**PSALM 58**

Eripe me.

*A prayer to be delivered from the wicked, with confidence in God’s help and protection. It agrees to Christ and his enemies the Jews.*

**1** Unto the end, destroy not, for David for an inscription of a title, when Saul sent and watched his house to kill him. [1 Kings 19.]

**2** Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; and defend me from them that rise up against me.

**3** Deliver me from them that work iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

**4** For behold they have caught my soul: the mighty have rushed in upon me:

**5** Neither is it my iniquity, nor my sin, O Lord: without iniquity have I run, and directed my steps.

**6** Rise up thou to meet me, and behold: even thou, O Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel. Attend to visit all the nations: have no mercy on all them that work iniquity.

**7** They shall return at evening, and shall suffer hunger like dogs: and shall go round about the city.

**8** Behold they shall speak with their mouth, and a sword is in their lips: for who, say they, hath heard us?

**9** But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them: thou shalt bring all the nations to nothing.

**10** I will keep my strength to thee: for thou art my protector:

**11** My God, his mercy shall prevent me.

**12** God shall let me see over my enemies: slay them not, lest at any time my people forget. Scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord, my protector:

**13** For the sin of their mouth, and the word of their lips: and let them be taken in their pride. And for their cursing and lying they shall be talked of,

**14** when they are consumed: when they are consumed by thy wrath, and they shall be no more. And they shall know that God will rule Jacob, and all the ends of the earth.

**15** They shall return at evening and shall suffer hunger like dogs: and shall go round about the city.

**16** They shall be scattered abroad to eat, and shall murmur if they be not filled.

**17** But I will sing thy strength: and will extol thy mercy in the morning. For thou art become my support, and my refuge, in the day of my trouble.

**18** Unto thee, O my helper, will I sing, for thou art God my defence: my God my mercy.