

May 10 Answers

- 1) David's psalms. Psalm 58 is an **imprecatory** psalm, a psalm that calls in the strongest terms for God's judgment on the wicked. David asked, "Do you rulers indeed speak justly? Do you judge uprightly among men?" (Ps 58:1 NIV). Those in positions of power should be examples of **virtue** and justice, but all too often they are full of **violence** and deceit. What should be done to those who abuse their power? What should happen to those who defraud the poor and kill the innocent? The Holy Spirit answered, "O God, **break** the teeth in their mouths; **tear** out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD! Let them vanish like the water that runs away; Let them be like the **snail** that dissolves into slime, like the stillborn child who never sees the sun" (Ps 58:6–8 NIV). This teaches us that the Spirit of Christ desires the **destruction** of the wicked. If they will not repent, then let them be swept away in judgment! It is right for us to **rejoice** in the wrath of God, and it is good for us to **delight** in the vengeance of Christ. When the Son of God returns in power, a sharp **sword** will come from His mouth, and He will strike down the ungodly nations and tread the winepress of God's fury. When we truly understand how **venomous** the wicked are (Ps 58:4 NIV), we will gladly join Christ as He washes His feet in their **blood**. Then men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges the earth" (Ps 58:11 NIV). Hallelujah!