

Imprecatory Lament Turning

Psalms of David · Book II · Psalms That Call for Justice

"For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him."

PICTURE WORD

Dogs

IN ONE SENTENCE

*Dogs prowl the city to kill David, but God is his high tower, so he sings of his strength each morning.***Remember it:** Fifty-nine: dogs howl at night, but I sing from my high tower at dawn.

MEMORY VERSE

But I will sing of your strength. Yes, I will sing aloud of your loving kindness in the morning. For you have been my high tower, a refuge in the day of my distress.

Psalm 59:16 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

מִשְׁגָּב

"high tower" · verse 16

In the Psalms: thirteen times, in 8 psalms

מִשְׁגָּב, "high tower," comes from a root meaning "to be high, out of reach." It is a secure height that attackers cannot climb. The dogs circle the city at night, but David's safety is not in the city walls. God himself is the height they cannot reach.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1–5** David, innocent, asks deliverance from bloodthirsty men.
- 6–13** Enemies howl like dogs, but the LORD laughs at them.
- 14–17** While dogs prowl, David sings of God's strength each morning.

MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Psalm 59 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/59.**Cantillated.** Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Refuge in Trouble

Justice on the Wicked

Enemies & Betrayal

FILL IN THE BLANKS

_____ prowl the city to kill David, but God is his high _____, so he sings of his strength each _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What do the enemies do at evening?

☐ (A) Set fires

☐ (B) Sleep at the gate

☐ (C) Howl like dogs and prowl the city

☐ (D) Sing drinking songs

2. What does Yahweh do at the boasting enemies?

☐ (A) Laughs at them

☐ (B) Weeps over them

☐ (C) Ignores them

☐ (D) Bargains with them

3. When does David sing aloud of God's loving kindness?

☐ (A) At noon

☐ (B) At midnight

☐ (C) In the evening

☐ (D) In the morning

TALK IT OVER

1. David says the attacks come "not for my disobedience, nor for my sin." How do you pray when trouble is undeserved?

2. What does it mean that God laughs at those who plot against him?

3. What "evening dogs" keep you up at night, and how could a morning song change that?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 59 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 16 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: Dogs · tower · morning · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 6) · 2. A (v. 8) · 3. D (v. 16)