

**Psalm 73 A Perplexing Problem of...**

**The Deceitfulness of Riches**

**The Problem Clarified V 1 – 16**

**The prosperity of the wicked and the  
Persecution of the righteous**

**Perpetual fight with the world, flesh, and devil**

**[I] THE PSALMIST SEEN v 1 – 3**

1. His confidence v 1
2. His confession v 2-3

**Almost is not all together and well  
Nigh is not completely**

**A. The serious consequences of his doubt**

**Verse 2**

**B. The significant cause of his doubt v 3**

**The testing and testimony of the Psalmist**

**[II] THE PROBLEM STATED 4-16**

**Envisions of the wicked**

1. Computing its complexity 4-9
  - A. The seeming blessings of the ungodly 4-5
  - B. The sinful behavior of the ungodly 6
  - C. The solid benefits of the ungodly 7
  - D. The soaring blasphemies of ungodly 8-9

**Faith's struggles / Seven facts about the ungodly**

1. They enjoyed an increase of possessions 3,12
2. Seem to be exempt from trouble 5
3. Enjoy the gratification of their desires 7
4. Became proud 6a
5. Became violent
6. Blaspheme God without hesitation
7. Some seem to die in peace without pain 4

**2. Compounding its perplexity 10-16**

**A. What the wicked said 10-11**

**B. What the writer said 12-16**

**He confessed.....**

1. The pernicious private consequences of thinking like the wicked 12-14
2. The potential public consequences of thinking like the wicked 15
3. The painful personal consequences of thinking like the wicked 16

