

## **A song for my indignation (Psalm 109)**

“Dear God....” over-the-top?

Should this psalm be in our Bibles?

2 reasons we can't dismiss this psalm:

- a) Biblical: plenty of such language all over the psalms (eg. Psalm 58:3-8, 69:24-28, 104:35, 139:19-22)
- b) Pastoral: what happens when we face a profound injustice?

### **The Big Crisis (v.1-5, 22-25)**

Anguish

The opposition is primarily **verbal**

Accusers (v.20, 25, 29)

Life-altering, even deadly

Begins to make more sense

A voice to voiceless victims

### **The Strong Prayer (v.6-20)**

### **A Prayer**

(Biblical) Imprecation – surrendering retribution to God

Please God, put such a man on trial!

The characters involved:

- i. David
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ii. The enemies

Asking for proportionate justice.

What about the harsh language of verses 13-15?

### **The Zealous Motivation (v.21, 26-27)**

#### **How can we apply this?**

1. Start with the premise we cannot pray Psalm 109 **on our own**.
2. However, when joined with Christ, this is indeed a song for our indignation!
3. Be indignant about injustice, because God cares about injustice.