

# PSALMS Vol V

## *Psalms 51-60*

Summer 2026

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*Surely there is a God who judges the  
Earth?*

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## God Who Judges the Earth

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David.

1 Do you indeed decree what is right, you gods?

Do you judge the children of man uprightly?

2 No, in your hearts you devise wrongs;  
your hands deal out violence on earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb;  
they go astray from birth, speaking lies.

4 They have venom like the venom of a serpent,  
like the deaf adder that stops its ear,

5 so that it does not hear the voice of charmers  
or of the cunning enchanter.

# Psalm 58

- 6 O God, break the teeth in their mouths;  
tear out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord!
- 7 Let them vanish like water that runs away;  
when he aims his arrows, let them be blunted.
- 8 Let them be like the snail that dissolves into slime,  
like the stillborn child who never sees the sun.
- 9 Sooner than your pots can feel the heat of thorns,  
whether green or ablaze, may he sweep them away!
- 10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance;  
he will bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- 11 Mankind will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous;  
surely there is a God who judges on earth."

# Psalm 58

**Challenge** to the rulers

**Charge** against the rulers

**Curse** upon the rulers

**Purge** of the rulers

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**Challenge** to the rulers (v1-2)

Do you do what is  
right?



Hearts devise  
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Hands deal out  
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# Psalm 58

**Charge** against the rulers (v3-5)

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- David understands the nature of sin

# Psalm 58

**Curse** upon the rulers (v6-9)

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when he aims his arrows, let them be blunted.

8 Let them be like the snail that dissolves into slime,  
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whether green or ablaze, may he sweep them away!

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## **Metaphors:**

Lions – Fangs torn out (Threat neutralised)

Arrows – Blunted (Threat neutralised)

Snail – Dissolves into slime (Gone without trace)

Stillborn child – Never sees the sun (Death before birth)

# Psalm 58

## **Purge** of the rulers (v10-11)

- 10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance;  
he will bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked.
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surely there is a God who judges on earth."

# Psalm 58

**Purge** of the rulers (v10-11)

God brings relief  
to the suffering of  
the righteous



The bad guys die,  
violently



People rejoice!



# Psalm 58

**Purge** of the rulers (v10-11)

God will bring Justice!

# Romans 3

## **No One Is Righteous**

9 What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. 10 As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one;

11     there is no one who understands;  
       there is no one who seeks God.

12 All have turned away,  
       they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
       not even one.”

# Romans 3

“Their throats are open graves;  
their tongues practice deceit.”

“The poison of vipers is on their lips.”

14 “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”

15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16 ruin and misery mark their ways,

17 and the way of peace they do not know.”

18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

# Romans 3

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 **This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ** to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

25 **God** presented **Christ** as a **sacrifice of atonement**, through the shedding of his blood—to be **received by faith**. He did this to demonstrate his **righteousness**, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to **demonstrate his righteousness** at the present time, so as to be **just and the one who justifies** those who have faith in Jesus.

# Nahum 1

## **The Lord's Anger Against Nineveh**

2 The Lord is a jealous and avenging God;  
the Lord takes vengeance and is filled with wrath.

The Lord takes vengeance on his foes  
and vents his wrath against his enemies.

3 The Lord is slow to anger but great in power;  
the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished.

His way is in the whirlwind and the storm,  
and clouds are the dust of his feet.

4 He rebukes the sea and dries it up;  
he makes all the rivers run dry.

Bashan and Carmel wither  
and the blossoms of Lebanon fade.

# Nahum 1

5 The mountains quake before him  
and the hills melt away.

The earth trembles at his presence,  
the world and all who live in it.

6 Who can withstand his indignation?  
Who can endure his fierce anger?  
His wrath is poured out like fire;  
the rocks are shattered before him.

7 The Lord is good,  
a refuge in times of trouble.

He cares for those who trust in him,

8 but with an overwhelming flood  
he will make an end of Nineveh;  
he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness.

