

19-Psalms-56-Transcript

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well greetings brethren and welcome back to another wednesday night bible study and uh tonight god willing we are going to cover psalms 108 and 109 and as you know our whole emphasis is to study the scripture line by line line upon line let's open with the word of prayer and then we can begin the study of psalms 108 and 109 our loving heavenly father we come before you father to praise you we thank you so much for your scripture we thank you for the different uh authors that you worked through and inspired and we thought thank you also father for the different genres and we've spent a lot of time uh studying the prophets and now we're returning to the psalms and the the understanding of the psalms father we pray that you'll help us to deepen our understanding to deepen our appreciation to put it in the context of what we have learned from the prophets but to also help us to better understand the prophets and even see the prophecies that are in the psalms father these are very very difficult days as you know and they are getting worse and your people father are being targeted and are coming just into increasing persecution and we know it's going to be severe we are praying right now father in

particular
for our brethren in australia
as uh many of them are being forced
to go against their conscience
and we know that whatever is not of
faith is sin they're being forced to sin
we pray father that you'll give them
conviction
and that you'll help them father to keep
the big picture
in mind
so that whatever sacrifices we have to
make
in order to
honor and glorify christ we will make
them
help us also father to turn to the
psalms
to to receive
the solace and the comfort and the
wisdom
that we need in times of
personal
but also community
persecution we thank you lord god and we
praise you for your for your will
and for your loving kindness we pray in
the most holy name of jesus christ amen
brethren we're up to psalm
108
and just before we go into psalm 108 uh
what i'll do is i'll open up
my
scripture here and i just want to go
back to psalm 57 i just want you to
notice something here in psalm 57
and verse 7
david writes my heart is fixed
oh god
my heart is fixed
i will sing and give praise
awake up my glory awake sultry and harp
i myself will awake early
i will praise you o lord among the

people i will sing unto you among the
nations
for your mercy is great unto the heavens
and your truth unto the clouds be thou
exalted o god above the heavens
let your glory
be above all the earth
and i just wanted to read that uh psalm
57 which we covered some time ago
because this exact passage is the first
part
of psalm 108
so
this
psalm that david wrote or this song that
david wrote
for some reason and now in this fifth of
the sultry which is really a post-exile
post-exilic this is after they have
been exiled
that
maybe david himself thought to use the
same words he wrote earlier or maybe the
person who's putting the sultry together
just thought that it would be worthwhile
to
take the
poetry of david
and put it to maybe a different topic
but also combine it with other lyrics
and we'll see that in a moment i should
have just checked to make sure
that my that i'm coming through
loudly and clearly i'm knowing anything
oh yes
i see
here that uh thank you mr murray that
the audio and video are good great i
should always check that
before i get too far so uh so here we go
so this is um psalm 57 you saw the verse
is there verses 7 to 11. now let's come
into psalm 108. it's a song or psalm of
david

so
they're crediting the whole psalm
to david
but you're going to see that this psalm
is actually
taking two different psalms psalm 57 and
psalm 60 and putting them together so in
that sense it is the psalm of david
because he wrote these lyrics
but um
it doesn't necessarily mean that he put
these two psalms he configured this
particular psalm in this way just that
he certainly is the author of the words
now we just read psalm 57 now let's read
psalm
108 verse 1
oh god
my heart is
fixed so there's some trouble
and for all of us i think this is a
great
way that we should be able to pray
oh god my heart is fixed
i we understand your covenant we
understand your covenant love we
understand your covenant commitment
and despite
what is going on around us
we walk by faith
and not by sight
so yes it's very discouraging what we
see by sight
but because we are so intimately
familiar
with your covenant love
our heart is fixed
oh god my heart is fixed
i will sing and give praise even with my
glory
so despite again the hardship
we're going to sing and give praise
because we know how the story ends
awake sultry and harp i myself will

awake early so let's get my instruments
up and i'm going to be up very i'm going
to praise god i'll be up early
again despite
the terrible circumstances we find
ourselves in
i will praise you o lord among the
people
and i will sing praises unto you among
the nations
to me this is a again this this cassette
this understanding that
we're going to sing among the gentiles
these gentile powers
who have no understanding who are
adversarial to god's will
that in the end we're going to praise
god in front of them and all the world
will know
that jesus is lord
he says the reason he'll do this
for your hasset
this is the whole theme this is the the
bible really centers around this
understanding
of cassette
that the wicked will not have any
understanding daniel says the wise will
understand the wicked will have no idea
so as everything is just falling apart
and that the beast is gaining in power
and is given victory over the saints
the wicked will have no idea what's
going on
but the wise the wise will understand
and that understanding is going to come
around this this this concept
of god's covenant love and his covenant
commitment for your hasset
is great above the heavens
and your truth
reaches unto the clouds be thou exalted
o god above the heavens
and your glory

above all the earth so everything's
going on on the earth some very very
powerful people are exerting their their
strength and their muscle and their
might and we say with the psalmist the
psalmist has given us the words
sometimes we don't know how to pray as
we ought

