

Psalm 42 A 42:1 – 5 A Thirsty Soul
For his illness Healing from God
For the invasion Help from God
From his past experience of worship....

Note Hezekiah's Disappointment / 1 – 5

[I] AN INDESCRIBABLE LONGING FOR GOD'S ACCEPTANCE

Once we have experienced deliverance
And participated in true meaningful worship.....
anything less than that will not suffice / nor satisfy
He has an incredible desire for...

- A. Communion with God 1 – 2
- B. Contrast – God deal with these Verses 3 – 4
- C. Challenge V 5
Singing will replace sighing
Joy in place of sadness

A search for that which is real... Hope for that which is right...

[II] AN INCREDIBLE LONELINESS FOR GOD'S ASSISTANCE

For help and support during a time of disappointment.. disappointed in

1. Spiritual barrenness 1 – 2
This should concern us today
The need is LIFE
2. Spiritual blindness 3 – 4
Blinded to spiritual but open to secular –
even in church concepts / morals etc.
Social minded / Pleasure crazed
Entertainment Engulfed
The need is LIGHT
3. Spiritual boldness V 5
Facing fear and frustration
Pressure to keep up with.....
Pressure to get ahead....

Pressure to be productive in accordance to man's standards

The need is LOVE! Love for God!

Psalm 42 B 42:6 – 11 The Solitary Soul
Solitude – Seclusion – Despair – Helpless....

[I] DUE TO THE PRESENT EXCLUSION FROM WORSHIP =/= we see Hezekiah's Despair

Verses 6 – 8 A desire for true worship! Note

1. His indescribable longing for life / 6-8
 - A. He was overwhelmed by his persecuting afflictions 6 – 7
 - B. He was overjoyed by his personal anticipations 8
2. His indescribable longing for love /
Everyone desires to be loved
Appreciated by others

[II] DUE TO THIS POSITIVE EXPECTATION OF WORSHIP We see Hezekiah's Decision / 9 – 11

Positive expectations will bring positive responses

1. An intense longing for hope
Everyone needs hope -/- longs for hope
When hope dies ---- dreams die.....
2. An intense longing for help { God's Help }
Help for his burdens and brokenness
Receiving this help from God results in those
Burdens and Brokenness turning into Great Blessings and Grand Benefits
Under the pressure of these burdens and this brokenness
 - A. Agitation develops and results in wrong decisions
Wrong conclusions are drawn BUT
[1] From now on he would talk to the Lord -/- Seeking God is always right
Verses 9 – 10
 - a. Lord – Remember your nature
 - b. Lord – Remember your name
 - Your promises
 - Your perfection
 - Your permanence
 - B. Assurance develops and results in right decisions ----
From now on he would trust in the Lord
Verse 11

Psalm 43 Deliverance from Despondency

We take things for granted / then if we lose those things we become despondent

From this – the intense desires of our heart surface and pour forth.....

[I] THE BELIEVERS CRY RESULTING FROM THE ADVERSARY He fought 43:1 – 2

1. He is seeking for justice
 - A. His desire for justice 1a
 - B. His danger is real 1b
2. He is searching for the judge
 - A. Discernment 2a
 - B. Doubt 2b

[II] THE BELIEVERS COMFORT RESULTING FROM THE ADVANCEMENT HE SOUGHT 3 – 4

- a. He longs for renewed joy
 1. In his personal motivation v 3
 - A. To apprehend the truth
 - B. To appropriate the truth
 2. In his public ministry v 4
 - A. Sacrifice 4a
His desire to return to the altar of God
 - We come to the altar of the cross for salvation
 - We take up the altar of the cross for service
 - B. Song 4b
Exceeding joy has no limits in light nor in darkness
In weakness nor in strength
In want or in plenty -/ in pleasure or even in persecution

[III] THE BELIEVERS CONFIDENCE RESULTING FROM THE ADVICE HE BOUGHT INTO v 5

Recovery.....

1. Challenge
2. Certainty
3. Examination
4. Exaltation

Sadness as he looks outward at his foes

Sickness as he looks inward at his fears

Safety as he looks upward at God's faithfulness

Psalm 44A A Painful Experience 1 – 16

Without doubt everyone has experienced some type of painful experiences -/- with family -/- friends -/- and possibly even the church family..... Here we see

- a. The strength of the Holy One v 1
- b. Salvation of the helpless v 7
- c. Smiting of the host v 11
- d. Shame of half heartedness v 15

Israel's History and Helplessness

[I] PAST CONQUESTS 1 – 8

1. Their favor with God 1 – 3
 - A. The authority of the past
 - B. Achievements of the past
 - C. Acknowledgments of the past
2. Their faith in God 4 – 8
God's power and not their proficiency
Is responsible for gaining their possessions
God's grace gives us our inheritance
It is not due to our greatness or goodness

[II] PRESENT CALAMITIES 9 – 16

Past triumphs and present troubles

Over confidence can lead to criticisms of others

Under confidence can lead to complaints about others

1. Reversals It has reversed itself
 - A. Moral decay has set in within the nation
Principles -/- Standards -/- Expectations
 - B. Military disaster within the nation
Complete defeat 9 – 10 Defeated
Constant despair 11 – 12 Deported
Driven out into bondage
2. Reproaches 13 – 16 V 14+++++
 - A. A shaking of heads Reproach
At the sorrowing – suffering – saints

Ridiculed Condemned Mocked

Jeered at But never forget

Pain can be turned to Praise through Christ!

Psalm 44B A Possible Encouragement / 44:17 – 26

The Searcher of The Hearts V 21

Pain can lead to Praise V 1 – 16

A painful experience -/- A possible encouragement

The hope of improvement

[I] PREVAILING CONFIDENCE V 17 – 22

Confronted with moral decay / Military disaster

And manifold despair Consider....

