

# Psalm 6

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. On an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David.

## Prayer of Faith in Time of Distress

1 O Lord, **do not rebuke me** in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. [Repeated in Psalm 38:1] 2 **Have mercy on me**, O Lord, for **I am weak**; O Lord, heal me, for **my bones are troubled**. 3 My **soul** also is **greatly troubled**; But You, O Lord—how long? 4 **Return, O Lord**, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your **mercies' sake**! 5 For in death there is no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks? 6 **I am weary with my groaning**; All night I make my **bed swim**; I **drench my couch** with my tears. 7 My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies. 8 Depart from me, all you **workers of iniquity**; For the **Lord has heard the voice of my weeping**. 9 The Lord has heard my supplication; The Lord will **receive my prayer**. 10 Let all my enemies be **ashamed and greatly troubled**; Let them turn back and be **ashamed suddenly**.

- **David.** First Penitential Psalm. Instrument choice? 8 String Harp. Blues

**Don't rebuke me?** [lit. to chop]: **David did something**

**Psalm 41:4** [David] "Lord, **be merciful to me**; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

**Hebrews 12:5b** [Loving discipline] "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For **whom the Lord loves He chastens...** 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the **peaceable fruit of righteousness** to those who **have been trained by it**."

### Chastening by the Father is Evidence of our Adoption

- **Chasten:** Pain caused by self-affliction, devil, God does/allows, what others do. All
- **Chasten-Discipline-Disciple-Learner** leading to living righteously leading to peace

David proved he was a man after God's own heart because he **stayed teachable**

- **v1** David knew God's **Hot Displeasure** toward sin
  1. **God's Pre-cross anger** toward sinners/sin still burned
  2. **Poured out on Jesus** for our sin and all that is left is His grace

So [now] we may pray that the chastisements of our gracious God, if they may not be entirely removed, may at least be sweetened by the consciousness that they are 'not in anger, but in his dear covenant love.'" [Spurgeon]

v2 David asks for Mercy not Justice. Mercy for the sinful weaknesses of his flesh

**Psalm 103:14** [David] For **He knows our frame**, He **remembers that we are dust**.

- **David is a Mess:** Choose to sin/Choose to suffer
  1. Body troubled/Soul **greatly troubled**

**Psalm 88:3** ...my soul is **full of troubles**, And my life draws near to the grave.

**John 12:27** [Jesus felt the effects sins of others] **"Now My soul is troubled..."**

2. Weary from groaning
3. Bed drenched w/tears
4. Eyes soar from staying awake/ fear of enemy

These trials of body/soul were amplified by David's sense of God's anger against him. **When we are not confident** in God's love/assistance, even small trials feel unbearable. [Guzik]

- **v4 Return oh Lord...**for Your mercy's sake...

David's conscience is uneasy, and he must appeal to grace to temper the discipline he deserves." [Kidner]

- How will I praise you if you kill me?
- **OT w/regard to Life after Death:** Sometimes blurred/sometimes clear as day...

**Job 19:25** ...I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That **in my flesh I shall see God**, 27 Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

**Psalm 17:15** [David comes to his senses] As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied **when I awake in Your likeness**.

**1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.

**David's last-ditch effort?** How will I praise You if you chop me down?

**Psalm 30:9** [David] What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?

The words we offer to the Lord reveal our heart for the Lord

**Hosea 14:1** O Israel, **return to the Lord** your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity; 2 **Take words with you**, And return to the Lord. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we will offer the **sacrifices of our lips**."

**Ecclesiastes 5:2** Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth...

- **v9 Lord breaks through** [Perez]

The Lord has heard my cry so I will wait for Him in His time...

No immediate action. Allows David to hurt/then suddenly breaks through and heals

**Hosea 6:1** Come, and let us return to the Lord; For **He has torn**, but **He will heal us**; He has stricken, but **He will bind us up**.

- **v8**: Depart from me you workers of iniquity: David's sin a result bad acquaintances:

**1 Corinthians 15:33** Do not be deceived: "**Evil company corrupts good habits.**"

- David sinned/God allows David to hurt...

**Hebrews 12:11** Now **no chastening seems to be joyful** for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it **yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness** to those who have been **trained by it**.

**God's Beautiful Woodshed: Teachable/Memorable/Life-Changing Pain**

**Genesis 32:25** [Jacob wrestles w/Jesus] Now when He [Jesus] saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him... 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." 31 Just as he crossed over Peniel **the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip**.

**He would never forget the hurt and...  
Never forget the intimacy he had with God during the hurting**

- **v9** David is confident God has heard his prayer. Restored. Refreshed. Speaks...
- As my enemy has greatly troubled my soul now **greatly trouble them**

**Psalms 6** Prayer of Faith. The Lord has heard me. The Lord will help me

## Psalm 7

Jesus

A Meditation of David, which he sang to the Lord concerning the words of Cush, a Benjamite.

