## PSALM 58 vs 1



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Title: For the Chief musician – this is the second **Do not Destroy** Psalm... although David had his own case in mind, yet he wrote not as a private person; this Psalm is intended for public use.

There are four **Do not Destroy** psalms, namely **57**<sup>th</sup>, **58**<sup>th</sup>, **59**<sup>th</sup>, and **75**<sup>th</sup>. In all of them there is a distinct declaration of the destruction of the wrong and the preservation of the right. Mercy = getting what we do not deserve.

Divisions: The enemy is accused (1-5); next judgment is sought from the judge (6-8); and seen in prophetic vision it is already executed (9-11) -- Charles Spurgeon.



For the Chief musician, Set to Do not Destroy,

A Michtam of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Do you really speak what is right o gods? do you really judge rightly, O sons of men?
- <sup>2</sup>No, at heart you work what is not right; on earth you weigh out the violence of your hands.
- <sup>3</sup> The wrongdoers are alienated from the womb: straying from birth, speaking lies.
- <sup>4</sup> Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: like a deaf viper that shuts its ear;
- <sup>5</sup> which will not listen to the voice of charmers, or a skillful caster of spells.

Think about it: The enemies were numerous and united, and since they unanimously condemned the persecuted one, they took it for granted: their verdict was right. "What everybody says must be true"... is a lying proverb based on the presumption which comes of large combinations. Have we not all agreed to hound the man to death, and who dare hint that so many great ones can be mistaken? They were deliberate, cold, calculating villains. As righteous judges ponder the law, balance the evidence, and weigh the case, so the malicious dispense injustice with malice, already determined in cold blood. They sought to kill him because he was right; masking their hatred by accusing him of every sin.

And the persecuted one lays the axe at the root by requiring his judges to answer the question whether or not they were acting according to justice.

- <sup>6</sup>O God, smash their teeth in their mouth: break out the fangs of young lions, O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> Like storm waters that run off: and like when he aims his missiles at empty heads.
- <sup>8</sup> Like a snail that melts, let them go away: like a stillborn of a woman, that they do not see the sun.

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Think about it: as a snail makes its way by its slime, and dissolves as it goes, its shell is found empty. And solemn is this curse, but surely it falls on many graceless wretches. They are as if they had never been. Their character is shapeless, hideous, revolting. They are fit to be hid away in an unknown grave, than be reckoned among men. Their life never comes to ripeness, their aims are abortive, their only achievement is to bring misery to others, and horror to themselves. Such are they, had it not been better for them if they had not been born! Better for their mothers who bore them! Better for the lands they cursed! Better for the earth that their carcasses are hid from the sun! Every unregenerate is an abortion. He misses the true form of God-made mankind; he does not see, or will see... the light of eternity.

- <sup>9</sup> Before your pots can feel the bramble burning, He will quickly take them away, alive and in His burning wrath – like a whirlwind.
- <sup>10</sup> Those doing right rejoice when he sees the vengeance: they will wash their feet in the blood of the wrongdoer.
- <sup>11</sup> And men will say, Surely there is a reward for the upright: surely God judges the earth.

Think about it: So sudden is the overthrow of the wrongdoer. So great a failure is their life, that they never see joy. Their pot is put on the hook to prepare a feast of joy, but before the twigs are lit, before the heat touches the pot, a storm comes and sweeps it all away. There is nothing in Scripture of that sympathy with God's enemies which modern traitors are so fond of parading as the finest species of benevolence. We will say Amen to our God when He comes and deals with the evil wrongdoers. Their damnation will not mar the faithful in eternity. When He brings His rod of Iron, we will be with Him and shout glory! Charles Spurgeon.

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