

7/4/21 - Speaker: Al Schaap
Psalms for the Summer
Psalm 58 - A Song for Cursing!

A key problem at the core of our anger: We don't...

_____..._____!

What do you do in response to injustice, violence,
wickedness?

_____ is not the right answer.

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The Psalms teach us how to _____
("imprecations") appropriately...and they show us
_____ to start venting when we are just flat fed up!

Psalm 58
(Cf. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5; Psalms 69, 109, 139)

What has been included in God's Word here has been included not just as interesting oddities but *for the purpose of shaping our lives!* So...

...Do address the evil...do curse - properly according to God!

...These imprecations show proper outrage at sin/violating God's ways. We should be outraged at evil, praying God will counter evil and restore justice.

...In asking God to punish evil, we are appealing to God's Own nature as Righteous Judge, asking Him to be faithful to Who He is and the warnings He's given.

Cf. Psalm 74:10-11

1. Go to _____ (not everyone else who'll listen to you complain!)

2. _____ to deal with the offender (rather than being the vigilante!)

Cf. Deuteronomy 32:35; Romans 12:19; Proverbs 20:22; 1 Peter 2:21-23

3. Looking at these cursing songs all together, we find ourselves led to _____ regarding our own sin.

Cf. Psalms 51, 139

4. Look at offenders _____, where we find justice combined w/ mercy in Jesus, Who is both Judge & Justifier.

Cf. Psalm 83:16

★ Our ultimate goal is that people will know that there are rewards for righteousness and that The God of justice is still in control. (58:11)

Key: curse, well; doing nothing, lashing back; curse, where; God first; Ask God; humility; from this side of the cross