but we can read the psalms and and get
the words from the psalmist be thou
exalted

o god above the heavens
and your glory above all the earth our
heart is fixed

because god is in control when we read
the book of revelation
and chapter four

and we see the throne room of god
be thou exalted oh god above the heavens
and your glory above the earth
verse 6

that your beloved may be delivered so
there is serious persecution here
and and god's power
over all the affairs of men
will lead to our deliverance be
that your beloved may be delivered save
with your right hand and answer me
god has spoken in his holiness
i will rejoice

i will divide shechem and meet out the
valley of sakat

now here we're seeing another psalm this
is psalm 60 we'll go to it in a moment
so there's this concatenation of psalm
57

the first part of psalm 57 and psalm 60.
we're putting these two psalms together
and and and

for some purpose and and maybe they were
whoever this is
who's put this together maybe the nation
was about to go to war
with shechem

in the valley of sacrath
and and maybe that's why this psalm just
kicked in and it just had to be combined
with psalm 57. i will divide shechem and
meet out the valley of sukhov god has
spoken this is this is god's cassette
his commitment he's the landowner
and he decides who will who will inherit
the land and who will have the land he
decides how to
apportion the land
and so he's quoting
god in his holiness
gilead is mine manasseh is mine ephraim
also is the strength of my head
judah is my law giver
as for moab
is my wash pot
over edom will i cast out my shoe
over philistia will i triumph
so these gentile nations today these are
all muslim nations
that surround
and want to invade and take over the
promised land
god says no i i you know jude is my
lawgiver ephraim is my strength manasseh
is mine gilead is mine these are the
people that i'm going to give the land
to
as for these people who are making
claims
i'm always my wash pot i i take my filth
and i wash it in moab
and eat them i cast my shoe to eat them
and say clean that up
servant
and i'm gonna triumph over philistia
this is god's perspective of the gentile
nations that do not acknowledge his
covenant with israel
who will bring me into the strong city
who will lead me into edom again maybe
there's this is a particular time where

this battle is fresh and they're
bringing this the words of david
together
to reinforce their confidence
so the question is who's going to lead
me into edom
will not you o god
who has cast us off
will not you o god go forth with our
hosts again an understanding
of cassette
we have earned
being cast out of the land
we have earned being despised
because of the covenant clauses that we
have activated we have been punished
yet
because of because of god's covenant
commitment
who can help us
who who will save us who will deliver us
the very god
who who behaves according to cassette
that there's two parts to cassette there
is the covenant punishment but there's
also the covenant commitment
so god
who who has cast us off
he's the one that's going to lead us
into edom
that your beloved may be delivered
save with your right hand and hear me
so that was actually sorry um this is
now
let me just go back
so psalm 108 verse 6 that your beloved
may be delivered save with your right
hand and answer me now let's go to psalm
60. he says that your beloved may be
delivered save with your right hand this
is verse 5 and hear me
verse 6 god has spoken in his holiness i
will rejoice i will divide shechem and
meet out the valley of sakhat

gilead is mine and manasseh is mine
ephraim also is the strength of my head
judah is my law giver moab is my wash
pot over edom while i cast out my shoe
philistia
triumph you because of me
who will bring me into the strong city
who will lead me into edom will not you
o god which which had cast us off
and you o god
which did not go out with our armies
give us help from trouble for vain is
the help of man let's now return to
psalm 108 give us help verse 12 give us
help from trouble for vain is the help
of man so clearly uh
this psalm 108 was just airlifted taking
a part of psalm 57 combining with a part
of psalm 60 putting that together for a
particular need in this post-exilic
period and and putting perhaps new music
to it and and bringing that together for
a specific message around god's god's
help in time of god's cassette help in
time of need
through god
we shall do valiantly for he it is
that shall tread down our enemies and
again as we
enter into a very very difficult period
and
what is prophesied to be the most
intense period in the story of humankind
we need these psalms we need this
understanding
that through god we shall do valiantly
in fact
the prophecy the end time prophecy in
daniel he says those who know their god
shall do exploits
those who know their god shall do
exploits through daniel he also says
the wicked will do wickedly but the wise
shall understand

understand what
understand god's covenant commitment
covenant covenant covenant covenant
covenant covenant covenant
that is the only way
we shall stand
that we understand what god is doing we
understand his commitment matthew 24
christ says to his disciples after
cursing jerusalem he turns to his
disciples and says don't be deceived
in other words it's going to appear
as if i have forsaken jerusalem it's
going to appear as if i have forsaken
the covenant people
don't be deceived
the wise will understand what will they
understand cassette
cassette
covenant covenant covenant covenant
covenant covenant covenant covenant
covenant
god is a god of covenant
and with that understanding
through god the god of covenant
we shall do valiantly
for he it is
that shall tread down our enemies
not because of us
as we saw in the psalm he he he uh
forsook us
and then he saved us
he forsook us because of covenant
and he saved us because of covenant
because he does everything according to
his eternal commitment
to his covenant promise
now
we're going to go to psalm 109
an extremely difficult psalm
it's in the category of what's called an
impregatory psalm so here we just came
from a psalm that is very personal a
very personal psalm that that there's

personal suffering and we see the
personal experience of a man of god a
man of faith we see king david's
reliance and his perception of god his
reliance on in his perception of god
now we're going to come to another psalm
of david which is an imprecatory psalm
which means it's a psalm of cursing
he is he is in fact

