

PSALMS 6-8

REVIEW...

- Meaning

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- Hebrew

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- Psalm 3

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of Psalm...

- o PSALM

[תְּהִלָּה] – meaning
MELODY – poems
are the Hymns of
Israel...

- o PSALMS

[פְּסַלְמִים] – to
a chord on a
musical
instrument...

obvious idea –
PSALMS were
meant to SING
with musical
INSTRUMENTS!
POETRY...

- o Hebrew

POETRY does not
attempt to
RHYME words – it
based on similar
sounds...

- o Hebrew

POETRY is formed
the COMPARING
CONTRASTING

– Consequences
Psalm of Lament
wrote while
running for his
from his son
Absalom...
CONSEQUENCE of
sin with
Bathsheba and
Uriah...
the Lord was still
David – his
SHIELD –
protecting him
harm!

- o Because God had NOT rejected David – and SALVATION [יְשׁוּעָה] – belongs to the LORD!
- Psalm 4 – Provision
 - o David taught the people of Israel a PSALM – to remember how to PRAY for PROVISION...
 - o We must be SET apart [HOLY] not believing the lie the world has answers...
 - o Then when we TRUST in the LORD – we will find PROVISION from the LORD!
- Psalm 5 – Guidance
 - o David taught the people of Israel a PSALM – to remember how to PRAY for GUIDANCE...
 - o The KEY was to spend time [morning] with the LORD – then we will be LED by the LORD!

PSALM 6 – NEW BEGINNING

- 1ST – NEW BEGINNING... vs. 1
 - o 1st – Introduction...
 - To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments... A Psalm of David!
 - PSALM of DAVID – Psalm written for the people to SING...
 - CHIEF Musician – the one who plays [piel] the music...
 - PSALM of CONFESSION - David wrote it crying out the LORD for help!
 - o 2nd – EIGHT strings...
 - On an eight-stringed harp.
 - EIGHT stringed – could speak of an OCTAVE...
 - In music there are SEVEN notes [A-G] – the EIGHTH note is a new OCTAVE!
 - We are NOT sure WHEN David wrote this – but presumably after he SINNED!
 - And he LONGS to start over [octave] – have a new beginning in the LORD!
 - **Psalm 51:10** – “Create in me a clean heart - O God - and renew a steadfast spirit within me!”
- 2ND – TO THE LORD... vs. 1-5
 - o 1st - Do not REBUKE... vs. 1
 - O LORD - do not rebuke me in Your anger - nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!
 - REBUKE [יָצַח] – do not let your ANGER cause you [hiphil] to JUDGE me...
 - CHASTEN [יָצַר] – to PUNISH me intensely [piel] because of your RAGE...
 - David is asking the LORD not to REACT to his SIN!
 - I can remember when I was a kid – my dad would send me to my room when I was BAD...
 - I thought that was PART of the PUNISHMENT – it was so he could CALM down!
 - **But God NEVER reacts to us in ANGER – His punishment is ALWAYS from a heart of LOVE!**
 - **Hebrews 12:6** – “For whom the LORD loves He chastens...”
 - o 2nd - Have MERCY... vs. 2
 - Have mercy on me - O LORD - for I am weak!
 - MERCY [78– [חַסְדֵּךָ in OT - this is the OT version of the NT concept of GRACE...
 - David BEGS [imperative] the LORD to give him GRACE – because he is WEAK...
 - WEAK – the context would seem to be morally – tendency to SIN!
 - **God is NEVER surprised when we SIN – He knows how WEAK we are...**
 - **He does have GRACE – because he remembers we are just DUST!**
 - **Psalm 103:14** – “He knows our frame. He remembers that we are dust.”
 - o 3rd - HEAL... vs. 2-3
 - O LORD - heal me - for my bones are troubled!
 - My soul also is greatly troubled - but You - O LORD - how long!
 - David BEGS [imperative] the LORD to heal [רָפָא] him SPIRITUALLY [context]
 - Because his SIN has caused [niph'al] him to be troubled to the BONES [inner man]
 - As a RESULT – his SOUL [life] was VERY [מְאֹד] troubled!

