

Evening Sermon Outline – June 14, 2020
Psalm 58 “God Righteous Judgment”

I. We tend toward ERROR in our judgment –

¹ Do you indeed speak righteousness, you silent ones?
Do you judge uprightly, you sons of men? ² No, in heart you work
wickedness; You weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.
Psalm 58:1-2

Two errors -

1. We are silent, dumb, when we should speak out –

A. This was Moses’ problem -

¹⁰ Then Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither
before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I *am* slow of
speech and slow of tongue.” Exodus 4:10 (NKJV)

B. See God’s answer -

¹¹ So the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the
mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have* not I, the LORD? ¹² Now therefore,
go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.” Exodus
4:11–12 (NKJV)

2. We are violent:

You weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth. Psalm 58:2

*A. Because of wickedness in the heart - in heart you work
wickedness – Psalm 58:2*

B. Jesus tells us all wickedness comes from the human heart -

¹⁹ For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries,
fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. Matthew 15:19 (NKJV)

C. Weighed out violence is calculated...

D. In a violent, violence-spreading way –

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,
and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil
continually. Genesis 6:5 (NKJV)

¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with
violence. Genesis 6:11 (NKJV)

II. Why such errors?

1. We are born bad -

³ The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as
they are born, speaking lies. Psalm 58:3

“How early men do sin! How late do they repent!” Joseph Caryl

2. Our sin makes us poisonous like deadly snakes -

⁴ Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent; *They are* like the deaf
cobra *that* stops its ear, Psalm 58:4

3. We are uncharmable snakes –

⁵ Which will not heed the voice of charmers, Charming ever so skillfully.
Psalm 58:5

*Snakes are charmed, but not always, David experienced such a snake
in the person of king Saul, inhabited by a demonic presence –*

¹⁴ But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit
from the LORD troubled him. ¹⁵ And Saul’s servants said to him, “Surely,
a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. ¹⁶ Let our master now
command your servants, *who are* before you, to seek out a man *who is*
a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his
hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall
be well.” 1 Samuel 16:14–16 (NKJV)

²³ And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that
David would take a harp and play *it* with his hand. Then Saul would
become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart
from him. 1 Samuel 16:23 (NKJV)

*Later there was nothing David could do to live peaceable with Saul,
even sparing Saul’s life and pleading with him did no good ...*

*4. These things are spoken in regard to those who are not born
again, those who are not new creatures, yet even as new
creatures we struggle –*

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have
passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17
(NKJV)

III. David's / God's remedy –

1. David as king was in a position to righteously call for and actually execute justice against the wicked –

³ For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. Romans 13:3 (NKJV)

2. Here David prays that God would:

A. Take away their bite, their power to do harm –

⁶ Break their teeth in their mouth, O God! Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD!

If they have no capacity for good, at least deprive them of their ability for evil. C.H. Spurgeon

Note, it is not only serpents for their poison, which are used to illustrate wicked man's wickedness, but also lions due their teeth's sharpness, their power, their ferocity, their appetite for flesh, which are used, ADDED to come up with an adequate picture of wickedness!

Note, this is in God's Word, which is perfect, meaning here is no exaggeration!

B. He prays they would be like waters which run continually –

⁷ Let them flow away as waters which run continually; ... Psalm 58:7 A

Meaning the evil are running away, God scares them!

C. He prays they would be defenseless -

When he bends his bow, Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces. Psalm 58:7 B

D. Dying, dead quickly –

⁸ Let them be like a snail which melts away as it goes, Like a stillborn child of a woman, that they may not see the sun. ⁹ Before your pots can feel the burning thorns, He shall take them away as with a whirlwind, As in His living and burning wrath.

- A snail is extremely vulnerable – the trail that it leaves makes it seem to be melting, the Psalmist wishes this to be the true

case for the wicked, like the wicked witch in the Wizard of Oz who melts when drenched with water!

- A stillborn child does nothing -
- Burning thorns are short lived
- Burned or blown away
- God's wrath is exceedingly powerful

IV. The rejoicing and reward of the righteous -

¹⁰ The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked, ¹¹ So that men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; Surely He is God who judges in the earth." Psalm 58:10-11

1. One of the reasons we do not rejoice now in the death of wicked men maybe we do not realize how bad their wickedness is?
2. Scripture shows righteous men rejoicing -

Verse 10.—“The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance.” Not that he shall be glad of the vengeance purely as it is a hurt, or a suffering to the creature, but the righteous shall be glad when he sees the vengeance of God, as it is a fulfilling of the threatening of God against the sin of man, and an evidence of His own holiness. Psalm 64:9, 10.—Joseph Caryl.

Verse 10.—“He shall wash his feet,” etc. That is, he gets comfort and encouragement by seeing the Lord avenge his cause against his adversaries.—Joseph Caryl.

3. When the destruction of Babylon is described in the Book of revelation, we are commanded to rejoice -

¹⁹ “They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.’

²⁰ “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!” Revelation 18:19–20 (NKJV)

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