**Psalm 73 B v 17 – 28**

**The Problem Clarified 1 – 16**

**The Problem Cured 17 – 28**

**He is definitely in a difficult dilemma**

**[I] THE PSALMIST'S OWN FOOLISHNESS 17-22**

**From faith's struggles to faith's sight**

**Certainty of today – completeness on tomorrow**

**1. How can I be so blind 17 – 19**

**A. Where he stood when his eyes were  
opened v 17**

**B. What he said when his eyes were opened  
v 18 – 19**

**2. How can I be so brainless 20 – 22**

**A. What he realized**

**B. What he regretted**

➤ Ignorance

➤ Irritation

➤ Illogic

**Illogical reasoning / blindness /  
brainless**

**[II] THE PSALMIST'S OWN FUTURE 23 – 26**

**His future is filled with visions of victory**

**Caught in his grasp / Moved by his guidance**

**Kept in his grace / Headed for his glory**

**A vision of.....**

**1. God's presence v 23**

**Close and continual presence**

**2. God's protection v 24**

**Private and personal**

**3. God's person v 25**

**Supreme delight in heaven**

**Super desire on earth**

**4. God's provision v 26**

**The saint's feebleness**

**The Saviour's faithfulness**

**[III] THE PSALMIST'S OWN FAITH 27 – 28**

**God is our best friend at all times and**

**Our only friend at some times**

**1. The consequences of a godless life v 27**

**2. The confidence of a Godly life v 28**

**Psalm 74 A 74:1 – 11**

**The Profaning of God's Name in the Present  
Destruction of Sanctuary / Present Mercies**

**[1] Sheep of His Pasture v 1**

**[2] Signs of His Presence v 9**

**{I} SUPPLICATION The Dimensions of...**

**The Trouble v 1 – 3**

1. Cry of perplexity and the plea is Relationship  
v 2

2. Claim of preservation and the plea is  
Redemption v 3

**Three Questions**

A. Lord why have you abandoned your own  
people verse 1

B. Your own possessions v 2a 2b

C. Your own place v 2c – 3

**{II} SACRILEGE The Desecration of ....**

**The Temple v 4 – 9**

**The need for Purity / Peace / Power**

**Defilement is the forerunner to Spiritual Destruction**

1. The congregation v 4

2. The contrast v 5 – 6

3. The conspiracy v 7 – 8

4. The confusion v 9

**Those who planned and plundered the Temple.**

**Christ is the Shepherd of the Sheep and as**

**Our Shepherd He.....**

A. Precedes the sheep / goes before in guidance

B. Protects the sheep / stays with in guarding

C. Provides for the sheep / cares for by giving to  
But sacrilege causes struggles...

**{III} SUSPENSION The Darkness of....**

**The Times v 10 – 11**

**Some struggles are the result of sin.... And**

**Some struggles are results of other things....**

1. God's delays

2. God's denials

3. God's distance

**Psalm 74 B 74:12 – 23**

**The Prevailing of God's Power in the Past**

**Destruction of Saints / Past Miseries**

**Inactivity on God's part should not be interpreted as  
indifference on His part. He is interested in us...**

**{I} SALVATION v 12 – 17**

**The defense of the truth / Actually Scriptural Truth  
does not need defending / Just declaring**

1. His intervention in history v 12 – 15

A. Experience of intervention v 12

B. Enumeration of v 13 – 15

**Comfort and Courage**

**God can supply our needs by use of our foes**

2. His influence in creation v 16 – 17

A. Enlightenment Vision

**He is the creator and He is in control**

B. Enjoyment There needs to be

**Understanding in order for joy...**

**{II} SHAME v 18 – 23**

**The disgrace of the testimony**

**Calling on God to remember**

1. Lord remember your people v 18 – 19

A. Exasperation Desperation

B. Exposure Despair

2. Lord respect your promise v 20

A. No faults

B. No failing

C. No flaw Would cancel His promise

3. Lord rekindle your praise v 21

A. You are worthy

B. Help us to become willing

4. Lord reveal your power v 22 – 23

A. Increasing opposition

B. Intriguing opportunities

**In times of distress we must trust in the favor  
of God's promises rather than the force of our  
preferences...**

**{III} SATISFACTION**

**The deliverance of the troubled**

1. God is the light of our path

2. God is the love of our heart

**Psalm 75 God's Government**  
**The Judgment of the godless**  
**The Joy of the Godly**  
 [1] The absolute disposer of life v 7  
 [2] The avenging destruction of the Lord v 8  
 [3] The abundant deliverance of the righteous v 10  
 [I] PRAISE PRESENTED v 1  
 God is sovereign in His Person  
 Grudging gratitude is really just ingratitude  
 [II] PROVIDENCE PRONCED v 2 – 3  
 God is sovereign in His Power  
 His blows are swift / His deliverance is sure  
 Wickedness never goes unpunished and  
 Righteousness never goes unrewarded  
 1. He judges righteously 2 – 3a  
 2. He judges rightfully 3b  
 [III] PERVERSION PRACTICED v 4 – 5  
 God is sovereign in His Plans  
 God's foes are spiritually foolish  
 Arrogance before God is madness  
 [IV] PROMOTION PREDICTED v 6 – 7  
 God is sovereign in His Purposes  
 God not only has a plan but also a purpose  
 [V] PUNISHMENT PRESCRIBED v 8  
 God is sovereign in His Punishments  
 God pardons the penitent sinner but  
 He punishes persistent sinfulness  
 Judgment is...  
 1. Sovereign  
 2. Severe  
 3. Sure  
 [VI] PRAISE PROMISED v 9 – 10  
 God is sovereign in His Praise  
 1. The joy He bestows v 9  
 2. The justice He bestows v 10  
 God's mercy / grace / goodness....  
 Undeserved by us / Undesired by us?

**Psalm 76 Champion of Care / When God steps in**  
**Prayer in the hour of peril should result in**  
**Praise in the day of preservation**  
 There should always be praise for answered prayer  
 A. Praise v 1  
 B. Peace v 2  
 C. Power v 4  
 D. Prevailing v 7  
 E. Presentation v 11  
 [I] WE HAVE A FAMOUS GOD V 1 – 6  
 Our God is an awesome God and Famous....  
 1. The Almighty Signified v 1 – 3  
 A. The revelation of God is proclaimed  
 B. The reverence for God is practiced  
 C. The residence of God is published  
 2. The Aggressors Slain v 4 – 6  
 A. Defeat v 4 – 5  
 a. The mighty defeat of the foe 3 – 4  
 > Its greatness v 3  
 > Its glory v 4  
 b. The miraculous defeat of the foe 5  
 B. Destruction / Defeat results in destruction  
 [II] WE HAVE A FEARFUL GOD V 7 – 12  
 Fear {Reverence} Actual real fear / respect for God?  
 1. Recognized for what He is v 7 – 9  
 The afflicted saved / aggressive slain  
 A. The irresistible power of God v 7  
 B. The irrefutable proof of God v 8 – 9  
 2. Revered for who He is v 10 – 12  
 Appreciation sanctioned / safety  
 A. His presence was manifested v 1 – 3  
 B. His person is magnified v 10 – 12  
 a. In the wrath of the people v 10  
 b. In the worship of preserved v 11  
 c. In the warning to potentates v 12  
 Our God is famous and also fearful  
 He expresses His warning  
 He expresses His wrath  
 But also extends His grace and mercy...

**Psalm 77 A Deep Concern V 1 – 9**

- A. Cry of the persecuted v 1
- B. Consideration of the past v 5
- C. Constancy of the promise v 8
- D. Commander of the people v 11

This first section The Sigh      Second The Song  
First The Gloom                      Second Gladness  
First The Trouble                    Second Triumph

**[I] THE PSALMIST PRAYS**

- His dejection v 1 – 3
- 1. Deliberately v 1
  - 2. Despairingly v 2
  - 3. Desperately v 3      Involved faith in
    - A. The accessibility of God
    - B. The sufficiency of God
    - C. The willingness of God
      - a. The purpose of trouble
      - b. The person in trouble

Sometimes pleasant / sometimes painful

Remembrance usually results in either

Remorse and retribution OR Recovery and rejoicing

**[II] THE PSALMIST PONDERES**

- His deliberation v 4 – 9
- 1. Sadness v 4 – 5
    - A. Sleepless
    - B. Speechless      Tears with a tongue
  - 2. Searching v 6 –
    - A. The past exploits of God v 5
    - B. The personal experience of God v 6  
Duty requires diligence

**[III] THE PSALMIST PROBES**

- His diligence v 7 – 9
- 1. The permanence of the situation 7 – 8
    - A. Has God rejected His people forever?
    - B. Has God repudiated His pity forever?
  - 2. The perplexity of the situation  
Can nothing remind God of Can nothing  
restrain God in His government?

His reaction is incredible

His refusal is impossible

Our repentance is imperative

**Psalm 77 B Desired Comfort v 10 – 20**

Clear guidance for the prophet

Here sighing turns to singing

- a. God's presence had grown faint
- b. God's power seems to have failed
- c. God's purposes seem to have been faulty
- d. God's promises seem to be forgotten

Overwhelmed by doubts and disappointments

Overcome with fear and frustration / Failure!

In the midst of this note....

**[I] WHAT THE PSALMIST RESOLVED 10 – 12**

His desire / two practical resolutions found here

- 1. To revive his memory 10 – 11
- 2. To redirect his meditations 12

**[II] WHAT THE PSALMIST REALIZED 13 – 15**

His declaration

He who is wise will willingly worship the Redeemer

He will care about redemption and the redeemed

- 1. The secret v 13a
- 2. The solution 13b – 15

God does rule and desires to redeem all

He is as gracious as He is great

He is as tender as He can be terrible

**[III] WHAT THE PSALMIST RECALLED 16 – 20**

His description

- 1. How God liberated in the past 16 – 19
  - A. Even when God can't be traced –  
He can be trusted
  - B. The smiter of Egypt was the shepherd of  
Israel  
His miraculous, marvelous, and mighty  
liberation.....
- 2. How God led in the past v 20 looking
  - A. Backward at history
  - B. Forward at heavenAnd God is the same today!