- Sin is like a **CANCER** – that can eat a person up from the inside out...
- It spreads from our actions [bones] to our heart – threatening to consume us!
- **Proverbs 14:30** – “A sound heart is life to the body - but [sin] is rottenness to the bones.”
- o 4th - DELIVER... vs. 4
 - Return - O LORD - deliver me! Oh - save me for Your mercies sake!
 - RETURN – David BEGS [imperative] the Lord to come BACK and DELIVER him...
 - DELIVER [לְהַצִּיל]- to INTENSELY [piel] pull out or tear out the SIN from his life!
 - I imagine if someone has CANCER – threatening to END their life...
 - They BEG the doctor to pull it out – TEAR it out if needed – to SAVE them!
 - When we truly realize just how DEADLY sin is – the eternal CONSEQUENCE it brings...
 - We will BEG the Lord to get it out of our lives – TEAR it out of our hearts!
- o 5th – In DEATH... vs. 4
 - For in death there is no remembrance of You - in the grave who will give You thanks!
 - The thought is – LORD spare me – so I can give THANKS in this life...
 - Because once he DIED [בָּשָׂא] – dead bodies do not PRAISE the LORD...
 - NO [זִכְרוֹן] REMEMBRANCE in death – this is an ASSUMPTION of David!
 - The OT saints did not know what happened after the GRAVE [בְּשָׂא] – HIDDEN from them!
 - This is a POWERFUL example of why we do NOT make doctrine out of POETIC books...
 - Because we KNOW the moment we DIE – we are worshiping before the LORD!
 - **II Corinthians 5:8** – “To be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”
- 3RD – To my ENEMIES... vs. 6-10
 - o 1st - MANY tears... vs. 6-7
 - I am weary with my groaning - All night I make my bed swim...
 - I drench my couch with my tears!
 - My eye wastes away because of grief - it grows old because of all my enemies!
 - David cried a LOT – he was filling his bed / couch with TEARS...
 - Because he had a LOT of ENEMIES – people who wanted him DEAD...
 - Now – David ALWAYS had ENEMIES – King Saul tried to kill him many times...
 - But presumably – ALL of these ENEMIES are as a RESULT of his SIN [Bathsheba]!
 - Often people ask why life has to be so hard – why so MANY problems...
 - The answer is CONSEQUENCES - that God uses to get our attention – turn us back to Him!
 - **Hosea 8:7** – “[If we] sow the wind – [we will] reap the whirlwind.”
 - o 2nd - The LORD hears... vs. 8
 - Depart from me - all you workers of iniquity...
 - For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping!
 - DEPART – David commands [imperative] his enemies to GO away...
 - Because God HEARD [perfect] his weeping!
 - We might think the LORD is not listening when we are CRYING out to Him...
 - But He always LISTENS [perfect] and He even counts EVERY tear!
 - **Psalms 56:8** – “You have collected all my tears... recorded each one in your book.”
 - o 3rd - ASHAMED... vs. 9-10
 - The LORD has heard my supplication. The LORD will receive my prayer!
 - Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled...
 - Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly!
 - SUPPLICATION [תְּפִלָּה] – from the ROOT verb for GRACE [חַן]
 - Because of GRACE the LORD HEARS [perfect] all of our PRAYERS...
 - Therefore ALL of our enemies will be ASHAMED and in TROUBLE!
 - God does not SAVE us from our enemies – because we are BETTER than they are...

- He HEARS our prayers – and RESCUES us – because of His GRACE...
- And if we HUMBLED by our CONSEQUENCES – and see our NEED for Jesus...
- He will come and TEAR out the sin from our lives – and give us the VICTORY!

