

Verse by Verse: Psalm 59

By Chester Padgett

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Chester Padgett:

And good morning, friends. This is not Dr. Lewis T. Talbot, but this is Chester Padgett sitting in for Dr. Talbot this week, I am very happy that I have the privilege of being of some help to Dr. Talbot, who is at his sick wife's bedside. And I know that you friends have been praying for Mrs. Talbot and also for Dr. Talbot in the strenuous days. Let us continue to pray that God will bless these two people that he'll have is perfect way with each one of them that he'll heal Mrs. Talbot, if it please him, and that otherwise his grace might be sufficient, as we're sure it will be, not only

for her, but for her beloved husband. And I would like to say that I counted a real joy to share the word of God with you folks once again on this half hour, broadcast a verse by verse Bible study. And I'd like to say just a word or two of introduction to the studies this week. I'm going to be giving the same studies this week that I'm giving on my own broadcast at twelve o'clock. That is on the menu for today. So all of you folks notice that there's some similarity. I don't think that you're hearing wrong because you will be hearing exactly the same message on this broadcast as you will be hearing on menu for today. But I do want to say again that I trust God will bless these studies in the Psalms that we will be making during the half hour broadcast of this week for Dr. Lewis T Talbot. And now let us get into our Bible study.

Now, will your turn, please, to Psalm six, Psalm fifty nine. And we'll get started here right away. I would like to say that I didn't forget to get my stopwatch in operation when I made this recording. And so I think that we will fill out the time allotted to us on this broadcast. That is in Psalm fifty-nine. Let us read this passage of scripture together and then we'll comment on it as the Holy Spirit leads.

In Psalm 59, verse 1. David writes, Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men. For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord. They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold. Thou therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel. Awake to visit all the Gentiles. Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. They return at evening. They make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Behold, they belch out with their mouth swords

are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear? But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the gentiles in derision. Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defense. The God of my mercy shall prevent me or go before me. God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies. Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield. For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak. Consume them in wrath, consume them that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied. But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defense, and the God of my mercy.

Now, I don't think that I have to point out to you once again that this is another messy on messianic song and that in this psalm, David is simply indicating the hostility that existed in his day, that has existed through the centuries, that exists today, and that is going to exist in a tragic way in the coming tribulation between Israel and the gentile world. And you will notice there that David depicts by divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit that the Gentiles are like dogs that go about the city. They belch out with their mouth and swords are in their lips. And they say, who doth here? In other words, in their atheism. They say God does not know. But see, David was a man of faith. David was a man who loved the chosen people of God. And David is praying for them here. And I want to say, my dear friend, that God has this prayer registered in heaven. And when the times of the Gentiles has run its course, God is going to step into the picture and he is

going to defend the believing remnant of Israel. And Jesus is going to bring them with him in to the millennial reign, at which time they will rule the world with him and with the people of God. Now, let us notice some things as we move along in this Psalm. That is Psalm Fifty Nine. Deliver me from mine enemies. Oh, my God, my. How David prays that so many times in the Psalms you've noticed that deliver me from mine enemies. O God. Somebody might say it looks to me like all David had was enemies. My dear friends, David had some good times as well as bad times. Let us remember, he is writing a prophetic word. And when David says defend me from mine enemies, oh God. He means not only his literal enemies, but he is praying in behalf of the people of Israel. And he is praying that their prayer. And when David says deliver me from mine enemies, o God, that's the heart cry of every Jew in the world. You know, that down through the centuries, they've certainly learned these prayers by rote. They've had to pray them so many times. Why? History is just simply a record of anti-Semitism when you come right down to it. Why you study through in the Old Testament how the Gentile nations hated Israel in their isolation and in their exclusivism and, in their international view of domination of the entire world, which God told them was going to come to pass. And when Israel got arrogant and defiant about these things and anti-Semitism cropped up, I'm telling you they gave Israel a bad time. Israel has known what it is to suffer. And my dear friends, David is praying for Israel here. When he says deliver me from mine enemies, oh, my God, defend me from them that rise up against me. Deliver me from the workers of inequity and save me from bloody man, my. But how many children of Abraham have had to pray? That prayer saved me from bloody men, from anti-Semitic men, from men who despise the nation of Israel. Save me old God from bloody men. For David says they lie and wait for my soul. The mighty are gathered against me. Now that's the record of Israel. That's the history of Israel. My how the gentile nations have persecuted

and hounded and hunted and hissed and hated Israel down through the centuries. That has been true.