1. The religious revival experienced

V 17 – 19

A. Religious fidelity expresses

B. Religious freedom experienced

2. The remarkable resolve expressed

V 20 – 22

A. Religious faith / Belief

B. Religious fortitude / Behaviour

a. Challenging God on all counts / 20 – 21

➤ **A bold assertion 20a**

➤ **A bad alternative 20b**

➤ **A brave answer 21**

b. Choosing God at all costs 22

Choices do matter

[II] PRAYER CRAVINGS V 23 – 26

Desires Notice

1. Israel's present helplessness / v 9 & 22

A. Disaster

B. Defeat

C. Destruction

2. Israel's positive hope 23 – 26

A. Their desire / Their plea for God to

➤ **Regard His people**

➤ **Rescue His people**

Similar to their plea in Egypt

B. Their dependence / Their hope is in God

Depending upon God and His

➤ **Return 23 – 25**

➤ **Redemption 26**

Pain can lead to praise

Prayer can lead to praise

Psalm 45A The Royal Bridegroom 45:1 – 8

The Bride and The Groom in Type

First THE GROOM

[I] HIS MAJESTY'S GRACE V 1 – 2

The saved can sing and shout / Rejoice

1. The Bliss of the Lord's People V 1

The prelude

A. The Inclination 1a Overflowing

B. The Inspiration 1b Outpouring

2. The Beauty of the Lord's Person V 2

A. His Character / Who He is

B. His Charm / What He does

[II] HIS MAJESTY'S GLORY V 3 – 5

Glimpses of Glory

1. His Conquests -/- He is the hero

Christ will not gain His Kingdom by Invitation

– But by Subjugation. He will conquer!

2. He is The Conqueror -/- He is glorious in...

A. Magnificence V 3

B. Ministry V 4a

C. His Might V 4b – 5

All based on honesty -/- humility -/- holiness

Consider how far man has fallen and how far

God will reach to redeem fallen man.....

[III] HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT V 6 – 8

It is a

1. Permanent one v 6

2. Perfect one v 7a

3. Pleasant one v 7b

4. Prosperous one v 8

➤ **The eternity of His position**

➤ **The equality of His program**

➤ **The excellence of His person**

V 8 / A. Myrrh – used for beauty and burial

C. Aloe – speaks of bitterness

D. Cassia – a balm for healing

The Bridegroom and The Bride.....

1 – 8 Things concerning His Majesty

9 – 17 Things concerning Her Majesty

Psalm 45B The Loyal Bride 9 – 17

[I] HER MAJESTY'S COMING V 9

1. Her Character Honorable
2. Her Clothing Gold
3. Her Companions King's daughters

[II] HER MAJESTY'S CALLING V 10 – 11

1. Renunciation V 10
She is called upon to Hearken -/
Consider -/ Incline -/ Forget
2. Reverence V 11
She is supposed to Want her Lord -/
Win her Lord -/ Worship her Lord

[III] HER MAJESTY'S COURT V 12

1. The attendants
2. The attire
3. The actions
4. The attitude of the bride to draw attention
 - A. Her presence is acknowledged
 - B. Her power is acclaimed

[IV] HER MAJESTY'S CHARACTER V 13 – 14A

The exchange of her rags for his riches

A true rags to riches story

Righteous -/ Justified -/ Cleansed -/ Pure

[V] HER MAJESTY'S COMPANIONS V 14B – 15

White Purity

Gold Preciousness

Priceless Precious Pure Jewel

[VI] HER MAJESTY'S CAREER V 16

1. The anticipation -/ expectation of the future
2. The experiences that await her
3. Her expressions of the events

[VII] HER MAJESTY'S CROWN V 17

1. Acceptance of the position in her
Acceptance of the crown
2. Acknowledgment of her acceptance in
His giving of the crown
3. Assurance of everything in having the crown

Psalm 46 The refuge of the Rescued

A calm faith in God v 1 – 2

Continual favors from God v 5

Conscious fellowship with God v 11

Anchored in The Haven of Rest.....

[I] HIS ASSURED PROTECTION IS UNFAILING / 1 – 3

Their confidence amid devastation and desolation

1. The protector is extolled v 1
Tried in times of trouble and proven true
Some will refuge in
 - A. Battalions and Battleships
 - B. Brawn and Brains
 - C. Position and Possessions
We find confidence in HIM!
2. The peace is experienced v 2 – 3
Confession inspires courage and confidence
Our refuge is
 - A. Personal
 - B. Powerful
 - C. Permanent

[II] HIS ABIDING PRESENCE IS UNSHAKABLE / 4 – 7

Their consolation in rest and retrospection

1. General Provisions v 4
Secret source of a sufficient supply
2. Gracious Presence v 5a
Divine presence is a pledge of protection
3. Glad Prospect V 5b
4. Glorious Proof v 6 – 7

[III] HIS ACKNOWLEDGED PREEMINENCE IS

UNIVERSAL V 8 – 11

1. His power is exhibited V 8 – 9
We are called upon to behold.....
 - A. Works seen v 8
 - B. Wars ended v 9a
 - C. Weapons destroyed v 9b
2. His person is exalted v 10 – 11
Activity is not a sure sign for measuring
success or progress

We are called to believe.....

1. In God's Person
2. In God's Plan
3. In God's Presence

Psalm 47 Collapse of a Confederacy
 There has been the rise and fall of many nations
 The reign of Christ will be eternal -/- It will be
 # Personal v2 # Powerful v3 # Praise worthy v7
 His Kingdom allows us to give praise...

[I] AN EXHORTATION TO PRAISE V 1,6,7

1. Action and attitude are both involved
2. Enthusiastically and Intelligently
3. Reasons for Rejoicing / Great Prediction
 - A. Basis of this prediction v 1 – 2
 Voice of triumph it employs v1
 Vision of truth it embodies v2
 - B. Breadth of this prediction
 Israel's ultimate power v3
 Israel's unique privilege v4

[II] AN EXHIBITION OF POWER 2 – 5 8 – 9

1. The rejected one becomes the reigning one
 Consider His -/- Authority -/- Aim or goal
 -/- Accomplishments == all are holy / right
2. The crucified victim becomes the crowned victor
 Great proclamation 5 – 9
 - A. We must sing His praise 5 – 7
 The ascension of Christ to glory
 The ascription of Christ on earth
 - B. We may see His power 8 – 9
 The throne is seen v 8
 The throng around the throne v 9

The gathering of the people
 The guarantee of peace to the people

Psalm 48A Broken Bondage 48:1 – 8
 Gloom replaced by Grace
 God is deliverer and defender of His people
[I] THE GLOOM OF THE FOE / COMMON ENEMY

1. The difficult terrain that warned the foe
 48:1 – 2 The mountains of God
 - A. God's abiding presence v 1
 - B. God's absolute power v 2
2. The disturbing truth that worried the foe
 48:3 Truth does hurt sometimes
 But the truth will stand the test of time
3. The deadly terror that weakened the foe
 48:4 – 6 Fear is a horrifying concept
 Notice how the enemy
 - A. Found the city v 4
 - B. Fled the city v 5
 - C. Feared the city v 6
4. The disastrous troubles that wasted the foe
 48:7 – 8 Troubles can be destructive
 Unless dealt with...

