

Discussion Questions – Praying for Justice

Psalm 109

EFree Church, Diamond Bar

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Outline

Three Ways to Worship from the Imprecatory Psalms

1. Pray for Justice.
2. Pray that you would be just.
3. Pray with authenticity.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Psalm 109. Why do you think imprecatory Psalms, like Psalm 109, are seldom read in Christian worship services in the United States?
2. Our prayers for justice must not be void of love. Is it really possible to love someone and still desire that they be brought to justice? Can you think of any examples from Scripture?
3. When we pray for justice, it's important that we also pray that we ourselves would be just. This is why the imprecatory Psalmists frequently discuss their own sin with God (see Psalm 139:24; 69:5; 7:3-5). What effect might it have on a person if they prayed for justice without ever considering the injustice in their own heart?
4. The psalmists pray with authenticity, telling God how they really feel. Why do we sometimes fear being authentic with God, and what can we do to be more real in prayer?