

# Psalms 59:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

## Analysis

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God's laughter at the wicked demonstrates divine transcendence over human schemes. The Hebrew 'sachaq' (laugh/mock/scorn) appears in Psalm 2:4 describing God's response to nations' rebellion. 'Thou shalt have all the heathen in derision' reveals that from God's eternal perspective, human opposition is absurd, not threatening—a truth that emboldens believers facing persecution.

## Historical Context

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This parallels Psalm 2's depiction of God's response to nations' conspiracy against His anointed. David understood that as God's chosen king, opposition to him was ultimately rebellion against God Himself, warranting divine derision.

## Related Passages

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

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's transcendent perspective on opposition comfort you in trials?
2. What does divine 'laughter' at wickedness reveal about the futility of opposing God?

## Interlinear Text

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| וְאַתָּה ה                                     | יְהוָה !               | תִּשְׁחַק          | לְ מוֹ | תֵּלַע ג           | לְכָל |
| H859   | <b>But thou O LORD</b> | <b>shalt laugh</b> | H0     | <b>in derision</b> | H3605 |
|  | H3068                  | H7832              |        | H3932              |       |
| גְּוִיִּם:                                     |                        |                    |        |                    |       |
| <b>at them thou shalt have all the heathen</b> |                        |                    |        |                    |       |
| H1471  |                        |                    |        |                    |       |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 2:4** (References Lord): He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

**Psalms 37:13** (References Lord): The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

**Proverbs 1:26** (Parallel theme): I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;