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If we find ourselves wronged and lied against, we need not be surprised. Better men have endured the same. The conduct of our maligners does thus indeed appear flagrantly unjust, and that may awaken our just indignation and detestation. Nor can we justify their wrong-doing. Yet let us guard against malice, even towards the vilest enemies.

A very awful doom must await impenitent persecutors. They are the bloodhounds of the bottomless pit, let loose on the church of God. Matthew Henry: "There is a day coming, and a great and terrible day it will be, when God will execute judgment on all the proud persecutors of his people; tribulation to them that troubled them." Those who find pleasure in maligning and torturing God's people may think it fine sport now, but they will not think so when they answer for the tears and blood which they have caused to be shed, for the sighs and groans which they have wrung from the anguished hearts of God's loving children.

~Plumer on Psalm 119:84,86

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To see the evil nature and the dreadful effects of sin and its punishment in the sufferings of Jesus; to hear the condemnation of the law against sinners; to understand in the heart that nothing but the blood of Jesus could atone for the guilty, none but He could fulfill the perfect demands of a holy law for the unrighteous; this humbles the soul, lays it low in self-abasement before Jehovah, causes it to cry out, "I am the man, I am the sinner, who is cursed by the law, exposed to wrath, and deserve hell. I mourn without hope in myself. I hear of Jesus, the Savior of sinners. I turn to Him for hope and salvation. Sin has destroyed me. Jesus, save me, or I perish." This repentance Jesus is exalted to give.

~William Mason

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*I will greatly praise the LORD with my  
mouth; yea, I will praise him among the  
multitude.*

*Psalm 109:30*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.