Now I've indicated some of the reasons why I won't review those again. But just simply to say David knew what he was talking about when he said they lie in wait for my soul the mighty are gathered against me, not for my transgression nor for my sin. Oh, Lord, and my dear friends, the gentile world does not hate Israel because of any particular sin, any great crime. They just simply hate them. Anti-Semitism has been with us through the centuries, and it will be with us until Jesus comes as a phenomenon of history. Now we understand, we think, why it is a phenomenon Anti-Semitism is satanic. It is a supernatural activity of the devil in the hearts and minds of gentile men and women to despise and hate the Jew. I believe, my dear friends, that it's the devil who sows the seeds of anti-Semitism. And just as they're being sown again in western Germany and in Europe and on the continent and even in America, because just the other day in New York City, there were some bands of anti-Semites who tried to wreck some of the synagogues in that great city. Now, I'm not a prophet or the son of a prophet. And again, I want to say, I do not have one ounce of anti-Semitism in my makeup. I say on the basis of the word of God that we are going to see more and more of this and nothing can stop it.

Because the devil is setting the stage for the end times. My dear friends, there is no question about that. How can there be any question about that? We know the record. We have the word of God. We know what is in store for the future. And the Bible tells us that we're moving fast into the time of Jacob's trouble, into the time of his real sorrow. And David is anticipating it right here in Psalm 59, verse 3. Low. They lie in Wait for my soul, the mighty. The Gentile nations are

gathered against me, not for my transgression, nor my sin Oh Lord. They run and prepare themselves without my fault. Awake to help me and behold thou. Therefore, O Lord God of hosts the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen, all the nations, all the Gentiles. That's what that Hebrew word means. Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors, my dear friends. Every injustice ever perpetrated against Israel is going to be brought to the bar of justice, to God's divine and eternal tribunal. And there are these. Anti-Semites will answer for their sin. Hitler will stand there and believe you, me and the fires of hell for eternity. Hitler is going to be in the very hot spot of it for his anti-Semitism. The word of God says so be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. And don't believe for a minute that God is going to be. And then David is speaking here of that tragic day when the international armies of the United Nations organization will invade Palestine and will march toward the holy city in order to destroy all the Jews of the Holy Land. In verse 6, David says they return it evening. They make a noise like a dog, and they go around about the city. Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear? In other words, they think they can get away with murder with the murder of a nation. But my dear friends, God is going to step into that picture, and we have it in verse eight. But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision. Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defense. Now that's the only hope in international Zionism. That's the only hope in a Jewish breast. Today, the God of my mercy shall prevent me, shall go before me. God, shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies. And God is going to do that. Do we've read it? In Psalm 2 Matthew and in Revelation, Chapter 19. Now, David continues in verse eleven slay them, not lest my people forget, scatter them by thy power and bring them down. O Lord, our shield for the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips and let

them even be taken in their pride. My eyes. I just wouldn't dare to mention the things the Gentiles say about Israel. The sin of the gentile mouth, and the words of the gentile lips.

My dear friends, they're speaking about the chosen people of God. How about Gods Old Testament people? How about the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the heirs of the world? That's who the Gentiles are deriding when they sin with their mouth and the words or their lips. In verse 13, David says, consume them in thy wrath, consume them that they may not be. And let them know that God rule. Then Jacob on to the ends of the Earth. My dear friends, God is going to do that. The Lord is going to consume the Gentile nations. You. We read it the other day in Revelation, Chapter 19. And God is going to show that he is the God that rules. And Jacob, he is going to prove that to the ends of the earth. And at evening, let them return and let them make a noise like a dog and go around above the city. My dear friends, in the evening time of this present dispensation, in the last awful hours of the tribulation period, God is going to bring the gentile nations like a pack of dogs, and they're gonna howl and snarl and growl at the Jews in Palestine. But believe you me, God is going to speak in his wrath and vex them in his sore displeasure. And then David writes, I will sing of thy power. Yay! I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning. All my dear friends. The evening hours is fast approaching, but the morning hour is coming. There is going to be the blackness of midnight pretty soon. But there's also going to be the dawn of a new day. And that will be the millennial reign of our Lord Jesus. I will sing of my power. Yay! I will sing aloud divine mercy in the morning. For thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble. Under thee o my strength will I sing for God is my defense and the God of my mercy.