[Music]

he's going to curse
his enemies
and i think what makes this psalm as i
was studying it what makes it
particularly difficult
is he's going to curse his enemies
but his enemies
are within the covenant community
he's going to be cursing
men
who are within the covenant community
and it's these curses are quite severe
so so let's go through this but as we go
through it i think
as a sort of establish a frame of
reference
let's go to torah
and we'll go to deuteronomy 19
and verse 16.
if a false witness rise up against any
man to testify against him
that which is wrong a person's false
witness
and there this is a legal case now
and they're saying of of somebody within
the community something which isn't true
then both the men
between whom the controversy is
shall stand before the lord
okay
you've been accused of something which
you know isn't true
and there are witnesses saying it is
true

okay let's all come before the lord
and let's hear the accusation
and and let's hear the controversy and
have both men stand before the lord
before the priests and the judges
which shall be in those days
and the judges shall make diligent
inquisition so so the purpose of the
judges now is to find out what is the
truth here
does this do these accusations hold
water
is is this a fair statement
let's dig into this and find out what
the truth of the matter is that's the
purpose of the judges
and behold
if the witness
be a false witness this is a this is
some pretty serious
material
you've got to be very very serious when
we make accusations
so if the witness be a false witness
and has testified falsely
against his brother
then shall you do unto him
as he had thought to have done unto his
brother
so shall you put the evil away from
among you so this is how we're going to
take care of it whatever this false
witness was and the consequences
of this accusation
let them be upon the head
of the false witness
and those which remain
shall hear
and fear
and
shall henceforth commit no more any such
evil among you so this sort of evil of
these false accusations and we see it a
lot um let's let's be real here

uh christians can be vicious
when i say christians i mean brethren
can be
vicious and can come up with some
vicious accusations
and character assassination
and it can go viral
but god doesn't want that
and in order to prevent that
when a false
accusation comes to light it should be
dealt with
so that people realize
wow okay
gossip false witness character
assassination this is not really a good
thing to do
look how look how it might end up
and those which remain shall hear and
fear that's what god wants
and shall henceforth commit no more any
such evil among you
and your eyes shall not pity but life
shall go for life
eye for eye
tooth for tooth hand for hand
foot for foot
god this is this is the god of covenant
don't mess around i don't want this evil
of false accusations
within the covenant community so when it
comes to light the judges will make
diligent inquiry
and find out is this accusation true or
false
and if it's false
the
consequences of the accusation
will be upon the false accuser and don't
back down
so with that torah understanding
let's now hear
the words of the sweet psalmist king
david

to the chief musician a psalm of david
so this is an imprecatory psalm it's a
psalm of cursings
but it's a psalm
it's put to music
so think of some very perhaps dramatic
music but it's a song it's meant to be
sung with instruments
he begins
hold not your peace o god of my praise
this is you get the sense of emergency
there's no kind of uh on ramp to the to
the discussion with god
no acknowledgment of um
all the great things that god has done
for israel and and the history of the
covenant hold not thy peace oh god of my
praise
this is urgent
for the mouth of the wicked
and the mouth of the deceitful are
opened against me
they have spoken against me
with a lying tongue
and it's out there
and and people are believing it
and i am being i am facing the
consequences
of their lying tongues hold not thy
peace o god of my praise
for the mouth of the wicked
and the mouth of the deceitful are
opened against me they have spoken
against me with a lying tongue
they surrounded me about also with words
of hatred this is the covenant community
brethren you'll see it as we go through
this it's going to be crystal clear
these are not gentile
pagan idolaters
these are
brethren
in the covenant community they have
surrounded me about also

words of hatred
and fought against me without a cause
you know many of us say
oh i love king david
i love the apostle paul
i love isaiah i love jesus i love
when if we lived in the time of these
men
we might be in the company
of those who bring vicious accusations
against them
and this was king david
a man after god's own heart
and yet
despite being after god's own heart
within the covenant community they
surround him also with words of hatred
and fought against him without a cause
for my love
are my adversaries
so so david had this heart for god
he had love for the community he wanted
to move the community forward wanted to
move them closer to god and for his love
they are my adversaries this word
adversaries in the hebrew
satan
for my love they are satans
but i give myself
unto prayer this this is david's
response
hold not thy east o god of my praise
they've become sins to me
but i'm going to give myself unto prayer
now we can hear christ's
a plight when he was on earth
with his love he came
he came to deliver
judah and israel judah specifically
israel but through extension
and ultimately the whole world
and he's a god of love
but they became satan to him
tools of satan here in john 11 53 and

