

Psalm 109:1-31 **David sought help from Yahweh promising His praise**

Plea for Judgment of False Accusers

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 Do not keep silent, O Elohey (God of) my praise!
- 2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
- 3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause.
- 4 In return for my love they are my accusers, But I *give myself to prayer*.
- 5 Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love.

- 6 Set a wicked man over him, And let an accuser* stand at his right hand.
- 7 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin.
- 8 Let his days be few, *And* let another take his office.
- 9 Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.
- 10 Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek *their bread** also from their desolate places.
- 11 Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labor.
- 12 Let there be none to extend mercy to him, Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children.
- 13 Let his posterity be cut off, *And* in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

- 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before Yahweh (the LORD), And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
- 15 Let them be continually before Yahweh (the LORD), That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth;
- 16 Because he did not remember to show mercy, But persecuted the poor and needy man, That he might even slay the broken in heart.

- 17 As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.
- 18 As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, So let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones.
- 19 Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, And for a belt with which he girds himself continually.
- 20 *Let this be* Yahweh's (the LORD's) reward to my accusers, And to those who speak evil against my person.

- 21 But You, O Yahweh Adonay (GOD the Lord), Deal with me for Your name's sake; Because Your mercy *is* good, deliver me.
- 22 For I *am* poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust.
24 My knees are weak through fasting, And my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness.
25 I also have become a reproach to them; *When* they look at me, they shake their heads.

26 Help me, O Yahweh Elohay (LORD my God!) Oh, save me according to Your mercy,
27 That they may know that this *is* Your hand – *That* You, Yahweh (LORD), have done it!
28 Let them curse, but You bless; When they arise, let them be ashamed, But let Your servant rejoice.
29 Let my accusers be clothed with shame, And let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise Yahweh (the LORD) with my mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude.
31 For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, To save *him* from those who condemn him.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Do not keep silent, O Elohey (God of) my praise!
For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause.
In return for my love they are my accusers, But I *give myself to prayer*.
Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love. [Psalm 109:1-5]
- ✧ David called God's attention to the behavior of his antagonists describing their wickedness.
- ✧ Set a wicked man over him, And let an accuser* stand at his right hand.
When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin.
Let his days be few, *And* let another take his office.
Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.
Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek *their bread** also from their desolate places.
Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labor.
Let there be none to extend mercy to him, Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children.
Let his posterity be cut off, *And* in the generation following let their name be blotted out. [Psalm 109:6-13]
- ✧ David expressed his desire for the accusers punishment from God.
- ✧ Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before Yahweh (the LORD), And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
Let them be continually before Yahweh (the LORD), That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth;
Because he did not remember to show mercy, But persecuted the poor and needy man, That he might even slay the broken in heart. [Psalm 109:14-16]

- ✧ David asked Yahweh to remember the sins of their father and mother that even their memory might be cut off from the earth because of their wickedness.
- ✧ As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.
As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, So let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones.
Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, And for a belt with which he girds himself continually.
Let this be Yahweh's (the LORD's) reward to my accusers, And to those who speak evil against my person. [\[Psalm 109:17-20\]](#)
- ✧ David continued to express his desire against his accusers for their cursing.
- ✧ But You, O Yahweh Adonay (GOD the Lord), Deal with me for Your name's sake; Because Your mercy *is* good, deliver me.
For I *am* poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.
I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust.
My knees are weak through fasting, And my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness.
I also have become a reproach to them; *When* they look at me, they shake their heads. [\[Psalm 109:21-25\]](#)
- ✧ David sought the favor of Yahweh Adonay and His merciful deliverance for himself.
- ✧ David made the request for the fame and reputation of Yahweh Adonay.
- ✧ David mentioned his humiliating condition as reason for this request.
- ✧ Help me, O Yahweh Elohay (LORD my God!) Oh, save me according to Your mercy, That they may know that this *is* Your hand – *That* You, Yahweh (LORD), have done it!
Let them curse, but You bless; When they arise, let them be ashamed, But let Your servant rejoice.
Let my accusers be clothed with shame, And let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle. [\[Psalm 109:26-29\]](#)
- ✧ David suggested that Yahweh helping him would result in his accusers seeing the evidence and knowing that it was done by the hand of Yahweh.
- ✧ They would be ashamed and disgraced and David would rejoice.
- ✧ I will greatly praise Yahweh (the LORD) with my mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude.
For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, To save *him* from those who condemn him. [\[Psalm 109:30-31\]](#)
- ✧ David promised to greatly sing praises to Yahweh among the multitude of people for His faithfulness in saving the poor from those who condemn them.