

# Psalms 25:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

## Analysis

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The observation 'Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred' asks God to notice the opposition's quantity and quality. Enemies are 'many' and their hatred is 'cruel' (Hebrew: *chamas*, violent/ruthless). This prayer acknowledges human helplessness against overwhelming opposition. Reformed theology emphasizes that spiritual warfare requires divine intervention—human resources fail against satanic and human evil. Asking God to 'consider' appeals to His omniscience and justice.

## Historical Context

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David faced constant threats—Saul's pursuit, Absalom's rebellion, foreign armies. Outnumbered and outmatched, he learned to cry to God rather than rely on military might. This pattern sustained Israel through centuries of persecution.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. Who or what are the 'many enemies' opposing your faith today?
2. How does bringing overwhelming opposition to God's attention provide relief?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>Consider</b>	<b>mine enemies</b>	H3588	<b>for they are many</b>	<b>and they hate</b>	<b>me with cruel</b>
H7200	H341		H7231	H8130	H2555
שְׂנֵאוֹנִי:					
<b>hatred</b>					
H8135					