those of us in burlington were studying
the the book of john
and he came to his own but his own
received him not
here in john 11 53 then from that day
forth
they that is the pharisees took counsel
together
for to put him to death this is the god
of love
and they're planning to put him to death
this is the reward for his
covenant love
for judah
verse 57 now both the chief priests and
the pharisees had given a commandment
this is a commandment you better obey us
that if any man knew where he was that
is jesus
he should show it
that they might take him take him to do
what to kill him
so so
david is
articulating his plight
but he's actually prophesying the plight
of the lord
and the plight of many of us who serve
the lord
verse 5 psalm 109
and they have rewarded me evil for good
and hatred for my love
so he's loving the community doing all
he can
to do god's will within the community
and move the community closer to conform
with god's will
and he says they've rewarded me evil for
good
and hatred for my love here in 1st
samuel 19 and verse 4
and jonathan spoke good of david unto
saul his father so we know the story of
david and saul

how david loved saul was happy to serve
saul did all he could to bless saul
and saul sought to kill him because of
his envy envy is a terrible terrible
addictive drug
and satan uses envy
oh why is that happening to him that
should be you
and once envy gets in he can twist
and and make the heart go evil turn evil
here saul's heart became evil because of
envy that it was clear that david was
blessed by god
in ways that saul was not and he became
envious but jonathan is trying to speak
reasonably to him to reason with him and
jonathan spoke good of david unto saul
his father and said unto him let not the
king
sin against his servant against david
because he has not sinned against you
and because his
have been to you toward you
very good
david has been very good to you saul
don't do this
don't sin against him he hasn't sinned
against you he's done nothing but good
for you he's loved you he's tried to
bless you
and now you're going to sin against him
back to psalm 109
set you so here's here's now the curse
so that we've we've had the context of
what how david is suffering
as a result of these wicked people
and now he's bringing curses
upon
those in the covenant community
he's asking god this is his prayer and
it's now set to music
set you a wicked man over him
and let satan
stand at his right hand

so they become like satan to me
let him be
this is like a legal matter now false
accusations
let's go now to the to the court
and and let satan be there accusing him
bring everything all the wicked he has
done let it be brought out they're
accusing me let's have their accusations
brought to light
real
not false but true accusations now
when he shall and with my new detail
let's all expose it all
when he shall be judged
let him be condemned
like this is painful you can you can
actually feel the pain of david
that that he is in turmoil but rather
than take matters into his own hands
he's praying intensely and turning this
all over to god god says vengeance is
mine
and david is saying okay lord vengeance
is yours here's the case
please act
when he shall be judged let him be
condemned
and let his prayer become sin
don't hear it reject it
and this is proof that we're talking of
the covenant community
that this is someone in the covenant
community that is praying to jehovah
and david is saying don't hear this
prayer
because of what how he's treating me
who has loved him and done everything i
can to bless him and look how he's
treating me
let his prayer to you become sin
let his days be few
and let another take his office
and this uh

verse here when we studied the book of
acts we quoted this because this is
quoted in acts 1 and verse 20
when peter says for it is written in the
book of psalms
let his habitation be desolate and let
no man dwell therein let his office
and his office let another take
verse 25
that he may that he may take part of
this ministry an apostleship the new
person who they're going to select from
which judas by transgression fell that
he might go to his own place so so judas
came under this uh davidic
curse this davidic condemnation
because
god loved him
christ loved him and for that love he
rewarded him with evil
and so this curse this imprecatory psalm
the the activation of this curse came
down upon judas
and god saw to it that that happened
let his children be fatherless
and his wife a widow
so take him off this earth take him take
him from the earth
notice this in verse 10 i thought this
was interesting
let his children
be continually vagabonds and beg
don't don't allow them to get any
traction to get any foothold in society
let them always be marginalized this is
quite the curse
let his children be continually
vagabonds and beg and let them seek
their bread also out of their desolate
places now it's interesting
that in in acts 19 i didn't see this
before in acts 19 and verse 13 that
there were vagabond jews so this is and
i think we know this story about the

vagabond jews they were exorcists and they took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits in the name of the lord jesus saying we adjure you by jesus whom paul preaches and so we know we know that story that didn't go well for them

but it never uh the the fact that they were vagabonds i just kind of read over that

now i'm asking the question could they be the children of these cursed individuals who violated the covenant and and did evil

rewarded good with evil is this is this the fulfillment within the covenant community of this

imprecatory this curse this imprecatory psalm

back to psalm 109

let this

be the reward of my adversaries from you lord let let this be the the consequence of their their adversarial actions and words against me and let it come from you not from me

let it come from you

and of them that speak evil

against my soul

here

in matthew 18 now this this does that sounds very harsh

but when jesus was on earth

he was no less harsh we're very familiar with this listen to matthew 18. but

let's put it in the context of david's

prayer what what david is praying jesus is saying yeah i'm going to take care of it when i see this sort of

