

Evening Sermon Outline – July 4, 2021
“God’s Wrath Against Christ Haters!” Psalm 109

Psalm 109, a psalm of David, is an imprecatory prayer, meaning it is prayed against someone. In David’s life it may have been prayed against Saul, or Doeg the Edomite, or Ahithophel, or possibly some other enemy? Yet, if applied to the Son of David, our Lord Jesus Christ, it is easier to see who the enemies, and / or enemy might be ...

Let his days be few, and let another take his office. Psalm 109:8

Is applied by Peter in Acts 1:20 to Judas –

²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: ‘Let his dwelling place be desolate, and let no one live in it’; and, ‘Let another take his office.’”

Of course, parts of this Psalm apply to groups – the word “They” is used in verses :2 & :3!

I. A prayer to God to make His voice heard against wickedness, against persecutors of Christ –

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

¹ Do not keep silent, O God of my praise! ² For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue. ³ They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause.

⁴ In return for my love they are my accusers, But I give myself to prayer.

⁵ Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

1. This psalm / prayer starts with a call for God to speak up, to make Himself heard against the wicked!
2. The wicked always speak against Christ, even today His name is used as a curse word, His teachings, the Bible is banned from our schools!
3. While on earth Jesus went about doing good –

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. Acts 10:38 (NKJV)

4. While Jesus went about doing good, we nailed Him to the cross! It is because Christ died for us, He is called the Lamb of God, yet as the Lamb he brings wrath –

¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!” ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”
Revelation 6:15–17 (NKJV)

II. A list of curses, that do not apply to just one person, these ultimately apply to all enemies of Jesus Christ -

⁶ Set a wicked man over him, And let an accuser stand at his right hand. ⁷ When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin. ⁸ Let his days be few, And let another take his office. ⁹ Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow. ¹⁰ Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek *their bread* also from their desolate places. ¹¹ Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labor. ¹² Let there be none to extend mercy to him, Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children. ¹³ Let his posterity be cut off, And in the generation following let their name be blotted out. ¹⁴ Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. ¹⁵ Let them be continually before the LORD, That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth; ¹⁶ Because he did not remember to show mercy, But persecuted the poor and needy man, That he might even slay the broken in heart. ¹⁷ As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him. ¹⁸ As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, So let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones. ¹⁹ Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, And for a belt with which he girds himself continually. ²⁰ Let this be the LORD’s reward to my accusers, And to those who speak evil against my person.

:6 – the Hebrew word for accuser in this verse is Satan!

:7 - “Let his prayer become sin.” We should be watchful in prayer lest the most holy worship of God should become an abomination: **Isaiah 1:15; 66:3; James 4:3; Hosea 7:14; Amos 5:23.** If the remedy be poisoned, how shall the diseased be cured?—*Martin Geier.*

:8 – 14 – Children (other family) should not be judicially punished for

the sins of their father, yet there are consequences of sin, especially for those who follow in their father's footsteps – John 8:37-44.

:16 No mercy, but persecution :17 he loved cursing / but hated blessing :18 clothed himself in cursing :19 he bathed in cursing ...

- 1. David prayed these things as a king who aimed to do what is right.*
- 2. David prayed these things as an inheritor of the Covenant made with Abraham –*

³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Genesis 12:3 (NKJV)

- 3. The blessing / cursing covenant God made with Abraham, ultimately is in force with Jesus Christ –*

³⁵ The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. ³⁶ He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” John 3:35–36 (NKJV)

²³ Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!” ²⁴ When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see *to it*.” ²⁵ And all the people answered and said, “His blood *be* on us and on our children.” Matthew 27:23-25

- 4. This is applied by Christ to how “Christians” are treated –*

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to

You?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’ ⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ ⁴⁴ “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” Matthew 25:31–46 (NKJV)

III. How David saw Himself, though a king, poor and needy –

- 1. Spiritual poverty –*

²¹ But You, O GOD the Lord, Deal with me for Your name's sake Because Your mercy *is* good, deliver me. ²² For I *am* poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me. ²³ I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust. Psalm 109:21-23

- 2. Is this David in his older age or spiritual maturity? Praying against the wicked? They (whoever they are, seem to despise him) –*

²⁴ My knees are weak through fasting, And my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness. ²⁵ I also have become a reproach to them; *When* they look at me, they shake their heads. Psalm 109:24-25

- 3. Again, these prayers fit with the bless / curse theme –*

²⁶ Help me, O LORD my God! Oh, save me according to Your mercy, ²⁷ That they may know that this *is* Your hand— *That* You, LORD, have done it! ²⁸ Let them curse, but You bless; *When* they arise, let them be ashamed, But let Your servant rejoice. ²⁹ Let my accusers be clothed with shame, And let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle.

- 4. As a king, David was on the side of the poor, because God was*

³⁰ I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude. ³¹ For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, To save *him* from those who condemn him. Psalm 109:30-31

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