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Psalm 59

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Vs. 1-7 describe the aggressiveness of David's enemies;
Vs. 8-15 show what God can do to defend the righteous;
Vs. 16-17 praise God for His deliverance.

This Psalm reflects David's spiritual emotion when King Saul has surrounded his house to catch him when he tries to flee. Though married to Saul's daughter, she now loves her husband and assists his escape (1 Samuel 19:8-18).

Verses 1-7: In **verses 1-2**, David prays for salvation from: "my enemies," "those who rise up against me," "workers of iniquity," "bloodthirsty men." All of these terms later describe those who finally crucify Jesus Christ (Luke 11:23; John 13:18; 19:11; Luke 13:27; Matthew 27:25). **Verses 3-4** show familiar evil traits as in Psalm 56: 5-6, except this is an attack on his life, not just his words. Their plan here is: "lie in wait for my life," "gather against me," "run and prepare themselves." This, clearly, is not through any fault of David ("Not *for* my transgression nor *for* my sin"). David did sin, but not to cause this. Jesus Christ never sinned, yet had this same attack made upon Him. *How wicked can anyone become who would reject the only perfect person who ever lived?* **Verse 5** calls for no mercy, but Jesus later would cry: "'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34), and they would be offered salvation that repented and were baptized to be saved (Acts 2:38). **Verses 6-7** show the enemies "return" (are persistent), "growl" (vicious), "go all around the city" (seeking victims), "belch with their mouth" (bark to spread fear), "swords" (destructive intent), *all because they have no fear of God!* Romans 3:10-18 show how people get to that point of sinfulness.

Verses 8-15: The enemies' approach is laughable to God and those whom He protects (verses 8-9). In **verse 10**, David shows how personal God's defense is when he calls Him "my God of mercy." The "OMG" in verse 1, as this expression, is always uttered with respect, not mindless profanity! God's slow destruction of them is a visual lesson few will forget (**verse 11**). Ungodly nations that crumble, rather than immediately fall, are included in History books (ex. Persia, Greece, Rome, Germany, Russia, America). Enemies would fall because of their teaching, pride, profanity (**verse 12-13**), and that God brings them down proves God IS! **Verses 14-15** show the wicked persist because they refuse to learn their lesson. Solomon said, "The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall" (Proverbs 10:8).

Verses 16-17: When God comes through for David, David rejoices and will "sing praises" and no mention is made of this being accompanied with his musical instruments! Interesting, isn't it, that when James writes of Christians rejoicing with psalms, he says: "Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms" (James 5:13)?

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**All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.**