

Eventually There Will Be Justice

Psalm 58

I. Justice May Be Denied

A. Sometimes societies collapse; justice becomes the opinion of power rather than law. “To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David. Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? *do ye judge uprightly*, O ye sons of men? Yea, *in heart ye work wickedness*; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.” (PSALM 58:1-2)

B. Some people are born bad and get worse as their skills and abilities develop. “The *wicked are estranged from the womb*: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.” (PSALM 58:3)

C. Some people are constitutionally incapable of hearing reality. “*Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.*” (PSALM 58:4-5) “*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*” (ISAIAH 5:20)

II. Don't Hold Back—Tell God All About It

A. God can disarm evil; ask Him to do so. “Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: *break out the great teeth of the young lions*, O LORD.” (PSALM 58:6)

B. See evil for what it is; as it takes place, evil is running its inevitable course to oblivion. “*Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.*” (PSALM 58:7)

C. There is little to fear from evil and nothing much can be done to keep evil from destroying itself. “*As a snail which melteth*, let every one of them pass away: *like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.*” (PSALM 58:8)

D. Righteous people can get hurt when they try to cozy up to what is about to be blown away by God. “Before your pots can feel the thorns, *he shall take them away as with a whirlwind*, both living, and in *his wrath*.” (PSALM 58:9)

E. Evil forces laugh at the righteous, but their laughter is itself evidence of their swift destruction; don't stand too close to the fuel. “For as the *crackling of thorns under a pot*, so is the *laughter of the fool*: this also *is vanity*.” (ECCLESIASTES 7:6)

III. Start Praising God—The Court of Heaven Is Open

A. Mouse traps work because mice see the cheese, not the loaded spring; selfishness converts vermin of all kinds into their own executioners. “Surely *thou didst set them in slippery places*: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they *brought* into desolation, as *in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors*. As a dream when *one* awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, *thou shalt despise their image*.” (PSALM 73:18-20) “*Mouse*” is a Sanskrit word for thief.

B. Nobody misses the great tyrants of yesterday; why worry about the tiny tots of terror. “The *righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance*: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.” (PSALM 58:10) “To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David. Let God arise, *let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice*.” (PSALM 68:1-3)

C. When honest people look back over history, they must always acknowledge that the Judge of Heaven does right. “So that a man shall say, *Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth*.” (PSALM 58:11)

D. Take the long view as Moses did; when all is said and done, God will do what is best. “That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: *Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?*” (GENESIS 18:25)

E. Relax the clouds will pass; the Holy One comes to set all things right. “John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and *peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come*; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; And *from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth*. Unto him that loved us,

and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ***Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him:*** and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. ***I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.***” (REVELATION 1:4-8)