

# O Be Not Silent, Heed and Hear Me

Based on Psalm 109:1-16

1. O be not si - lent, heed and hear me; God of my praise,  
2. They rave and with - out cause a - buse me And in re - turn  
3. *Ap - point a wick - ed man to seize him.* *Let his ac - cus -*  
4. *Waifs be the sons he has be - got - ten;* *His wife be wid -*  
5. May he be ban - ished from the cit - y, None show his chil -  
6. May it be al - ways re - col - lect - ed That he mis - treat -

art Thou not near me? For wick - ed mouths, Thy word de - fy - ing,  
for love ac - cuse me. I pray for those who have ab - horred me;  
*er not re - lease him;* *To him be guilt and blame a - ward - ed.*  
*owed and for - got - ten.* *And when they beg, let nought be giv - en;*  
dren an - y pit - y. May his pos - ter - i - ty be ban - ished,  
ed the af - flict - ed, That to the des - ti - tute he nev - er

Frame with their tongues de - ceit and ly - ing. Though not de - serv -  
With e - vil they for good re - ward me. LORD, Thou dost see  
*His pray'rs be all as sin re - gard - ed!* *His days be few,*  
*They from their ru - ined homes be driv - en.* *May cred - i - tors*  
Cut off, un - til his name has van - ished! Let men his fa -  
Showed an - y kind - ness, an - y fav - or; The poor and bro -

ing ill or threat, I am with words of hate be - set.  
it from a - bove; With ha - tred they re - pay my love.  
*his life dis - tressed,* *His goods by oth - er men pos - sessed.*  
*seize all he won,* *His work by stran - gers be un - done!*  
ther's sins re - cord, His mo - ther's guilt be - fore the LORD.  
ken - heart - ed he Chased to their death, re - lent - less - ly.

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Cont'd, Psalm 109:17-31

7. He loved to curse, may curs - es press him! He scoffed at bless -  
8. His curs - ing be a cloak a - round him, A belt that with  
9. *But Thou, O God my LORD and Sav - ior,* For *Thy name's sake*  
10. An even - ing shad - ow, soon de - part - ed, A lo - cust, shak -  
11. *Help me, O LORD my God, and hear me.* In *Thy un - fail -*  
12. Put Thou to shame those who at - tack me And with their taunts  
13. I'll thank the LORD for His sal - va - tion And praise Him in

ings, may none bless him! He as a gar - ment wore his curs - ing,  
his guilt has bound him. May all who with - out cause ac - cuse me  
*show me Thy fa - vor! Thy stead - fast love is good; O heed me,*  
en off, dis - card - ed: These do I in my woe re - sem - ble.  
*ing love be near me! Do just - ice to Thy foes who shun it*  
tor - ment and rack me; But may Thy ser - vant sing with glad - ness,  
the con - gre - ga - tion, For at the right hand of the need - y

His e - vil and his hat - red nurs - ing. May all the ills  
And speak their e - vil to a - buse me Re - ceive all these  
*Come to my help, I'm poor and need - y. De - liv - er me*  
My knees, through fast - ing weak - ened, trem - ble; My bod - y gaunt,  
*And let them know that Thou hast done it. LORD, let them curse,*  
Saved by Thy hand from grief and sad - ness. Dis - hon - or all  
Stands He who in His love shall heed me. Though foes the poor

he did and spoke Like oil in - to his bod - y soak.  
things from the LORD As their ap - pro - pri - ate re - ward.  
*and set me free, For strick - en is my heart in me.*  
all strength has fled, And my ac - cus - ers wag their head.  
*but do Thou bless, And save me in Thy right - eous - ness.*  
who me ac - cuse; Clothe them with shame and with a - buse!  
man may con - demn, The LORD Him - self saves him from them.