And I can just hear many Jews who are being harassed and hounded in Palestine. One antichrist breaks his covenant and the Gentile nations begin to muster their international army for their suicidal invasion of the Holy Land. My how the Jews will pray. And then when the Messiah comes, the blessed son of God, the savior of the world and of Israel. Then the Jews will sing aloud of his power. They will sing aloud of his mercy in the morning. For he will be their defense and their refuge in the day of their trouble. But, my dear friends, I want to say that not only is this basically a messianic psalm, it can be a personal psalm, too. And you know that if you're going through a bad time and it looks as if your enemies, your spiritual enemies are defeating you, just lift up your eyes and look up and trust God, whatever your circumstances might be today. Just believe that God knows and that he is going to bring you through and he will most certainly do it.

Now we come to Psalm 60. Let's read this psalm together and then we'll comment briefly as the spirit directs. You'll notice the caption is to the chief musician upon Shushaneduth. Which means, I think, a musical instrument. A Michtam of David. To teach one, he strove with Aramnaharaim and with Aramzobah when Joab returned and smote of Edom in the valley of salt. Twelve thousand. Now let us listen to this psalm. O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again. Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh. Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me. God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. Gilead is mine, and Manasseh

is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver; Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me. Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me into Edom? Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? And thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies? Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies. Now you friends will notice you Bible students, you people who are interested in the word of God, that there has been quite a cluster of messianic psalms in this particular place. I believe the spirit of God has but has appointed that. I believe the emphasis here is upon Israel in the last days, up on anti-Semitism in the last days, up on gentile efforts to liquidate the Jews in the last days, and upon the gracious and divine intervention of God in behalf of Israel in the last days. Now, most certainly that is the theme of Psalm 60. I do not see how it can be anything else in the light of the prophetic word and in the light of contemporary events, how marvelously this Psalm fits in with all the prophecies that have to do with Israel and Palestine in the last days. Now in verse 1 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again. Now, it is very true that in the seventh century I think it was of the Old Testament dispensation.

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Chester Padgett:

At any rate, at that time when Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia came upon Israel and destroyed the city and broke down the walls and destroyed the temple, and he took the Jewish people captive to Babylonia for 70 years. Now that this prophecy of chapter sixty of Psalm sixty rather is was

partially fulfilled at that time, of course, we know that it so again during the Middle Ages when the church itself turned on the Jews and massacred millions of them.

When their Christian church did that in the Middle Ages, once again, there was a shadow of fulfillment of this Psalm. And when Hitler made his purge of the Jews in Europe, once again, the Psalm was true. But I want to say, dear friends, I'm convinced that it will be completely true, completely fulfilled in every detail in the coming tribulation period, and especially in the last half of it, what you will be the time of Jacob's trouble, the time of Israel's tragic sorrow. And so David writes, O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, and how true that was. Why? Because God was displeased with the people for their spiritual blindness and their rebellion and their lack of faith and their disobedience, which somehow has been the characteristic of Israel down through the centuries. No matter how many marvelous revelations God gave, how many miracles he wrought, it didn't seem to make any difference. The Jews just simply didn't seem to be able to believe God.

There was a little remnant that did, but the rest of them God had to judge and he cast them off and he scattered them to all the world. And the Jew today and for the centuries of this dispensation, has been the most international character in all of history. O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again that is David's prayer. And certainly it will be Israel's prayer in this awful day of the tribulation. So soon to come, Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh. Now somebody says, what in the world does David mean? He means exactly what he says. Have you ever read the book or the revelation?

