

Psalms 59

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Deliver Me from My Enemies

- ¹ Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.
- ² Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.
- ³ For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.
- ⁴ They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.
- ⁵ Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.
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- ⁶ They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.
- ⁷ Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?
- ⁸ But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.
- ⁹ Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.
- ¹⁰ The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.
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- 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.
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- 14 And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.
- 15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.
- 16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.
- 17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Mercy — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

Sin — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 59:1 **Resurrection:** Psalms 12:5; 18:48. **References God:** Psalms 20:1; 57:1; 71:4.

Parallel theme: Psalms 91:14; 143:9; 143:12; Isaiah 33:16

Psalms 59:2 **Blood:** Psalms 139:19. **Sin:** Psalms 26:9

Psalms 59:3

Parallel theme: Psalms 38:12; 56:6; 69:4; Proverbs 12:6; Micah 7:2; John 15:25; Acts 23:21. **Sin:** 1 Samuel 24:11. **References Lord:** Psalms 2:2; 1 Samuel 26:18

Psalms 59:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 35:23

Psalms 59:6 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 59:14; 1 Samuel 19:11

Psalms 59:7 **Word:** Psalms 57:4; Proverbs 12:18. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 10:11; 73:11; Proverbs 15:2

Psalms 59:8 **References Lord:** Psalms 2:4; 37:13. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:26

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Parallel theme: Psalms 9:9; 27:14; 62:2; Isaiah 40:31. **References God:** Psalms 59:17; Isaiah 12:2

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Psalms 59:11 **References Lord:** Psalms 3:3; Deuteronomy 4:27; 28:64. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 52:5; Job 40:12; Luke 21:21; Revelation 9:6

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Sin: Psalms 10:7; Proverbs 12:13. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 10:2; Proverbs 18:7; Hosea 4:2

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Psalms 59:15 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 109:10; Job 15:23

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