

# Psalms 54:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

## Analysis

---

The confidence: 'He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.' David leaves judgment to God rather than taking revenge himself. 'In thy truth' grounds the request in God's character--His faithfulness to His word about protecting the righteous and judging the wicked.

## Historical Context

---

David consistently refused to take revenge on Saul even when given opportunity (1 Samuel 24, 26). He entrusted judgment to God's timing and justice.

## Related Passages

---

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

---

1. What does it mean to pray for enemies' judgment 'in God's truth'?

2. How does entrusting judgment to God differ from demanding immediate vindication?

## Interlinear Text

---

יְשׁוּב	הָרַע	לְשׂוֹנֵי י	בְּאֱמֻנָּתְךָ	הַצְמִיתָם:
He shall reward	evil	unto mine enemies	in thy truth	cut them off
H7725	H7451	H8324	H571	H6789

## Additional Cross-References

---

**Psalms 89:49** (Truth): Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

**Psalms 143:12** (Parallel theme): And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

---

From KJV Study • [kjevstudy.org](http://kjevstudy.org)