

# 58 You rulers, do you know

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1 You rul - ers, do you know what jus - tice is?  
 2 E - ven from birth the wick - ed go a - stray,  
 3 Their poi - son's like the ven - om of a snake;

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A - mong man - kind do you judge up - right - ly?  
 and from the womb un - truth - ful - ly they speak;  
 they're like a co - bra that has closed its ear -

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No, you de - vise in - jus - tice in your hearts,  
 their way - ward thoughts well up with - in their hearts,  
 how - ev - er great the charm - er's skill may be,

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and on the earth you mete out cru - el - ty.  
 and hav - oc with their ly - ing words they wreak.  
 it pays no heed be - cause it does not hear.

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- 4 Destroy, O God, the teeth within their mouths;  
LORD, smite the lion's jaw a mighty blow.  
Make them disperse as water flows away,  
and blunt their arrows when they draw the bow.
  
- 5 May they be like the snail that melts away,  
or like a stillborn child that sees no sun.  
Before a pot can boil on burning thorns,  
so swiftly shall the wicked be undone.
  
- 6 The just will tread the blood of wicked men;  
when they're avenged, the righteous will be glad.  
Then all will say, "The just have their reward;  
surely the judge of all the earth is God."