

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

7-10-16 Ken Carlton

**Title: ADVERSITY ANTHEM**

**Main Text:** Psalm 59

**Sermon Description:** David provides another installment for the 'Do Not Destroy' Miktam catalogue in the Psalter. While many of David's life situations come to mind as we read this Psalm, the title refers specifically to the circumstances behind the inspiration of Psalm 59. This chapter in David's life included the events that led to His long-time fugitive status. Its easy to imagine the direct usefulness of a song like this for the trials of its author -but- perhaps harder to imagine its relevance for us today. This week a notice posted by an open air preacher from the United States read: "I have received word that (he lists 4 individuals) ...have been arrested while open-air preaching in Bristol. I've also received word the brothers are rejoicing and singing hymns in their cell(s)". Suddenly the riches and depth of Psalm 59 takes on a profound significance. Its easy to imagine those brothers singing this Psalm this morning... furthermore, singing Psalm 59 becomes prayerful and powerful devotion as we keep those who are suffering for the Gospel in mind. The Word and songs of God never wither or fade. They will endure when the self-centered psychological candy of many modern worship songs have long since overstayed their welcome...

**Heading: POETICALLY ILLUSTRATED THEMES OF PSALM 59....**

**1. FREQUENT URGENCY** (Ps 59:1-7,14,15)

- a. Parallel plea (1-2)
- b. Incessant interruptions (3-4,6-7,14-15)
- c. Case in point (I Sam 19:11-24)

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**2. VICTORIOUS ASSURANCE** (Ps 59:8-13)

- a. Position (8-9)
- b. Prosecution (11-13a)
- c. Purpose (13b)

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**3. LAVISH PRAISE** (Ps 59:16-17)

- a. Correlative names
- b. Compelling force (I Sam 19:20-24)
- c. Consistent confession (II Sam 22:1-4,47-51)

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Close: The messianic force of David's heart in Psalm 59 is underscored in his parallel end-of-life Psalm in II Sam 22. Here he concludes "Great salvation He brings to His king and shows steadfast love to His anointed – To David and His offspring forever."

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

| <b>Monday</b>  | <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Thursday</b>         | <b>Friday</b>               | <b>Saturday</b> |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Theme:         | Theme:         | Theme:           | Theme:                  | Theme:                      | Theme:          |
| Background     | Parallels      | Position         | Prosecution and purpose | Names & Praise              | Example         |
| Verses:        | Verses:        | Verses:          | Verses:                 | Verses:                     | Verses:         |
| I Sam 19:11-24 | Ps 59:1-15     | Ps 59:8-9        | Ps 59:11-13b            | Ps 59:16-17, II Sm 22:47-51 | I Sam 19:20-24  |

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**NEXT WEEK:** Matthew 24:32-44 ....*Apocalyptic Urgency*...