[II] THE GRACE FOR GOD'S FRIENDS

God's Grace is sufficient

1. The Glory of Zion V 1 – 3
 - A. Praise v 1 – 2
 Temple location
 God's presence "great is the Lord"
 - B. Protection v 3
 Not in the fortified walls BUT in God
 God is our provided and protector
2. The Gathering at Zion v 7 – 8
 - A. Danger v 4
 - B. Dispersion v 5 – 6
 Panic stricken, they fled
 - C. Deliverance v 7 – 8

Psalm 48B Deliverance and Direction 9 – 14

We all need deliverance and then Direction

What to do? When to? Where? How? Why?

[I] THE IMPERISHABLE TRUTH 9 – 14

Truth is vital

- 1. The kind of love that God imparts 9 – 10**
 - A. It promotes worship v 9**
 - B. It produces witness v 10****God's love manifested in our lives will solve most of our problems....**
- 2. The kind of liberty that God imparts 11 – 13**
 - A. It lets out the feelings v 11**
 - B. It leans on the facts v 12**
 - C. It looks to the future v 13**
- 3. The kind of life that God imparts 14**
 - A. Eternal / No dying / Deathless**
 - B. Encouraged / No despair / Directed**

[II] THE INSPIRING TIME -/- Time is valuable

Truth is vital and time is valuable...

- 1. The gladness in Zion 9 – 11**
 - A. Testimony / Duty 9 – 10 Acts 1:8**
 - **The people God chose**
 - **The plan God uses**
 - **The places God indicates**
 - **The power God provides**
 - **The period of time God gives**
 - B. Thanksgiving / Delight V 11**
 - **Gratitude Appreciation**
 - **Gladness Action from attitude**
- 2. The gratification over Zion 12 – 14**
 - A. Satisfaction 12 – 13**
Proclaimed and Praised
 - B. Security 14**
Deliverance and Direction

Confession of faith / This God is our God

Claim of responsibility / Our God

Celebration of goodness / He will be our guide

Confidence in faithfulness / For ever and ever

Psalm 49A Worthless Wealth 49:1 – 7

Many of the Psalms motivate Prayer and Praise

Here possibly motivates Proclamation

Contrast found here / Those who make a god of wealth and those who find their wealth in God.

.....The wise believe and are redeemed

.....The wicked blaspheme and are rebellious

The subject of riches formally introduced 1 – 7

The subject of riches fully investigated 8 – 20

[I] THE POET IS INTRODUCED 1 – 4

- 1. A pressing invitation 1 – 2**
This is His proclamation
- 2. A particular intention 3 – 4**
Here is His promise

Intended to be

➤ **Instructive**

➤ **Interesting**

[II] THE PROBLEM INTRODUCED 5 – 6

There seems to always be some sort of problem

- 1. The wickedness that dogs a man's heels v5**
Wickedness that follows in most everything
Wickedness that flattens one out spiritually
- 2. The wickedness that devours a man's hope Verse 6**
That which destroys dreams
That which destroys desires / hopes

[III] THE POVERTY IS INTRODUCED 7

With hope dying / dreams departing -/- Poverty..

Without hope / poverty at its worst.....

The solution for this poverty cannot be purchased

Money is of no value -/- possessions fail...

- 1. Man's delusion Fooling himself**
 - A. His fear**
 - B. His foolishness**
 - C. His futility**
- 2. Man's destruction Falling head long into**
The entrapment of the evil one

Worthless Wealth

Psalm 49B Worshipped Wealth 8 – 20
 Worthless wealth can become worshipped wealth.
 ... Man's deception 5 – 12 Fear / futility /
 ...Man's destiny 13 – 15 consummation / contrast
 There is a price to be paid at times for wealth....
**[I] WORLDLY WEALTH CAN PRODUCE SPIRITUAL
 BLINDNESS V 7 – 12**

This is not always the case but can be at times..

1. This rich man confuses truth with error
 Verse 7 – 9
 - A. What money cannot purchase v 7
 - B. What the man cannot perceive v 8
 - C. What the man cannot prevent v 9
2. This rich man confuses time with eternity
 Verse 10 – 12
 - A. What he sees v 10
 - B. What he says v 11
 - C. What he shows v 12

**[II] WORLDLY WEALTH CAN PROMOTE SPIRITUAL
 BARRENNESS V 13**

A time of forgetting about God / & things of God
 Man can easily become side tracked

1. This is accepted / things accepted today
2. This is approved / things approved today

**[III] WORLDLY WEALTH CAN PROVOKE SPIRITUAL
 BANKRUPTCY V 14 – 20**

Bankruptcy is devastating -/- criticized and
 condemned by many -/- However sometimes there
 are unknown circumstances.....

Spiritual bankruptcy is the most horrifying
 experience of all....

1. The rich here is robbed of his future
 Verse 14 – 15
 The foolishness of it all
2. Robbed of his fortune 16 – 18
 The folly of it all
3. Robbed of his faithfulness 19 – 20
 The failure of it all

No one desires to become a total failure
 Here Eternally doomed Failure
Eternal destruction Failure
 But there can be deliverance from failure
 Failure need not be fatal.....

