

# Psalms 102:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

## Analysis

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Constant reproach (charaph) from enemies compounds the psalmist's suffering. 'All the day' indicates relentless persecution. 'Mad against me' suggests enemies consumed by hatred, while 'sworn against me' implies formal oaths to destroy him. This persecution anticipates Christ's experience, who endured constant reproach (Ps 69:9, Rom 15:3) culminating in His trial where false witnesses swore against Him. The Reformed understanding of persecution as normative for believers (2 Tim 3:12) should prepare Christians for similar opposition.

## Historical Context

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In the ancient world, oaths and curses carried serious weight, often invoking divine judgment. Enemies taking oaths against someone indicated extreme hostility and a formal commitment to that person's destruction.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How do you respond biblically to persistent criticism and opposition from unbelievers?
2. What does Christ's response to His persecutors teach about maintaining love for enemies?

## Interlinear Text

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H3605 me all the day H3117 reproach H2778 Mine enemies H341 and they that are mad H1984 H0  
נִשְׁבָּעוּ:  
against me are sworn H7650

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 26:11** (Parallel theme): And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.