

# Psalms 59:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

## Analysis

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The dogs now 'wander up and down for meat' depicts frustrated scavengers finding no prey. 'Grudge if they be not satisfied' (Hebrew 'lun'—murmur/complain/stay all night) shows persistent discontent. This portrays the wicked's essential futility—their efforts yield nothing substantial, anticipating Jesus's words about laboring for food that perishes (John 6:27).

## Historical Context

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The image of dogs wandering hungry evokes both literal scavengers in ancient cities and metaphorically depicts Saul's men's fruitless search. David's escape left them empty-handed despite their efforts.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does the insatiable nature of wickedness reveal about sin's character?
2. How does the righteous's satisfaction in God contrast with the wicked's perpetual hunger?

## Interlinear Text

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H1992	Let them wander up and down	for meat	H518	H3808
	H5128	H398		
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if they be not satisfied	and grudge			
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 15:23** (Parallel theme): He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

**Psalms 109:10** (Parallel theme): Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.