

Psalm 140 – An Imprecatory Psalm

Introduction

- What is an imprecatory psalm?
- Give a couple of examples of imprecatory passages from the psalms.
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 - (ii)
- What does Jesus tell us to do with our enemies?

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- What trouble is David facing in v1-3?
- What does he do?
- What do v4-5 add?
- How does David express his confidence in God in v6-7?
- What, basically, does David ask for in...
 - v8?
 - v9?
 - v10?
 - v11?
- What does David do in v12-13?

Lessons

- What is the first lesson we can learn from the imprecatory psalms?
- What does David really desire, according to v12-13?

- How is that reflected in what he prays for in v9-11?
- Why should we be bothered about justice?
- What is the second lesson we can learn from the imprecatory psalms?
- What might we do if we are angry?
- What does David do with his negative thoughts here?
- Which New Testament passage shows that he was right?
- What is the third lesson we can learn from the imprecatory psalms?
- When did David live?
- Which covenant do we live under?
- What are some of the things Jesus suffered at the hands of others?
- Did he pray an imprecatory prayer?
- What does I Peter 2:23 teach us that he did?
- What relevance does that have for us?
- How should we pray when we suffer at the hands of others?
- What will happen to God's enemies who do not repent?
- Which New Testament passage teaches that?
- How important is vindication?
- So what do the imprecatory psalms point to?
- How should we think about imprecatory psalms today?
- What do you need to do if you do not know the Lord?
- What is the fourth lesson we can learn from the imprecatory psalms?
- What lies behind the human enemies of God's kingdom?
- Which New Testament passage speaks about that?
- So how can we use the imprecatory psalms today?

