## Psalm 109: Enemies.

- 1-5: David cried out to **God, whom** he praised, **not** to be **silent** but to deliver him from the danger of **wicked men**. They were **deceitful**, hateful, and rewarded his **friendship** with **evil** and **hatred**.
- 6-20: In an extended section of imprecations, David wished that in retribution the wicked would be made desolate and dispossessed. David prayed that his enemy would be opposed, be **found guilty**, die (so that **his wife** would become **a widow** and **his children** vagabonds, be made poor by an extortioner and plunderers, and be pitied by **no one**, future would **be cut off** and that the sins of his enemy's ancestors would **be remembered** by **the LORD**. This wicked man took advantage of **the poor**, **the needy**, **and the brokenhearted**. **He loved to** heap curses on other people. Therefore *he* should be cursed in return.
- 21-25: David turned to his **sovereign LORD** for help and deliverance because he was in great need. He was apparently weak and perishing (he was fading **away** and thin **from fasting**) under the oppression of those wicked men. Besides being in danger, they scornfully mocked him.
- 26-31: David's prayer for **help** was based on his desire that the wicked would understand that the LORD would vindicate him, and that he might **rejoice** when they were **put to shame** and **disgrace**. David vowed he would testify of **the LORD** for delivering him **from** the oppressor.
  - <u>Exodus 21:23</u> -...life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound.
  - <u>Luke 6:27-37</u> "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

## Psalm 110: Exalted LORD.

Jesus quoted <u>Psalm 110:1</u> in <u>Mark 12:36 (Matthew 22:44; Luke 20:42)</u> to show that the Messiah was David's Lord, not merely David's Descendant. <u>Psalm 110:1</u> is also quoted in <u>Acts 2:34-35</u> and <u>Hebrews 1:13</u>.

- 1-2: David heard a heavenly conversation between **the LORD** (<u>Yahweh</u>) and David's **Lord** (<u>°adonay</u>), that is, between God the Father and the Son. Yahweh said that David's Lord, the Messiah, should sit at Yahweh's **right hand**, the place of authority, until the all His enemies are subdued and destroyed.
- 3: Others will accompany the Messiah, willingly offering themselves to take part in His **battle**. This will be righteous judgment poured out on the wicked. The youthful **warriors** are compared to **the dew of** the morning (freshness and vastness).
- 4: The Messiah will be a Priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. Melchizedek was the king of Salem (Jerusalem) and priest of the Most High God (<u>Genesis 14:18</u>). Years after he ruled in Jerusalem, David and his descendants ruled there.
  - <u>Hebrews 7:27-28</u> For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.
- 5-7: The King-Priest will defeat (crush) kings and judge nations.
  - <u>Joel 3:2</u> I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.

Revelation 19:11-16 - Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

He's refreshing Himself with a **drink** along **the way** figuratively pictures His renewed vigor, and His lifting **up His head** speaks of His being exalted.