



# GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds (4-8-18)*

**Introduction:** In the coming weeks we are going to be considering the different aspects of the biblical Jubilee (**Leviticus 25:8-13**). The Jubilee was a time of freedom, forgiveness, and celebration. We all need seasons of forgiveness in our life. We can learn from the words of King David in **Psalms 109**. Let's study together...

**Discussion:**

**I. How Did David View His Enemies?**

- He wanted them to be accused in court (v.6).
- He wanted their prayers to become sin (v.7).
- He wanted them die young (v.8).
- He wanted their homes and families to be ruined (vs.9-10).
- He wanted their children to become homeless beggars (v.10).
- He wanted their possessions plundered and seized (vs.10-11).
- He wanted them cut off and blotted out from society (vs.12-15).
- He wanted them to be cursed with vengeance (vs.16-17).
- He wanted to see them clothed in dishonor (vs.18-19).
- He wanted to see them publicly shamed (v.29).

**II. How Did David View Himself?**

- He saw himself as a victim (vs.2-3).
- He saw himself as a lover (vs.4-5).
- He saw himself as righteous (vs.4-5, 21, 26).
- He saw himself as deserving of mercy (vs.21, 26).
- He saw himself as afflicted and needy (v.22).
- He saw himself as wounded in heart (v.22).
- He saw himself as a passing shadow (v.23).
- He saw himself as weak-kneed and starving (v.24).
- He saw himself as battered and mocked (v.25).
- He saw himself as safe and saved (vs.26-31).

**III. What Can We Learn From David?**

- We need guidance from God's Word (**II Timothy 3:16**).
- We need to turn things over to God (**Psalms 109:1, 21, 26**).
- We can experience anger and still have God's heart (**I Samuel 13:14**).
- We can experience anger and still be faithful to God (**I Kings 15:5**).
- We cannot be blinded by our own mistakes (**II Samuel 11-12, Psalm 51**).
- We can love people even when we feel these emotions (**Matthew 5:43-45, 7:12, 22:39-40**).
- We need a proper focus (**Romans 8:29, Colossians 3:1-2**).
- We need to seek the mind of Christ (**Philippians 2:5, Luke 23:34**).
- We can be angry and not sin (**Colossians 3:5-8, Ephesians 4:26**).
- We can trust God's vengeance and justice (**Hebrews 10:30-31**).

**Conclusion:** Forgiveness doesn't erase our emotions, it controls them. God made us as emotional beings. Like David, we must be honest with our emotions and learn to let God handle our enemies (**Psalms 23:5**). Have you been forgiven? Do you need forgiveness? Are you ready for a clean slate with God or with your brethren? It is the season for Jubilee!