

Who Will See Them
Psalm 64 (v.5)
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Thesis: I want to show how God grants the victory over those who speak evil.

- Intro: 1. It's sad that there are some who live to do evil (as we'll see later)
2. Psalm 64 has a lot to say about the character of such people.

I. The Fear (v.1-2)

A. Seeking rescue from the enemy

1. His plea begins by asking God to simply hear him in his prayer (**v.1a**)
2. Preservation of life is what he seeks (**v.1b**)
 - a. He is wise enough to fear his enemy
 - b. Pride can lead to ignorance which in turn, in times like David was facing, could result in death.
 - i. David was wise enough to fear evil doers, at least the very evil

B. Safety from the plans of evildoers (v.2)

1. David know the wicked his secret plots or plans (**v.2a**)
 - a. The evil always work out their plans in secret because they fear the exposure that light brings (**Jn 3:20-21**).
2. Workers of iniquity or sin are in rebellion to God (**v.2b**)
 - a. You cannot be in rebellion to God and be right in His sight at the same time, thus repentance is the answer for every rebellious person (**1 Jn 1:10**)

II. What the wicked are doing (v.3-6)

A. Tongues like swords and arrows (v.3-4)

1. No doubt slander and lies is atleast part of what is meant here (**v.3**)
2. They say evil words against the innocent, against the righteous (**v.4a**)
 - a. They do not fear, they have no shame in their evil deeds (**v.4b, Jer 6:15**, their sin was different but their attitude was the same, arrogance and rebellion).

B. They encourage evil among themselves (v.5-6)

1. They encourage others to act in the same rebellious ways as them (**v.5a**)
2. They think their selfish attitudes, lying words and general hatefulness will go unpunished, they act as if God is stupid (**v.5b**)
3. They delight in their wicked plans (**v.6a**)
4. They will dive deep into the pit of evil, in order to accomplish their goal (**v.6b**)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. God knows how to handle the wicked (v.7-8)

1. God's vengeance would come quick, like an arrow from a bow (**v.7**)
 - a. They would be wounded, perhaps not destroyed so that repentance may take place.
2. They will not be able to talk themselves out of their judgment (**v.8a**)
 - c. Their standard of right and wrong, their reasoning is an abomination to God.
3. All who see will run (**v.8b**)

B. The righteous will delight in God & His ways (v.9-10)

1. The righteous, those who fear God, will declare the victory as a work of God (**v.9a**)
 - a. They are wise enough to know God has delivered them (**v.9b**)
2. The righteous will find rest and joy as they trust in God (**v.10a**)
 - a. Those who are upright will give glory to God (**v.10b**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. No matter what evil plans people make or who makes them, they will be judged by God.
 - a. Feeling right doesn't mean you are right.
2. These individuals felt right in evil and tried to justify themselves in their speaking (**v.8a**).
3. We must remember to keep following God no matter those who speak evil against you.
 - a. No matter what they say or who they may be.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9