Psalm 50 A Judgment of Israel 1 – 6
 When righteousness becomes ritual / Problem!
 The declaration of judgment 1 – 6
 Judgment of Israel is impending
 Israel is God's chosen earthly people -/- He has
 compassion -/- commissioned Israel as a channel
 of blessings for the entire world....
 Israel has rejected Christ -/- refused to accept Him -/-
 Rebelled as to their responsibility.
 God's judgment against rejection -/- rebellion -/-
 Three judgments -/- Judgment seat of Christ -/-
 Great white throne judgment -/- judgment of nations
[I] THE JUDGE 1 – 2

The Mighty God

1. The God who speaks v 1
 He has spoken through His son.... Hebrews
 Through the prophets -/- Now His Son...
2. The God who shines v 2
 His glory revealed -/- To Moses.....
 Mt of Transfiguration

[II] THE JUDGMENT V 3 – 5

God's judgment will take place

1. The sudden announcement Proclamation
 - A. Some deny God's judgment
 - B. Some doubt / But it will take place!
2. The summoned Assembly V 4 – 6
 - A. The jury is present v 4
 - B. The Jewish nation is present v 5
 - C. The judge is present v 6

[III] THE JUSTICE V 6

1. The perfection in this judgment
 He who redeems / He who represents //
 He will also judge one day....
2. The permanence of this judgment
 No probation for these cases
 No paroles for these cases
 No pardon after God passes His final
 judgment..... No appeals allowed!!!
 Behold – Today is the day of salvation!

Psalm 50B Judgment of Israel 7 – 21
 Declaration of judgment / Description of judged /
 ... Judgment of Israel is impending 1 – 6
 ... Judgment of Israel is imperative 7 – 23
 [I] THE WEIGHING OF THE PROOF 7 – 21

Weigh the evidence!

1. Ritual -/- Dead Works -/- Judged
 Verse 7 – 15
 - A. The name of the accuser v 7
 - B. The nature of the accusation 8 – 12
 - C. The need of the accused 13 – 15
 Ritual without righteousness is abomination
 Righteousness requires no ritual
 Consider from verse 15
 - a. The direction given Call upon me
 - b. Duration described Day of trouble
 - c. Dividend revealed I will deliver
 - d. Delight anticipated and thou....me
2. Reproving 16 – 21
 Wickedness is judged
 The worst kind of
 - A. Blasphemy 16 – 17
 - B. Behaviour 18
 - C. Betrayal 19 – 20
 - D. Belief 21
 The sentence on sin is not always soon
 But it certainly is sure

[II] THE WARNING TO THE PEOPLE 22 – 23

The decision of the judge

1. The punishment of the godless 22
 Man is speaking & God is silent in v 19 – 21
 God is speaking & man is silent in v 22
 - A. Exhortation Consider this
 - B. Accusation Forgot God
 - C. Condemnation Tear you in pieces
2. The promise for the Godly V 23
 - A. Suspended sentence v 22
 - B. Promised pardon v 23

Actually its more than a pardon -/- Its justification
 Just as if we had never sinned at all....

Psalm 51A 51:1 – 10 Repentance & Restoration
 Confession and Cleansing -/- This Psalm is
 [a] Simple [b] Singular [c] Sincere and serves
 as a [d] Shining Example

[I] SIN CONFESSED V 1 – 4a

Lord be merciful in my need

1. I am very sinful v 1 – 2
2. I am very sorry v 3 – 4a

I cannot escape the

1. Ghost that haunts me v 3
2. Guilt that horrifies me v 4a

Conviction should always lead to confession

Sin is seen as

1. Disobedience
2. Distortion
3. Deviation Confession makes no
 excuses nor apologies

It makes no attempt to

1. Delude self
2. Deceive others nor to
3. Displease God

[II] SELF DISCOVERED V 5 – 6

Lord be mindful of my nature v 4b – 6

We tend to blame the times in which we live or the
temptations which abound around us or the
tendencies which we have inherited or even the
training we received or did not receive BUT

The real problem is our tainted nature!

The source of sin is inside not the surrounding
 outside...

1. I was born in sin v 4b – 5
2. I was blinded by sin v 6
3. I was bound up in sin
4. Was burdened about my sin

[III] SACRIFICE REQUIRED V 7 – 10

Lord be mighty for my necessity

1. I need God's Power
2. I need God's Pardon
3. I need Purification

Sin needs cleansing / washing white but not white
 washing White washing covers up the dirt BUT
 Washing white removes the filth!!
 Repentance provides Restoration!

Psalm 51B Contraction / Consecration
Confession -/- Cleansing -/- Conversion -/-
Commitment 51:A We considered
Repentance and Restoration Review.....

Now consider from 51:7 – 19

[I] HIS GREAT DESIRE V 7 – 12

The pleasure of sin will cost the joy of salvation

He wanted {desired} the Lord to deal with

- 1. Sin's defilement v 7**
- 2. Sin's Deafness v 8**
- 3. Sin's Disgrace v 9**
- 4. Sin's Damage v 10**
- 5. Sin's Doom v 11**
- 6. Sin's Depression v 12a**
- 7. Sin's Defeat v 12b**

[II] HIS GRATEFUL DEDICATION V 13 – 19

**Former feelings of diseased – dirty – sinful –
sickening – NOW cleansed – clean – changes**

- 1. The life he would not forsake v 13 – 15**
 - A. Service to God – For God -/- it is possible**
He would proclaim God's benefits
 - B. A song for God is recovered**
He will pray for God's blessings
The cold – hearted sacrifice
God rejects
But the whole – hearted devotion
God receives
- 2. He lessons he would never forget v 16 – 19**
Salvation is complete
 - A. The personal truth he has learned 16-17**
 - B. The prophetic truth learned 18 – 19**

He is happy – healthy – holy

Experiencing Pardon – Peace – Plenty

Psalm 52 Denouncing Deception
Ps 51 Penitence of the sinner
Ps 52 Presumption of the sinner

[I] THE CONDEMNATION OF

The wickedness of Doeg V 1 – 5

The deceiver is addressed

- 1. What Doeg did v 1 – 4**

His false – heartedness is denounced

He is

A. Boastful in sedition v 1

His paraded triumph

B. Deceitful in service v 2

His poisoned tongue

C. Lying in speech v 3 – 4

His perverted temperament

- 2. What Doeg deserved v 5**

**His fate is described / destroyers will be
destroyed -/- Malice is a matter of motive**

[II] THE CONTEMPLATION OF

The well being of David v 6 – 9

The deliverer is addressed

- 1. The strengthening of David's friends 6-7**

**The righteous shall see the ruin of the
wicked**

Goodness will ultimately be triumphant

Wickedness proves to be weakness

Righteousness proves to be right

A. Wealth can buy books but not brains

B. Pleasure but not peace

C. Haven of rest but not heavenly rest

- 2. The strengthening of David's faith 8-9**

A. His confidence v 8

Prosperity – protection – prayer – peace

B. His communion v 9

Evident in his life style

Psalm 55 A 55:1 – 8 SOME SAD SCENES
Trust in the Midst of Trouble / Distress Dominates
Troubles / Trials / Tribulations in families & friends

