

## Psalm 59

4. <sup>7</sup>Behold their lips, such spiteful words  
Cast out, as they should seem to bear  
Within their mouth sharp edged swords,  
For what regard they who doth hear?  
<sup>8</sup>But Lord, thou hast their ways espied,  
And at the same shalt laugh apace:  
The heathen folk thou shalt deride,  
Yea, mock and scorn them to their face.
5. <sup>9</sup>His force therefore that would me wrong,  
I will refer, O Lord, to thee:  
For though for me he be too strong,  
Yet God will my defender be.  
<sup>10</sup>God will prevent me with his grace,  
Whose mercies I have found of old:  
God will my foes each one deface  
So that mine eyes shall it behold.
6. <sup>11</sup>But slay them not, lest their decay,  
My people should forget and light:  
Disperse them, Lord, our shield and stay,  
And bring them low by thy great might.  
<sup>12</sup>Let them be taken in their pride,  
The sins of their own mouth, even that  
Whereto their lips were aye applied,  
Curses and lies then let them prate.<sup>20</sup>
7. <sup>13</sup>Consume, consume them in thine ire  
That they henceforth no more be kend:<sup>21</sup>  
That men may know how great empire,  
Hath Jacob's God, to the world's end.  
<sup>14</sup>And they in th'evening shall turn back  
Like barking dogs, which howl and cry  
When they run here and there for lack,  
The town about their prey to spy.
8. <sup>15</sup>They wander shall for hunger great  
To seek their food, with need oppressed,  
Before they filled be with meat:  
Although the night drive them to rest.  
<sup>16</sup>But I will sing of thy great power,  
And early will thy mercy praise:  
For thou hast aye been my strong tower,  
And refuge in my troublous days.
9. <sup>17</sup>To thee my only strength, I will,  
Therefore sing psalms incessantly;  
For God is my defence, and still,  
A God most merciful to me.

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<sup>20</sup> To talk excessively and pointlessly; babble.

<sup>21</sup> Known as a fact, well-known.