

SERMON Qs

To Imprecate or Not to Imprecate? Psalm 69

1. How do you tend to approach parts of the Bible that are hard for you to understand or appreciate? Avoidance? Anger? Apologizing? What posture do the Scriptures call us to have toward God's Word?
2. Someone says to you, "Passages like Psalm 69 show the out-of-date message of hate and vengeance in the Old Testament." How would you respond in a way that points your neighbor to Jesus?
3. What people/group do you most find your heart drawn to praying disaster upon? How is that appropriate or not in light of God's Word? What impulses in your heart are godly, and which ones need to be repented of?
4. How's your zeal for God's glory? What people or things increase it so that you become more "consumed with zeal for God's house"?
5. How's your grasp of God's justice? In what ways are you tempted to take justice into your own hands? How does his promise to make all wrongs right one day comfort you?
6. How's your hope in God's Messiah? What sin do you currently see Jesus paying the penalty for in your place? Do you come eagerly to God's Table because you are confident in the welcome Jesus has purchased for you?