

Reflection on Psalm 129

The psalmists often pray for
God's fierce judgment on their enemies.

But Jesus taught us to love our enemies and
pray for them (Matthew 5:43-48),
to do good to them and
bless them (Luke 6:27-28).

Scripture urges us to *overcome evil with good* (Romans 12:21, NASB).

How do we reconcile these two attitudes toward our enemies?
Remember that we are on common ground with the psalmists
when it comes to Satan.

He is evil personified.

He is constantly,
completely,
unalterably

opposed to God and
His people.

He has made himself our enemy in every sense of the word.

Eternal fire has been prepared for him, and
his end is certain (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10).

But for us, God has promised:

*No temptation has overtaken you but
such as is common to man;
and God is faithful, who will not allow you
to be tempted beyond what you are able,
but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also,
so that you will be able to endure it.* (1 Corinthians 10:13, NASB)

He never abandons us to our weakness.

If we will simply trust Him,

He always proves Himself to be our
strong,
faithful,
unfailing Savior.

We just have to ask!

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