

SONGS OF THE MESSIAH

“A Blessing and a Curse”

Psalms 58, 69, 109

(use the space below to jot down some thoughts and takeaways from today’s message)

Their challenge

We can’t ignore them

“Bless and do not curse.”- Romans 12:14

Their purpose

“Vengeance is mine... says the LORD.”- Romans 12:19

Prayers for deliverance; cries for justice

Prayers for God’s rightful judgment

Their fulfillment

The cross of Christ

The judgment of the living and the dead

NEXT STEPS

Reflect:

- Are your enemies the same as God’s enemies? How have you prayed for your enemies? Will your prayers for them be reshaped in the future?
- What is most unsettling for you about the imprecatory psalms? What is most helpful?
- Is there a particular injustice you or your loved ones have been experiencing? How can these psalms help you lift these things up to God in prayer?

Get in the Word:

- Take some time to read and pray through these psalms in the Songs of the Messiah Reading Plan for this week:
 - Sunday: 109, 3, 5
 - Monday: 35, 10, 11
 - Tuesday: 58, 49, 52, 54
 - Wednesday: 69, 59
 - Thursday: 94, 70, 73
 - Friday: 137, 64, 74, 108
 - Saturday: 139, 140, 141

Pray:

- Turn your anger over to God in prayer and trust Him to act justly while you love your enemy.

Next week:

- Palm Sunday will be Psalm Sunday as we are led into worship by the Songs of the Ascents.