**A PRAYER from Psalm 58 adapted and personalized for Baptist spiritual workers**

**PSALM 58 A STATEMENT OF GOD’S JUSTICE**

**Psa 58:1** Do you rulers ever give a just decision? Do you judge everyone fairly?

Psa 58:2 No! You think only of the evil you can do, and commit crimes of violence in the land.

Psa 58:3 Evil MEN go wrong all their lives; they tell lies from the day they are born.

Psa 58:4 These MEN are full of poison like snakes; they stop up their ears like a deaf cobra,

Psa 58:5 which does not hear the voice of the snake charmer, or the chant of the clever magician.

Psa 58:6 Break the teeth of these fierce lions, O God.

Psa 58:7 May these MEN disappear like water draining away; may they be crushed like weeds on a path.

Psa 58:8 May these MEN be like snails that dissolve into slime; may they be like a baby born dead that never sees the light.

Psa 58:9 Before these MEN know it, they are cut down like weeds; in his fierce anger God the Almighty Judge will blow them away while they are still living.

Psa 58:10 The righteous believers will be glad when they see sinners punished; they will wade through the blood of the wicked.

Psa 58:11 MEN and women will say, "The holy righteous believers are indeed rewarded; there is indeed an honest God who judges the world."