

# MAPPING THE PSALMS


Lesson 9

THE EXODUS BOOK, Part Two (continued)

Psalms 56-60

Look for the answers to these questions:

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The five psalms in this section conclude Part Two.



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Because they have been redeemed from death, God's people are able to trust him in all matters of this life.

## Ps 56: God's People Speak to Him

Complaint

Trust

Praise

Psalm 56 follows the journey from complaint to praise, a journey made possible by trust in God.

This pattern – complaint, trust, praise – is twice repeated.

## Ps 56: God's People Speak to Him

Complaint, 1-2

Trust

Praise

### Psalm 56:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> Be merciful unto me, O God:  
for man would swallow me up;  
he fighting daily oppresseth me.
- <sup>2</sup> Mine enemies would daily swallow me up:  
for *they be* many that fight against me,  
O thou most High.

## Ps 56: God's People Speak to Him

### Psalm 56:3

<sup>3</sup> What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

Complaint

Trust, 3

Praise

## Ps 56: God's People Speak to Him

Complaint

Trust

Praise, 4

### Psalm 56:4

<sup>4</sup> In God I will praise his word,  
in God I have put my trust;

I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.



## Ps 56: God's People Speak to Him

Complaint, 5-8

Trust

Praise

### Psalm 56:5-8

- <sup>5</sup> Every day they wrest my words:  
all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.
- <sup>6</sup> They gather themselves together, they hide themselves,  
they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.
- <sup>7</sup> Shall they escape by iniquity?  
in *thine* anger cast down the people, O God.
- <sup>8</sup> Thou tellest my wanderings:  
put thou my tears into thy bottle:  
*are they* not in thy book?

## Ps 56: God's People Speak to Him

Complaint

Trust, 9

Praise

### Psalm 56:9

<sup>9</sup> When I cry *unto thee*,  
then shall mine enemies turn back:  
this I know;  
for God *is* for me.

## Ps 56: God's People Speak to Him

Complaint

Trust

Praise, 10-13

### Psalm 56:10-13

- <sup>10</sup> In God will I praise *his* word:  
in the LORD will I praise *his* word.
- <sup>11</sup> In God have I put my trust:  
**I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.**
- <sup>12</sup> Thy vows *are* upon me, O God:  
I will render praises unto thee.
- <sup>13</sup> For thou hast delivered my soul from death:  
*wilt not thou deliver* my feet from falling,  
that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition, 1

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted

Enemies

Repetition, 7

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted

Psalm 57 is built on these two repetitions:

Be merciful unto me, O God,  
be merciful unto me

and

My heart is fixed, O God,  
my heart is fixed.

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted, 5

Enemies

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted, 11

This truth is said two times:

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
*let thy glory be above all the earth.*

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition, 1

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted

Enemies

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted

### Psalm 57:1

<sup>1</sup> **Be merciful unto me, O God,  
be merciful unto me:**  
for my soul trusteth in thee:  
yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge,  
until *these* calamities be overpast.

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition

Resolve, 2-3a

Mercy and Truth

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted

Enemies

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted

### Psalm 57:2-3a

- <sup>2</sup> I will cry unto God most high;  
unto God that performeth *all things* for me.
- <sup>3</sup> He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of  
him that would swallow me up.

Selah.

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth, 3b

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted

Enemies

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted

### Psalm 57:3b

God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.



## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Enemies, 4

Be Thou Exalted

Enemies

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted

### Psalm 57:4

<sup>4</sup> My soul *is* among lions:  
*and* I lie even among them that are set on fire,  
even the sons of men,  
whose teeth *are* spears and arrows,  
and their tongue a sharp sword.

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted, 5

Enemies

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted

### Psalm 57:5

<sup>5</sup> Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
*let thy glory be above all the earth.*

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted

Enemies, 6

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted

### Psalm 57:6

<sup>6</sup> They have prepared a net for my steps;  
my soul is bowed down:  
they have dugged a pit before me,  
into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves*.  
Selah.

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted

Enemies

Repetition, 7

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted

### Psalm 57:7

<sup>7</sup> **My heart is fixed,**  
**O God, my heart is fixed:**  
I will sing and give praise.

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted

Enemies

Repetition

Resolve, 8-9

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted

### Psalm 57:8-9

- <sup>8</sup> Awake up, my glory;  
awake, psaltery and harp:  
I *myself* will awake early.
- <sup>9</sup> I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people:  
I will sing unto thee among the nations.

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted

Enemies

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth, 10

Be Thou Exalted

### Psalm 57:10

<sup>10</sup> For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens,  
and thy truth unto the clouds.

## Ps 57: God's People Speak to Him

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Enemies

Be Thou Exalted

Enemies

Repetition

Resolve

Mercy and Truth

Be Thou Exalted, 11

### Psalm 57:11

<sup>11</sup> Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:  
*let thy glory be above all the earth.*

## Ps 58: God's People Speak to Him

Man's Judgment

The Wicked

Imprecation

The Righteous

God's Judgment

In Psalm 58, the Lord's day of vengeance is joyfully anticipated. This psalm is centered on an imprecatory prayer.



## Ps 58: God's People Speak to Him

Man's Judgment, 1-2

The Wicked

Imprecation

The Righteous

God's Judgment

### **Psalm 58:1-2**

- <sup>1</sup> Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation?  
do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?
- <sup>2</sup> Yea, in heart ye work wickedness;  
ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

## Ps 58: God's People Speak to Him

Man's Judgment

The Wicked, 3-5

Imprecation

The Righteous

God's Judgment

### Psalm 58:3-5

- 3 The wicked are estranged from the womb:  
they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.
- 4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent:  
*they are* like the deaf adder *that* stoppeth her ear;
- 5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers,  
charming never so wisely.

