

***“The Fire of Righteous Anger”***  
*God’s Great & Precious Promises • pt. 17*  
*Psalm 109*

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INTRODUCTION

“The thing I know will give me the deepest joy—namely, to be alone and unhurried in the presence of God, aware of His presence, my heart open to worship Him—is often the thing I least want to do.” – John R.W. Stott

- the purpose of prayer
- the privilege in prayer
- imprecatory prayers

*1. What God says (understanding)*

- David’s response to harm done to him
  - a.
  - b.
- imprecations
  - ‘cut his life short’ (v. 8a)
  - ‘cut off his influence’ (v. 8b)
  - ‘cut off his family’ (v. 9)
  - ‘cut off his finances’ (v. 10-11)
  - ‘cut off his friends’ (v. 12)
  - ‘cut off his name’ (v. 13)
  - ‘bring all justice to bear on this man’ (v. 14-15)

- justification for the imprecations
  - ‘because he was not a kind man’ (v. 16a)
  - ‘because he hunted down the needy and afflicted’ (v. 16b)
  - ‘because he loved evil’ (v. 17-19)
- David’s plea for mercy
  - for God’s name’s sake (v. 21, 26)
  - for His servant’s sake (v. 22, 24, 26, 31)

*2. Why God says it (interpretation)*

- OBSERVATION #1: character of the author  
1 Sam. 22; 2 Sam. 16:6-13
- OBSERVATION #2: responsibility of the author
- OBSERVATION #3: the God of the author  
Heb. 13:8; Mal. 3:6  
Deut. 27:11-28:14  
Mt. 23:13-36; 1 Cor. 16:22; Gal. 1:8; Rev. 18:20; 19:3

*3. What we shall do with what God says (application)*

- a. Affirm that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Affirm that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

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