

Psalm 59 Prayer for Rescue from Enemies.

Rescue me from my enemies, my God;

Set me securely on high away from those who rise up against me.

2 Rescue me from those who practice injustice,

And save me from men of bloodshed.

3 For behold, they have set an ambush for my life.

Fierce men attack me, not for my wrongdoing nor for my sin, LORD,

4 For no guilt of mine, they run and take their stand against me.

Stir Yourself to help me and see!

5 You, LORD God of armies, the God of Israel,

Awake to punish all the nations;

Do not be gracious to any who deal treacherously in wrongdoing.

6 They return at evening, they howl like a dog,

And prowl around the city.

7 Behold, they gush forth with their mouths;

Swords are in their lips, For, they say, "Who hears?"

8 But You, LORD, laugh at them; You scoff at all the nations.

9 Because of his strength I will watch for You,

For God is my refuge.

10 My God in His faithfulness will meet me; God will let me look triumphantly upon my

enemies. 11 Do not kill them, or my people will forget; Scatter them by Your power and bring them down, Lord, our shield.

12 On account of the sin of their mouths and the words of their lips,

May they even be caught in their pride,

And on account of curses and lies which they tell.

13 Destroy them in wrath, destroy them so that they will no longer exist;

So that people may know that God rules in Jacob, To the ends of the earth.

14 They return at evening, they howl like a dog, And prowl around the city.

15 They wander about for food And murmur if they are not satisfied.

16 But as for me, I will sing of Your strength; Yes, I will joyfully sing of Your faithfulness in the morning, For You have been my refuge And a place of refuge on the day of my distress.

17 My strength, I will sing praises to You;

For God is my refuge, the God who shows me favor.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

- What questions were provoked within you?
- Did anything confuse you?
- Did anything move you emotionally?
- Did God instruct you to do something?
- Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Paul's observations insights and questions

1. What is it to be rescued?
2. David's prayer for help can't be made any clearer.
3. Who is our enemy?
4. What does it mean 'to be set on high'?
5. Why do we need to be secure as human beings?
6. How can your enemy rise up against you?
7. What is it to be unjust?
8. Is violence ever the right course of action?
9. Give an example of what an ambush is?
10. Persecution for doing the right thing is a hard thing to take!
11. Can anyone truly say they are not guilty?
12. Why does David ask God to 'stir himself'?
13. Isn't God's help automatic? How does God intervene?
14. What does David think God will do to punish his enemies?
15. For David, wrong is wrong and what is right is right.
16. Wrong doers go out with the intention of looking to create trouble.
17. Evil doers use the tongue in their mouths to curse and destroy.
18. Through words of destruction and words of affliction people fall.
19. Evil doers believe there is no need to give an account to anyone for their evil deeds.
20. They think no one is listening!
21. David knows God will have the last say in all matters.
22. David has decided to put his trust in God.
23. Who is David talking to? Verse 10.
24. Why does David, ask God, not to kill the evil workers completely?
25. Why is it important to David for his people to be reminded of their enemies?
26. The point of scattering the enemy is to dilute its capability.
27. David wants the enemy to become ineffective.
28. Why is God 'David's shield'?
29. To David his enemy is a liar who curses and is full of pride.
30. Is David confused about how he wants God to deal with this evil enemy of his?
31. What does it mean to 'prowl around the city'?
32. When God acts in His judgement, people will know about Him!
33. But at that time, it will be too late!

34. What is it to be filled with dissatisfaction?
35. Some people use their tongue to lie and curse.
36. David chooses to use his tongue to sing praise to God.
37. He sings songs for all God's goodness, kindness, love and mercy.
38. Songs of salvation and stories of being rescued.
39. Do you feel God has shown you favour in your life?