vicious conduct

within the covenant community i don't take it lightly

so so as david is praying within the
covenant community that let this be the
reward of my adversaries that have
sought to destroy me
with their viciousness
god says here in matthew 18 and verse 6
but whoso shall offend one of these
little ones think of david
which believe in me
it were better for him
that a millstone were hung about his
neck
and that he were drowned in the depth of
the sea
in other words there is going to be a
psalm 109 type response
to anybody in the covenant community
that is reckless like this
that seeks to destroy deliberately those
who are seeking to do good those who are
seeking to love those who are seeking to
uh help the covenant community conform
to the will of god
and then for that they're being rewarded
with evil
god is saying i i won't take that
lightly
back to psalm 109 but do thou for me o
god the lord
for your name's sake
do this for your namesake so they be
saying look i represent you
and look how they're acting
act o lord for your namesake
because your cassette
is good
deliver you me
deliver me why because of your cassette
that everything that they're doing
cassette has remember cassette has two
parts
there is the love of the cassette the
commitment
that's side a but side b is the

punishment
so here within the covenant community
really what david is saying is exercise
both sides of your cassette because it's
good
let me experience your loving commitment
your loving kindness
and let them
experience the severity of your covenant
wrath
because your cassette is good
for i am poor and needy and my heart is
wounded within me that whatever it is
they were doing
it's not just about physical pain
this is about deep discouragement
deep
psychological infliction of pain
have you experienced that you know if
you've been around god's church or god's
people i'm sorry to have to say this
but if you've been around god's people
for any length of time
unfortunately there's a lot of carnal
human beings within the covenant
community
there's a lot of envious
human beings
within the covenant community some i
think they have the holy spirit
but they have human weakness
others are terrorists
they're in the community they learn the
right words the right actions the how to
dress how to show up vocabulary
but they're really not with the program
and
they can be very very vicious as satan
gets a hold of them and begins to use
them
but they don't understand the pain
that they're causing
here david is saying my heart is wounded
that is quite something my heart is

wounded within me
from people within the community
i am gone like the shadow when it
declines
i am tossed up and down as the locust
and we know david actually had to run
for his physical life
my knees are weak through fasting
and my flesh fails of fatness you see
his deep dependence on god that despite
all this trouble he just keeps turning
to god he says
to to to make haste
o god of my praise
i became also a reproach unto them
when they looked upon me they shook
their heads
and and that's you know
you can find yourself in such a
situation and and it's hard some people
will look and see that you're in despair
maybe you've lost your job
maybe you've lost your family you're
trying to be faithful to god but things
are not going well and people just come
and just look at you you're obviously
being cursed they just look at you and
they just despise you
this is what david's situation is
running for his life he had to give up
everything they look upon him and they
shake their heads oh you're obviously
cursed by god
not realizing no god is he has his eye
on you
god is watching over you and this is
just a season that you're going through
but he's going to bring you through it
he's going to bring you through it
job went through something similar in
fact job had to go through this as a
cleansing process so sometimes we have
to embrace these periods of suffering as
a purification process

here in job 16 and verse 4 he says i
also could speak as you do so they're
inflicting these words of pain upon him
and he said look i could speak like you
if your soul were in my soul's position
i could heap up words against you
and i could shake my head at you
so you can see when something it's like
kicking a man when he's down
so job is down and they come shaking his
their head at him and just despising him
and and just telling him how how
horrible he is
and job is saying look
the situation could be reversed and i
could do this to you
so this is what's happening to david
they're shaking their head at him david
turns to god verse 26 says help me
o lord my god
oh save me
according to your cassette
and again we've got to understand this
cassette is is it it's two-dimensional
there's the loving commitment
and there's the severe punishment
and he's saying these people are within
the covenant community they're violating
the covenant oh god
they're violating the torah
they're not they're not having any
respect for your word
they act as if they don't answer to
anybody
that
requires
the activation
of the covenant curses
david's saying
i'm being faithful to you oh lord
i'm believing in your mercy
i'm relying on you
and and you said in your covenant that
if we do these things we'll be blessed

in these ways
but if we do these things we'll be
cursed in this way in these ways so
they're doing the things that require
cursing
i'm doing those things that require
blessing
so please save me
destroy them
and save me
according to your mercy it's quite quite
some
powerful
you you can just see these words are
coming from a place of deep pain
and and had we not studied torah
i think i would just have to read this
psalm and say
you know brethren we're going to skip
over psalm 109 and i don't think it
really applies today and let's just go
to psalm 110 because this is difficult
for us as christians
where christ
encourages us to pray for our enemies
to forgive those who abuse us
well christ is telling us we've got to
operate at a much much higher level
but at the same time when we apply our
torah understanding to psalm 109 we can
appreciate where david is coming from
when we look at how god
advises us in matthew 18 we can see that
this is a prayer that god will answer
and and and
you know
we have to commend david
that despite all of this pain
he does not take matters into his own
hands
he takes the whole situation to god and
just unburdens himself
before god
and so if you're facing this type of

