

## Psalm 59

### Introduction.

- A. David's life up to 1 Samuel 19.
- B. Note on Hebrew poetry.
- C. Note on versification.

### I. A time of fear (1-9).

- A. Call for rescue (1-2).
  - 1. Fortress used three times.
- B. He has done no wrong (3-4).
- C. Rise up (4-5).
  - 1. Names of God (cf. 1 Sam. 17:45).
    - a. Yahweh.
    - b. Elohim.
    - c. Sabaoth.
  - 2. Punish the nations.
    - a. These enemies had put themselves in the category of Gentiles.
    - b. They were traitors against God and Israel.
  - 3. Selah.
- D. Boastfulness of the enemy (6-8).
  - 1. Not even fearful of the God who hears.
  - 2. But God laughs them to scorn (cf. Ps. 2).
- E. Benediction (9).

### II. A time of hope (10-17).

- A. Let David's enemies serve as an example (10-13).
  - 1. God goes before him as he did in Moses's day.
  - 2. They will serve as a living example of God's redeeming power.
  - 3. Pride.
  - 4. That all will know that God is in control.
- B. The contrast of hope (14-16).
  - 1. They return, but I will sing (of God's love).
  - 2. They wander, but God is my refuge.
- C. Benediction (17).
  - 1. God is our strength.
  - 2. God is our fortress (cf. Ro. 8:31-39).
  - 3. What a team!