

Psalm 58 Prayer for the Punishment of the Wicked.

Do you indeed speak righteousness, you gods?
Do you judge fairly, you sons of mankind?

2 No, in heart you practice injustice;
On earth you clear a way for the violence of your hands.

3 The wicked have turned away from the womb;
These who speak lies go astray from birth.

4 They have venom like the venom of a serpent;
Like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear,

5 So that it does not hear the voice of charmers,
Or a skilful caster of spells.

6 God, shatter their teeth in their mouth;
Break out the fangs of the young lions, LORD.

7 May they flow away like water that runs off;
When he aims his arrows, may they be as headless shafts.

8 May they be like a snail which goes along in slime,
Like the miscarriage of a woman that never sees the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the fire of thorns
He will sweep them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.

10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees vengeance;
He will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 And people will say, "There certainly is a reward for the righteous;
There certainly is a God who judges on the
earth!"

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?

Pauls Observations and insights

1. Who is David speaking to when he asks the gods the question?
2. Is David suggesting that there are, in fact, other gods in the heavens other than God?
3. The very fact that David has seen in their heart's injustice, is an indication he is not talking about God Almighty.
4. If your heart is full of bad the deeds of your hand will be violent!
5. It's not hard to tell the work of God against the work of evil.
6. When God works, He works for good - when satan works, he works for bad!
7. At the beginning of life, the wicked abandon God and all of God's ways.
8. From the start of life, the wicked refused to listen to the voice of God.
9. A liar can live with themselves because the light in them has nearly gone out.
10. The idea of going astray is to agree with yourself in the doing of wrong.
11. You will be without concern for others or for the need to repent.
12. The serpent has sharp teeth and deadly poison in his mouth.
13. When you get bitten by evil it comes in the form of a piercing sting and it contains a lasting contamination.
14. To be like a deaf cobra is to be wilfully refusing to hear or to listen.
15. Is there a difference between hearing and listening?
16. What is the aim of any teacher?
17. To be taught, is to come into an agreement with what you have been listening to from the teacher.
18. Notice how the cobra can refuse to listen and choose to not obey, even by the skilful deceiver.
19. Only God can destroy our enemies.
20. He is the only one who breaks the teeth of the cobra and neutralises the piercing sting.
21. David called God to do for him what he knows he can't do for himself, even though he had brought a giant to his knees.
22. Only those who obey God can call Jehovah, 'Lord'.
23. What is the difference between the term 'may I' and 'can I'?
24. To see in a vision, prayer can empower your expectation, will raise your level of faith – verse 7.
25. To ask God to remove the afflicting part of the enemy's weapon against you is to become one who has activated his 'spirit man' into the engagement of spiritual warfare.
26. There cannot be many things, more gross, than the slime of a snail or slug!
27. When your enemies plans and schemes against you fail to give birth it's like a miscarriage, for his plans are unfulfilled.
28. To ask God to sabotage what the enemies cooking up against you is a perfectly

acceptable thing to ask.

29. There is a time in life to rejoice at the downfall of your enemy.

30. That means all the enemies of good.

31. God holds up righteousness and justice as the line not to cross.

32. When the wicked are thrown down from their high place, we can march on the road where the enemy's blood has been shed.

33. That's after God has passed judgement and trampled evil under foot.

34. Coming into a place of understanding, accepting that right living works, is a major spiritual breakthrough.

35. It will equip you with truth that will overcome every evil and every enemy.

36. Be on God's side at the judgement, or you will face the consequences of God's anger.