### Prayer/Praise for Deliverance from Enemies

1 O Lord my God, **in You I put my trust**; Save me from all those who persecute me; And **deliver me**, 2 Lest they tear me like a lion, rending me in pieces, while there is none to deliver. 3 O Lord my God, if I have done this: **If there is iniquity** in my hands, 4 **If I have repaid evil** to him who was at peace with me, Or have **plundered my enemy** without cause, 5 Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me; Yes, let him trample my life to the earth, And lay my honor in the dust. **Selah** 6 Arise, O Lord, **in Your anger**; **Lift Yourself up** because of the rage of my enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded! 7 So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You; For their sakes, therefore, return on high. 8 The Lord shall judge the peoples; **Judge me**, O Lord, **according to my righteousness**, And **according to my integrity** within me. 9 Oh, let the wickedness of the

wicked come to an end, But establish the just; For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds. 10 My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart. 11 God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day. 12 If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready. 13 He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts. 14 Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood. 15 He made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch which he made. 16 His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown. 17 **I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness**, And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

- **Spurgeon of Psalm 7:** Song of the Slandered Saint
- **Author:** David
- **Context:** Slander of a Benjamite

**2 Samuel 16:5** [David leaves Jerusalem] ...there was a man from the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei... coming from there. He came out, cursing continuously as he came. 6 And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David. And all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. 7 Also Shimei said thus when he cursed: "Come out! Come out! **You bloodthirsty man, you rogue!** 8 The Lord has brought upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the Lord has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. So now you are caught in your own evil, because you are a bloodthirsty man!" 9 Then Abishai...said to the king, "**Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king?** Please, let me go over and **take off his head!**" 10 But the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse, because the Lord has said to him, 'Curse David.' Who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?' " 11 And David said to Abishai and all his servants, "See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life [son Absalom]. How much more now may this Benjamite? Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the Lord has ordered him. 12 It may be that the Lord will look on my affliction, and that the Lord will repay me with good for his cursing this day." 13 And as David and his men went along the road, Shimei went along the hillside opposite him and **cursed as he went**, threw stones at him and kicked up dust. 14 Now the king and all the people who were with him **became weary**; so they refreshed themselves there.

- **Words of a Benjamite:** Ravenous Wolves
  1. King Saul or associate
  2. Shimei the Benjamite [Saul/Paul also a Benjamite]

**Genesis 49:27** [Blessing of Jacob to his sons] Benjamin is a **ravenous wolf**; In the morning he shall devour the prey, And at night he shall divide the spoil.

**Psalm 57:4 [David]** My soul is among lions; I lie among the sons of men Who are set on fire, Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their **tongue a sharp sword**.

...the wounds of a sword will heal, but the wounds of the tongue cut deeper than the flesh, and are not soon cured." [Spurgeon]

**Whoever it is, is tearing into David w/Ravenous Slander**

- **Likened to a lion:** Going to/fro seeking to devour. Shelf us. Paralyze us. Cause doubt
- **Am I the problem?** Did I create my own problem?
  1. Is iniquity in my hands?
  2. Have I repaid evil w/evil?
  3. Have I gone too far? **Selah**

If I deserve to be persecuted... I can accept that  
**Judge me according to my righteousness/my integrity?**

- David could have killed Saul many times/His men encouraged him

**1 Samuel 24:7** ... **David restrained his servants** with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on his way.

**1 Samuel 24:10** [David to Saul] Look, this day your eyes have seen that the Lord delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and someone urged me to kill you. But my eye spared you, and I said, '**I will not** stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.'

- **vv 9-16** God will deal with the wicked. **Arise in Your anger against sin!**
- **vv 8** Judge me according to my righteousness/integrity? Really?

Do we want God to wipe out all wickedness? Who would stand? **Selah**  
 v17 **I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness**

- **We are saved with God's Righteousness apart from the law**

**Yet God does call us to live righteously**

**Romans 12:1b** ...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.

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**God does reward sacrificial/sanctified lives...**

Though David appealed to God in this psalm on the basis of his comparative goodness, this was not a self-righteous prayer. David knew the difference between his relative righteousness and God's praiseworthy, perfect righteousness. [Guzik]

**Psalms 18:20** The Lord rewarded me **according to my righteousness**; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.

**Psalms 125:4** Do good, O Lord, to those who are good/to those...**upright in their hearts.**

- **Positional Righteousness**                      His Righteous Robe of Salvation
- **Practical Righteousness**                    Our right actions in a crowded Walmart/Traffic

## Psalm 7

I will sing Praise the Lord according to His Righteousness

## Psalm 8

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. On the instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.

