

## **God's Wisdom in Judgment**

**“Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.”**  
(Psalm 59:11 KJV)

When God brings His judgment upon wicked and sinners He has His own wisdom and purpose in execution. God's ways are not man's ways, therefore in executing the judgment God even said, “19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.” (Romans 12:19)

It is King David who penned Psalm 59 when he was running away from the men of Saul who were looking after to finish his life. They were roaming in the night around his house as dog moving in the night, “6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.” (Psalm 59:6) David was discerning their movements but he did not take any step to revenge or to fight. But he let the judgment of God to proceed. He even gave God the full sovereignty over the situation when he even prayed that they will continue to behave and roam around like dogs in the night, “14 And at evening let them return;

**and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.”** (Psalm 59:14)

The prayer of David was not his attempt to curse or to revenge but it is a prophecy about the justice of God and His judgment upon wicked people who even wanted to take the place of God to finish the life of an innocent person like David, “13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.” (Psalm 59:13) The purpose of the prayer of David is that they should know God rule over Jacob and not man or their own power.

**Slay them not, lest my people forget:** David prayer was in agreement with the will of God and the purpose of God. They should not be killed in a speedy way, lest my people forget. If the execution be soon done, the impressions of it will not be deep, and therefore will not be durable, but will quickly wear off. Swift destructions startle men for the present, but they are soon forgotten, for which reason he prays that this might be gradual, therefore David prayed,

**Scatter them by thy power;** and let them carry about with them, in their wanderings, such tokens of God's displeasure as may spread the notice of their punishment to all parts of the country.

The above is the same as what had happened with Cain himself; though he was a murderer, he was not slain, lest the vengeance should be forgotten, but was sentenced to be a fugitive and a vagabond.

Put this in your mind: when we think God's judgments come slowly upon sinners we must conclude that God has wise and holy ends in the gradual proceedings of his wrath.

**Scatter them by thy power;** as that they may never again unite to do mischief. Scattering has a long term effects in diminishing the forces of the enemy and ultimately to be vanished and disappeared.

**And bring them down:** Ultimately they should be disappearing from the scene so that even one should realize that reign and rule over His church and His people.

**O Lord our shield:** If God has undertaken the protection of His people as their shield, He will doubtless humble and abase all those that fight against them.

## **My Prayer**

**O Sovereign Lord I thank you and praise for your Word that guide me and guard my soul of how to deal with my enemies and those who oppose your ways and deal wickedly with me. “11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield. 12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak. 13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.”** (Psalm 59:11-13) **This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.**

**The Lord  
Is  
My Shepherd**

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