**Psalm 78 A 78:1 – 8**

**God's Interpretation of Israel's Forgetfulness**

The Psalmist declares his topic

Israel's misbehavior coupled with God's mercy

- a. The value of tradition  
Tradition does have value
- b. The virtue of testimony / experiences
- c. The vision of trust / confidence in the future

**[I] EXPLANATION V 1**

1. The summons to the people  
Concealed truth that becomes revealed truth
  - A. The call to attention
  - B. The call to actionHearing with the intention of heeding

**[II] EXHORTATION V 2 – 4**

1. The sacred proclamation
  - A. The grace and goodness of God
  - B. The power and providence of God
  - C. The wrath and wonder of God

**[III] EXAMINATION V 5 – 6**

1. The specific principle
  - A. Correction without instruction ??
  - B. Expectations without explanations
  - C. Accountability without associationActions and attitudes are accountable

**[IV] EXAMPLE V 7 – 8**

1. The stressing of purpose  
Four fold reason ----- That they might....
  - A. Set their hope in God
  - B. Not forget God's works
  - C. Keep his commandments
  - D. Not be stubborn and rebellious

Truth received binds the soul to God **BUT**

Truth rejected blinds the soul to God

Truth responded to brings the soul to God

**Psalm 78 B 78:9 – 33**

**God's Indignation over Israel's Faithlessness**

**[I] FAILURE IN FAITH V 9 – 11**

Provocation -/- Patience -/- Punishment is repeated over and over in Israel's history.

1. The people's determination for
  - A. Selfish purposes
  - B. Self pride
  - C. Secular prosperity
    - > Defection
    - > Rejection
2. God's dedication
  - A. His persistence
  - B. His patience
  - C. His preservation

**[II] WANDERINGS IN THE WILDERNESS V 12 – 16**

1. Direction was delivered
2. Protection was provided
3. Provision was provided  
Under God's grace  
Following God's Goals  
According to God's Guidance

A triumphant period for Israel.....

- A. How God delivered Israel
- B. How God directed Israel

**[III] THE GOODNESS OF GOD V 17 – 31**

1. His love in spite of....
2. His life in place of.....
  - A. They provoked God v 17
  - B. They tempted God v 18
  - C. They ridiculed God v 19
  - D. And God still provided for them v 20
    - > Displeased v 21
    - > Disbelief v 22
    - > Lusted v 30
    - > God moved v 31
    - > Still sinned v 32
    - > God dealt with them...

God still deals with sin – rebellion – rejection

But also forgives!!!

**PSALM 78 C 78:34 – 54**

Israel's Insincerity in God's Forbearance  
Temporary and superficial repentance -/- YET  
God continued in mercy  
When they suffered – They sought God....  
Penitence was just a pretense!

**[I] SHAMEFUL ATTITUDE V 33 – 39**

1. Instead of worship -/- just words v 36
  2. Instead of witness -/- just wanting v 37a
  3. Instead of waiting -/- they wavered v 37b
- Unstable -/- Ever moving but never returning  
Inflated pride must be deflated  
Let the air out of the balloon and?????

**[II] SHOCKING ACTIONS V 40 – 45**

Drawn away by the lure and luster of the world

1. They placed limits on God in relation to  
Their lives – their concepts of religion and etc
2. They grieved God v 40
3. They forgot God v 42

They forgot His Judgments -/- His justice..

**[III] SHRINKING ALLOWANCE V 46 – 54**

Shirking duty results in shrinking commitment OR  
Shirking commitment results in shirking duty...

1. Labor that was lost v 46
2. Land that was lost v 47
3. Livestock was lost v 48
4. Lives were lost v 49 – 50

Consider the good that could have been  
The blessing that could have been received  
Then consider the loss that was experienced!

**PSALM 78 D 78:55 – 72**

Israel's Inspiration from God's Faithfulness  
In v 12 – 16 A triumphant period in Israel's salvation  
In v 17 – 54 A tragic period in Israel's sinfulness  
There always needs to be some positive progress  
From testimony to testing to triumph is the process  
God may withdraw at times but never forsakes...

**[I] THE SITUATION IN THE LAND V 55 – 64**

1. Prosperity in Israel v 55
2. Provoking from Israel v 55 / 58
3. Punishment for Israel v 57 / 59 – 64

**[II] THE SMITING OF THE ENEMY v 65 – 66**

1. In the past God has judged and punished
2. In the present He will continue
3. In the future, we can expect final judgment  
God changes not in grace -/- But also God  
changes not in punishing the guilty

**[III] SETTING UP OF TABERNACLE V 67 – 69**

1. Predicted
2. Priority
3. Proving

**[IV] SELECTING OF DAVID V 70 – 71**

One power -/- He Shall be equal to the position for  
which God placed him  
Not found in David's appearance nor ability  
But in God's power!

**[V] SHEPHERDING THE PEOPLE V 72**

From grief and gloom one can be brought into  
Grace and Glory  
What happened to Israel in the physical sense  
Can happen to us in the spiritual sense.....

## Psalm 79 Devastation and Desecration

Defilement brings destruction and the only hope is  
Deliverance from God.....

