

PSALM 60 – Urgent Prayer for the Restored Favor of God!

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BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC (4:51)

*1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored, He has loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword. His truth is marching on.
(Chorus) Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*2 I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps. They have builded him an altar in the evening dews
and damps I have read his righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps. His day is marching on.
(Chorus)*

*3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you
and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, While God is marching on. (Chorus) (2 x) Amen.
Amen.*

PSALM 60 - To the Chief Musician. Set to "Lily of the Testimony." a Michtam of David. For Teaching. When He Fought Against Mesopotamia and Syria of Zobah, and Joab Returned and Killed Twelve Thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

Vs. 1-3 – Complaining verses!

He Will Tread Down Our Foes

Psa 60:1 O God, You have cast us off; You have broken us down; You have been displeased; Oh, restore us again!

- David's troops were scattered they were defeated. David attributes their defeat to the fact that for some reason God was displeased with them. The prayer is for God to turn himself again to them.
- ***You have been displeased; Oh, restore us again!*** David recognizes the secret of their miseries. Israel had turned against God. Had we pleased Him, He would have pleased us! But as we have walked contrary to Him, He has walked contrary to us!

Psa 60:2 You have made the earth tremble; You have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it is shaking.

- Using the simile of an earthquake here. Things in Israel were unsettled as though the solid earth had been made to quake. With Saul the priests had been murdered. The worst men had been put into office. They were trembled and broken.

Psa 60:3 You have shown Your people hard things; You have made us drink the wine of confusion.

- ***You have shown Your people hard things;*** It's been a tough lesson.
- ***You have made us drink the wine of confusion.*** David's troops were not used to defeat. David's troops have triumphed over their enemies and to have defeat in battle was an astonishing thing.

Vs. 4-8 – Glad verses!

Psa 60:4 You have given a banner to those who fear You, That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah

- Lord, help us to raise the banner of victory.

Psa 60:5 That Your beloved may be delivered, Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

Psa 60:6 God has spoken in His holiness: "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem And measure out the Valley of Succoth.

- Here is an interesting thing. David is in a dilemma, they have been defeated by the Edomites, and their troops have been scattered in this battle. But to what does David turn in the time of astonishment and dismay. He turns to the promises of God in which God has declared his purpose for Israel to dwell within the land. David here does demonstrate a tremendous working knowledge of the scriptures that have been written up to this point of history, basically the scriptures of the Pentateuch. In Psalm one David said, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the council of the ungodly nor stands in the way of sinners nor sits in the seat of the scornful but whose delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law does he meditate day and night"
- David evidently did indeed meditate day and night in the Pentateuch, the Law of the Lord, the Torah because here he begins to declare things out of the scriptures that God had said concerning this land and the enemies around them. How that God was going to divide the land unto the nation of Israel. So "God has spoken in His holiness: "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem And measure out the Valley of Succoth." Shechem will be divided among the tribes of Israel and God will measure out for them the Valley of Succoth, Genesis twelve six and Joshua thirteen twenty-seven he is quoting here. He has a good, good knowledge.

Psa 60:7 Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet for My head; Judah is My lawgiver.

- God had given promises concerning the tribes of Israel, Manasseh, Ephraim, Judah, Judah the lawgiver, "the scepter should not depart from Judah.

Psa 60:8 Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will cast My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph because of Me."

- *Moab is my washpot.* This enemy nation across the other side.
- *Over Edom will I cast out my shoe:* God is declaring that they are going to have power over Moab and power over Edom. However, Edom has triumphed over David's troops, that's why David is going back to what God had promised in order that he find the strength from the promises of the word. We may have an initial defeat, but God is going to give us the victory. As he thinks of the word of God and as he looks at the promises of God, the assurance of victory come to his heart.
- That is why it is so important for us to have a good working knowledge of the scriptures. When it would seem that things are going against us, things are really going down, if we can turn to the word and the promises of the word we can find hope, strength, help and the assurance. It changes us from an attitude of defeat to an attitude of victory and strength because we know that God has promised us his victory. That is why having the word in your heart is so important because it gives you so much strength in those hours of trial and difficulty, it is the word of God that is our strength and is our stay. So, David quotes them and declares all of these things that God has spoken in his holiness and thus he is going to rejoice in the word of God and in the promises of God.

Vs. 9-12 – Prayerful verses!

Psa 60:9 Who will bring me to the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?

- That is the city of Petra, the rock city, the impregnable fortress of the Edomites. David is planning to assault that city.

Psa 60:10 Is it not You, O God, who cast us off? And You, O God, who did not go out with our armies?

Psa 60:11 Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless.

- David knew that the only real help would come from God. He is not going to trust in man or man's help.

Psa 60:12 Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.

- So, David gets things in perspective. God has promised and God will lead us. Who will lead us? It will be you God who will lead us into the victory for through you we are going to do valiantly, through you we are going to tread down our enemies.

SUMMARY:

- Defeat should be a time of seeking the LORD, determining what may be amiss in our relationship with Him. If correction and change are needed, then turn closer to Him, recognizing that only by relying on Him and His word, can we have victory!

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES Charles Wesley (1739) - Festival Choir/Hosanna Church (1:24)

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of Your name.

3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

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