

Questions:

Psalm 58

Note on 58:1: The Hebrew word in the first question literally means a dominant male sheep, or ram, but sounds like “in silence.” It has produced a variety of translations:

Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? (KJV)

Is righteousness indeed silent? Do ye speak it? (DBY)

Do you indeed speak righteousness, you gods? (NASB)

Do you rulers indeed speak justly? (NIV)

1. Who is targeted in verse 1?

2. What does verse 3 tell us about wicked people?

3. What animals are mentioned and what are the lessons derived from each?

4. When will verses 10-11 come true?

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5. Read 1 Samuel 19:11. What is happening when David writes this Psalm?

6. Where do we see parallels to the life of Jesus in this Psalm?

7. How would you describe the attitude of the wicked in verse 7?

8. What is the Lord's response?

9. Why does the psalmist ask the Lord in verse 11 to not kill the wicked?

10. What is the writer's personal response to evil in verses 16-17?