### [I] DESTRUCTION FROM DEFILEMENT V 1 – 7

Defilement will always lead to destruction

1. A Plea is poured out -/- Reproach
  - A. Ruined by the enemy v 1 – 3  
Desecration of the sanctuary v 1
    - The descent upon the land
    - The desecration of the temple
    - The destruction of the city
    - The decimation of the people
  - B. Reproached by their neighbors v 4  
Disaster turns into distress --- sometimes!  
Formalities replace faith  
Creeds in place of Christ  
Rituals above repentance  
Rationalism above redemption
2. A Prayer is presented v 5 – 7  
From a sorrowful complaint to a serious prayer
  - A. Request v 5 – 6  
Spare the children / strike the foe
    - Lord hurry
    - Lord heed our need
  - B. Reasons v 7  
They have been violent and vicious  
Devoured and laid waste

### [II] DELIVERANCE THAT IS DEPENDABLE V 8 – 13

Their wickedness and our weakness

1. Rescue us v 8 – 9  
Lord help us /we depend on you...
2. Reprisal v 10 – 12  
We need divine compassion -/- divine strength
3. Resolution  
Sorrowful complaint  
Serious prayer  
Saving request

Then comes thanksgiving and testimony

Rejoicing is a natural result of repenting

## Psalm 80 #1 80:1 – 7

When there is the vengeance of God – we need to pray  
for God to hear v 1 – 7 Here we note...

- A matchless leader v 2
- A merciful love v 3
- A mournful lilt v 4
- A magnetic look v 7

There are times when

### [I] THE LORD DOES NOT ASSURE OUR PROTECTION ANYMORE V 1 – 3

1. Lord, there are shadows about us v 1 – 2
  - A. Shepherding v 1  
Good shepherd and Great shepherd
    - Strong shepherd Gen 49:24
    - Shekinah shepherd Ps 80:1
    - Serving shepherd Isa 40:11
    - Smitten shepherd Zech 13:7
  - B. Saving v 2  
Compassion -/- Conviction -/- Conversion  
Commitment.....
2. Lord, shine out upon us v 3
  - A. Israel's tabernacle v 1
  - B. Israel's tribes v 2
  - C. Israel's trials v 3  
Character will carry one above  
circumstances  
Repentance is essential for restoration  
It is a sad time when God is against us!!!  
Their plea is for assistance in the midst of  
their misery..

### [II] THE LORD DOES NOT ANSWER OUR PRAYERS ANYMORE V 4 – 7

1. Sorrow v 4 – 6  
Lord! Please heed our plight....  
God take notice of our need...  
God is commander as well as creator -/-  
He demands obedience from His people.  
Others found amusement in Israel's  
amazement
2. Salvation v 7  
Lord! Please Hear our Plea!!!!

**Psalm 80 # 2 80:8 – 19**

When there is the vengeance of God – we need to pray  
for God to hear v 1 – 7

When in the vineyard of God we need to pray for God  
to help..... v 8 – 19

**[I] PAST DEALINGS v 8 – 11**

The royal vine The vine rooted  
Transplantation like a vine in an

1. unfavorable situation
2. With unsuitable soil
3. Unfriendly surroundings
  - A. The planet was Sovereignly procured v 8
  - B. Place was specially prepared v 9a
  - C. Plan was sufficiently prosperous 9b – 11

**[II] PRESENT DEVASTATION V 12 – 13**

The ruined vine The vine ravaged

Devastation

1. The fences have been destroyed v 12  
In olden days crops were fenced  
Livestock was allowed to roam free
2. The fruit has been devoured v 13  
Barrenness and blight has devoured  
Fullness and fruitfulness has turned to  
fruitlessness

**[III] PROSPECTIVE DELIVERANCE V 14 – 19**

The reclaimed vine The vine restored

Restoration

1. The prayer for restoration 14 – 16  
From prosperity through adversity .... One  
now looks for recovery
2. The process of restoration 17 – 19  
Perseverance brings praise  
A gleam of glory in the midst of gloom
  - A. A man from God 17
  - B. A miracle by God 18
  - C. A movement of God 19
    - Conversion turn us again
    - Communion cause thy face to shine
    - Confidence we shall be saved

**Psalm 81 # 1 81:1-7**

Redeemer's Rebuke

A call to worship and a warning against the neglect of  
God.

THE FEAST OF THE LORD V 1 – 7

THE FESTIVAL OF REJOICING

**[I] He is Roused in Jubilation V 1 – 4**

1. He is a happy man v 1 – 3

The request / Sing / bring / blow

A. The occupation that involved him - 1-2

A gladdened heart will glorify God

B. The occasion that inspired him v 3

➤ Re-gathering of Israel

➤ Repentance of Israel

➤ Rest for Israel

2. He is a holy man V 4

The reason / A willing delight not a binding  
duty....

**[II] He is Arrested by Jehovah V 5**

It has been said that God will send His enforcement  
officers after His Own....

Notice The Feast of the Lord ALSO

The Feats of the Lord

Trials lead to testimony

Pressure to preservation

Opportunity from obligation

**[III] He is Answered by Justification V 6 – 7**

1. Whence he took them v 6

From bondage to blessing

Deliverance is decreed

2. What he taught them v 7a

He is able to HEAR / HELP / HEAL

3. Where he tried them v 7b

Since God does not forsake us in our poverty

We should not forsake Him in our plenty

God's goodness should awaken our gratitude

**Psalm 81 # 2 The Failure of Responsibility  
The Fear of The Lord 81:8 – 16**

**{I} How Israel Received The Commandments 8 – 10  
Covenant Conditions 8 – 10**

1. The Lord's Call V 8
2. The Lord's Claim V 9
3. The Lord's Compassion V 10  
His promised provision  
His Sovereign Security

**So many times we ask little and expect less  
We should ask much and expect more**

**{II} How Israel Rejected The Commandments 11 – 16**

1. Their Consuming Lust V 11 – 12
  - A. The rebellion v 11
    - Rejected His precautions
    - Disregarded His precepts
    - Forgot His promises
    - Neglected His prohibitions
    - Refused His proposals

**They rejected God's Word – today we neglect it**

- B. The response v 12  
We owe our creation to God **BUT**  
Our corruption is our own doing
2. The Continuing Loss V 13 – 16
  - A. The request v 13
    - Receiving instructions
    - Rendering obedience
  - B. The results v 14 – 16
    - Lost out morally
    - Lost out militarily
    - Lost out materially

**[1] The subjugation of their foes  
Had Israel only harkened to God.....**

- A. Secured peace
- B. Sustained prosperity
- C. Supplied pleasures
- D. Subdued provokers

**[2] The satisfaction of the soul**

- A. Satan assails us
- B. The world angers us
- C. Doubts annoy us
- D. God answers us.....