PSALM 7 – NEED FOR HUMILITY

- 1ST – TRUST THE LORD... vs. 1-2
 - 1st - Introduction... vs. 1
 - A Meditation of David - which he sang to the LORD concerning the words of Cush - a Benjamite!
 - WHO wrote the PSALM - PSALM of DAVID...
 - WHY David wrote it – a MEDITATION – which David sang to the LORD
 - MEDITATION [2 -[תְּשׁוּבָה in OT – from the ROOT word meaning to go ASTRAY [sin]
 - Perhaps meaning David sang to the Lord about one of his SINS!
 - WHEN – concerning the words of CUSH the BENJAMITE...
 - Some say this MAY be another name for SHIMEI the Benjamite – II Samuel 16:5
 - But there is no DIRECT reference to a person by this name in the OT...
 - Whomever it was – they viciously came after David to destroy him!
 - 2nd – Like a LION... vs. 1-2
 - O LORD my God - in You I put my trust...
 - Save me from all those who persecute me - and deliver me...
 - Lest they tear me like a lion - rending me in pieces - while there is none to deliver!
 - TRUST [תְּסַחֵף] – to seek REFUGE or PROTECTION from danger...
 - DELIVERED – to be snatched away – from ALL who PERSECUTED him...
 - Men who – like a LION – tear the soul into pieces – with NO ONE [אֵין] to stop them!
 - The picture is graphic – imagine a LION – mercilessly devouring its live PREY...
 - This is what MEN were doing with their HURTFUL words to David...
 - But David KNEW God would SAVE him – because he KNEW the LORD [יָדָעָה אֱלֹהִים]!
 - A lot of people CRY out to the LORD in their hour of NEED...
 - The problem is they do not KNOW they LORD – they are a STRANGER to God...
 - As a RESULT – there is NO ONE to DELIVER them – and they are DEVoured!
 - Matthew 7:21 – “Many will say to Me... – Lord Lord... I will declare to them I never knew you...”
- 2ND – CHECK THE HEART... vs. 3-5
 - 1st – Innocent... vs. 3-4
 - O LORD my God - if I have done this - if there is iniquity in my hands...
 - If I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me...
 - Or have plundered my enemy without cause!
 - David asks THREE questions – IF – I have done THIS [accusations of CUSH the Benjamite]
 - Or I have iniquity in my hands – Or repaid EVIL to the one at PEACE with me [שְׁוֹלְמִי]
 - The suggestion is that David is INNOCENT – of the insults hurled at him!
 - This leads me to believe this is NOT talking about SHIMEI...
 - Because David recognized SHIMEI was a JUDGEMENT - because of his GUILT [Bathsheba]!
 - II Samuel 16:11 – “Let him alone - and let him curse - for so the LORD has ordered him.”
 - 2nd – Just judgement... vs. 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!
 - If David was GUILTY – he WANTED [jussive] his enemies to overcome him...
 - TRAMPLE his life – let his DISHONOR be exposed – trampled in the DUST!
 - This leads many to believe this was written in the time of King Saul...
 - David was FALSELY accused – and hunted – because God has ORDAINED him to be King!

- **I Samuel 20:1** – “What have I done? What is my iniquity - and what is my sin before [Saul] that he seeks my life?”

- SELAH - a BREAK in the WORDS – SILENCE - a REST in the SONG...
 - No matter where we are at – mocked by a SHIMEI – because we are guilty...
 - Are chased by a SAUL – because we are standing up for the LORD...
 - Like David it is wise to say SELAH – stop and take a moment to EXAMINE our hearts...
 - See if there is something we need to CONFESS – TEST our motives!
- **II Corinthians 13:5** – “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you.”

- **3RD – JUDGEMENT... vs. 6-17**

- o 1st – For the people... vs. 6-7

- 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! So the congregation of the peoples...
- Shall surround You. For their sakes - therefore - return on high!
- In response to the ACCUSATIONS of his enemies – David had THREE commands...
- STAND up [imperative] – because sin makes God ANGRY...
- LIFT up [imperative] – in response to the RAGE of his enemies...
- WAKE up [imperative] – and JUDGE as your word COMMANDS...
- BECAUSE of the NATIONS [לְאֻמִּים] – so they will [jussive] GATHER around YOU...
- The point David is making - God needed to be SEEN – His JUDGEMENT displayed!
- When Moses first came to Pharaoh – the king asked – WHO is the LORD – **Exodus 5:2**
- Even the Jews doubted if God cared about them – **Exodus 5:21**
- But AFTER God STOOD up - brought the TEN plagues – EVERYONE saw the LORD!
- When WICKED people are allowed to SIN without penalty – people question the LORD...
- People think there are no consequences – and questions if God cares – or if He is even real...
- But when SIN is JUDGED – God is LIFTED UP – and people SEE Jesus!

