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READ: PSALMS 59

(Psalms 59:16-17 NLT)  

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The Reason For David’s Writing Of This Psalm =

(Psa 59 Intro) “Saul had sent men to watch David's house in order to kill him.”
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These Men Dispatched By Saul Were David’s Worst Enemies:

*They Are Evil Doers*
*They Are Blood Thirsty Men*
*They Are Lying In Wait*
*They Are Conspiring*
*They Are Attacking*
*They Are Like Snarling Dogs On The Prowl*
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Sometimes Problems And Problem People -- Come Against Us For No Known Reason

(Psa 59:4 NIV) I have done no wrong, yet they are ready to attack me. Arise to help me; look on my plight!
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When We Get Under The Surface, We Can Begin To See That What Is Happening Is A Result Of An Attack Of Satan

Saul Wanted To Kill David -- Why? Because Of Who He Was -- And Because Of Whose He Was!
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Satan Wants To Destroy God’s People In An Attempt To Stop God’s Plan Working Through God’s People
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What Do We Do In Order To Handle Tough Times?

We Can Learn From David In The 59th Psalm

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When We Need To Get A Handle On Tough Times --

We Will Sing Of God’s Strength

(16)But as for me, I will sing about your power
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In God’s Presence We Find That God Is More Than Enough

To Sing Of God’s Strength Gets Our Minds Off Of The Problems And Onto The Problem Solver
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To Get A Handle On Tough Times

We Will Shout [Or Sing Loudly] Of God’s Love

(16b) I will shout with joy each morning because of your unfailing love.
Raise a Hallelujah
Jonathan David Helser, and Melissa Helser

I raise a hallelujah
In the presence of my enemies

I raise a hallelujah
Louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah
My weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah
Heaven comes to fight for me

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive

Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder

I raise a hallelujah
With everything inside of me
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When We Get Swallowed Up In The Love Of God, We Learn That He Cares For Us And Our Victory Is Imminent!

When We Concentrate On The Love Of God -- Our Spirit Can Begin To Soar

We Must Focus on the Unfailing Love of God
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The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell.

O love of God how rich and pure! how measureless and strong! It shall forever more endure. The saint's and angels song!

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made, Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade, To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

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In Order To Handle Tough Times An Attitude And Action That We Must Pursue Is That:

**We Will Settle In His Safety**

*(16c)* For you have been my refuge, a place of safety in the day of distress.
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We Need To (Like David) Settle In The Safety Of The Lord

**We Have Three Choices**

Stay Where We Are And Get Pummeled

Walk Away From God And Get Destroyed

Press Into God And Find A Safe Refuge
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We Need A Refuge=

A Place To Rest
A Place Where We Can Be Safe

God Is That Refuge
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David Could Sing, Shout, And Settle Because He Got His Eyes Off The Problem And Onto The Problem Solver
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Get Your Eyes Off Your (Little) Problems And Open Your Eyes To Your (Big) God

Nothing Is Too Difficult For Him!
Jesus!

Sing It!

Shout It!

Settle It!