**PSALM 82 Judges are Judged 82 # 1 V 1 – 4  
It is an account of the judgment of judges.  
Emphasizes that no one is exempt from judgment..  
**FACING THE JUDGE!****

**The judges find themselves in court.. Not on the bench  
in judgment – but in defense of their actions.**

**[I] The Supreme Court V 1**

**The assembled court**

**A silent witness**

**Not a mere onlooker but the supreme overseer.**

1. The Lord's position
2. The Lord's purpose
3. The Lord's power

**[II] The Serious Complaint V 2**

**The stern indictment**

**A sinful way**

**There is a way that seems right.....**

**Injustice and inequity**

**Neither wealth – rank – nor influence will get them off**

1. The continual injustice of these judges
2. The criminal injustice of these judges  
Yet they appear to be getting away with it

**[III] The Stringent Command V 3 – 4**

**The decisive command**

**A solemn warning**

**How much as God issued a warning to us in our life  
time. How greater warning will it take?**

**From Accusation to Admonition**

**Charged – found guilty **BUT****

**Challenged to repent....**

**Charged and challenged .....**

1. To defend the poor
2. To deliver the poor

**We may find ourselves having to live in the midst of  
corruption and injustice; surrounded by iniquity...  
But we do not have to enjoy it....**

**These judges had been placed in a position where  
they could help the needy – instead they have been  
oppressing them... Reminds us of current days.**

Psalm 82 # 2 V 5 – 8

**FACING THE JUDGMENT!**

Having been brought in before “The Judge” these corrupt judges must now face the judgment....

Judgment can come swiftly at times...

**[I] The Swift Conviction V 5**

The verdict came quickly – Guilty!!

The indignant lament v 5

A sorry witness / Ignorance is no excuse!

1. The reason for their corruption

2. The result of their corruption

Corruption has led to a conviction

**[II] The Solemn Condemnation V 6 – 7**

The serious sentence

A sad walk

They are reminded of their duties and dignities.

To maintain dignity one must remember duties!

Performed duties will establish dignity...

1. Their high office is extolled v 6

2. Their hideous offence is exposed v 7

When they should have been a blessing

In reality they were a blight...

Disgrace would be a good word...

A stern rebuke comes their way....

An opportunity determines the responsibility

Opportunities become obligations

Responsibility determines the accountability

**[III] The Second Coming v 8**

The final scene

A sure work

1. The Lord will return

2. The lord will reign

Most people long for justice / except the criminal!

There is an inadequacy in human judges...

There can be confidence in God’s judgment...

This will bring either a disturbance to one....OR

A delight to the heart....

Psalm 83 # 1 Hidden Help

The Vicious Foes of Israel 83:1 – 8

Prayer concerning the peril of God’s people.

God hears – harkens – and helps those who trust Him.

**[I] The United Purpose of the Foe. 83:1 – 5**

1. Their Pagan Character 83:1 – 2

The cry of persecution V 1

The strange appeal V 1

The enemies have railed and reviled now he

Asks God to reply

It seems that God is a silent and sleeping God..

One day....

A. His presence will be seen

B. His power will be felt

C. His purpose will be realized

2. Their Prior Conference 83:3

The counsel of opposition

A. Confusion

B. Chaos

C. Confident – “they that hate thee have the head lifted up..

D. Crafty

3. Their Prime Concern Their goal was

Not just to cripple the progress of Israel or to

Confound the power of Israel BUT Complete

Ruin is their goal...

4. Their Popular Cause 83:5

A common cause collects curious company!

They are united in a common cause..

