

**Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church  
We're glad you're here!**



An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, and the background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is centered on the pages.

# **Call to Worship**

***Psalm 37:20-25***

**Psalm 37:20-25** But **the wicked will perish**; the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures; they vanish--like smoke they vanish away. The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives; for **those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land**, but those cursed by him shall be cut off. The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, **for the LORD upholds his hand**. I have been young, and now am old, **yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.**



## Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:  
[plbiblechurch@gmail.com](mailto:plbiblechurch@gmail.com)

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done  
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and  
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

# Receiving of the Offering



**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:  
Promise Land Bible Church  
PO Box 1437  
Mountain Home, AR 72653**

# ***Famous Quote:***

*“Save some, O Christians! By all means, save some. From yonder flames and outer darkness, and the weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth, seek to save some! Let this, as in the case of the apostle, be your great, ruling object in life, that by all means you might save some.”*

**Charles Spurgeon**

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# **Today's Message**

## **“Which Way to Pray, Part 2”**

**Scripture text: Luke 11:1-13**

**Today**, as we look to continue the message on Imprecatory Psalms, **we must ask that the Father's Will be done and for His Kingdom to come.** With all that is happening in the world today, **this truly is a time to seek His Holy Face.**

**Mark 8:34-37** And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "**If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For **what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?**

**Luke 11:2-4** And he said to them, "**When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.** Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

**Luke 11:9-10** And I tell you, **ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. For **everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.**

A person is walking away from the viewer on a dirt path that leads towards a large body of water. The scene is set during a golden sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm, orange glow over the entire landscape. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and a few birds are visible in the distance. The water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the light from the sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

BUT FROM THERE  
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& YOU WILL FIND HIM

IF YOU SEARCH AFTER HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL.

DEUTERONOMY 4:29

**Deuteronomy 4:29** But from there **you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.**

**16.** Because with social justice, we must acknowledge that the liberation of sex slaves comes at the incarceration of the enslavers, the lifting up of the poor is the bringing down of their oppressors, equality for minorities includes penalty for hate crimes. **This is what we are praying for in the imprecatory psalms.**

**17.** Because cutting out parts of the Bible is more like Jefferson than Jesus. **Refusing to pray the entire psalter amounts to a rudimentary form of Neo-Marcionism**, a heresy condemned by the early church.

***The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth***, commonly referred to as the ***Jefferson Bible***, is one of two religious works constructed by [Thomas Jefferson](#). The first, ***The Philosophy of Jesus of Nazareth***, was completed in 1804, but no copies exist today.<sup>[1]</sup> The second, ***The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth***, was completed in 1820 by cutting and pasting with a razor and glue numerous sections from the [New Testament](#) as extractions of the doctrine of Jesus. Jefferson's condensed composition excludes all [miracles by Jesus](#) and most mentions of the [supernatural](#), including sections of the four [gospels](#) that contain the [Resurrection](#) and most other miracles, and passages that portray Jesus as divine.<sup>[2][3][4][5]</sup>

**Marcionism** was an [Early Christian dualist belief system](#) that originated in the teachings of [Marcion of Sinope](#) in [Rome](#) around the year 144.<sup>[1]</sup>

Marcion believed that [Jesus](#) was the [savior](#) sent by [God](#), and [Paul the Apostle](#) was his chief [apostle](#), but he rejected the [Hebrew Bible](#) and the [God of Israel](#).

Marcionists believed that the [wrathful Hebrew God](#) was a separate and lower entity than the [all-forgiving God](#) of the [New Testament](#).

Marcionism, similar to [Gnosticism](#), depicted the God of the Old Testament as a tyrant or [demiurge](#) (see also [God as the Devil](#)).

**18.** It would be hard to divide the most beloved of the psalms from the curses. *“In almost every case the imprecation that we find objectionable sits alongside a spirituality that we would envy, as in Psalm 139”* (Alec Motyer, in Gordon Wenham’s *The Psalter Reclaimed*, p. 134).

**19.** We are not taking matters into our own hands but **rather expressing trust in the God** who “works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed” (Ps. 103:6).

**Psalm 139:17-23** How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you. Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain! Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

**Psalm 103:2-9 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.** He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**20. It must be understood** that our prayers for Jesus' return imply "the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction,** away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might" (2 Thes. 1:7–9), which will result in "blood (flowing) from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for (184 miles)" (Revelation 14:20).

**21.** Praying imprecatory psalms may be the way that early Christians had “steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring” since “**God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you**” (2 Thessalonians 1:4–6).

**2 Thessalonians 1:4-6** Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering-- since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

**22. The Psalms would not be a true mirror of the human soul without portraying our anger and rage.**

*“The Psalms explore the full gamut of human experience from rage to hope. Indeed, it would be very strange if such a robust spirituality lacked such a dimension of vengeance, for we would conclude that just at the crucial point, robustness had turned to cowardice and propriety”* (Walter Brueggemann, *Praying the Psalms*, 63).

# How to Pray Imprecatory Psalms

Pray them first against Satan.

Pray them second against your sinful nature.

Pray them third against the world systems of corruption and oppression.

Pray them lastly against enemies, God's then yours.

**A. M. E. N.**

**A**gree with God

**M**ove with God

**E**nd with God

**N**ever doubt God