

Are believers ever instructed to ask for this judgement? Apparently the Psalmist was. It would be a delicate matter, to be sure, but a careful reading of Matthew 23 will show that Christ did not shrink from imprecation when it was viewed as the logical end of rejection of truth. Certain of the apostolic utterances are reminiscent of this also. It is not the purpose of this article to settle these matters but only to show that the "cursing" Psalm bears a unique harmony to Matthew 5:43-44 demonstrating the inter-relationship of Scripture. Quite incidentally the Psalmist is freed from any conceivable charge of un-Christ-like activities. Far from being extraneous, the imprecatory Psalms are vital to the full scope of Scripture and a rich addition to the information given by revelation to the church.

Finally, as mentioned before, there is no indication the Psalmist decided to render evil for evil himself. But he did call squarely upon God. And there the matter hangs. In effect the final instruction is to do what we are told and call upon God for the appropriate results.