**[II] The United Power of the Foe 83:6 – 8**

1. There are nations more or less related to Israel  
Verse 6 – 7

2. There are nations more or less remote from  
Israel Verse 8

**Psalm 83 # 2 83:9 – 18**

**The Vanquished Foes of Israel**

**A strong appeal V 1**

**A sinful alliance V 2 – 8**

**Now The stern avengement**

**[I] God Rules Over all Nations 83:9 – 12**

**The conspiracy of sinners -**

**Past Illustrations**

1. **How God delivered Israel by physical means  
Verse 9 – 10**

**A sudden tempest overthrew the Canaanites  
In the days of Barak.**

2. **How God delivered Israel by psychological  
Means Verse 11 – 12**

**A secret terror overthrew the Midianites  
In the days of Gideon.**

**[II] God Rules Over all Nature 83:13 – 18**

**The condemnation of sin**

**Present Indignation 13 – 15**

**The sacred aim**

1. **He seeks God's power V 13 – 15**

**He is asking God to not only defeat  
But also destroy -/-- Complete destruction.**

2. **He sees God's purpose 16 – 17**

**Disgrace by defeat and  
Disappointment by failure**

**A. He had desired that God would respond to  
The enemy's strength**

**B. Now he desires the enemy recognize God's  
Sovereignty**

**He desires to have their wicked plans brought to  
confusion that they might come to conversion.**

3. **He sings God's praise!!!! V 18**

**Psalm 84:1 – 12 ONE OUTLINE**

**{I} The Worship Required 1 – 4**

**1. Attraction v 1**

**2. Ambition v 2**

**3. Attitude v 3**

**4. Abiding v 4**

**{II} The Worship Rendered 5 – 9**

**1. Source v 5**

**2. Springs v 6**

**3. Strength v 7**

**4. Supplication v 8**

**5. Shield v 9**

**{III} The Worship Rewarded 10 – 12**

**1. Satisfaction v 10**

**2. Sufficiency v 11**

**a. Protection**

**b. Kindness**

**c. Promise**

**3. Safety v 12**

## **Psalm 84: The Soul's Spiritual Home**

### **[I] The Aspiring Passion / The Soul's Ambition**

**Dwelling in the sanctuary of God 1 – 4**

#### **The Psalmist's lost privileges**

- 1. The conscious presence 1 – 2**
  - a. Our love v 1**
  - b. Our longings v 2**  
**Soul's intense devotion**
- 2. The continuous praise 3 – 4**
  - a. Our looks / an expressive illustration**  
**The sparrow / swallow / Sovereign**
  - b. Our life / an encouraging benediction**

### **[II] The Approaching Pilgrim / The Soul's Approach**

**Drawing on the strength of God 5 – 8**

#### **The Psalmist's Religious Progress**

- 1. Resources / our heart is right v 5**  
**"baca" Valley of tears –**
- 2. Refreshment / our highway is rough 6 – 7**
  - a. Weeping in the valley**
  - b. Walking on the mountain**  
**The path to His presence may lead through**  
**the valley of pain.**
- 3. Reliance / our hope is real 8**  
**Valleys of tears can be transformed into**  
**fountains of blessings**

### **[III] The Appealing Prayer / The Soul's Arrival**

**Delighting in the service of God 9 – 12**

#### **The Psalmist's definite prayer**

- 1. The Earnest Supplication v 9**
  - a. Resign worries**
  - b. Realize worship**
- 2. The Enlightened Declaration v 10**
  - a. Time takes on a new dimension**
  - b. Tasks take on a new distinction**
- 3. The Exalted Explanation v 11**  
**God is our source in everything**
  - a. We remember**
  - b. We rejoice**
- 4. The Encouraging Benediction**
  - a. We are happy**
  - b. We become more holy**

## **Psalm 85:1 – 13 Simple Outline**

### **Request and Renewal**

#### **[I] Security 1 – 4**

- 1. Freedom v 1**
- 2. Forgiveness v 2 – 3**
- 3. Favor v 4**

#### **[II] Spiritually 5 – 7**

- 1. Request v 5**
- 2. Revival v 6**
- 3. Righteousness v 7**

#### **[III] Speaking 8**

- 1. Peace**
- 2. Problem**

#### **[IV] Salvation 9 – 10**

- 1. Pardon v 9**
- 2. Peace v 10**

#### **[V] Sincerity 11 – 13**

- 1. God's will v 11**
- 2. God's goodness v 12**
- 3. God's Godliness v 13**

Psalm 85 # 1 Abiding Acceptance  
 Following the return from Babylon  
 The fact of restoration But also there is  
 The fact of resentment {Samaritans}  
 The Gladness V 1 – 3 The Gloom V 4 – 7  
 [I] THE REQUEST V 1 – 7

1. Explicit Acknowledgment in Praise for God's Forgiveness V 1 – 3  
 Restoration of Prosperity
  - A. The favor of God seen in Restoration Of God's people v 1
  - B. The forgiveness of God seen in Remission Of sins v 2
    - a. He had cleared away their inglorious failures
    - b. He had covered up their ingrained faults
  - C. The fury of God seen as Removal of wrath V 3  
 Restoration indicated removal of God's wrath
2. Earnest Appeal in Prayer for God's Fullness V 4 – 7
  - A. National repentance is necessary 6 – 7  
 At home they rejected the Son of God  
 Away [dispersed] they rejected the Spirit of God
  - B. National revival is needed 6 – 7
    - a. Song of gladness or
    - b. Sighs of sadness

Acknowledgment in praise is priority and brings pleasure to God.

Object of Revival is two fold

- a. To make saints spiritually sound
- b. To get sinners spiritually saved

Psalm 85 # 2 The attributes of God are displayed in the salvation of His people 8 – 13  
 Truth is manifested in the fulfillment of glorious promise and also  
 In the execution of necessary judgment  
 History for Israel has been repeated departures from God  
 Repeated chastisement from God and  
 Repeated returning to God  
 The Psalmist here pleads for a final reconciliation 1-7  
 Notice in v 8 – 13 We find the reply.....

[I] A GODLY ATTITUDE IS ESSENTIAL v 8

1. Expectant Waiting 8a-b  
 Having offered earnest intercession he now awaits the response – patience is hard!
2. Essential Warning 8c  
 Confidence that God will respond

[II] A GLAD ANTICIPATION 9 – 13

1. Reassurance of Deliverance v 9  
 Anticipates salvation for the heart and glory for the land  
 Faithfulness brings fruitfulness  
 Disloyalty is followed by dishonor
2. Reconciliation of attributes 10 – 11  
 Mercy – Truth – Righteousness – Peace
  - a. Mercy in the promise of salvation
  - b. Truth in the fulfillment of salvation
  - c. Righteousness in the manner of salvation
  - d. Peace in the result of salvation
3. Restoration of Prosperity 12 – 13  
 Moral progress must precede material prosperity  
 Lives directed by the Lord find
  - a. Satisfaction in His provision
  - b. Safety I His protection

From grateful recollection v 1 – 3

To great supplication v 4 – 7

And finally to Glad anticipation v 8 – 13

Psalm 86 # 1 86:1 – 7

The Psalmist's Prayer

Prayer and Pleas

Possibly written by David during the time of Absalom's rebellion

The heart of a suffering servant

Confession and consecration

Desire and determination

[I] HIS APPEAL V 1 – 2

What he was / His life was marked by

1. Humility
2. Holiness

What he needed

1. Lord hear me
2. Lord help me

In Christ my standing is perfect BUT

My state needs improving....

