

A pass through The Psalms: **Week 6: Psalm 6**

Getting the Context:

My assumption is that **Psalm 6** was written in the same context of **3-4-5-7**; which were all clearly written **during the flight from Absalom in 2 Sam 15-17**, the year **1023 BC** (and was therefore not inserted later, out of order, while on his death bed.)

In **Psalm 3-4**, (2 Sam 15-17) David is clearly **on the run from Absalom**. In **Psalm 5** (2 Sam 17) David is **still on the run and fears wicked men getting near the dwelling (Temple)** of the Lord. **Psalm 7** (2 Sam 16:22) appears as though Absalom has won as he enters Jerusalem and David's house and sexually abused some of his wives.

My assumption then is that **Psalm 6** was written out of David's fear that God was going to remove David's kingdom, via Absalom, out of punishment for his sin with Bathsheba in 980 BC in 2 Sam 11. As **prophesied by Nathan in 2 Sam 12:11-12...**

In **Psalm 6** then David is beginning to realize that Absalom is the one who was 'close to him' who will take his 'wives in broad daylight' as a **chastising** for the sin with Bathsheba. In **Psalm 6** then **David begins to plead with God** regarding his chastisement (as he did when he pleaded with God about the death of his son with Bathsheba in **2 Sam 12:15-17**) and **begging God to be gracious in his dealing with him**.

6:1-2 -David opens by asking God to be gracious in his discipline or light in his _____

-Reprove (*Rebuke*)

-Chasten (*Discipline*)

-David is very aware that **he deserves to be rebuked**, and he feels that the rebuke in some form or other must/will _____ upon him.

-David does not ask for God not to discipline him nor does he _____ **the basis for the discipline**, but rather pleads for mercy within the discipline. (See Jer 10:24, Heb 12:6, John 15:2)

6:3-4 -David does not seek _____ like Adam to the bush or Saul to the medium or Jonah to the city of Tarshish...rather **David turns to the Lord**.

-He asks the Lord to _____ him from the consequence of his sin & alleviate his turmoil.

Psalm 6:4 consists only of **7 Hebrew words**: Return, Lord, Deliver, Soul, Save, Reason/Purpose, Favor

David's request is twofold (1): God, pull me out of this/remove me from this punishment because of your name sake and your loving kindness.

David pleads for God to _____ his soul from the burden of despair, & the consequence of sin.

David's request is twofold (2): God, bring me back to where you had me, restore/preserve your special purpose for me on behalf of your plan.

David pleads for God to _____ his grand purpose for him.

David's basis is twofold (1): ...because of your loving kindness.

David's basis is twofold (2): ...because of your plan.

-This is such an important, yet so widely _____ biblical truth. It is the basis of our salvation & sanctification.

-It should be the basis of every request we _____ for help, forgiveness, guidance & provision.

*God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples...**but because the LORD loved you** and **kept the oath which He swore** to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt... **Deut 7:6-8***

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. **In love** he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, **according to the purpose of his will**... **Ephesians 1:3-5***

6:5 -David _____ further that if God allows David to be destroyed in his sin and/or the plan to fall apart two horrible things would happen...

(1) If I die (*in mercy, heaven*) your **name** will not be **renowned** by others (remembrance).

God's name is forever attached to his plan.

(2) If I die (*in judgement, separated from love*) I will not be able to **praise** your name.

God's praise is forever attached to his love.

David's reasoning for God to act are incredibly God-centered reasons...not Self-centered reasons. However, God's interests and David's interests are **not mutually exclusive**...in fact they are intertwined.

If God acts, God will get the praise of his love and the esteem of his name...

and David will get the love of God and the joy of participation in his plan.

6:6-10 -David closes in _____ believing that God is not against him (does not see him as an enemy) and that God has heard his prayer.

-David closes believing that God is _____ to His plan and that all his (God's & David's) enemies will eventually be made a footstool.

Personal Notes: