

WHEN THE DOGS ATTACK

PSALM 59

Introduction:

David poetically describes the plots and attacks of his determined enemies as being like that of a pack of dogs. What a vivid image!

While I served as the executive for the Baptist work in Tennessee I met John Thomason who served in a similar position in Wyoming. John's work took him to Atlanta for a meeting with the mission officials there, and as was his custom, he kept up his jogging routine each day.

While John was jogging through a neighborhood, he was attacked by two bulldogs in a deadly fashion. They tore at his body, thwarted any attempt he made to escape, and he spent several weeks in the hospital recovering from their attack. The only thing that saved him was a stranger who saw the attack as he was driving by, stopped his car, grabbed something that was handy, and beat the dogs until they turned loose of my friend John.

This is the kind of attack that the Psalmist has in mind. There are those who lie in wait to destroy him like a pack of dogs. His only hope is that Someone will come to His rescue. Have you ever felt yourself to be under such an attack from enemies? The experience of David should give you encouragement.

- I. THEY MEAN TO DESTROY. (v. 3,4,6,7,14,15)
- II. GOD WILL PROTECT ME. (v. 1-2,5, 6)
- III. I WILL SING OF THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD. (16-17)