### **The Glory of the Lord in Creation and His interest in Man**

**1 O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! 2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, 7 All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field, 8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!**

- **Psalm of David: O LORD our Lord**

**O LORD** [Great I AM/the becoming One] **our Master...how excellent is Your Name**

- **v1 God set** [placed] His glory above the heavens for all to see. **Yet do we?**

**Children are in Awe of the Wonder of God's Glory  
This Wonder was seen in the Person of Jesus Christ at His first coming**

**Matthew 21:15** [Jesus praised] ...when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the **children crying out** in the temple and saying, "**Hosanna to the Son of David!**" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, '**Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise**'?"

- Praise to God from weak/helpless **silences the most ravenous of enemies**
- Distant Prophecy speaking of Pharisees

**v3 When I consider... David continued to be in awe of God as he becomes a man  
Ponders how/why a God who created such wonder would be mindful on him**

Sorry, sickly man, a mass of mortalities, a map of miseries, a mixture or compound of dirt and sin...and yet God is mindful of him." [Trapp]

**Psalm 40:5** [David] Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us **Cannot be recounted** to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are **more than can be numbered.**

**Psalm 139:17** [David] How precious also are **Your thoughts to me, O God! How great**

**is the sum of them!**

**Job 7:17** "What is man, that You should exalt him, That You should set Your heart on him, 18 That You should **visit him every morning**, And test him every moment?"

- **v4b** Why would God visit us from Heaven/Leave Perfection for here?

**Luke 19:44b** [1<sup>st</sup> visitation] ... you did not know the **time of your visitation**.

**1 Peter 2:12** [2<sup>nd</sup> visitation] ... by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the **day of visitation**.

- **v5** Made him a little lower than angels

David saw that God made man a little lower than the angels, and this is evident in the way that man is beneath the angels in present glory, power, and nearness to God. [Guzik]

- **Jesus became little lower than angels** When he added a human nature to divine,

**Hebrews 2:9** But we see Jesus [Son of Man], who was made a little lower [for a short time lower] than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

- **vv 6-8** Mans dominion over all other creatures...

**Genesis 1:26** ...God said, "**Let Us** make man in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."**...28** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- **David considered God's creation**

The universe is so vast that if one were to travel at the speed of light it would take 40 billion years to reach the edge of this universe only to enter the next... **and yet the Great I AM** cares about you and the family member you are praying for.

**1 Peter 5:7** [Cast] all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

## **Psalm 8** How Excellent is Your Name **Glory of God in creation** and **His peculiar loving interest in us**

## **Psalm 9**

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Death of the Son." **A Psalm of David.**

### **Prayer/Thanksgiving** for the Lord's Righteous Judgments

1 I will praise You, O Lord, with my **whole heart**; I will tell of all Your **marvelous works**. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. 3 When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence. 4 For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness. 5 You have rebuked the

nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever. 6 O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; Even their memory has perished. 7 **But the Lord shall endure forever**; He has **prepared His throne for judgment**. 8 He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness. 9 The Lord also will be a **refuge for the oppressed**, A **refuge in times of trouble**. 10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. 11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people. 12 **When He avenges blood, He remembers them**; He does not forget the cry of the humble. 13 Have mercy on me, O Lord! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death, 14 That I may tell of all Your praise In the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will rejoice in Your salvation. 15 The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught. 16 The Lord is known by the judgment He executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. **Meditation. Selah** 17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God. 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. 19 Arise, O Lord, Do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight. 20 Put them in fear, O Lord, That the nations **may know themselves to be but men. Selah**

- **David:** Tune of Death of a Son

Some apply that title as the ancient Chaldee version does: "Concerning the death of the Champion who went out between the camps," referring **to Goliath**. Perhaps David wrote this psalm remembering the victory over Goliath from the vantage point of many years since that triumph. [Guzik]

- **v1-2** David Praises God
- **v3 Reason for Praising God?** My Enemies fall at Your presence

**1 Samuel 17:44 [David remembers Goliath taunting him...]** "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"<sup>45</sup> Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied... **48** So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. 51 Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it.

