

## Psalm 109

4. <sup>8</sup>Few be his days: his charge, also,  
let thou another take:  
<sup>9</sup>His children let be fatherless,  
his wife a widow make.  
<sup>10</sup>Let his offspring be vagabonds,  
to beg and seek their bread:  
Wandering out of the wasted place,  
where erst they have been fed.
5. <sup>11</sup>Let covetous extortioners,  
catch all his goods and store:  
And let the strangers spoil the fruits,  
of all his toil before.  
<sup>12</sup>Let there be none to pity him,  
let there be none at all:  
That on his children fatherless,  
will let their mercy fall.
6. <sup>13</sup>And so let his posterity,  
forever be destroyed:  
Their name out blotted in the age,  
that after shall succeed.  
<sup>14</sup>Let not his father's wickedness,  
from God's remembrance fall,  
And let thou not his mother's sin,  
be done away at all.
7. <sup>15</sup>But in the presence of the Lord,  
let them remain for aye:  
That from the earth, their memory  
he may cut clean away.  
<sup>16</sup>Sith<sup>61</sup> mercy he forgot to show:  
but did pursue with spite,  
The troubled man and sought to slay,  
the woeful-hearted wight.<sup>62</sup>
8. <sup>17</sup>As he did cursing love, it shall  
betide unto me so:  
And as he did not blessing love,  
it shall be far him fro.<sup>63</sup>  
<sup>18</sup>As he with cursing clad himself,  
so it like water shall:  
Into his bowels, and like oil,  
into his bones befall.
9. <sup>19</sup>As garments let it be to him,  
to cover him for aye:  
And as girdle wherewith he,  
shall girded be alway.  
<sup>20</sup>Lo, let the same before the Lord,  
be guardian of my foe,  
Yea, and of those that evil speak,  
against my soul also.
10. <sup>21</sup>But thou, O Lord, that art my God,  
deal thou, I say, with me,  
After thy name deliver me,  
for good thy mercies be.  
<sup>22</sup>Because in depth of great distress,  
I needy am and poor:  
And eke within my pained breast,  
my heart is wounded sore.
11. <sup>23</sup>Even so do I depart away,  
as doth declining shade:  
And as the grasshopper, so I  
am shaken of and fade.  
<sup>24</sup>With fasting long from needful food,  
enfeebled are my knees:  
And all her fatness hath my flesh,  
enforced been to lease.
12. <sup>25</sup>And I also a vile reproach,  
to them was made to be:  
And they that did upon me look,  
did shake their heads at me.  
<sup>26</sup>But thou, O Lord, that art my God,  
mine aid and succour be:  
According to thy mercy, Lord,  
save and deliver me.
13. <sup>27</sup>And they shall know thereby, that this  
(Lord) is thy mighty hand:  
And that thou, thou hast done, it, Lord,  
so shall they understand.  
<sup>28</sup>Although they curse with spite, yet thou  
shalt bless with loving voice:  
They shall arise and come to shame,  
thy servant shall rejoice.

<sup>61</sup> Since, seeing or considering (that).

<sup>62</sup> A human being.

<sup>63</sup> From.

14. <sup>29</sup>Let them be clothed all with shame,  
that enemies are to me:  
And with confusion as a cloak,  
eke covered let them be.  
<sup>30</sup>But greatly I will with my mouth,  
give thanks unto the Lord,  
And I among the multitude  
his praises will record.
15. <sup>31</sup>For he with help at his right hand,  
will stand the poor man by:  
To save him from the men that would  
condemn his soul to die.