[I] THE CONDITION V 2 & 4

1. A Mournful Condition v 2
He is having difficulty with his faith
He is in distress over his feelings
He is dreaded fear of his foes
2. A Miserable Condition v 4
He is having difficulty with his friends
He is in distress over his uncontrolled fears
He is in dread of his heavenly father

[II] THE COMPLAINT V 1 – 8 Concerning

David's anger and anguish

1. What David felt v 1 – 3
He felt
 - A. Abandoned by the Lord v 1 – 2
Therefore note his prayer
 - B. Abused by fellow man v 3
Therefore his pain
Fearful / trembling / scared
2. What David feared v 4 – 5
Source of fear
He is overwhelmed in his sorrows
He is overcome by his sorrows / sin
3. What David fancied v 6 – 8
The presence / power / protection / and
Provision of God to be restored
Realized and received....

David longed for a place of refuge / refreshment.

A place of rest

His desire to depart quickly / completely / and

Permanently

Security is not always found in solitude & recluse

Wickedness can be found in the wilderness...

Psalm 55 B 9 – 23 Some Sound Suggestions
All suggestions are not sound, scriptural or spiritual

[I] THE CONDEMNATION – David's Anger 9 – 15

1. Iniquity troubles his country 9 – 11
These evils are manifold in form
Universal in extent
Painful in their results

Trouble follows transgression / Sorrow follows sin

- A. A possible solution v 9
- B. A present situation v 10 – 11
2. Indignation over the treachery of his comrade v 12 – 15

[II] THE CONFESSION – David's Answer 16 – 23

1. Confidence in the response of God 16 – 18
Devotion to the Divine brings Delight
 - A. He prayed boldly and believingly
 - B. He prayed frequently and fervently
2. Confidence in the righteousness of God 19 21
Detection of Divine Concepts / principles 19
 - A. Past history demonstrates that God would take action 19a
 - B. Present happenings demand that God should take action 19bPerils of Prosperity / Material plenty often leads to spiritual poverty
Changes challenge the character
Deceit in our dedication corrupts character
David's Foes Were.....
 - A. Disbelieving men 19b
 - B. Despicable 20
 - C. Deceitful 21
3. Confidence in the retribution of God 22 – 23
 - A. God's defense of the saint 22
David is depending on both a precept and a promise from God
Let down by man / lifted up by the master
 - B. God's defeat of the sinner 23
Destruction 23a But possible deliverance 23b

Psalm 56 When Fear Faces Faith or
When Faith Faces Fear
Fear has to be dealt with sooner or later

- [I] GOD IS MERCIFUL** V 1 – 4
1. The Complaint / David's foes 1-2
A daily fight v 1 Mercy v 1
 - A. The foes perpetual animosity v 1
 - B. The foes personal animosity v 2
Expounding Meditation v 2
 2. The Confidence / David's Faith 3-4
A daily force Might 3-4
A determined faith v 3 Trust
 - A. When he would exercise faith v 3
 - B. Why he should exercise faith v 4
Expressing Thanksgiving
Faith receives -/- rests -/- restores and
Rejoices in or through the Word of God

- [II] GOD IS MINDFUL** V 5 – 11
Mindful of David's trials
1. The Confederacy 5-7
Disappointed foe v 5-6
 - A. The pressure of his enemies 5-6
Contriving Conspiracy
 - B. The punishment of his enemies 7
Avenging
 2. The Comfort God is mindful of his triad
Assurance Direct favor 8-9
 3. The Confession Mindful of David's trust
Confidence is experienced and expressed

- [III] GOD IS MIGHTY** V 12 – 13
A Divine Force
1. Continuance -/- Happy in his soul
Past experiences confirm present
expectations
 2. Conclusion -/- Heedful of his steps
David is
 - A. Constrained to keep his promise 12a
 - B. Continuing to offer his praise 12b
 - C. Coming with a sacred petition 13a
 - D. Committing himself to a Holy Purpose
13b

Psalm 57 Faith of a Fugitive
A God of [a] Pardon v 1 [b] Performance v 2
[c] Power v 3 [d] Praise v 9

- [I] THE CALAMITIES WHICH THROGGED HIM** 1-3
1. Lord – Hide me v 1 Prayer in danger
 2. Lord – Hear me v 2
 3. Lord – Help me v 3 The cry of David
 - A. Faith's request v 1 When we can't
see the sunshine of God's face -/- We can
be sheltered under the shadow of His
wings
 - B. Faith's resolve v 2
 - C. Faith's reward
He performs all that He promises

- [II] THE CRISIS WHICH THREATENED HIM** 4 – 6
The complaint of David -/- Faith's response
1. The seriousness of his situation v4
The peril
 2. The sovereignty of his savior v5
 3. The significance of his salvation v6
The plotting -/- Faith's resource

- [III] THE CONFIDENCE WHICH THRILLED HIM** 7-11
Praise for deliverance
1. A willing confidence established 7-8
 - A. Security 7a
 - B. Song 7b-8
 2. A witnessing confidence exalted 8-9
 - A. Enthusiastic -/- witnessing to the very
creation -/- grace -/- glory v8
 - B. Evangelistic -/- witnessing to the
various countries v9
 3. A worshipping confidence experienced
10-11
 - A. God's mercy was its theme v 10
 - B. God's majesty was its theme v 11
- No trouble -/- No triumph
No calamity -/- No calming

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| Psalm 58 | Dishonesty Denounced | |
| | Corruption Condemned | |
| [1] Ruin | Natural Condition | v3 |
| [2] Rejection | Determined Oppositions | v5 |
| [3] Retribution | Compelled Submission | v6 |
| [4] Rejoicing | Righteous Jubilation | v10 |
| [5] Reward | Royal Compensation | v11 |

- [I] JUSTICE VIOLATED** The sin probed / 1-5
1. The unjust judge examined 1-2
Deception
 2. The unjust judge exposed 3
Defeat
 - A. The source of his wickedness 2a
 - B. The scope of his wickedness 2b – 3
 - Ingrown in the nation 2b
 - Ingrained in their nature 3
 - C. The stubbornness of their wickedness 4-5
Discipline

- [II] JUSTICE VISUALIZED** 6 – 9
- The sentence predicted
1. The power of the wicked shall be destroyed
V 6 A disarmed lion
 2. The plans of the wicked shall be defeated
V 7 – 9
 - A. A drying stream 7a
 - B. Destroyed nations 7b
 - C. Dissolving snail 8a
 - D. Discontinued birthing 8b
 - E. Disrupted meal 9
Their ruin is
 - a. Soon
 - b. Sudden
 - c. Sure
 - d.