- Goliath fell at the Name of God

**John 18:4b...** "Whom are you seeking?" 5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. 6 Now when

He said to them, "I am He," they **drew back and fell to the ground.** 7 Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

## **My enemies fall at Your Mighty Name** **Slain in Spirit not found in Scripture...apart from God's enemies**

- **vv 5-8 David the Prophet looking to Jesus Kingdom on Earth**

1. Rebuked Nations
2. Destruction is finished
3. Throne prepared for judgment
4. Judge world in righteousness

- **vv 9-14 David drops back to present. Till then...**

1. **God is my refuge** in whom I trust

**Psalm 32:7** [David] You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

**Psalm 46:1** [Sons of Korah] God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

**Psalm 91:2** I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." ...**14** "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; **I will set him on high,** because **he has known My name.**

2. **He is Worthy** of my Praise
3. **He is Faithful** to bless the humble/deal with prideful

- **vv 15-20 David takes comfort in knowing God will judge godless nations...**

1. Wicked will be caught in their own traps
2. **Meditation/Selah:** All will be made perfectly right...

**Psalm 73:1** Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart. 2 **But as for me,** my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped. 3 For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked... **15** If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children. 16 When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me— **17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end.**

**Psalm 96:13** ...He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

**Psalm 98:9** ...He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world,  
And the peoples with equity.

**Acts 17:31** ... He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

The wicked will be ensnared by the work of their own hands.

### **Meditation. Selah**

- **Meditate on the truth of God's big picture...**

**Psalm 104:34** May my **meditation be sweet to Him**; I will be glad in the Lord.

- David meditates on promises of God for his future...faithfulness of God in past

**Psalm 62:5** [David] My soul, wait silently for God alone, For **my expectation** is from Him.

**Psalm 71:5** For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth.

**Proverbs 23:18** For surely there is a hereafter, And [our] **hope will not be cut off.**

### **Psalm 9**

**Prayer/Thanksgiving** for the Lord's Righteous Judgments

## **Psalm 10**

Jesus

### **Song of Confidence** God's Eternal Triumph over Evil

**1 Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide** in times of trouble? **2** The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised. **3** For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces the Lord. **4** The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts. **5** His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them. **6 He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity."** **7** His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity. **8** He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the secret places he murders the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless. **9** He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He catches the poor when he draws him into his net. **10** So he crouches, he lies low, That the helpless may fall by his strength. **11** He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see." **12 Arise, O Lord!** O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble. **13** Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "**You will not require an account.**" **14** But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief, To repay it by Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless. **15** Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; Seek out his wickedness until You find none. **16** The **Lord is King forever and ever**; The nations have perished out of His land. **17** Lord, You have **heard the desire of the humble**; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear, **18** To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, **That the man of the earth may oppress no more.**

- **Psalm 10:** Author unknown

There is not, in my judgment, a Psalm which describes the mind, the manners, the works, the words, the feelings, and the **fate of the ungodly** with so much propriety, fullness, and light, as this Psalm. [Martin Luther]

**Psalmist:** Why are you not doing anything about evil?

- **vv 3-14 This is the wicked...**

1. Boast of doing their own desire and not God's will...

**Psalm 94:3** Lord, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph? 4 They utter speech, and speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.

**Psalm 36:1** [David] ...concerning the transgression of the wicked: **There is no fear of God before his eyes.**

2. Bless what is evil/Curse what is good
3. Don't seek nor think about God. Godless
4. Prosper in deceit not considering judgment...

**Matthew 16:26** ...what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

5. To God/His people the wicked say I will never be moved

**Ecclesiastes 8:11** Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

6. Can't speak a sentence w/out cursing. Profanity/Blasphemy
7. Takes advantage of the weak/innocent. Seeking them out
8. Sets snares to catch the poor
9. **Attitude:** There is a God but He is impotent. Blind. Forgetful.

### **Self-deceived...**

God will not require and account of me! I'm too big to fail!

- **vv 14-15 Psalmist comes to his senses:**

1. You Lord have seen/You will repay
2. You Lord will take up the cause of the helpless...

**Psalm 68:5** A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.

- **Psalm 10:** Imprecatory Psalm.
- God's hatred of sin/devastation it causes in view...

1. Break the arm of the wicked
2. Squeeze every drop of wickedness out of him!

When studying the imprecatory psalms, it is important to note that these psalms were not written out of vindictiveness or a need for personal vengeance. Instead, they are prayers that keep God's justice, sovereignty, and protection in mind. God's people had suffered much at the hands of those who opposed them, including the Hittites, Amorites, Philistines, and Babylonians. These groups were not

only enemies of Israel, but they were also enemies of God; they were degenerate and ruthless conquerors who had repeatedly tried and failed to destroy the Lord's chosen people. In writing the imprecatory psalms, the authors sought vindication on God's behalf as much as they sought their own.

vv16-18 Psalmist Prophesies a better day. New day. Eternal day. Millennial Kingdom

- Ungodly Nations have perished
- Oppression of the men of earth is over
- **Jesus our Lord is King forever**

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**Song of Confidence** God's Triumph over Evil