Have you read the descriptions there about the coming earthquakes that God is going to use to shake the earth and try to get some spiritual senses into his people and into the Jewish heart and into the gentile heart? Have you ever read those portions of the word of God? That's exactly what the Holy Spirit means through David right here. Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh. Thou hast shewed thy people hard things. David writes, and my dear friends, there isn't a Jew listening to my voice who would say that.

And that preacher does know what he's talking about when he says that every Jew listening to me will say amen, Brother Padgett, I know that's true. God has certainly showed his people hard things. Thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. There is not a Hebrew listening to me today who won't say I know that's true, because it is true. It's true because the Bible says it is true because history bears the record of it. Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. My how many Jews have had to drink the wine of astonishment unbelief at the brutality and the inhumanity of the gentile rulers of the world. There is no Jew who won't say amen to that, because it's true. Then David says, Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. And my dear friends, that banner is the word of God and Israel held aloft the word of God, and because of the word of God, the Gentile world mercilessly persecuted it. That banner Israel is still holding in many areas of the world, the banner of the Old Testament, we would to God that it were also the new. But the Jew hasn't gotten that far in his faith. He will when the Messiah comes back again. But the banner that is being displayed is the banner of the word of God, the banner of the promises of God, the banner of God's vows to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob of world domination for Israel. My dear friends, the Gentile nations have never liked that. They don't like it now. And one of the

reasons that anti-Semitism is, again, coming to the fore in Britain and in Germany is because some of the German leaders, some of the other gentile leaders of these nations despise Israel because Israel dares to believe the promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Now, I think that's what he means in verse four Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth My dear friends, Israel cannot deny the truth. There are many Jews who would like to deny the truth because they are afraid of the consequences of it. But the believing remnant of the Jews will not deny the truth. They know the promises of God. They know that God is going to speak. They know that God has given Palestine to the Jews. They know that is their homeland by birthright. They know that God is going to use them in spiritual and political way and for a thousand years in this world yet to come. They know that what I want to say this to use the expression of a gentile unbeliever. They despise the Jews guts. They sincerely do. And if a Jew dares to say, I believe where the people of destiny, I believe we're the chosen people of God. I believe one day we're going to rule the world. If a Jew dares to say that, a gentile will cut him down.

But my dear friends, when a Jew says that he is speaking the truth, because that is what God said. That's what Jehovah said. That's what the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob said. And God is never going to go back on his promise. And believing Jews know that, and many of them are willing to pay the supreme price of their life for their faith in Jehovah's Word. Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth, that thy beloved may be delivered ultimately from God. That is not from the gentile world save with thy right hand, and hear me. God hath spoken in his holiness; what is God said? God has said Palestine and the

Jews belong to me. They are my people. I will defend them when I have finished chastening them for their sin. Now that's what the rest of the psalm is all about. God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. Gilead is mine. Manasseh is mine. Ephraim is mine. Judah is mine. Moab is mine. Edom is mine. Philistia is mine. God says I own that territory and I have given it to my ancient people and my dear friends. United Nations organization with their international armies and the Arabian legions with their vast thousands of men and all the communistic armies of the world cannot take Palestine away from the Jew. Now you just put that down in your book. It's the word of God and God's word has never failed. David closes his prayer. Give us help from trouble for vane is the help of man. They find that out. They trusted in the anti-Christ. They believed the U.N.O. And then when Antichrist and the Gentile nations turned against them, they had no hope. They could not hope to withstand the international armies of the world. Give us help from trouble. Vain is the help of man, but through God do we shall do valiantly for he it is that shall tread down our gentile enemies. My dear friends, when the Messiah comes, he is going to vindicate that faith on the part of a believing remnant, and they will be saved and enter into the millennial kingdom, and God will fulfill all of his promises at that time. Well, this is Chester Padgett just saying thank your friends for listening. It's been good to teach the word of God. Don't forget, you owe me a letter. At least I hope you feel that you do and that you'll get it in the mail right away. Post office box twenty nine 1 0 2. Vermont Avenue Station, Los Angeles. Twenty nine, California. This is Chester Padgett saying until we meet again, May the joy of the Lord be your strength and the peace of God. Your portion.

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