- [III] JUSTICE VINDICATED** 10 – 11
- The satisfaction produced
1. Irrepressible praise and rejoicing 10
Praise and rejoicing go together
 2. Irrefutable proof and reward 11

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| Psalm 59 | Inward | Trust | Against | Outward |
| | Trouble | | | |
| [a] A Cry for deliverance | | | v 1 | |
| [b] A Crafty enemy | | | v 3 | |
| [c] A Compassionate defender | | | v 9 | |
| [d] A Consuming power | | | v 13 | |
| [e] A continuous song | | | v 16 | |

- [I] DAVID'S DANGER** 1 – 9
- His appeal for deliverance
1. The request 1 – 5
 - A. His plan v 1-2
 - B. His panic v 3-5
The prayer of the persecuted
 - a. What concerned him v3
 - b. What controlled him v4
 - c. What consoled him v5
 2. The reason 6 – 9
 - A. Presumption
 - B. Peril
 - a. How he viewed the situation 6-7
 - b. How he vanquished his soul 8-9
The danger is real enough to the man
May be ridiculous to others But
Real to the person

- [II] DAVID'S DELIVERANCE** 10-17
- Assurance of the delivered
1. David's protection 10-15
 - A. His confidence 10
 - B. His conviction 11 – 15
 - a. He wanted the people to be able to recognize God's judgment 11-12
 - b. He wanted his persecutors to be able to recognize God's justice 13 – 15
Complete and conscious justice
 2. David's praise 16-17
 - A. Why he would like to sing
 - B. What he would like to sing

Psalm 60 Land of the Loyal
2 Samuel Ch 8 / 1 Chron 18 / 1 Kings 11
Defeat V 1 – 3 Disgrace V 6 – 8
Deliverance V 11 – 12
A scattered people V 1
A striking punishment V 3
A sovereign power V 6
A sinful prayer V 11
A saving prevailer V 12
Confidence in Crisis / We should never
Despise Divine Discipline nor
Despair During Discipline
[I] God's People Chastened 1 – 4
National Defeat
 1. Condition Defeat due to departure
 A spiritual disaster / v 1
 2. Cause A strategic disaster / v 2
 3. Cure A sobering disaster / v 3
[II] God's Protection Craved V 5
Notable Deliverance
 1. God's banner is seen
 2. God's beloved are saved
[III] God's Promise claimed V 6 – 8 / Conquest
 1. How David quelled his fears 6 – 8
 A. Reassuring the sovereignty of the nation
 B. Reaffirming the subjugation of neighbors
 2. How David questioned his future V 9
[IV] God's Power Contemplated 9 – 12
 1. David's Concern 10 – 11
 A. The painful truth to realize about their
 weakness v 10
 B. The practical truth to remember about
 their wickedness v 11
 2. David's Confidence V 12

Psalm 61 Banished but Blessed
Comfort in the person of God v 2
Covering by the power of God v 3
Communion in the presence of God v 4
Continuity in the purpose of God v 7
[I] The Exiled King / Hiding 1 – 4
 1. Refuge 1 – 2
 A. David's Request / His supplication 1 – 2 a
 Lord hear me v 1
 Lord help me v 2
 Lord hide me v 2
 B. David's Rock / His shelter
 2. Retreat 3 – 5
 A. David's Reason / His safety 2 b – 3
 The pain presented
 The prayer prayed
 The place portrayed
 B. David's Resolve / His strength
[II] The Expectant King / Hoping 5 – 8
 1. Reliance 6 – 7
 A. Reflecting on God's Kindness 5
 His help
 His heritage
 B. Resting in God's Kindness 6 – 7
 David wanted God to
 Marvelously prolong his life
 Mercifully preserve his life
 2. Rejoicing 8
 A. Responding to God's Kindness
 Singing praises to the King
 B. Responsibility due to God's Kindness
 Service paid to the King
**Prayer that ends in praise should lead to
 performance....**
Genuine Gratitude results in Glad Service
Pleading gives place to Praise
Sorrow gives way to Service

Psalm 62 Faith's Trial and Trust

Trust in the Face of Trouble

{I} The Salvation of God

David's Adversary 1 – 4

He addresses Himself to His Situation

1. Reliance / Where his defense lies 1-2
 - A. His salvation is in God 1-2a
 - B. His security is in God 2b
2. Retribution / Where his danger lies 3-4
 - A. His enemies are pushing against him
 - B. His enemies are plotting against him

{II} The Security of God

David's Advise 5 – 7

He addresses himself to his salvation

1. Testimony 6-7
Be Still -/- Be Sure -/- Be Strong
2. Trust 7
Exercised faith Effects and Increased Faith
Act upon our faith! / Don't hesitate to trust
God in any and all circumstances...
Waiting can cause reaction in place of action

{III} The Sovereignty of God

David's Admonition 8 – 12

He addresses himself to his subjects

1. The question of trust 8-10
 - A. Trusting Aright 8
When we should trust the Lord
Why we should trust the Lord
 - B. Trusting Amiss 9-10
Trusting in people -/- man
Trusting in power -/- might
Trusting in possessions -/- money
2. The question of truth 11-12
 - A. The Word of God 11
 - B. The Ways of God 12
It is a merciful way 12a
It is a moral way 12b

Psalm 63 A 63:1 – 6 Song of the Satisfied

Singing in the Sanctuary

Satisfaction is desired by many

True satisfaction is only found by a minority

People keep looking BUT looking in wrong places

{I} A Craving – David's Great Desire

He longed for God 1 – 2

1. Where he was v1
Communion with God / Jehovah was David's
God / Not only
 - A. By Creation but also by Covenant
 - B. By God's Claim placed upon him BUT
also by David's Choice purposed in God.
Communion had brought Consecration
Deliverance from God results in
 - Dependence on God
 - Devotion to God
 - Demonstration of life through God
2. What he wanted v2

Comfort from God

His was a craving that brought comfort

{II} A Contentment – David's Grand Delight

How David Lived for God 3 – 6

1. He worshipped God 3
His Testimony
 - A. Love's Resolution "praise thee"
 - B. Love's Reason "because"
2. He worked for God 4-6
His Thanksgiving
Worship apart from Work is in reality the
same as Faith without Works
In His Thanksgiving note
 - A. He magnified God in worship
 - B. He maintained Godliness in word
 - C. He meditated on God in wisdom

Psalm 63 B Song of the Satisfied 63:7 – 11
Singing in Times of Suffering
Easy in pleasant times But not so easy
During problems and persecuting times.