## Ps 58: God's People Speak to Him

Man's Judgment

The Wicked

Imprecation, 6-9

The Righteous

God's Judgment

### Psalm 58:6-9

- <sup>6</sup> Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth:  
break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually:  
*when* he bendeth *his* bow to shoot his arrows,  
let them be as cut in pieces.
- <sup>8</sup> As a snail *which* melteth, let every one of them pass away:  
*like* the untimely birth of a woman,  
*that* they may not see the sun.
- <sup>9</sup> Before your pots can feel the thorns,  
he shall take them away as with a whirlwind,  
both living, and in *his* wrath.

## Ps 58: God's People Speak to Him

Man's Judgment

The Wicked

Imprecation

The Righteous, 10

God's Judgment

### **Psalm 58:10**

<sup>10</sup> The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance:  
he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

## Ps 58: God's People Speak to Him

Man's Judgment

The Wicked

Imprecation

The Righteous

God's Judgment, 11

### Psalm 58:11

<sup>11</sup> So that a man shall say,  
Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous:  
*verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.*

## Ps 59: God's People Speak to Him

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

In Psalm 59, the lawless and unrepentant are described as a pack of wild, scavenging dogs.

Ps 59: God's People Speak to Him

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

But the God of my defense is the God of my mercy.

## Ps 59: God's People Speak to Him

Prayer, 1-5

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

### Psalm 59:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God:  
defend me from them that rise up against me.
- <sup>2</sup> Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,  
and save me from bloody men.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> They run and prepare themselves without my fault:  
awake to help me, and behold.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.



Ps 59: God's People Speak to Him

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs, 6-7

My Mercy and Defense

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

**Psalm 59:6-7**

- 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?

Ps 59: God's People Speak to Him

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense 8-10

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

**Psalm 59:8-10**

- 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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Prayer

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### This is like what we read in Psalm 2:4

- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

## Ps 59: God's People Speak to Him

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

Prayer, 11-13

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

### Psalm 59:11-13

- <sup>11</sup> Slay them not, lest my people forget:  
scatter them by thy power; and bring them down,  
O Lord our shield.
- <sup>12</sup> 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.
- <sup>13</sup> 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.

## Ps 59: God's People Speak to Him

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs, 14-15

My Mercy and Defense

### Psalm 59:14-15

- <sup>14</sup> And at evening let them return;  
*and* let them make a noise like a dog,  
and go round about the city.
- <sup>15</sup> Let them wander up and down for meat,  
and grudge if they be not satisfied.

## Ps 59: God's People Speak to Him

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs, 14-15

My Mercy and Defense

### Psalm 59:14-15

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*and* let them make a noise like a dog,  
and go round about the city.
- <sup>15</sup> Let them wander up and down for meat,  
and grudge if they be not satisfied.

His enemies had been like growling dogs,  
but he knows one day they will yelp and whine.

Ps 59: God's People Speak to Him

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense

Prayer

Enemies are like dogs

My Mercy and Defense, 16-17

**Psalm 59:16-17**

- 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.

## Ps 60: The Unrepentant

Prayer

Israel

Heathen

The prayer of Psalm 60 is as true today as when it was first inspired by God: “Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.”

Without God’s help, we are doomed.



## Ps 60: The Unrepentant

Prayer

Israel

The Heathen

This pattern is repeated twice.

## Ps 60: The Unrepentant

Prayer, 1-5

Israel

The Heathen

### Psalm 60:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> O God, thou hast cast us off,  
thou hast scattered us,  
thou hast been displeased;  
O turn thyself to us again.
- <sup>2</sup> Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it:  
heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
- <sup>3</sup> Thou hast shewed thy people hard things:  
thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.
- <sup>4</sup> Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,  
that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.
- <sup>5</sup> That thy beloved may be delivered;  
save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.

## Ps 60: The Unrepentant

Prayer

Israel, 6-7

The Heathen

### Psalm 60:6-7

- <sup>6</sup> God hath spoken in his holiness;  
I will rejoice,  
I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- <sup>7</sup> Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine;  
Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head;  
Judah *is* my lawgiver;

## Ps 60: The Unrepentant

Prayer

Israel

The Heathen, 8-9

### Psalm 60:8-9

- <sup>8</sup> Moab *is* my washpot;  
over Edom will I cast out my shoe:  
Philistia, triumph thou because of me.
- <sup>9</sup> Who will bring me *into* the strong city?  
who will lead me into Edom?

## Ps 60: The Unrepentant

Prayer, 10-11

Israel

The Heathen

### Psalm 60:10-11

- <sup>10</sup> *Wilt* not thou, O God, *which* hadst cast us off?  
and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies?
- <sup>11</sup> Give us help from trouble:  
for vain *is* the help of man.

## Ps 60: The Unrepentant

Prayer

Israel, 12a

The Heathen

### **Psalm 60:12a**

<sup>12</sup> Through God we shall do valiantly:

## Ps 60: The Unrepentant


Prayer

Israel

The Heathen, 12b

### Psalm 60:12b

<sup>12</sup> ... for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.



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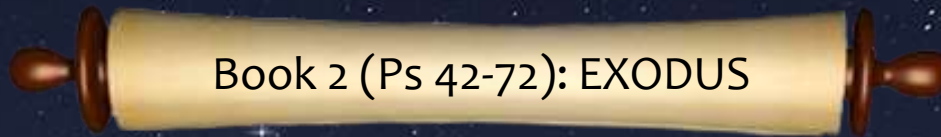
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Part 2 of Book Two is now complete.





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Israel's Need for Redemption  
Ps 42 to 49

Israel's Redeemer  
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**UP NEXT** 

Israel's Redemption  
Ps 61 to 72

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Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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