persecution which is not impossible
if you're facing this type of
persecution
within
the covenant community
it's okay to be vulnerable before god
it's okay to be transparent before god
it's okay to pour out your heart and
your troubles before god
and what i would say is woe unto that
brother or sister
that has caused you caused your your
soul
this much pain
but cry out
and and let god take you through this
process
and ultimately
you know if you see
i think there's two things again right
there's there's the
uh person who can be led to repentance
and we want to pray for them
but there's also the incorrigible
and there's a point where you begin to
realize this person is incorrigible
and i think we have to these these
scriptures are here for a reason
and so a cassette is real
because said never goes away
it's eternal
it never goes away
and so david is praying according to
cassette and that there's an
understanding there as well help me o
lord my god or save me according to your
mercy
that they may know that this is your
hand
that you lord have done this that is an
amazing verse
that that all of this cursing
that this very wise man
this

prophet
this king of israel
this man after god's own heart
all of these cursing that he's calling
down
upon members
of israel of the covenant community
he's calling them within the context of
this
that when they come down upon the head
of the wicked within the covenant
community
that these men within the covenant
community will know that all of this
came directly from god
and again i think i go to matthew 18
here
that that this is god doing this he's
not joking when you harm somebody within
the covenant community when you falsely
accuse when you destroy when you
assassinate their character
god doesn't take that lightly and david
knows this
and so he's saying act activate the
covenant curses
so that they will know that this came
from you
this is not david saying oh god
turn them into apes and pigs because i'm
just so angry with them and then they
turn into apes and pigs and they can't
figure out why this has happened
some things are so
ridiculous it's not funny
but
what david wants
is that whatever these curses are that
come upon them
they'll be able to open up the torah and
say
this is from god
and we we brought this upon ourselves
we we knew he was innocent

and we did this and now look where we
are because god is faithful
to his covenant
do this o lord that they may know that
this is your hand
that you jehovah have done it
let them curse
but you bless
so they're cursing me
but i'm keeping covenant
so god please you let them do what
they're doing but you bless
when they arise
let them be ashamed
but let your servant
rejoice
let my adversaries
be clothed with shame
and let them cover themselves with their
own confusion
as with a mantle so poetic
but again
this intensity
we can only imagine
the pain
that these men
caused king david
for him to pray like this for him to
express himself like this and and not
just to express him like himself like
this and then okay i got that off my
chest
for him to express himself like this
in poetry
for him to take time to to capture these
emotions
and preserve them
and put them to music
so that thousands of years later they
would still be sung
and the thousands of years later
when people find themselves in a very
similar circumstance to david and they
don't know how to pray

that these words are there
in accordance with matthew 18.
and i think that you know actually
that's sort of a if you're going to
reconcile
uh the old testament quote unquote with
the new testament quote-unquote
and particularly if we're going to
reconcile psalm 109
with matthew 18.
i think the the the
sort of the integration
of these two passages
would be that matthew 18
the purpose of matthew 18 and i gave a
sermon called your under arrest which is
in the archives
and that just shows in detail line by
line what the purpose of matthew 18 is
and the purpose of matthew 18 that
process
is a reconciliation process
that you have been harmed
and
you've been harmed by sin
someone has broken the covenant and
you've been the victim
of their faithlessness to the covenant
although the sin was severe
and you have severely suffered
your mindset as a holy spirit-filled
member of the covenant is to see them
also as a member of the covenant
and to act in ways to reconcile them
so god actually gives us the formula a
three-step process
to seek and pursue reconciliation to to
have the will of god to have to be a
person a man a woman after god's heart
go through the matthew 18 process
but then you get to the third step
[Music]
of the matthew 18 process
and

instead of
repenting
and reconciling
they continue in their wickedness
now it's clear they're incorrigible
and god says let them be to you a a as a
publican and a tax collector said no now
you can dismiss them
and so i think at that end as a you know
person in the new covenant the review
the renewed covenant
when we get to that third stage when god
says okay let them be to you like a a a
a a publican a tax collector
they're like pagans now they've revealed
themselves now we can go to a prayer
like psalm 109
because now we really no longer consider
them as brethren
let my adversaries be clothed with shame
and let them cover themselves
let's check one thing here
just give me a moment brethren sorry
okay so i did something i skipped from
verse 10 to verse 20. uh thanks pastor
murray
um i skipped from verse 10 to verse 20.
let me just quickly do this
psalm
9
10 20.
thanks uh pastor murray
so let me just quickly read this
let his children be continually
vagabonds and beg let them seek their
bread also
out of their desolate places let the
extortioner catch all that he has
and let the stranger spoil his labor
let there be none to extend mercy to him
i'm actually glad that thanks pastor i'm
actually glad that i skipped that
because that thought of how to reconcile
psalm 109 and psalm 18 uh matthew 18