{I} A Conviction 63:7-8

How David leaned on God / Quite an experience

- 1. He waited for God Patience 6-7**
His waiting brought shelter
God's sheltering is
 - A. Realistic / It meets the need**
 - B. Reliable / It measures up in need**
 - C. Restful / It masters our needs**
- 2. He walked with God Participation v 8**
His walking with God brought support
God supports us in three ways
 - A. As to sin lest we stumble and fall**
 - B. As to suffering lest we sink & falter**
 - C. As to service lest we sleep & fail**

{II} A Confidence 9 – 11

How David looked for God

Quite an expectation of David's

- 1. He looked for victory 9 – 11**
He looked for prosperity of God's elect
 - A. God's grace for all ages O T & N T**
 - B. God's goodness for all believers**
 - C. God's gifts to all believers**
Availability / Ability?
- 2. He looked for vindication 9 – 11**
He looked for punishment of his enemies
His foes are...

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| A. Doomed | They will not escape |
| B. Defeated | They will not ensue |
| C. Devoured | They will not emerge |

Psalm 64 Work of the Wicked

The snooping of sinners at the sins of saints....

In Gen ch 3 Satan slanders God to man

In Job ch 1 Satan slanders man to God

In Matt 4 Satan slanders the God Man

[I] The prayer of discernment / David's complaint

David's Detractors 1 – 6

- 1. David feared their malice 1 – 2**
Their corruption / He was aware of
 - A. His danger v1 See his cry**
 - B. Their dislike v2**
The preserved life / The perverted life
- 2. David feared their methods 3 – 4**
Their cruelty
 - A. Their coldness 5 – 6**
Pernicious lies
Arrows of the adversaries
Attitudes of the attackers
 - B. Their craftiness 5 – 6**
Persistent lies
How they sharpened their tongues 3a
How they shot at their target 4
Shooting at someone requires little
courage

It can be done reasonably
[a] Safely [b] Secretly [c] Suddenly
Cruel cowards /
How they shared in their treachery 5 – 6
[a] Their common bond
[b] Their criminal bond
Diligently deceitful

[II] The prediction of destruction

David's consolation

David's defender 7 – 10

Punished liars v 7 Praising lips v 10

- 1. Retribution / God would reveal the sinner 7-8**
- 2. Recognition / God would remind the**
spectator verse 9
- 3. Rejoicing / God would rejoice over the**
saints verse 10

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| A. The Thrill | Shall be glad |
| B. The Trust | Shall trust |
| C. The Triumph | Shall glory |

**Psalm 65 Festival of First Fruits
Harvest Hymn / Thankfulness & Thanksgiving**

- [a] The hearer of prayer v 2
- [b] The house of praise v 4
- [c] The helper of people v 5
- [d] The harmony of power 7-10
- [e] The host of praises 12-13
- God's grace 1 – 4
- God's greatness 5 – 8
- God's goodness 9 – 13

[I] Approaching God 1 – 4

The approach to God

1. The prayer of a seeking people 1-2
 - A. A faithful fact / God hears the cry of
The sinful -/- suffering -/- sorrowful
 - B. A precious privilege
Access to God -/- Acceptance with God
2. The pardon for sinful people 3
 - A. God's deliberate promise
 - B. God's determined performance
 - C. God's deserving praise
3. The provision for a satisfied people 4
 - A. Drawn to God
 - B. Delivered by Him
 - C. Delighting in Him

The temple had prohibitions
Prejudices Pretenses

[II] Apprehending God 5 – 8

The answer from God

1. God's power to convert v 5
Deliverance of the Hebrews & Heathen
2. God's power to create 6 – 7
Defend His people
3. God's power to control 7 – 8
Dependence to see us through
Restless waves Ruthless world

Psalm 66 A 66:1-12

Discovering Divine Discipline

Works of Restoration

Could be from Hezekiah or may be composed by Isaiah

Believed to come from that period of time...

[I] The celebration of Divine Power 1 – 7

The impressiveness of God's power

1. The worship of a happy man 1-4

Note the majestic wonder of God

 - A. Worship as a delight not just a duty
As a privilege not as a pledge
As an opportunity not obligation
 - B. Worship as a manifestation not meditation
Silent manifestations of Christ
Sacred manifestations of Christ
 - C. Worship as a reverence not responsibility
An open minded approach
An open minded attitude
2. The witness of an humbled man 5-7

Note the mighty works of God

 - A. An invitation v 5
 - B. Illustration v 6
 - C. Implication v 7
 - Sees v 7
 - Subdues v 3-5
 - Saves v 6
3. The worth of an honest man 6 – 7

Note the magnificent wealth of a man

 - A. His power
Power with nature
Power for the needy
 - B. His perception He knows
We can also Look / Listen / Learn
 - C. His provisions
He watches over His own....

Psalm 66 B 66:8 – 12

Discovering Divine Discipline

Works of Restoration involves

1st Celebration of Divine Power 1-7

[II] The confession of Disciplinary Providence

From verse 8 – 12

The indications of God's purpose

The mighty works of God v 5-7

The marvelous ways of God v 8-12

The magnificent words of God

1. Protecting Israel 8 – 9

Israel could never provide its own protection

They needed the Word of God followed by

His workings past and present

A. Enemies could not crush them

B. Fires could not consume them

C. Satan could not corrupt them

2. Proving Israel 10 – 12a

Tests came their way / tests come to us

A. Temptations sometimes are tests

B. Afflictions can be tests

C. Persecutions can be tests

But there is mercy in times of misery

God had one Son / without sin / but not without

Temptations Trials Troubles Tests

3. Prospering Israel 12b

A. From distress and defeat to deliverance

B. From sufferings and sorrows to salvation

C. From pain and persecutions to prosperity

Our distress may be grievous today BUT

Our deliverer is great and therefore

Our deliverance will be grand and glorious

It may not be all smooth sailing now BUT

We will survive and experience SAFE LANDING.

