

Imprecatory Lament Turning

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

"For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David."

IN ONE SENTENCE



Falsely accused and hated for his love, the psalmist prays, asks justice on accusers, and trusts the LORD to save the poor.

Remember it: One-oh-nine: the accuser stood at my right hand, but so does God.

MEMORY VERSE

For he will stand at the right hand of the needy, to save him from those who judge his soul.

Psalm 109:31 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

אֲבִיּוֹן

"needy" · verse 16

In the Psalms: 23 times, in 18 psalms

אֲבִיּוֹן means "needy" or "poor," someone who lacks what he needs and has no one to defend him. It often pairs with "poor" as "poor and needy." The accuser hunted the needy (v. 16), the psalmist calls himself needy (v. 22), and the LORD stands at the needy one's right hand (v. 31).

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–5 Lied about and repaid hatred for love, the psalmist prays

6–20 He asks God to bring justice on the merciless accuser

21–29 Poor and fading, he asks the LORD to save him

30–31 He will praise the LORD, who stands beside the needy

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

v. 8 → Acts 1:20 Let another take his office: Matthias replaces Judas.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 109 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/109.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Enemies & Betrayal

Crying Out in Distress

Justice on the Wicked

FILL IN THE BLANKS

_____ accused and hated for his love, the psalmist prays, asks justice on _____, and trusts the LORD to save the _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What did his enemies give him in return for his love?

(A) Gifts

(C) Silence

(B) Hatred and evil

(D) A crown

2. What does the psalmist say he is like as he fades?

(A) A burning torch

(C) A dry well

(B) A falling star

(D) An evening shadow

3. Where does the LORD stand to save the needy?

(A) At his right hand

(C) Behind the city wall

(B) Far off on the mountain

(D) In the courtroom door

TALK IT OVER

1. What wrongs has the accuser done, according to verses 16-18?

2. The psalmist hands his anger over to God instead of taking revenge. What does that say about God as judge?

3. When you are falsely accused, how can verse 28, "They may curse, but you bless," steady you?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 109 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 31 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: Falsely · accusers · poor · Check yourself: 1. B (vv. 4-5) · 2. D (v. 23) · 3. A (v. 31)