- o 2nd – The TEST... vs. 8-10

- The LORD shall judge the peoples. Judge me - O LORD - according to my righteousness...
- And according to my integrity within me!
- Oh - let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end - but establish the just...
- For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds...
- My defense is of God - who saves the upright in heart!
- The LORD [יְהוָה] – Jesus - is the JUDGE of ALL people – **John 5:22**
- David wanted [jussive] wickedness to come to an END...
- For God to powerfully ESTABLISH [poel] those who are RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק]
- And David ASSUMED - the RIGHTEOUS God - who TESTS the hearts and MINDS of men...
- Would find him RIGHTEOUS – so he commands [imperative] the LORD to JUDGE him!
- What David could not see – was that his heart was also WICKED...
- He would go on to commit adultery [Bathsheba] and murder...
- Not because of circumstances that led him to SIN – looking at a naked woman...
- Circumstances just gave the opportunity for what was ALREADY in his HEART to come out!
- It is EASY to see SIN in the lives of others – it is often much HARDER to see our own...
- More often than not we are convinced we are RIGHTEOUS...
- That is because even we cannot SEE – what is really in our hearts – **Jeremiah 17:9**
- That is UNTIL we make a very OBVIOUS mistake – that REVEALS our heart [Bathsheba]
- Only then do we really appreciate – that we are SAVED by GRACE!
- **Romans 3:12** – “There is none who does good – no - not [even] ONE...”

- o 3rd – Know the LORD... vs. 11-13

- God is a just judge - and God is angry [with the wicked every day] – not in Hebrew text
 - If [the wicked] does not turn back – [God] will sharpen His sword...
 - He bends His bow and makes it ready. He also prepares for Himself instruments of death...
 - He makes His arrows into fiery shafts!
 - God [אֱלֹהִים] is a RIGHTEOUS judge – God [אֵל] is ANGRY every day...
 - David goes on to describe God in terms of WAR – swords and arrows...
 - NOTE – we have LOST the use of the proper name of the LORD [יְהוָה]
 - Instead falling back to GENERIC titles for a God – whom David did not FULLY know!
- Peter thought he KNEW himself – and KNEW Jesus...
 - When the Lord told him he would DENY – Peter DENIED the DENIAL...
 - He told Jesus – he would go to PRISON – DIE for him – and he believed it...
 - But just a few hours later – the rooster would crow THREE times!
 - Not that Jesus was surprised – He did KNOW Peter – **John 14:1-2**
 - If Peter had NOT failed – he would have pointed people to HIMSELF – be like ME...
 - After his failure – he did NOT point people to himself – he pointed them to Jesus!
 - **Luke 22:32** – “When you have returned to Me - strengthen your brethren.”
 - The closer we get to God – the more we are going to see WHO we really are...
 - And we may not like what we find – we are NOT good – we are SINNERS...
 - That is the point of the Gospel – not GOOD people pointing SINNERS to an angry GOD...
 - But SINNERS pointing other SINNERS to a gracious LORD - who came to DIE to save us!
- o 4th – Avoid the PIT... vs. 14-16
 - Behold - the wicked brings forth iniquity. Yes - he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.
 - He made a pit and dug it out - and has fallen into the ditch which he made.
 - His trouble shall return upon his own head...
 - And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown!
 - BEHOLD – pay attention – this will be an ironic statement...
 - David wanted us to see the how the LIES of the WICKED – become the PIT they fall into...
 - But ultimately DAVID – was the one who fell into the PIT!
 - A famous PREACHER once said – Spurgeon – step out of the pulpit and I can commit ANY sin...
 - Because the moment we forget we are a SINNER – we stop depending on the SAVIOR!
 - There is always a danger of forgetting we are no better than anyone else...
 - Becoming judgmental of others – HOLIER than others - super spiritual...
 - But if we FORGET – we will likely FALL – to remind us we need Jesus!
 - **Luke 6:27** – “Judge not, and you shall not be judged...”
- o 5th – The PRAISE... vs. 17
 - I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness...
 - And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High!
 - PRAISE – literally to give THANKS for the LORD because He is RIGHTEOUSNESS...
 - SING – DESIRE [cohortative] to INTENSELY [piel] sing to the name of the LORD who is HIGHER!
 - Let us put it ALL together – people are going to ATTACK us...
 - It might be because we are ANOINTED by the LORD – **John 15:18**
 - Or it might be because we have made MISTAKES – and deserve it – **Galatians 6:7**
 - Either way if we are willing to EXAMINE ourselves – be HONEST with who we are...
 - We will see we are SINNERS – who are in constant need of a SAVIOR who LOVE us...
 - Causing us to want to THANK Him – because He ALONE is RIGHTEOUS...
 - He is the ONLY one who is HIGH and lifted up – worthy of all our PRAISE!

