

(David's indictment of godless rulers
constitutes a prayer for lands
closed to the Gospel)

RULERS who make themselves as gods,
Trample on righteousness and law;
Scheme and encourage things unjust,
Authorise violence, hate and war . . .

- 2 Such do oppose the God of Heaven;
Poison of falsehood is their way;
Doctrines of demons they impose;
Striving against the Gospel's ray.
- 3 Silence them, Lord, remove their power;
May they go melting from the scene;
Their weapons take, their influence end,
As if their birth had never been.
- 4 Thus, in an instant may they go;
Sweep them away by strength divine;
So shall Thy people all rejoice,
Responsive to the gracious sign.
- 5 Cause Thou our feet to enter yet
Those darkened realms, so long deprived
Of the glad tidings freely spread—
There may a witness be revived.
- 6 Then shall the people hear Thy Word,
Sinners shall taste a second birth,
Millions shall cry aloud and sing:
'God is the Judge of all the earth!'

Evangelical Psalter