

Scripture

Psalm 59 (NLT)

A psalm of David, regarding the time Saul sent soldiers to watch David's house in order to kill him. To be sung to the tune "Do Not Destroy!"

- 1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God.
Protect me from those who have come
to destroy me.**
- 2 Rescue me from these criminals;
save me from these murderers.**
- 3 They have set an ambush for me.
Fierce enemies are out there waiting, Lord,
though I have not sinned or offended them.**

- 4 I have done nothing wrong,
yet they prepare to attack me.
Wake up! See what is happening and help me!
- 5 O Lord God of Heaven's Armies,
the God of Israel,
wake up and punish those hostile nations.
Show no mercy to wicked traitors.
- 6 They come out at night,
snarling like vicious dogs
as they prowl the streets.
- 7 Listen to the filth that comes from their mouths;
their words cut like swords.
“After all, who can hear us?” they sneer.

- 8 But Lord, you laugh at them.
You scoff at all the hostile nations.
- 9 You are my strength; I wait for you to rescue me,
for you, O God, are my fortress.
- 10 In his unfailing love, my God will stand with me.
He will let me look down in triumph on
all my enemies.
- 11 Don't kill them, for my people soon forget
such lessons; stagger them with your power,
and bring them to their knees,
O Lord our shield.

- 12** Because of the sinful things they say,
because of the evil that is on their lips,
let them be captured by their pride,
their curses, and their lies.
- 13** Destroy them in your anger!
Wipe them out completely!
Then the whole world will know
that God reigns in Israel.
- 14** My enemies come out at night,
snarling like vicious dogs
as they prowl the streets.
- 15** They scavenge for food
but go to sleep unsatisfied.

- 16 But as for me, I will sing about your power.
Each morning I will sing with joy about your
unfailing love.
For you have been my refuge,
a place of safety when I am in distress.
- 17 O my Strength, to you I sing praises,
for you, O God, are my refuge,
the God who shows me unfailing love.