PSALM 8 – PLAN OF GOD

- **1ST – IN CREATION... VS. 1**
 - 1st - Introduction...
 - To the Chief Musician. On the instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David!
 - PSALM of DAVID – Psalm written for the people to SING...
 - CHIEF Musician – the one who plays [piel] the music...
 - Instrument of GATH – either referring to the TUNE or the kind of instrument
 - 2nd – All the EARTH...
 - O LORD - our Lord - how excellent is Your name in all the earth...
 - LORD [יהוה] – You are our Lord [אֱלֹהֵינוּ] – a word that means MASTER...
 - The reason He is our MASTER – His NAME is in ALL the EARTH – **Psalms 19:1**
 - As we look at the incredible CREATION around us – it testifies to how GREAT our God is!
 - Going back to the beginning – when God created the earth – **Genesis 1:1**
 - In a universe with 200 BILLION galaxies – each with BILLIONS of stars...
 - And more than likely each of those STARS having numerous PLANETS [ours has EIGHT]
 - Only our little blue green spec in the cosmos gets the honor of being NAMED – the EARTH!
 - Because the EARTH is UNIQUE – nothing else like it - 12,742km wide...
 - With a 23.5° tilt – allowing for 85% of the earth to be HABITABLE...
 - Perfectly placed - 149 million km from the sun – in the GOLDILOCKS zone [liquid water]
 - Everything about the earth is perfectly DESIGNED to sustain life!
 - 3rd – Above the HEAVENS...
 - Who have set Your glory above the heavens!
 - HEAVENS [הַשָּׁמַיִם] – used 420x in OT – it is the plural of the root word [שָׁמַע]
 - Meaning to be lofty - perhaps alluding to space above / as well as the dwelling place of God!
 - Paul would do on to tell us in that there are THREE heavens - **II Corinthians 12:2**
 - FIRST heaven - is the sky above us - SECOND heaven is outer space...
 - THIRD heaven - is the dwelling place of God [Paul tells us it is indescribable]
 - Yet the GLORY of God is ABOVE even the THIRD heaven!
 - Meaning the most AMAZING place in all of CREATION – HEAVEN – **I Corinthians 2:9**
 - Is still not even close to being able to contain the GLORY [הֵדוּת] of God!
 - God is so AMAZING it will take an ETERNITY [αἰών] for us to know His GLORY!
 - **Ephesians 2:7** – “In the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace...”
- **2ND – IN GOSPEL... VS. 2**
 - 1st – Simple Message...
 - Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength!
 - When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday – the people cried out HOSANA...
 - The Pharisees were NOT happy – they told Jesus to SILENCE the crowd...
 - **Matthew 21:16** – “Jesus said to them... Have you never read - Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise!”
 - Jesus was NOT talking about the people – they were NOT infants...
 - He was TALKING about the MESSAGE they were giving – Jesus SAVES – the Gospel...
 - The GOSPEL is not hard to UNDERSTAND – even little kids get it – **Matthew 11:25**
 - 2nd – Overcome Satan...
 - Because of Your enemies - that You may silence the enemy and the avenger!
 - God wants to SILENCE the ENEMY – the avenger who seeks to ACCUSE us...
 - Satan who would like nothing more than CONDEMN us to HELL – **Revelation 12:10**
 - But our ENEMY is SILENCES through the work of the cross - he has nothing left to accuse us...
 - Because of the simple GOSPEL – ANYONE can be SAVED – **I Peter 3:9**

