

The Imprecatory Psalms KJV

5, 10, 17, 35, 58, 59, 69, 70, 79, 83, 109, 129, 137, 140

The Imprecations Themselves:

Psalm 5:5-6 (NASB)

<sup>5</sup>The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;  
You hate all who do iniquity.

<sup>6</sup>You destroy those who speak falsehood;  
The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

Psalm 5:10 (NASB)

<sup>10</sup>Hold them guilty, O God;  
By their own devices let them fall!  
In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out,  
For they are rebellious against You.

Psalm 10:15 (NASB)

<sup>15</sup>Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer,  
<sup>[a]</sup>Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

Psalm 17:13 (NASB)

<sup>13</sup>Arise, O LORD, confront him, bring him low;  
Deliver my soul from the wicked with Your sword,

Psalm 35:4-6 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup>Let those be ashamed and dishonored who seek my <sup>[a]</sup>life;  
Let those be turned back and humiliated who devise evil against me.

<sup>5</sup>Let them be like chaff before the wind,  
With the angel of the LORD driving *them* on.

<sup>6</sup>Let their way be dark and slippery,  
With the angel of the LORD pursuing them.

Psalm 35:8 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup>Let destruction come upon him unawares,  
And let the net which he hid catch himself;  
Into that very destruction let him fall.

Psalm 35:19 (NASB)

<sup>19</sup>Do not let those who are wrongfully my enemies rejoice over me;  
Nor let those who hate me without cause <sup>[a]</sup>wink maliciously.

Psalm 35:26 (NASB)

<sup>26</sup>Let those be ashamed and humiliated altogether who rejoice at my distress;  
Let those be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves over me.

Psalm 58:6-9 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup>O God, shatter their teeth in their mouth;  
Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let them flow away like water that runs off;  
When he <sup>[a]</sup>aims his arrows, let them be as <sup>[b]</sup>headless shafts.

<sup>8</sup>Let *them* be as a snail which <sup>[c]</sup>melts away as it goes along,  
Like the miscarriages of a woman which never see the sun.

<sup>9</sup>Before your pots can feel *the fire of thorns*  
He will sweep them away with a whirlwind,  
the <sup>[d]</sup>green and the burning alike.

Psalm 59:5 (NASB)

<sup>5</sup>You, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel,  
Awake to <sup>[a]</sup>punish all the nations;  
Do not be gracious to any *who are* treacherous in iniquity.<sup>[b]</sup>*Selah.*

Psalms 59:8 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> But You, O LORD, laugh at them;  
You scoff at all the nations.

Psalms 59:10-14 (NASB)

<sup>10</sup> <sup>[a]</sup> My God in His lovingkindness will meet me;  
God will let me look *triumphantly* upon <sup>[b]</sup> my foes.

<sup>11</sup> Do not slay them, or my people will forget;  
<sup>[c]</sup> Scatter them by Your power, and bring them  
down,

O Lord, our shield.

<sup>12</sup> <sup>[d]</sup> *On account of* the sin of their mouth *and* the  
words of their lips,

Let them even be caught in their pride,  
And on account of curses and <sup>[e]</sup> lies which they  
utter.

<sup>13</sup> <sup>[f]</sup> Destroy *them* in wrath, <sup>[g]</sup> destroy *them* that they  
may be no more;

That *men* may know that God <sup>[h]</sup> rules in Jacob  
To the ends of the earth. *Selah.*

<sup>14</sup> They return at evening, they howl like a dog,  
And go around the city.

Psalms 69:24-28 (NASB)

<sup>24</sup> Pour out Your indignation on them,  
And may Your burning anger overtake them.

<sup>25</sup> May their <sup>[a]</sup> camp be desolate;  
May none dwell in their tents.

<sup>26</sup> For they have persecuted him whom You  
Yourself have smitten,  
And they tell of the pain of those whom You  
have <sup>[b]</sup> wounded.

<sup>27</sup> Add iniquity to their iniquity,  
And may they not come into Your righteousness.

