

Psalm 109

But do thou for me, O God the Lord,
for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good,
deliver thou me. For I am poor and needy,
and my heart is wounded within me.

I am gone like the shadow
when it declineth:
I am tossed up and
down as the locust.

My knees are weak through fasting;
and my flesh faileth of fatness.

I became also a reproach unto them:
when they looked upon me
they shook their heads.

Help me, O Lord my God:

O save me according to thy mercy:

That they may know that this is thy hand;
that thou, Lord, hast done it.

Let them curse, but bless thou:

when they arise, let them be ashamed;

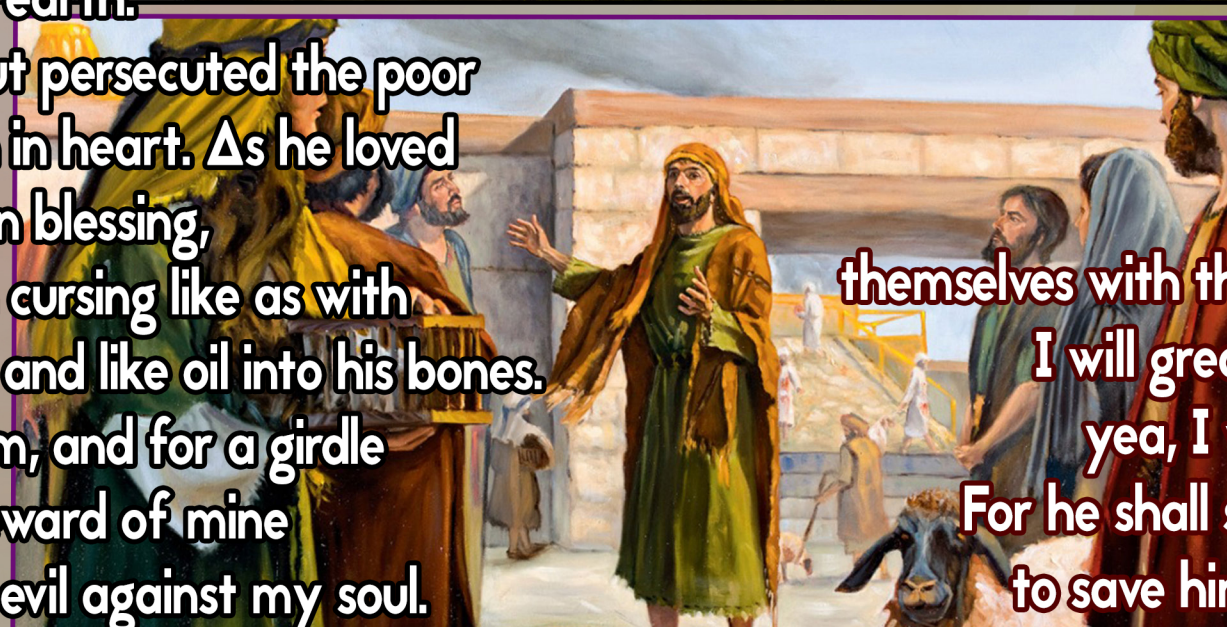
but let thy servant rejoice.

Let mine adversaries be clothed
with shame, and let them cover

themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth;
yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor,
to save him from those that condemn his soul.



Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise; For the mouth
of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened
against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
They compassed me about also with words
of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.
For my love they are my adversaries: but I give
myself unto prayer. And they have rewarded me
evil for good, and hatred for my love.

Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand. When he shall
be judged, let him be condemned: 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 be continually vagabonds,
and beg: let them seek their bread also out
of their desolate places. Let the extortioner
catch all that he hath; and let the strangers
spoil his labour. Let there be none to extend
mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.
Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.
Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord; and let not the sin
of his mother be blotted out. Let them be before the Lord continually,
that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor
and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart. As he loved
cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing,
so let it be far from him. As he clothed himself with cursing like as with
his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.
Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle
wherewith he is girded continually. Let this be the reward of mine
adversaries from the Lord, and of them that speak evil against my soul.