

# Psalms 64:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves:  
all that see them shall flee away.

## Analysis

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Divine reversal appears: 'their own tongue shall make them fall.' The principle of measure-for-measure justice operates—verbal weapons rebound on slanderers. 'All that see them shall flee away' indicates that judgment on the wicked warns observers, serving pedagogical purpose. This anticipates Ananias and Sapphira's fate bringing fear on the church (Acts 5:11).

## Historical Context

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The pattern of the wicked's schemes rebounding appears throughout Scripture (Esther 7:10, Daniel 6:24). Public judgment serves to vindicate the righteous and warn potential evildoers.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How have you witnessed the principle of sin rebounding on sinners?
2. What pedagogical purpose does visible judgment serve for the community of faith?

## Interlinear Text

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| וַיִּכְשִׁיל וְהוּ<br>to fall<br>H3782 | עַל יְמוֹ<br>H5921           | לְשׁוֹנָם<br>H3956 | ! תִּנְגְּדוּ וְ<br>them shall flee away<br>H5074 |
| כָּל<br>H3605                          | רְאֵה<br>H7200               | בָּם:<br>H0        |   |
|  | upon themselves all that see |                    |   |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 18:7** (Parallel theme): A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

**Proverbs 12:13** (Parallel theme): The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

**Psalms 140:9** (Parallel theme): As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

**Psalms 22:7** (Parallel theme): All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

**Psalms 31:11** (Parallel theme): I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

**Jeremiah 48:27** (Parallel theme): For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skippedst for joy.

**Jeremiah 18:16** (Parallel theme): To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

**Matthew 21:41** (Parallel theme): They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

**Nahum 3:7** (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

**Luke 19:22** (Parallel theme): And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

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