

Scripture

Psalm 58 (NLT)

A psalm of David, to be sung to the tune “Do Not Destroy!”

1 Justice—do you rulers know the meaning of the word?

Do you judge the people fairly?

2 No! You plot injustice in your hearts.

You spread violence throughout the land.

3 These wicked people are born sinners; even from birth they have lied and gone their own way.

- 4 They spit venom like deadly snakes;
they are like cobras that refuse to listen,
5 ignoring the tunes of the snake charmers,
no matter how skillfully they play.
- 6 Break off their fangs, O God!
Smash the jaws of these lions, O Lord!
- 7 May they disappear like water into thirsty
ground.
Make their weapons useless in their hands.
- 8 May they be like snails that dissolve into
slime, like a stillborn child who will never
see the sun.

- 9 God will sweep them away, both young and old, faster than a pot heats over burning thorns.
- 10 The godly will rejoice when they see injustice avenged. They will wash their feet in the blood of the wicked.
- 11 Then at last everyone will say,
“There truly is a reward for those who live for God; surely there is a God who judges justly here on earth.”