came to me after and so now with that
thought of how they reconcile now when
we come to verse 12 we get it
they've gone too far
and they've exposed themselves as not
truly being
faithful
members of the covenant let there be
none to extend mercy to him neither let
there be any to favor his fatherless
children
let his posterity be cut off
and in the generation following let
their name be blotted out let the
iniquity of his fathers be remembered
with the lord and let not the sin of his
mother be blotted out
let them be before the lord continually
that is their sins that he may cut off
the memory of them from the earth
because he that remembered not to show
mercy
but persecuted the poor and needy man
that he might even slay the broken in
heart so there's a viciousness
to these people
and and there's no there's they're
incorrigible
there's no repentance here
david's had it
and he brings this
up this uh plea to god again within the
context of torah
as he loved cursing
so did come unto him
as he delighted not in blessing so let
it be far from him
as he clothed himself
with cursing like as with his garment
he'd come into his bowels like water and
like oil in his bones
let it burn unto him as the garment
which covers him
and for a girdle wherewith he is girded

continually so david really wants him
wrapped up in this card david's had it
he's had it this guy this whoever this
is gone too far
let this
be the reward of my adversaries from the
lord
and of them that speak evil against my
soul
and i just have to ask i don't think
people who follow these bible studies
would be included here
but
possibly sometimes people are just
curious
but that's the question
do you speak evil
against the soul of god's people
are you adversarial to those who are
faithful to the lord
this is quite the curse
and god says yes i will answer this
curse i will answer this prayer if it's
a matthew 18 situation that's gone too
far
it'd be better if uh if this person were
never born
and a millstone was hung around their
neck and they drowned into the sea
i thank you pastor murray for that catch
and again brother and i do sometimes i'm
moving too quickly and i can skip verses
that's not my intent we want to go
verse by you know chap book by book
chapter by chapter
paragraph by paragraph line by line
and not miss anything so that we can
really make sure we understand and there
are these hidden gems in the passages
and sometimes we just jump around and go
to the familiar passages and we miss
these gems and especially as these
days are accelerating and we're moving
into this this sunset on the history of

mankind there's a lot of passages that
are going to come to light and if we're
not studying them line by line we're
going to miss them

verse 29

let my adversaries be clothed with shame
and let them cover themselves with their
own confusion as with a mantle now

listen to jeremiah this is you know this
is not just david david prophet of god
man after god's own heart

listen to jeremiah unless we're too
harsh on david and think wow he's not
really a follower of the lord to pray

like that listen to jeremiah

again that the difficulty

that he had

oh i love jeremiah if i lived in

jeremiah's day i'd be his best friend

jeremiah had a lot of trouble

from the people of god

jeremiah says give heed to me o lord

and hearken to the voice

to the to the voice of them that contend

with me so listen to me and listen to

them

shall evil be recompensed for good same

situation david was in

he's doing his best to serve god he's

doing his best to serve the people of

god and he's being rewarded with evil

same with jeremiah

shall evil be recompensed for good

for they have dug a pit for my soul

these people mean business

they want to destroy

remember that i stood before you to

speak good for them i was doing your

work

i stood before you to speak good for

them and to turn away your wrath from

them

i understood your wrath

i understood that you're a severe god

that it's not just oh i love everybody i
want to give everybody a big hug and
nothing matters and there's no such
thing as evil no such thing as evil man
i understood your wrath
and i tried to warn them
so that your wrath would pass over them
so i tried to turn away your wrath from
them
therefore
listen to jeremiah
deliver up their children to the famine
and pour out their blood by the force of
the sword oh oh
is this a man of god
it you know personally it doesn't sound
like it
until we get into the covenant
and we understand torah
and we understand just how
compliant or hyper-compliant
these men were with god's word
therefore
deliver up their children to the famine
and pour out their blood by the force of
the sword
these people have no idea what they're
conjuring up
they have no idea that they're siding
with evil i'm saying they have no idea
i think they know they're siding with
evil but they have no idea of the
consequences
of this behavior they have no idea what
they're bringing upon themselves what
they're bringing upon their children
it's like you're just like do you
understand what you're doing
do you understand the future that you
are
empowering
and enabling
and and what this future is going to do
to your children do you understand

okay
therefore deliver up their children to
the famine
and pour out their blood
by the force of the sword
and let their wives be bereaved of their
children sounds just like david
let their wives be bereaved of their
children and be widows
and let their men be put to death
let their young men be slain by the
sword in battle this is the prophet
praying
regarding members of the covenant
community
this this is not again let's be very
clear
he says
to listen to me and listen to them
and they're
recompensing uh evil for good
and he says here remember
that i stood before you
to speak good for them i was praying for
them just like david was
and to turn away your wrath from them
so i understood and i was i was
appealing to you for them and look how
they treated me so this is this is not
gentiles
these are members of the covenant
community
and how does the prophet of god pray
god destroy them
that their young men be slain by the
sword in battle let a cry be heard from
their houses
when you shall bring a troop suddenly
upon them
for they have dug a pit to take me
and hit snares for my feet
it's uh wow
these are the this is the covenant
community that

