### Psalms

## Chapter 109

To the [music] director:  
  
A Psalm of David.   
  
  
  
  
1O God of my praise, don’t stay silent,  
 2For sinners and liars have spoken against me.  
 They speak against me with deceitful tongues,  
 3And I’m covered with their hateful words.  
  
4They battle with me for no reason…  
 Instead of love, they send slander…  
 So to You, I’ll lay out my prayer!  
  
5Instead of good, they’re bringing what’s bad,  
 And they’re showing hate [in return for] my love.  
  
6So, send them away with the sinners,  
 And put the Slanderer at their right hand.  
 7When they’re judged, may they leave as condemned,  
 And may their prayers be thought of as sins.  
  
8May their days no longer be many,  
 And may others take their positions.  
 9May all their sons become orphans,  
 And may all their wives become widows.  
  
10Let their sons wander and beg…  
 May they be driven away from their homes.  
 11May bankers search for the things that they own,  
 And may strangers loot all they’ve worked for.  
  
12May no one come to protect them,  
 And may no one pity their orphans.  
 13May all their children be wiped away…  
 In one generation, may their names be erased.  
  
14May Jehovah remember the sins of their fathers…  
 May the sins of their mothers remain.  
 15May they stand [in judgment] before You, O Lord…  
 May their memory be wiped from the land.  
  
16For, they forgot to show mercy,  
 And they chased a man who’s needy and poor…  
 Someone whose heart has been broken.  
  
17Since they love curses, may they get them;  
 Since they offer no blessings, may they go far away.  
  
18They wore curses as though they were clothes,  
 Which poured like water within them,  
 And became like oil in their bones.  
  
19So, may they wear their curses like robes…  
 May they wear them like belts on their waists.  
 20May this be the reward from Jehovah  
 For all those [guilty of] slander,  
 And for those speaking bad of my soul.  
  
21O Lord, Jehovah, please help me,  
 For the sake of Your Name and Your mercy.  
 22Rescue me, for I’m poor and in need,  
 And my heart is deeply disturbed.  
  
23Like a shadow that passes, I’ve been removed…  
 I’ve been [eaten] away as by locusts.  
 24My knees are now weakened from fasting,  
 And for lack of oil, my flesh has been changed.  
  
25To them, I’m someone to laugh at…  
 They look at me and just shake their heads.  
 26So help me, Jehovah, my God;  
 In Your mercy, please send me your aid,  
 27And let them know that this came by Your hand…  
 That it’s You, O Jehovah, that did this!  
  
28Upon themselves, may their curses fall,  
 But please, [my God], send [me] blessings.  
 May those who’ve risen against me be shamed;  
 But, may Your servant find joy.  
  
29On those guilty of slander, bring shame…  
 Wrap them in shame as though it were clothes.  
 30Then, I’ll offer You praises, my Lord…  
 With my mouth, I’ll praise You to many.  
  
31Now He stands at this poor one’s right hand,  
 To save me from those pursuing my soul.