<sup>28</sup> May they be blotted out of the book of life  
And may they not be <sup>[c]</sup> recorded with the righteous.

Psalms 70:2-3 (NASB)

<sup>2</sup> Let those be ashamed and humiliated  
Who seek my <sup>[a]</sup> life;

Let those be turned back and dishonored  
Who delight <sup>[b]</sup> in my hurt.

<sup>3</sup> Let those be <sup>[c]</sup> turned back because of their shame  
Who say, "Aha, aha!"

Psalms 79:6 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> Pour out Your wrath upon the nations which do  
not know You,  
And upon the kingdoms which do not call upon  
Your name.

Psalms 79:12 (NASB)

<sup>12</sup> And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their  
bosom

<sup>[a]</sup> The reproach with which they have reproached  
You, O Lord.

Psalms 109:6-19 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> Appoint a wicked man over him,  
And let an <sup>[a]</sup> accuser stand at his right hand.

<sup>7</sup> When he is judged, let him come forth guilty,  
And let his prayer become sin.

<sup>8</sup> Let his days be few;  
Let another take his office.

<sup>9</sup> Let his children be fatherless  
And his wife a widow.

<sup>10</sup> Let his children wander about and beg;  
And let them seek *sustenance* <sup>[b]</sup> far from their  
ruined homes.

<sup>11</sup> Let the creditor <sup>[c]</sup> seize all that he has,  
And let strangers plunder the product of his labor.

<sup>12</sup> Let there be none to <sup>[d]</sup> extend lovingkindness to  
him,

Nor any to be gracious to his fatherless children.

<sup>13</sup> Let his posterity be <sup>[e]</sup> cut off;

In a following generation let their name be blotted  
out.

<sup>14</sup> Let the iniquity of his fathers be  
remembered <sup>[f]</sup> before the LORD,

And do not let the sin of his mother be blotted out.

<sup>15</sup> Let them be before the LORD continually,  
That He may cut off their memory from the earth;

<sup>16</sup> Because he did not remember to show  
lovingkindness,

But persecuted the afflicted and needy man,  
And the despondent in heart, to put *them* to death.

<sup>17</sup> He also loved cursing, so it came to him;  
And he did not delight in blessing, so it was far  
from him.

<sup>18</sup> But he clothed himself with cursing as with his  
garment,

And it entered into <sup>[g]</sup>his body like water  
And like oil into his bones.

<sup>19</sup> Let it be to him as a garment with which he  
covers himself,

And for a belt with which he constantly girds  
himself.

Psalm 109:27-29 (NASB)

<sup>27</sup> <sup>[a]</sup>And let them know that this is Your hand;  
You, LORD, have done it.

<sup>28</sup> Let them curse, but You bless;  
When they arise, they shall be ashamed,  
But Your servant shall be glad.

<sup>29</sup> <sup>[b]</sup>Let my accusers be clothed with dishonor,  
And <sup>[c]</sup>let them cover themselves with their own  
shame as with a robe.

Psalm 129:4-6 (NASB)

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is righteous;  
He has cut in two the cords of the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> May all who hate Zion  
Be put to shame and turned backward;  
<sup>6</sup> Let them be like grass upon the housetops,  
Which withers before it <sup>[a]</sup>grows up;

Psalm 137:8-9 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> O daughter of Babylon, you <sup>[a]</sup>devastated one,  
How blessed will be the one who repays you  
With <sup>[b]</sup>the recompense with which you have repaid  
us.

<sup>9</sup> How blessed will be the one who seizes  
and dashes your little ones  
Against the rock.

Psalm 140:8-11 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> “Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked;  
Do not promote his *evil* device, *that they not* be  
exalted. *Selah.*

<sup>9</sup> “As for the head of those who surround me,  
May the mischief of their lips cover them.

<sup>10</sup> “May burning coals fall upon them;  
May they be cast into the fire,  
Into <sup>[a]</sup>deep pits from which they cannot rise.

<sup>11</sup> “May a <sup>[b]</sup>slanderer not be established in the earth;  
May evil hunt the violent man <sup>[c]</sup>speedily.”