Psalm 109  

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HOLD not thy tongue, O God of my praise: for the mouth of the ungodly, yea, the mouth of the deceitful is open-ed up-on me. 2. And they have spoken against me with false tongues: they compassed me about also with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause. 3. For the love that I had un-to them, lo, they take now my contrary part: but I give myself unto prayer. 4. Thus have they rewarded me e-vil for good: and hatred for my good will. 5. Set thou an ungodly man to be ruler o-ver him: and let Satan stand at his right hand. 6. When sentence is given upon him, let him be condemned: and let his prayer be turned into sin. 7. Let his days be few: and let another take his office. 8. Let his children be fatherless: and his wife a widow. 9. Let his children be vagabonds, and beg their bread: let them seek it also out of deso-late places. 10. Let the extor-tioner consume all that he hath: and let the stranger spoil his labour. 11. Let there be no
man to pity him: nor to have compassion upon his fatherless children.

12. Let his posterity be destroyed: and in the next generation let his name be clean put out. 13. Let the wickedness of his fathers be had in remembrance in the sight of the Lord: and let not the sin of his mother be done away.

14. Let them alway be before the Lord: that he may root out the memorial of them from off the earth. 15. And that, because his mind was not to do good: but persecuted the poor helpless man, that he might slay him that was vexed at the heart. 16. His delight was in cursing, and it shall happen unto him: he loved not blessing, therefore shall it be far from him. 17. He clothed himself with cursing, like as with a raiment: and it shall come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones. 18. Let it be unto him as the clote that he hath upon him: and as the girdle that he is alway girded withal. 19. Let it thus happen from the Lord unto mine enemics: and to those
that speak evil against my soul. 20. But deal thou with me, O Lord God,
according unto thy Name: for sweet is thy mercy. 21. O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor: and my heart is wounded within me. 22. I go hence like the shadow that departeth: and am driven away as the grasshopper. 23. My knees are weak through fasting: my flesh is dried up for want of fatness. 24. I became also a reproach unto them: they that looked upon me shaked their heads. 25. Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to thy mercy. 26. And they shall know, how that this is thy hand: and that thou, Lord, hast done it. 27. Though they curse, yet bless thou: and let them be confounded that rise up against me; but let thy servant rejoice. 28. Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame: and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a cloke. 29. As for me, I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth: and praise him among the multitude. 30. For he shall stand at the
right hand of the poor: to save his soul from the unrighteous judges. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen