

Take it to a Heavenly Judge

Scripture

“To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. Do not keep silent, O God of my praise! For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause. In return for my love they are my accusers, But I [give myself to] prayer.” (Psalms 109:1-4 NKJV)

Commentary

How many times have you been misunderstood or suffered an outright attack because of your belief? David was well acquainted with such injustices, and while he was very capable of fighting back with a sword, he fought most of his battles before the Heavenly Judge. David was a man of prayer.

He understood that only God could defeat a lying tongue. Trying to deal with the world on their level is like trying to put out wildfires. Put one fire out and another has already started. Carried along by wicked gossip a little lie is soon a conflagration.

Maybe you have become the victim of such hatred at work or school because you sought to lovingly share your faith. I know these are hard times, but you may count it a joy that you are suffering for righteousness sake, for Jesus' name. Therefore, if your love for others has put you in this situation, don't get mad or give up, but take it to Christ in prayer.

As it is written, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV)

Prayer

Father, give us boldness to continue to love those around us by sharing the Gospel of your Son. Strengthen us when we suffer persecution for doing right. Help us always to be able to pray as you did, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.” Have your way in our lives today, amen.