sup>12</sup> as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

<sup>13</sup> But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

<sup>14</sup> So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.