6-12-16 Ken Carlton   **Title**: THE LAST WORD

Main Text: Psalm 58

Sermon Description: In Psalm 58 we have a classic text illustrating the faith of the believer with respect to the future of this world. Psalms like this give us insight as to David's eschatology. It was convictions firmly rooted in the cosmic and condescending sovereignty of God that kept David from retreating into the cave of apostasy as he wrote his prayerful songs of anguish in nooks and crannies all over the country side evading wicked, lawless, bloodthirsty magistrates and tyrants. This 'do not destroy' Psalm no doubt captures one of these moments delivering lessons David teaches us from the crucible of persecution. Spurgeon writes of this song: "All men shall be forced by the sight of the final judgment to see that there is God, and that He is the righteous ruler of the universe. Two things will come out clearly after all – there is a God and there is a reward for the righteous, time will remove doubts, solve difficulties, and reveal secrets; meanwhile faith's foreseeing eye discerns the truth even now, and is glad thereat."

Heading: Ps 58 Prescribes a Reality Check in Three Phases...

1. DEPRAVITY EXPOSED   (Ps 58:1-5)

a. Train of thought   b. Parallel references (Gen 3:1-5, Ps 51:5)   c. Modern application

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2. DESERVING JUDGMENTS   (6-9)

a. 7 metaphors   b. Parallel references (Mat 23,25, Rev 7,16)   c. Classic conflict

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3. DISPUTATION RESOLVED   (10-11)

a. Question and closure   b. Parallel reference (Esther 9:1-3,16-19)   c. Redemptive value

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Close: When the judgments of God are emphatically and unapologetically proclaimed, some among the wicked will find their hearts stunned to life by the reality of immanent, perfect justice and will declare their allegiance to the Lord of Glory repenting of self exaltation.

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FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Depravity	Depravity	7 judgments	7 judgments	Resolution	Resolution
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Gen 3:1-5	Ps 58:1-5	Ps 58:6-9	Mat 23	Esther 9:1-19	Ps 58:10-11

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 NEXT WEEK: Mt 24:15-28   *...Vultures gather...*