

PSALM 38 – Prayer in Time of Chastening!

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O COME TO THE ALTAR (5:10) Elevation Worship <https://youtu.be/PtFdQofPyfU>

Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling
O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling (Oh, oh)
O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ (2X)
Savior What a Savior
Oh, what a Savior Isn't He wonderful? Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him For He is Lord of all Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen (2X)
O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ (2X)

Psalm 38 is one of the penitential psalms. **This Psalm brings out the consequences of sin, which is never brought out or shown in today's entertainment world of stars and ads. It's criminal never to bring these out! There indeed are consequences when we break God's laws and His laws, which are for our protection and well-being!**

It declares that it is a psalm of David. It is thought that it was written by David about the time just before Absalom rebelled. Also, that, among other things, David had contracted some kind of a sexually communicated disease. Whatever it was, it was a rather miserable thing as David writes about it. He sees that which he has, his disease in his body, he sees it as the result of his sin. He looks upon it as sort of a judgment of God against him for his sin.

This Psalm is still read on Yom Kippur, on the Feast of Atonement. It is representative of Israel repenting nationally because they see themselves structured in this, believing that their history was reflected in their idolatry and so forth, because the way God dealt with them.

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Spiritual Consequences of His Sin:

Psa 38:1 A Psalm of David. To Bring to Remembrance. O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!

- Parents sometimes make a mistake of correcting our children in our wrath, which usually leads to over punishing them. Usually, it is when we have been frightened by the activity of our child and we are reacting emotionally because they ran out into the street, and they were almost hit by a car. We thought they were going to be hit and we are just so in turmoil, angry that they would run out, that they would jerk free and run out in the street and so we have a tendency in those points to overreact.
- David is saying, Lord, cool down before You take care of me. *“Do not rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.”* David is doing what we so often do, and that is, we carry our feelings over towards God. We think that God responds as we respond. But God is merciful! David is feeling really the heavy hand on him right now.
- *Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure! (Heb 12:6-8) FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.” [7] If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? [8] But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.*

Psa 38:2 For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And Your hand presses me down.

- He really felt the heavy hand of God on him and the arrows of God sticking him, penetrating deeply. So, he is saying, Lord, take it easy.

Physical Consequences of His Sin:

Psa 38:3 There is no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger, Nor any health in my bones Because of my sin.

- David is aware of his sin. His whole body is weary.

Psa 38:4 For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

- He feels this tremendous pressure upon him. He knows that he has done wrong. He is aware of his sin.

Psa 38:5 My wounds are foul and festering Because of my foolishness.

- Our foolish actions. How foolish is man! And the consequences that a man often pays because of his foolishness. I think of a fellow who, in his foolishness would, say, go out and pick up a prostitute and contact a sexually transmitted disease. How foolish! It could be that David has done some kind of foolish things like that.

Psa 38:6 I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

- I am bent over. And I am mourning all day long.

Psa 38:7 For my loins are full of inflammation, And there is no soundness in my flesh.

- He has these painful, running sores. They are loathsome! There is no soundness in my flesh!

Emotional Consequences of His Sin:

Psa 38:8 I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.

Psa 38:9 Lord, all my desire is before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You.

Psa 38:10 My heart pants, my strength fails me; As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me.

- The Psalmist says here that his emotions are breaking down because of his sin. Sin makes a mess. No life is made better by sin. Our spiritual health is necessary in our lives. For my spiritual health we need other believers around us who are spiritually healthy. We are part of the same body.

Relational Consequences – broken heartedness-estranged relationship- of His Sin:

Psa 38:11 My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off.

- My friends, the people that are the closest to me, everything on the horizontal is broken down.

Psa 38:12 Those also who seek my life lay snares for me; Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long.

- My sin has left me vulnerable to my enemies! Really, he is in a miserable condition.

Psa 38:13 But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; And I am like a mute who does not open his mouth.

Psa 38:14 Thus I am like a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth is no response.

- *(Isa 53:7) He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. (1Pe 2:23) who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;*

My Only Hope is Finding the Answer Vertically, in the LORD!

Psa 38:15 For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God.

- He is in desperate straits! He has sinned. He has been foolish. He is paying the consequences in his physical body. He is suffering and describes so vividly this suffering that is there. The only recourse that he has is just to put his hope in the Lord. Cast himself upon the Lord. Place himself before the Lord, confess his sin and just seek the mercy of God and the help of God. My hope, Lord, is in you, that You will hear me.
- David is saying here, when everything on the horizontal was a train wreck, he lifted his head to the vertical! That is where he found hope!

Psa 38:16 For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me."

- My enemies who are plotting against me. The inference here is that You will hear and answer!

Psa 38:17 For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually before me.

- He has repented. He is limping now. I am crippled in my pace. I cannot even walk, LORD. but I am looking to you!

Psa 38:18 For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.

- I am confessing my Sin! (*1Jn 1:9*) *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* We cannot do it ourselves, but the door of repentance is wide open to all of us!

Psa 38:19 But my enemies are vigorous, and they are strong; And those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied.

- As Absalom went to Hebron and began to form this army to come against David, multitudes from Israel joined with Absalom in the rebellion against David. They that are against me are multiplying. Perhaps David was thinking about that great army of people that had gone to Hebron to join with Absalom to overthrow David from the throne.

Psa 38:20 Those also who render evil for good, They are my adversaries, because I follow what is good.

- I am moving in a direction that my enemies hate!

Psa 38:21 Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me!

- He sums it all up! Forsake me not! LORD do not abandon me! (*Mat 28:20b*) *Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

Psa 38:22 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

- They also that render evil for good are my adversaries; because I follow the thing that is good. Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, *O Lord my salvation*
- David's plea. It is a penitential psalm. A prayer unto the Lord. And of course, that last portion, "Make haste to help me, O Lord." Hurry up, Lord. Do not delay. Make haste to help me. We pray that quite often, don't we? Lord, hurry. I am going down. Do not delay, Lord. You are my salvation.

SUMMARY

- Hurry LORD! My heart is broken. Notice the humility in this Psalm! The spiritual consequences are overwhelming me! My physical frame is worn out! My emotions are shot! Everyone around me has ganged up on me, from friends to enemies! I know it is because of my sin! I know I messed up! LORD do not abandon me. Help me! I am not going to make it without You!
- (*Rom 12:1-2*) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

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"CORNERSTONE" (My Hope is Built on Nothing Less) Hillsong (3:28)

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' name (2X)

Christ alone; cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all!

When Darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

Christ alone; cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all! He is Lord! Lord of all!

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