# So what?

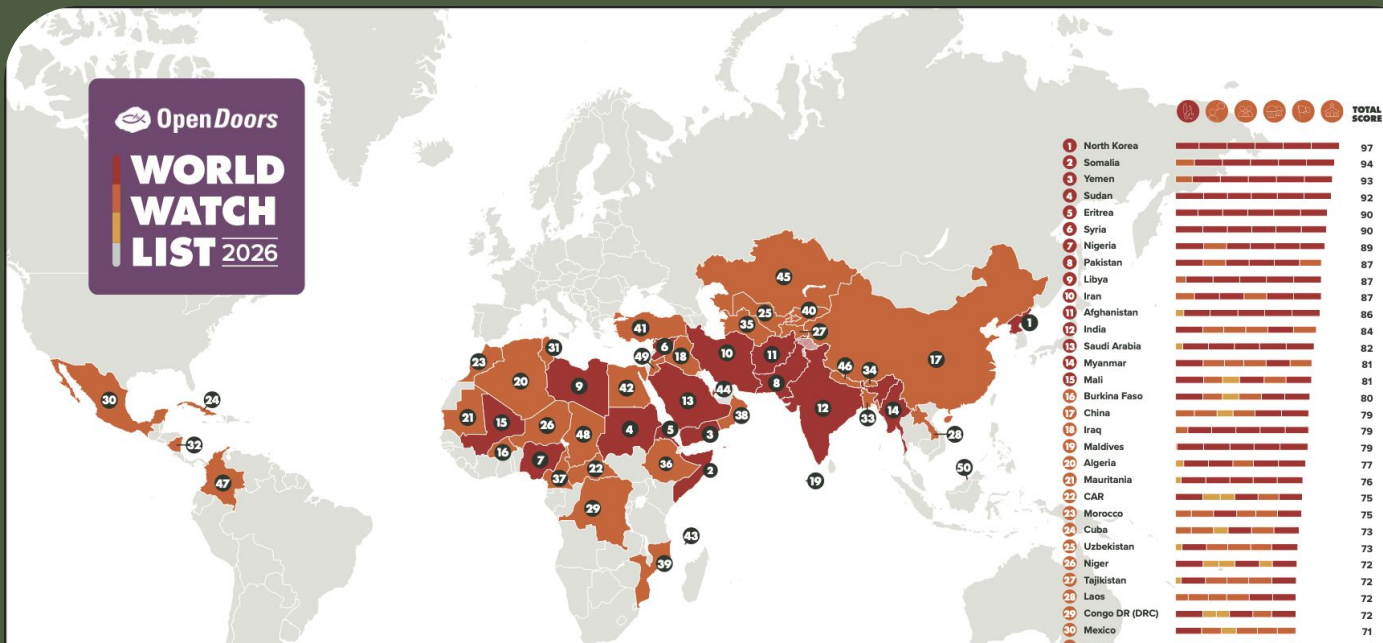
God will ultimately bring Justice to this broken sinful world

He desires justice

The cry of the righteous will be answered in full

He is a jealous God

So take heart



The World Watch List is compiled by Open Doors' analysts using real-world data from experts on the ground in 150 countries. Persecution in each country is recorded using a points system which tracks violence and pressure. This measures the number and severity of violent incidents against Christians and the degree of pressure exerted against the practice of their faith in 5 spheres of life.

● **HIGH** 41-60 points    ● **VERY HIGH** 61-80 points    ● **EXTREME** 81-100 points

Every country on the list is ranked as having very high or extreme levels of persecution, showing the intensity of persecution against Christians.



Maximum score for each is 16.7, maximum total of 100 when combined.  
Each country's ranking is determined by its total score out of 100, giving an indication of severity of persecution.



1	North Korea	97
2	Somalia	94
3	Yemen	94
4	Sudan	93
4	Eritrea	93
6	Syria	90
7	Nigeria	89
8	Pakistan	87
9	Libya	87
10	Iran	87
11	Afghanistan	86
12	India	84
13	Saudi Arabia	82
14	Myanmar	81
15	Mali	81
16	Burkina Faso	80
17	China	79
18	Iraq	79
19	Maldives	79
20	Algeria	77
21	Mauritania	76
22	CAR	75
23	Morocco	75
24	Cuba	73
25	Uzbekistan	72
26	Niger	72
27	Tajikistan	72
28	Laos	72
29	Congo DR (DRC)	72
30	Mexico	71
31	Tunisia	71
32	Nicaragua	71
33	Bangladesh	71
34	Bhutan	71
35	Turkmenistan	71
36	Ethiopia	70
37	Cameroon	70
38	Oman	70
39	Mozambique	69
40	Kyrgyzstan	68
41	Türkiye	68
42	Egypt	68
43	Comoros	68
44	Qatar	67
45	Kazakhstan	67
46	Nepal	67
47	Colombia	66
48	Chad	66
49	Jordan	65
50	Brunei	65