

# PSALM 109

**D**eafen not Your ears O God, (hearken to my cry); O God to Whom I offer praise, and hymns to lift on high.

- 2 The mouth of all the wicked, mouths that utter fraud; open wide in lies against me, speak against my God.
- 3 They surround me with their words, filled with vile hate; consuming me without a cause, (not to retaliate).
- 4 When I love them they attack me, and become my bitter foes; but as for me I hold to prayer, petitions I propose.
- 5 They repay me soon with evil, for good things I've done for them; hateful and malicious, for my loving as a friend.
- 6 Let evil men accost them, and visit them with pain; let Satan stand beside them, at their right hand to remain.
- 7 When he faces judgment, may his guilt be known to all; and let his supplications, turn to sin wherein he falls.
- 8 Let his days be little, (that he may not attain); and where he had the oversight, let others there now reign.
- 9 Let his sons be orphans, bereaved of loving kin; his wife become a widow, (as a payment for his sin).
- 10 Let his sons be vagabonds, and plead for all they need; follow to destruction, and on desolation feed.
- 11 Let his spiteful creditors, entrap his goods to spoil; and foreigners soon plunder, the produce of his toil.
- 12 Let none draw forth or offer kindness, mercy let it flee; nor any bestow gracious favor, to his family.
- 13 Let those who would come after him, all perish in their shame; all possible descendants, blot out their every name.
- 14 Let the mischief of his fathers, be held fast in the Lord's sight; the offenses of his mother, never cease to see the light.
- 15 Let them stretch before the Lord, be constantly in view; may every recollection of them, fail from earthly hue.
- 16 For he showed no favor, persecuting all the poor; finding the despondent, to slay them evermore.
- 17 As he loved to vilify, let such come back to haunt; inclining far from blessing, may he not be blessed in ought.
- 18 He wrapped himself in cursing, like a garment that he wore; let curses fill his inward parts, as fat in bones is stored.
- 19 May it be a covering, with which he's ever clad; eternally cast round his loins, (the cursing that he had).

- 20 May all my adversaries, be paid back as the Lord knows; all those speaking mischief, and contempt unto my soul.
- 21 O Lord my Lord do what is good, as fits Your holy name; be Thou kind and merciful, to snatch me from the grave.
- 22 For I am poor and destitute, my want none doth provide; profaned and wounded in this life, my heart doth break inside.
- 23 I walk into the shadows, that spread out before my face; tumbling like a locust, as it rustles every place.
- 24 My knees do totter as I fast, abstaining earthly food; my body fails without nutrition, in decrepitude.
- 25 And I've become a sad disgrace, (among those I hold dear); they see me and all shake their heads, (acknowledging my fear).
- 26 O Lord my God protect me, and help me with Thy might; save me in Your mercy, and sweet comfort in my life.
- 27 That all who see may know the truth, that this is by Your hand; that all the good that comes to me, is what the Lord commands.
- 28 Let those be sharply punished, but Your blessing unto me; when they arise to be ashamed, while I serve Thee with glee.
- 29 Let all my adversaries, be appareled in disgrace; clothed in their confusion, as a cloak about their waist.
- 30 To the Lord I'll lift my hands, and praise Him with my mouth; I'll shine His goodness everywhere, (west, east, and north, and south).
- 31 For He shall stand at the right hand, of those in needy state; and rescue them from evil judges, hoping souls to take.