

Psalm 109:1-31 – Yearning for judgement with Jesus

Is it OK to pray for God to bring his judgement on ‘that wicked so and so’ who ‘mocked your sense of fashion at your Christmas lunch’ with words that ‘hurt you to the core’?

Dealing with problem songs

“real legitimate feeling of the psalmist BUT the psalmist is not being Godly in the song he writes”

Not a good analysis because ...

- Psalms are not some sort of sub Christian scripture that contain some stuff that is good and some stuff that is bad.
- Both OT and NT have the idea that God will bring punishment on people for their actions.
- The NT quotes part of psalm 109 with approval in Acts 1:16-20

A better way

...not as curses

... but prayers

- asking God to do what God has already promised in his covenant.
 - to oppose him was to oppose God.

How should we understand Psalm 109?

The problem – v 1-5

- Verse 5, “They repay good with evil and hatred for my friendship”

What King David wants God to do – v 6-15

- David wants God to kill him and take everything off his family.

What this one person in particular done? – v 16-20

... a really nasty piece of work.

A desire for Godly motivation – v 21

... David’s own desire for Godly motivation on his part.

... VERY clear to all involved that it is God acting... not David on a personal vendetta.

For us today

... this psalm is first and foremost a prayer to God.

So can we pray or sing like this against the enemies of God?

... yes absolutely **BUT**

... some people might be my enemies but they might not be God's enemies.

... in the end we are asking God to act according to his promises to protect his people as he sees it best to do.

... humbly wanting God to shape our hearts and we should be humbly trusting him