

The Psalms of David

Lesson Two: *The Lord Our Shield*

Lesson Aim: Understand this Psalm that David wrote when Saul sent assassins to watch his house in order to kill him.

Lesson Text: Psalm 59

Background Text: 1 Samuel 18:11-18

Questions About This Psalm

1. What particular experience of David forms the background of this Psalm?
2. How does David describe his enemies in this Psalm?
3. How do David's enemies sin against him?
4. How does David describe himself with respect to his own righteousness?
5. What does David ask God to do to his enemies?
6. Why does he ask God to "slay them not"?
7. What does Jehovah's authority over the nations have to do with David's desire upon his enemies? (See: vv. 5,8,13,16)
8. What does David mean when he says God will "laugh" at the heathen?
9. What does "grudge" mean in verse 15?
10. In what terms does David describe his relationship to Jehovah?

Summary

Summarize the message of this Psalm for practical application in the life of the Christian.