[II] HIS ANXIETY V 3 – 4

What he wanted He has mentioned his

1. Consecration "I am holy"
2. Confidence "thy servant that trusts.."
3. Now his continual cry  
"I cry to thee daily"

[III] HIS ASSURANCE V 5 – 7

God is a merciful God

- His supplication v 1
- Imploration v 3
- Adoration v 4
- Determination v 7

1. The God of creation
2. The God of covenant
3. The God of compassion
4. The God of conquest
  - A. A period with which all men are acquainted
  - B. A resolve which all men should make
  - C. A result which all men may expect

Psalm 86: # 2 86:8 – 17

The Psalmist's Prayer

Review first 8 verses

Now Praise for A Mighty God

[I] HIS POSITIVE CONTROL V 8 – 10

1. Looking at the past / A world formed as the work of God v 8
  - A. The peerless person
  - B. The perfect performance
2. Looking at the prospect v 9 A world founded on the worship of God
  - A. Reverence
  - B. Respect
3. Looking at the present v 10 A world filled with the wonders of God
  - A. Reason  
God is alone in His greatness  
Goodness and Glory

[II] HIS PRIMARY CONCERN V 11 – 13

1. Guidance / To be a teachable person v 11
  - A. A supreme affection
  - B. A single aim
    - a. Harmony with the truth
    - b. Progress in the truth
2. Goodness / To be a triumphant person 12-13

[III] HIS PERSONAL CONDITION V 14

He is in a peril

These foes are proud, united, violent men

[IV] HIS POWERFUL CONVICTION V 15 – 17

1. Patience A compassionate God v 15  
God is truly patient / We should praise Him
2. Proof A capable God v 16
3. Praise A considerate God v 17

**Psalm 87 The City and Its Citizens**  
Possibly written during the reign of Hezekiah  
God's deliverance of Jerusalem is seen  
Deals with the future glory of the city of God

- a. The sojourning place of the divine presence
- b. The seat of the divine government
- c. The sanctuary of the divine worship

**[I] THE PRAISE / THE ROYAL CITY V 1 – 3**

He is worthy of our praise

1. The greatness of Zion v 1 – 2
  - A. Its foundation v 1
  - B. Its favor v 2Indicates its
  - a. Stability
  - b. Strength
  - c. Security
2. The glory of Zion v 3
  - A. Its fame Its history
  - B. Its future Its heritage

**[II] THE PROCLAMATION / THE REGAL CLAIM**

Verses 4 – 6

1. The approval v 4  
Who is speaking? The Psalmist or the Lord?
  - A. Egypt Known for its resplendent past
  - B. Babylon Known for its religious power
  - C. Philistia Known for its racial pride
  - D. Tyre Known for its renowned prosperity
  - E. Ethiopian Known for its remote position
2. The acknowledgment v 5 – 6

**[III] THE PROCESSION / THE REIGNING CLIMAX V 7**

1. The singing 7a  
Public worship is just as important as private devotion
2. The satisfaction 7b
  - A. The foundation of our commitment
  - B. The fountain of our comfort

**Psalm 88 # 1 88:1 – 9**

The agony of affliction

Prayer proves the presence / chastisement of the chosen

The writer is in deep trouble but not in despair

There must be the realization of need

Prior to the revelation of remedy

There is a heart behind the hand that applies the rod

A song of sorrow and a Psalmist sadness

Personal affliction / Trials – Troubles – Tribulation

NO FUTURE LEFT.....

**[I] A TROUBLED SOUL 88:1 – 2**

It appears as though there is no hope

1. His despondent cry v 1
  - A. Personal / God of my salvation
  - B. Passionate / I have cried
  - C. Prolonged / day and night
2. His despairing cry v 2  
Cry from despair finally comes forth

**[II] A TRAGIC STATE 88:4 – 7**

His desperate cry / His afflictions appeared to him

1. As extreme
2. As unexplainable
3. Humiliating
4. Severe
5. In-exhaustible
  - A. His present weakness 3 – 4
  - B. His personal wretchedness 5 – 6
  - C. His past wrongfulness 7

“leprosy”

1. With Uzziah A sin against God's sanctuary
2. Gehazi A sin against God's salvation
3. Miriam A sin against God's servant  
She simply criticized Moses

**[III] A TRYING SEPARATION 88:8 – 9**

1. Prosperity attracts friends
2. Adversity tests faith

Psalm 88 # 2 88:10 – 18  
With what seemed to be no future left  
No foundation to build on.....  
From a hopeless attitude of verse 9

**[I] A TERRIFYING SHADOW 10 – 12**

He is frustrated

1. Helpless; even in the midst of God's mighty power v 10
2. Hopeless; even in the midst of God's marvelous pity v 11
3. Horror; even in the midst of God's moral purity V 12

There is supposition set forth here and the consequences to such suppositions

**[II] A TRUSTFUL SATISFACTION V 13 – 14**

He is forsaken [or so he feels]

1. No expectation in his prayers v 13
2. No explanation for his plight v 14  
Yet somehow he clings to hope...  
He is consistent and persistent in his prayer

**[III] A TERRIBLE SITUATION V 14 – 18**

He is fearful

1. Desertion v 14  
Persisting trouble
2. Distraction v 15  
Paralyzing terror
3. Darkness v 16 – 18  
Prevailing tides

When trials are sore / we must trust more..

When friends are few...

