

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation;
Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
- ² Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked,
From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity,
- ³ Who sharpen their tongue like a sword,
And bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows—bitter words,
- ⁴ That they may shoot in secret at the blameless;
Suddenly they shoot at him and do not fear.
- ⁵ They encourage themselves *in* an evil matter;
They talk of laying snares secretly;
They say, "Who will see them?"
- ⁶ They devise iniquities:
"We have perfected a shrewd scheme."
Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep.
- ⁷ But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow;
Suddenly they shall be wounded.
- ⁸ So He will make them stumble over their own tongue;
All who see them shall flee away.
- ⁹ All men shall fear,
And shall declare the work of God;
For they shall wisely consider His doing.
- ¹⁰ The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust in Him.
And all the upright in heart shall glory.

Psalm 64:1-10

A MEDITATION

1. Observations of the activities of the wicked
2. Thinking about them
3. Contemplation before the LORD

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE WICKED

1. They hatch secret plots Psalm 64:2a
2. They plot rebellion and iniquity Psalm 64:2b
3. The weapons of the wicked Psalm 64:3
 - a) They sharpen their tongue like swords
 - b) They find and use bitter words like arrows
4. Their victims/ targets Psalm 64:4
 - a) They shoot in secret at the blameless
 - b) They shoot at them without any fear (of God)
5. They plan secretly Psalm 64:5-6
 - a) They encourage themselves in evil matters
 - b) They speak of laying snares secretly
 - c) They devise iniquities
 - d) They seek to perfect shrewd schemes
 - e) Their inward thoughts are deep and devious

RESPONSE OF THE PSALMIST DAVID

1. Initial response

Some fear of enemies Psalm 64:1

2. Prayer for protection

*¹Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation;
Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.*

*² Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked,
From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity* *Psalm 64:1-2*

- a) "Preserve me"
- b) "Hide me"

3. Confidence in the LORD

*⁷ But God shall shoot at them with an arrow;
Suddenly they shall be wounded.*

*⁸ So He will make them stumble over their own tongue;
All who see them shall flee away.* *Psalm 64:7-8*

- a) God will fight against the wicked

²⁹ "Then I said to you, 'Do not be terrified, or afraid of them.

*³⁰ The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you,
according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes*
Deuteronomy 1:29-30

- b) He will make them stumble over their own tongue

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

*⁹ All men shall fear,
And shall declare the work of God;
For they shall wisely consider His doing.*

*¹⁰ The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust in Him.
And all the upright in heart shall glory.* *Psalm 64:9-10*

1. Fear of the LORD

2. Declaration of the work of God

3. The wise will consider His work

4. The righteous

- a) They will be glad in the LORD
- b) They will trust in Him
- c) They will glory in Him