

59 From foes and all who threaten me

Em C D⁷ G D G Am⁷ D

1 From foes and all who threat-en me, O God, be my de - fence.
 2 I have not done them an - y wrong, yet they pre - pare to fight.
 3 At eve-ning they re - turn a - gain; they snarl like dogs at bay.

G C D G A⁷ D G Am⁷ Em

Save me from e - vil - do - ers' hands and men of vi - o - lence.
 A - rise to help me in my need; take no - tice of my plight.
 They prowl a - bout the cit - y gates, still hun - gry for their prey.

Em Bm Em (G) Am D G C D

See how they lie in wait for me! Fe - ro - cious men com - bine
 LORD God Al - might-y, rouse your - self; come, God of Is - ra - el,
 See what they spew out from their mouths! Look! from their lips come swords!

G C Am G A⁷ D G Am⁷ Em

a - gainst me, LORD, for no of - fence or sin - ful deed of mine.
 to judge the na - tions and spare none who wick - ed - ly re - bel.
 With e - vil mind they laugh and say, "Who now can hear our words?"

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- 4 But you, O LORD, will laugh at them;
those nations you deride.
I watch for you, my loving God,
my strength, in whom I hide.
My God will come and give me help;
in triumph I will sing
before all those who slander me,
O Lord, our shield and king.
- 5 But lest my people should forget,
slay not my foes outright.
Cause them to wander aimlessly;
defeat them by your might.
Reward the evil of their lips,
the words of their own mouths;
let them be captured by their pride,
their curses and untruths.
- 6 Consume them till they are no more;
in anger lay them low.
That God rules over Israel
all distant lands will know.
At evening they return again;
like dogs they snarl and growl.
They roam about the town for food
and, finding none, they howl.
- 7 But in the morning I will praise
your strength and loving care,
because you are my strong defence,
my refuge from despair.
O God, you are my only strength;
to you I will sing praise.
You are my fortress and my rock,
my loving God always.