What one might have expected

What one might have experienced

What one might have escaped

Psalm 89 # 1 89:1 – 10  
Covenant Consideration  
A song of faith in a time of fear

**[I] THE INTRODUCTORY CONFESSION 1 – 4**

Performance in the past

Significance of the covenant

1. Praise v 1 – 2  
The principles involved  
A. Personal  
B. Public  
C. Perpetual  
An established faithfulness
2. Promise v 3 – 4  
The person involved  
All during Israel's history and in all hopes  
An enduring family

**[II] INDESTRUCTIBLE COVENANT 5 – 10**

Promise for the future

Security of the covenant

- a. Incomparable covenant
  - b. Inescapable covenant
  - c. Incorruptible covenant and indestructible
1. God's power in heaven 5 – 8  
A. The heavenly court 5 – 6  
Formed and fashioned by creator  
B. The heavenly chorus 7 – 8  
Proclaiming the sanctity and strength of  
The living God
  2. God's power in helping 9 – 10  
A. Seen in God's compassion  
B. Seen in God's creation  
C. Seen in God's conquest

[1] Perpetual praise v 1

[2] Proclaimed purpose v 2 – 4

Divine principles

Divine promises

An expressive fear v 7

The eventual restoration of Israel is seen to rest upon God's faithfulness to His covenant with David.

However apostasy demanded action [chastisement] and repentance before fulfillment of the covenant.

**Psalm 89 # 2 The Incomparable Creator**  
**89:11 – 18**

**[I] THE REVELATION OF GOD'S POWER**

Verses 11 – 13

1. An encircling fullness v 11
  2. An emancipation force v 13
- What God's word promises His power performs
- Mercy in promising  
Truth in performing

**[II] THE RESPONSE TO GOD'S POWER**

Verses 14 – 18

1. A blessed knowledge v 15
  - A. God is the source of joy
  - B. God is the subject of joy
    - a. Believers preferment v 16
    - b. Believers promotions
      - The happiness of those who know
      - The hopefulness of those who serve
      - The heritage of those who believe
      - The honor of those who trust
2. A bounteous king v 18  
He is our ultimate defender & shield
  - A. A blessed people 15a
  - B. A blessed position 15b
  - C. A blessed privilege 16a
  - D. A blessed prospect 16b
  - E. A blessed power 17
  - F. A blessed protection 18a
  - G. A blessed potentate 18b
3. A befitting kindness  
He praises God
  - A. For His righteous principles v 14
  - B. For His redeemed people 15 – 16
  - C. For His royal protection 17 – 18

**Psalm 89: # 3 Splendor of the covenant 19 – 31**  
The covenant has been mentioned BUT now  
It is magnified... Contains.

Promises concerning David's self and his seed

- Promises of the covenant
- Permanence of the covenant
- Praise for the covenant

The covenant is magnified as to David's relationship.  
Features of the covenant.....

**[I] MADE WITH DAVID PERSONALLY 19 – 28**

1. It was majestic in expression 19 – 23  
David's extraction election  
Exaltation  
His foes would be restrained and ruined
  - A. Divine initiative 19 – 20
  - B. Divine incentive 21 – 23David is delivered from two things
  - Subversion from the conspirator  
Verses 21 – 22
  - Subjection to the conqueror  
Verse 23

2. It was merciful execution 24  
God was faithful then – faithful now – and  
Will always be faithful.....
3. It was messianic in expectation 25 – 28
  - A. The dominion of the Messiah 25
  - B. The deity of the Messiah 26 – 27
  - C. The durability of the Messiah 28

**[II] MADE WITH DAVID PERPETUALLY 29 – 31**

David's dynasty will never decay

1. The contract 29
2. The children 30
3. The commandments 31

**Psalm 89 # 4 Sequence of the covenant  
Verses 32 – 41**

The rod is used for correction not destruction  
In God's family the rod is not spared Therefore  
The children are not spoiled...

**[I] THE BETRAYAL OF THE CONTRACT 30 – 32**

1. Forsake my law
2. Forget my love
3. Flung my loyalty
4. Fled my light

**[II] THE BLESSINGS OF THE CONTRACT  
33 – 37**

Man's faith may fail but God's faithfulness never fails  
We can have confidence in God's covenant but  
We should be cautious of our conduct

1. It is an unconditional pledge 33 – 35
  - A. Pardon
  - B. Permanence
2. It is an unconquerable power 36 – 37

**[III] THE BREAKING OF THE CONTRACT 38 – 41**

Resented and rejected by man

1. The king was dethroned
2. Their defenses were destroyed
3. Their army was defeated
4. The nation's glory was degenerated  
God was faithful BUT man failed...

**Psalm 89 # 5 Suspension of the covenant  
Verses 41 – 52**

Impossible that the covenant could ever be canceled  
Apparent that the covenant had been suspended  
However as the covenant may seem to be failing  
God was actually fulfilling it.

When God's actions seem to be the reverse of His  
promise; then our best course is prayer NOTICE

**[I] THE PROTEST 38 – 45**

1. The displeasure of the Lord
2. The disruption of the covenant
3. The destruction of the nation
4. The delight of the enemy
5. The defeat of the army
6. The dishonor of the throne
7. The dismay of the king

**[II] THE PRAYER 46 – 51**

1. O Lord remember my condition  
Verses 46 – 48
  - A. His displeasure seems unending 46
  - B. His days seem uncertain 47 – 48  
The prayer emphasizes the brevity of life  
and asks God not to make it bitter also
2. O Lord remember your covenant 49 – 51  
The Prayer The reproach of the enemy  
He thinks of
  - A. The fame previously assured 49
  - B. The shame presently allowed 50 – 51
3. O Lord remember our contract 52  
Allow the character and covenant of God to  
inspire with confidence even in the most trying  
and terrifying circumstances.  
Trust Him where you cannot track Him.