jeremiah was operating within the
covenant community and he is shocked
i'm
what i'm i'm loving these people
i'm trying to bless these people
and now i find out they're trying to
destroy me
oh god act
according to covenant
yet lord
you know all their counsel against me to
slay me you know what they've said
behind my back
you know how they've sought to destroy
me
forgive not their iniquity
neither blot out their sin from your
sight now again
unless we jump to conclusions
and and think that jeremiah is not
really fully
converted
i think of matthew 18
that these men david jeremiah these are
mature
highly
spiritual highly uh
uh
scripturally compliant knowledgeable of
the covenant
uh i think you know there's a because
they're holy spirit men filled men i
think there's an there's a an element of
matthew 18
where you don't just give up on somebody
immediately
that they would have appealed and and
worked and really tried to make this
work
and then it became clear to them
these men are unreasonable
these men are evil
and i think it would have gone to
although they wouldn't have necessarily

gone through that formal matthew 18
process i think they would have gone
through some process of forbearance
and then their patience just ran out
when they realized okay i'm dealing with
evil here even though it's within the
covenant community this is evil
forgive you you know all their counsel
against me to slay me
forgive not their iniquity
neither blot out their sin from your
sight
but let them be overthrown before you
deal thus with them
in the time of your anger again this is
covenant insight
it's better for them that a millstone
were hung around their neck and they
were cast into the depth of the sea
than that they should offend one of
these little ones that believe in me
deal thus with them
in the time of your anger and god says i
will be i will unleash my fury
upon those in the covenant community if
they do not repent of this type of
behavior
and so it's not just david
we see the very same attitude
and prayer
with this very advanced prophet
jeremiah
psalm 109
verse 30. so now he's concluding
he unburdens himself with all of this
and again i think to reconcile these two
you don't i don't think you just jumped
it to psalm 109.
okay somebody hurt me i'm gonna quote
psalm 109 and you know pray for god to
curse them
no i i think in matthew 18.
assumed the best
assumed that they were ignorant they

didn't understand
you need to go to them privately
share with them the harm that they've
done
and and with a heart of reconciliation
oh they're not listening
all right well this is serious
according to torah
because that now now you're you're in
you're you're
in danger zone
you're in the zone of being
eliminated so according to torah i need
two witnesses two or three witnesses
so now we're coming back
we're going to revisit this
but now we're going to revisit it with
two or three witnesses
so that every word may be established
this is not going to be a false
accusation when this goes to the next
level we've got two or three witnesses
that can say yes this is what happened
and this is what was said and this is
what this was the response
so
now it's clear
this person is incredible they don't
care about the harm that they've caused
they just don't care about god's word
now we take it to the final stage
we take it to the church
and god says where two or three are
gathered in my name i'm going to be
there and whatever judgment you come to
i'm going to back it up
and so now it's clear this person just
does not care
now they're like a heathen to us
and now we now all of that pain
this is dealing with sin this is not
somebody stubbed your toe
this is sin
agree of an egregious nature

somebody has done something extremely harmful in breaking god's commandments to harm you

and instead of retaliating

you've seen that okay

yes i am harmed but this is not about me

there's a bigger picture here and this

is my brother in christ

my sister in christ i got to explain to

them the danger they're in what they've

done to me

the anger that this is causing god the

pain it's causing me the anger it's

causing god i've got to share this with

them because they're in dangerous

territory they're not listening

okay i'm gonna go back but i'm gonna go

back with witnesses they're still not

listening okay now i'm bringing them i'm

bringing this before the church

and they're still not listening all

right

psalm 109.

i will greatly praise thee lord with my

mouth

yes i will praise him among the

multitude

so he knows his outcome

because of cassette

for he shall stand at the right hand of

the poor

to save him from those

that condemn his soul so no doubt uh

brethren we're going to just face this

the scripture says brother

shall betray brother

so we're going to be in this situation

like you know don't be too hard on david

we don't know

the particulars of his situation

don't be too hard on jeremiah

we don't know the particulars of his

situation but it was great evil

and god tells us

we're going to face matthew 24 again
we're going to face great evil great
betrayal
that great betrayal
with consequences
that are you know orders of magnitude
greater than anything we've suffered so
far
and when we're in that type of suffering
because of betrayal
first matthew 18.
but when it comes to light okay these
people really don't care
these scriptures are recorded and
preserved
for a reason
so brethren this was a very very
difficult uh psalm i think very hard for
me when i was reading this to get my
head around it but david was a man after
god's own heart
this scripture
was
written
refined
preserved
and set to music or i should say set to
music and preserved
and it's here in the canon for a reason
so there is going to be great evil
in the covenant community
first we seek reconciliation
but if that's not there we don't take
matters into our own hand
we
just appeal to god
understanding that vengeance is his and
we turn everything over to god
knowing that he is faithful
that he's a god of covenant
and he will act so brethren thank you so
much for joining me this evening
we pray that you'll be able to join us
on sabbath it's going to be at 1 30

eastern time uh just it's what a
refreshing joy we have in this time of
great confusion and darkness
to spend time together in the word of
god to educate ourselves in the word of
god while most men are completely
illiterate
as to what's in god's word
let's you and i
go through the scriptures line upon line
and come to understand god's word the
wicked will not understand
but the wise shall understand jesus is
lord god bless you brethren
you