



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS  
**CRYING FOR JUSTICE IN AN UNJUST WORLD**  
PSALM 58

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - July 23, 2023

1. Lament \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 1-5)

*Psalm 58 (ESV)*

*TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO  
DO NOT DESTROY. A MIKTAM OF DAVID.*

1 Do you indeed decree what is right, you  
gods?

Do you judge the children of man  
uprightly?

2 No, in your hearts you devise wrongs;  
your hands deal out violence on earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the  
womb;

they go astray from birth, speaking lies.

4 They have venom like the venom of a  
serpent,

like the deaf adder that stops its ear,

5 so that it does not hear the voice of  
charmners

or of the cunning enchanter.

6 O God, break the teeth in their mouths;  
tear out the fangs of the young lions, O

LORD!

7 Let them vanish like water that runs  
away;

when he aims his arrows, let them be  
blunted.

8 Let them be like the snail that dissolves  
into slime,

like the stillborn child who never sees the  
sun.

9 Sooner than your pots can feel the heat  
of thorns,

whether green or ablaze, may he sweep  
them away!

10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees  
the vengeance;

he will bathe his feet in the blood of the  
wicked.

11 Mankind will say, "Surely there is a  
reward for the righteous;

surely there is a God who judges on  
earth."

2. Pray \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 6-9)

3. Anticipate \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 10-11)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Matthew 5:4.** How much would you say you mourn over your own sin and the sin around you in the world? What keeps you from being truly grieved by sin?.

2. **Read Matthew 6:10.** How should these requests from the Lord's prayer and the ideas of asking God to stop the wicked and bring justice impact your prayer life?

3. **Read Luke 18:9-14.** What is the difference between righteous prayers for God's justice and self-righteous prayers like the one of the Pharisee in this passage? How can you make sure that your prayers don't follow his example, but that of David in Psalm 58?

4. **Read Psalm 37:8-9.** Are you tempted towards worry or anger because of the wickedness that you see in the world? How can these verses and what we learned in Psalm 58 either redirect or calm your concern?

5. **Read Psalm 58:11.** How should this reality shape your life this week? What are the temptations you should avoid and the righteous things you should pursue as a result of this truth?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Lutzer, Erwin. *No Reason to Hide*. Harvest House Publishers, 2022.  
Spurgeon, Charles. *The Treasury of David*. Niche Edition, 2011. (Kindle Version).  
Storms, Sam. "10 Things You Should Know About the Imprecatory Psalms." Blog article.  
<https://www.samstorms.org/enjoying-god-blog/post/10-things-you-should-know-about-the-imprecatory-psalms>

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Lament the sin in your life and in our society.  
Pray for God to stop the wicked and to bring justice.  
Pray for Sufficiency of Scriptures Ministries as they train pastors in Uganda.  
Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life!  
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
7/24	Ezekiel 33-35	1 Corinthians 15:20-34
7/25	Ezekiel 36-37	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
7/26	Ezekiel 38-39	1 Corinthians 16
7/27	Ezekiel 40-42	2 Corinthians 1:1-11
7/28	Ezekiel 43-45	2 Corinthians 1:12-24
7/29	Ezekiel 46-48	2 Corinthians 2