

Studying the Psalms

Psalms Of Repentance

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Psalms 6 – Psalms of Repentance

Psalms 6:10, “*All mine enemies shall be put to shame and sore troubled: they shall turn back, they shall be put to shame suddenly.*”

- During this life, there will assuredly be times when we are sore vexed (verses 2-3). But however severe those times may be, they will all be time-limited, “*but for a moment*” (2 Corinthians 4:17; Psalms 30:5; Isaiah 54:8).
- David’s enemies were also God’s enemies, and he is confident they will be defeated. God’s enemies ought to be our enemies (Psalms 139:19-22; James 4:4).
- We can also be confident that the enemies of God will face the wrath of God (Romans 12:17-21; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10).

Fruits of Repentance – “*For behold ...*” 2 Corinthians 7:11

- We can see the effects of repentance!
 - *Earnest care* – Haste (with care) to correct sin
 - *Clearing* – “Vindication” (NASB 1995)
 - *Indignation* – Displeasure over previous sin
 - *Fear* – Dread of not pleasing God

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 - *Longing* – Earnest desire to do and be right
 - *Zeal* – Fervent spirit, not apathetic neglect
 - *Avenging* – Sin no longer tolerated, wrongs are made right
 - *Approved yourselves to be pure* – Pure and innocent in the matter

What Produces Repentance?

- Bible preaching. (cf. Jonah 3:1-2)
 - “*Preach the preaching that I bid thee.*” (cf. Luke 11:32) (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- The goodness of God. (Romans 2:4)
- The Judgment to come. (Acts 17:30-31)
- Godly sorrow. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

Efforts to Avoid Repentance

- Deny the existence of sin. (Malachi 1:6-14)
- Deny personal guilt. (1 Samuel 15:13, 15)
- Transfer responsibility for sin. (Ezekiel 18:20; Genesis 3:11-13)
- Cover up sin. (2 Samuel 11)
- Harm those who expose sin. (Matthew 14:1-11; Mark 6:17-28; cf. Galatians 4:16)