A Psalm Of Personal Anger

Psalm 109

1 From the leader's collection, by David; a psalm
   God Whom I praise, do not be silent.
2 For the mouths of the wicked and the deceitful
   have been opened against me;
   they speak to me with a lying tongue.
3 They encircle me with words of hate;
   they fight against me for no reason.
4 Instead of loving me, they detest me
   though I intercede for them.
5 They impose evil upon me in place of good,
   hate in place of my love.

6 Place a wicked person in command over him;
   let a persecutor stand at his right hand.
   Place a wicked person in command over her;
   let a persecutor stand at her right hand.
7 When he is tried, let him be convicted;
   let intercession for him fail.
   When she is tried, let her be convicted;
   let intercession for her fail.
8 May his days be few in number;
   may another take command of his life.
   May her days be few in number;
   may another take command of her life.
9 May his children be orphans;
   may his wife be a widow.
   May her children be orphans;
   may her husband be a widower.
10 Let his children be
   continually on the move, begging;
   let them seek alms
   from within the decrepit buildings they inhabit.
11 Let the creditor ensnare all that is his;
   let aliens pillage that which he produces.
12 May no one advocate lovingkindness for him;
   may no one be merciful to his orphans.
13 May his end be to be cut off;
   may the family name be blotted out
   in the following generation.
14 Let the transgression of his fathers
   be remembered by the Lord;
   let the sin of his mother not be blotted out.
15 Let them be over against the Lord always;
   may God cut off their memory from the earth.
16 Because he did not remember
   to act in lovingkindness
   but persecuted the suffering poor
   to deal the death blow to the crushed in heart.
17 He continues to love cursing—
   then let it come upon him;
He continues not to want blessing—
then let it be far from him.

17She continues to love cursing—
then let it come upon her;
She continues not to want blessing—
then let it be far from her.

18He wears cursing like a uniform;
it penetrates his innards like water
and his bones like rubbing oil.—

18She wears cursing like a uniform;
it penetrates her innards like water
and her bones like rubbing oil.—

19May it be for him like a habit
in which he wraps himself,
like a loincloth which is worn always.

19May it be for her like a habit
in which she wraps herself,
like a loincloth which is worn always.

20This is the recompense from the Lord
for those who detest me,
for those who speak evil against my very being.

20This is the recompense from the Lord
for those who detest me,
for those who speak evil against my very being.

21You, Lord, are my lord and master.
Deal with me for the sake of Your Name.
Because Your lovingkindness is good,
save me.

22For I am suffering and poor.
My heart is hollow within me.
23I am dragged out
as a shadow is lengthened.
I am tossed about like a locust.
24My knees are weak from fasting.
My flesh is thin from lack of fat.
25I have become an object of derision for them.
They see me and nod their heads.

26Help me, Lord, my God.
Save me
by the standard of Your lovingkindness.

27So that they know that such is Your hand;
that You, Lord, have done it.
28Let them curse—but You bless.
Let them rise up and be ashamed —
Your servant will rejoice.
29Let those who detest me
wear the garment of disgrace.
Let them wrap their shame around them as a robe.

30I will openly thank the Lord greatly.
In the presence of multitudes, I will praise Him.
31When He stands at the right hand of the suffering,
to save him from those who pass judgment
against his very being.

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to save her from those who pass judgment
against her very being.