

Studying the Psalms

Psalms Of Repentance

Psalms 6

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Does Not Remove Temporal Consequences

- Convicted murderer does not escape death penalty. **Acts 25:11**
- Convicted thief does not escape “due reward.” **Luke 23:40-43**
- Convicted prodigal does not regain wasted money. **Luke 15:13**
- Convicted adulterer not free to “marry another” or continue adultery. **Matthew 19:9**

Psalms 6 – Psalms of Repentance

- **Psalms 6:1**, “*O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.*”
- When we do wrong, He will also rebuke us (2 Samuel 7:14; Psalms 39:11; 94:10) by the testimony of His word (Proverbs 6:23; 1:23)
- These are marks of His love (Proverbs 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:5-11; 1 Corinthians 11:32).
 - We must expect and accept them (Proverbs 10:17; 12:1).
 - To reject them is to be a fool (Proverbs 15:5).

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- However, we can ask Him humbly to chasten us “*in measure*”(Jeremiah 46:28; cf. Jeremiah 10:24)
- Not in the anger with which He will inflict eternal punishment on those who persist in disobeying Him (Revelation 14:9-11).
- Psalms 51:4 – David acknowledges that it is against God that he had sinned.

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Psalms 6:2-3, “*Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah; for I am withered away: O Jehovah, heal me; for my bones are troubled. My soul also is sore troubled: and thou, O Jehovah, how long?”*

- Often sin is referred to as disease or sickness, especially concerning Israel of old. (Isaiah 1:5-6)
- Jesus referred to Himself as the “Physician” who came to heal the sick. (Mark 2:17)
- How long? In response to the prayers of those who fear Him, the Lord shortens the period of their affliction (Luke 18:7-8; Matthew 24:22; cf. Romans 7:24).