- **3RD – FOR MAN... VS. 3-9**
 - 1st – What is Man... vs. 3-4
 - When I consider Your heavens - the work of Your fingers...
 - The moon and the stars - which You have ordained...
 - What is man that You are mindful [imperfect] of him - and the son of man that You visit him!
 - As David PONDERED the incredible CREATION of God – STARS – MOON...
 - He had ONE question – what is MAN [אָנוּשׁ] – generic name for MANKIND...
 - What is the SON of MAN [בְּרֵאשִׁית] – ADAM – the one who first REBELLED against God!
 - **God who is so FAR above us – so much GREATER than us – HOLIER than we will ever be...**
 - **Why does He bother with us - a bunch of SINNERS - Good question!**
 - 2nd – The purpose for man... vs. 5-8
 - You have made him a little lower than the angels...
 - ANGELS [אַלְהִיִּם] – the word ELOHIM translated here in context as ANGELS...
 - Both ANGELS and MEN are created by God – **Colossians 1:16 / John 1:3**
 - But ANGELS are certainly more POWERFUL than MEN – **Isaiah 37:36**
 - You have crowned [piel] him with glory and honor!
 - Although MEN are LOWER than ANGELS – God CROWNED men with glory and honor...
 - Speaking of the position God gave men – created in His IMAGE!
 - **Genesis 1:27** – “God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”
 - You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands...
 - You have put all things under his feet - all sheep and oxen - even the beasts of the field...
 - The birds of the air - and the fish of the sea - that pass through the paths of the seas!
 - When God created Adam and Eve – He gave them DOMINION over ALL [כָּל] the world!
 - God put EVERYTHING under SUBJECTION to MEN – nothing was left out!
 - **Genesis 1:26** – “Let them have dominion... over ALL the earth and over EVERY creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
 - But we FAILED...
 - **Hebrews 2:8** – “But now we do not yet see all things put under him.”
 - When you buy a house – you are given a DEED to show you are the owner...
 - But if give someone else the DEED – you no longer have authority over the house!
 - God created the world - gave the DEED to Adam and Eve - **Genesis 1:28-30**
 - **When Adam and Eve choose to sin in the garden - rebel against God - Genesis 3**
 - **They sold the DEED of the world to satan - he had the rights to this world...**
 - **Satan is called the god of this world - II Corinthians 4:4 / John 14:30**
 - 3rd – The plan of God... vs. 9
 - O LORD - our Lord - how excellent is Your name in all the earth!
 - It almost seems like the PSALM is incomplete – the question unanswered...
 - What is MAN that God that causes God to CONSTANTLY [imperfect] think about him...
 - God had a PLAN for us – but we FAILED – we did not fulfill our PURPOSE...
 - But the MISSING piece – what we SEE as the answer to the question - is found in Jesus!
 - **Hebrews 2:9** – “We see Jesus - who was made a little 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!”
 - Jesus came to redeem the DEED that had been lost...
 - The price Jesus had to pay to redeem the world - was the cross!
 - **Revelation 5:2-5** - we are told the no one could open the scroll – the DEED...
 - John wept - no one was able to REDEEM the world that had been lost to satan...

- But the Angel said do not weep - behold the LION of the Tribe of Judah - Jesus!
- Jesus redeemed the world - He purchased back WORLD that had been lost...
- Because in ALL of CREATION – the ONLY thing that God LOVES – is us!