

Studying the Psalms

Psalms Of Repentance

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Psalms 6:4, *“Return, O Jehovah, deliver my soul: save me for thy lovingkindness’ sake.”*

- *“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you”* (James 4:8).
- If we return to Him, we have His promise that He will return to us. (Malachi 3:7)
- If we forsake our wickedness, we have His promise that He will have mercy on us. (Isaiah 55:7)
- We are dependent upon God to save us. (Titus 3:4-5; Ephesians 2:8).

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Psalms 6:6, *“For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in Sheol who shall give thee thanks?”*

- In the realm of the dead, human activities close down. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Ecclesiastes 9:10; John 9:4).

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Psalms 6:6-7, *“I am weary with my groaning; every night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears. Mine eye wasteth away because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine adversaries.”*

- “While we are suffering severe affliction, we become weary with our groaning, and our tears never cease (they continue during the night, when we would normally be asleep; cf. 77:2; Lamentations 1:2). *‘Many are the afflictions of the righteous’* (Psalms 34:19).”
(Evan and Marie Blackmore, *Psalms I*, Truth Commentaries, page 150)

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Psalms 6:8-9, *“Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for Jehovah hath heard the voice of my weeping. Jehovah hath heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer.”*

- We need to accept God’s forgiveness. (cf. James 1:6).
- Read: Psalms 103:13.
- When He sees their tears and hears their prayers (Isaiah 38:5; Psalms 56:8-9), He will no more ignore them than a parent will ignore a hungry child (Matthew 7:9-11).
- Then His children will say: *“Verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me”* (Psalms 66:19-20; cf. 50:15).