

## PSALM 69

### An imprecatory psalm

*Appealing for God's justice against enemies*

#### PREPARATION:

*Carefully read Psalm sixty-nine seeking to answer these questions about the text:*

1. With what plea did David begin the psalm? (v. 1) To what did he liken the destructive forces working against him? (v. 1-2) How had these threats made him feel? (v. 3)
2. How numerous were David's enemies? Had he done anything worthy of the enmity directed toward him? (v. 4)
3. David confessed that God knows what about him? (v. 5) What did David not want to happen? (v. 6)
4. David's sufferings were for whose sake? (v. 7) However, how had it affected his relationship with others? (v. 8)
5. David's persecutions and reproaches were the result of zeal for what? (v. 9)
6. Though David manifested many signs of mourning, how did those around him respond? (v. 10-12)
7. For what then did David plead? (v. 13-15) To what characteristics of God did he appeal? (v. 16-19)
8. How did David describe his sufferings? (v. 20-21)

9. What does he ask God to do? (v. 22-25) Why did David consider them worthy of this judgment? (v. 26) What else did he ask the Lord to do? (v. 27-28)
10. What did he purpose to do upon being delivered? (v. 29-31) What affect would this have on the righteous? (v. 32-33)
11. David saw in his experience hope for all of God's people. What then did he urge them to do? (v. 34) Why? (35-36)

**KEY QUESTION:**

**Write in your own words below what you think is the main message of this psalm.**

**FOR CLASS  
DISCUSSION:**



**Historical and cultural setting**

1. When in David's life might he have experienced the difficulties described in this psalm?
2. How can one justify the imprecations found in this psalm?



**What does this psalm tell us about God and His people?**

**How can we explain the many NT applications of this psalm to Jesus? (Jn. 2:17; 15:25; Ac. 1:20; Rom. 11:9-10; 15:3)**

**Would it appropriate for God's people today to offer similar imprecations against their enemies? Why or why not?**

