

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

GOD THAT JUDGETH THE EARTH

PSALMS 58

Text: Psalms 58:11

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¹¹ So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: verily he is a **God that judgeth in the earth.**

Introduction:

1. THE DESCRIPTION (VS. 1-3)

Psalm 58:1-3

¹ *Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?* ² *Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.* ³ *The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies*

A. Corruption of the Heart (vs. 2)

Psalm 58:2

² ***Yea, in heart ye work wickedness;*** *ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.*

The enemies of David were evil to their core (heart).

B. Corruption of the Hands (vs. 2)

Psalm 58:2

² *Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; **ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.***

The wickedness in their heart makes its way to their hands.

C. Corruption of Their Heritage (vs. 3)

Psalm 58:3

³ *The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.*

Their wickedness can be traced all the way back to their birth.

Note not the Description but also:

2. THE DEEDS (4-5)

Psalm 58:4-6

⁴ *Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;* ⁵ *Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.*

A. Their Anger (vs. 4)

Psalm 58:4

⁴ ***Their poison is like the poison of a serpent:*** *they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; Their poison is like the poison of a serpent*

The word poison literally means anger.

The idea here is that the venom of a serpent is only secreted through the anger of the serpent.

The deeds of the enemy are exhibited through their hateful ways.

B. Their Aggression (vs. 4-5)

Psalm 58:4-5

⁴ *Their poison is like the poison of a serpent:* ***they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;*** ⁵ ***Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.***

David continues the illustration of a serpent. He speaks about the adder (asp, cobra, or viper).

As a deaf adder strikes quickly because it cannot hear, and it strikes with aggression.

Note not the Description and Deeds but also:

3. THE DESIRE (6-8)

Psalm 58:6-8

⁶ *Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.* ⁷ *Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.* ⁸ *As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.*

A. Let Them Be Disarmed (vs. 6)

Psalm 58:6

⁶ **Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.**

The teeth of the serpent is the way the poison is discharged, and the great teeth of the lion is the teeth used to crush their prey.

The psalmist prays that they are disarmed so that they cannot inflict injury to the righteous.

Not only does the psalmist desire their disarmament but also desires:

B. Let Them Disappear (vs. 7)

Psalm 58:7

⁷ Let them melt away as waters which run continually:
*when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them
be as cut in pieces.*

The picture here is the water that disappears when snow melts.

C. Let Them Be Disabled (vs. 7)

Psalm 58:7

⁷ *Let them melt away as waters which run continually:
when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, **let them
be as cut in pieces.***

D. Let Them Be Dissipated (vs. 8)

Psalm 58:8

**⁸ As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass
away:** *like the untimely birth of a woman, that they
may not see the sun.*

E. Let Them Die (vs. 8)

Psalm 58:8

⁸ *As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass*

away: **like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.**

Note not the Description Deeds and Desire but also:

4. THE DESTRUCTION (9-11)

Psalm 58:9-11

⁹ Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath. ¹⁰ The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. ¹¹ So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

A. The Speed of Their Destruction (vs. 9)

Psalm 58:9

⁹ Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath.

B. The Storm in Their Destruction (vs. 9)

Psalm 58:9

⁹ Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away ***as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath.***

C. The Satisfaction in Their Destruction (10-11)

Psalm 58:10-11

¹⁰ The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. ¹¹ So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Close:

We shouldn't rejoice over the destruction of people, but it brings peace to our heart knowing that God will make all things right.