

# Psalms 69:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

## Analysis

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Enemies 'more than the hairs of mine head' outnumber and overwhelm. They 'hate me without a cause'—unjust persecution, quoted about Christ in John 15:25. Demanding restoration of what wasn't stolen adds injustice to persecution. This describes Satan's accusations against believers and Christ's bearing sins He didn't commit (2 Corinthians 5:21). The innocent sufferer theme runs from Job through Christ to persecuted believers (2 Timothy 3:12).

## Historical Context

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David faced numerous enemies throughout his life—Saul's pursuit, Absalom's rebellion, surrounding nations' hostility. Yet his experience pointed beyond itself to the Messiah's greater innocent suffering.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do you respond to unjust accusations or persecution for righteousness' sake?
2. What comfort comes from knowing Christ was hated 'without cause' and bore sins He didn't commit?
3. How can experiencing undeserved suffering make you more like Christ and deepen compassion for others?

## Interlinear Text

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| רַב וְ     | מִשְׁעַר וְ                | רֹאשִׁי               | שֹׂנְאֵי י      | חֵן נִּ            |
| are more   | than the hairs             | of mine head          | They that hate  | me without a cause |
| H7231      | H8185                      | H7218                 | H8130           | H2600              |
| עֲצָמֵי ו  | יָ מִצְמִיתִי              | אֵיבֵי י              | שֶׁ קָר         | אֲשֶׁר             |
| are mighty | they that would destroy    | me being mine enemies | wrongfully      | H834               |
| H6105      | H6789                      | H341                  | H8267           |                    |
| לֹא        | גַּם לִּי לָקַחְתִּי       | אֶז                   | אָשִׁיב:        |                    |
| H3808      | that which I took not away | H227                  | then I restored |                    |
|            | H1497                      |                       | H7725           |                    |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 35:19** (Parallel theme): Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

**John 15:25** (Parallel theme): But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

**Psalms 40:12** (Parallel theme): For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** (Parallel theme): For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**1 Peter 3:18** (Parallel theme): For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

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