Psalm 66 C 13 – 20

Worship of the Redeemed

Value of Worship / Victory in Worship

Sacrifice / Service / Satisfaction in true Worship....

[I] The trustworthiness of the holy man 13 – 15

There is a tremendous need for trust today..

1. Conviction

Convictions of sinfulness selfishness

Spiritual needs

A. Distress causes one to make vows

Desire prompts one to make it good

B. We are eager to promise / and should be

Delight encourages one to be earnest

C. Conviction should lead to confession

Confession will lead to.....

2. Consecration

Devotion and dedication are brought about
from desire / not just duty but delight

A. The resolve of this man v 13

B. The recollection 13b – 14

C. The reckoning 15

Position of responsibility

[II] The testimony of a holy man 16 – 20

Conviction leads to consecration [first portion]

1. Confession 16-17

A. What he declared 16

Sincere -/- come and hear

Selective -/- all that fear God

Simply -/- I will declare

Satisfying -/- what he has done.....

B. What he did 17

He did not pout but he prayed

Prayer leads to praise.....

2. Compensation 18-20

Here it is

What he discovered Three basic principles

A. Guilt hinders prayer v 18

The test is admitted

B. God hears prayer v 19

The test is applied

C. Grace helps prayer v 20

The test is approved

Psalm 68 B 19 – 35 Israel's Blessed Prospects

Happiness in spite of Heaviness / Hardship

Hope in spite of Terror

In need of help -/- hope -/- happiness...

[I] The progress of God is seen in that Israel is preserved among the nations..... v 19 – 23

1. **The endured exile 19-20**
Expectation -/- Sometimes deliverance of
The Godly involves destruction of their
enemies. -/- Sometimes it simply involves
dependence on God for His work.
2. **The ended exile 21-23**
The nation released Freedom
The nation re gathered Faith
The nation revenged Forgiveness

[II] The program of God is seen in that Israel is promoted above the nations.. -/- 24-35

1. **Where power will preside on earth**
V 24 – 27
Holy Event -/- Happy -/- Historical Event..
2. **Why peace will reign on earth**
V 28-31
 - A. **Worship will be absolute 28-29**
The true temple will be recognized 28
The tribute due will be rendered 29
 - B. **Warfare will be abolished 30-31**
See God conquering the nations
See God converting the nations
3. **When praise will ring on the earth 32-35**
 - A. **Source of this praise**
 - B. **Voice of praise**
 - C. **Place of this powerful praise**

Psalm 69 #1 Verse 1 – 6

The confession of sin V 5

His desperate plight 1 – 6

A man who is overwhelmed 1 – 3

A man who is outnumbered 4

His condition -/- His woes 1 – 6

[I] The cry of suffering 1-4

The sorrows of sufferings

Physical suffering -/- Emotional suffering

1. **He displays his feelings 1-3**
Faith in the midst of difficulties
 - A. **His fears 1-2**
Sin was destroying him 1
Sin is destructive to families friends
Sin was defiling him 2a
The filth of sinful actions
Sin was drowning him 2b
Drowning in his sin
 - B. **His tears Sin ends in tears**
The shame of sin
The misery of mistakes
The calamity of carnality
2. **He describes his foes 4**
In the midst of discouragement
 - A. **A multitude of discouragements**
 - B. **The might [power] of these**
 - C. **The madness of defeat**
Discouragement can bring defeat
3. **He delights in forgiveness 4c**
 - A. **Repentance confession**
 - B. **Restoration cleansing**
 - C. **Rejoicing consecration**

[II] The cry of supplication 5-6

1. **He describes his foolishness**
2. **He discloses his fate 5**
3. **He declares his faith 6**

Psalm 69 # 2 The chastening of soul 7-12

His desperate problem

God's punishment / Man's problems

[I] His claim / His ways 7-12

Deserted by friends / Delight of foes

1. He is reproached v 7
The Lord surveys his ways
 - A. Reproach and slander
Relatives shunned him
 - B. Relationships and sufferings
Regarded in his struggles
2. He is rejected v 8
Instead of pity / It is persecution
Instead of assistance / aggravation
Crucifixion and Shame
3. He is righteous 9-11
 - A. His consuming devotion Godward 9
 - B. His continuing selfward 10
 - C. His convicting distress manward 11
4. He is ridicules 12
Officials [those who sit in the gate]
Disgraced
 - A. Embarrassment
 - B. Endurance
 - C. Enjoyment
5. He is reviled
Tested and tried / tempted
Struggles through insults
6. He is renounced
Their coldness / contempt / callousness
He is floundering with no foothold
Complaints from everywhere
Tears are flowing
Tears of prayer for hope and help
Misconception is overcome
Misrepresentation is overwhelming
Misconduct is overflowing

Psalm 69 # 3 Condition of Shame 13-21

His desperate plea / His cry or his calamity

1. Prayer Hide not thy face
2. Person thy servant
3. Plea I am in trouble
4. Pressure hear me

Desperation.....

Difficulties lead to defeat and despair and puts one in the condition of extreme desperation..

In desperation one becomes sincerely serious

[I] His Cry Hear me 13-17

His personal prayer

1. God's mercies are multiplied 13-15
 - A. He declares his confidence 13
 - B. He describes his condition 14-15
2. God's mercies are magnified 16-17
 - A. Wonderfully defined 16
 - B. Willingly displayed 17

[II] His Calamity 18-21

His personal problems

1. Lord move near me 18
The need for closeness
2. Lord make note of me 19-21
 - A. The scorn I am facing 19
 - B. The sorrow I am facing 20

I am in no condition to bear it 20a

I have no companion to share it 20b

- C. The suffering I am facing 21

God not only knows our sins

He also knows our sufferings

1. Dejected by the presence of his foes
The fury of foes
2. Defeated by the absence of his friends
The failure of friends

The calculated cruelty of others can result in serious calamities in any and all circumstances and conditions.

Psalm 69 # 4 Condemnation of sinners v 22-28
 His desperate plan 22 – 28
 His cause -/- Fierce denunciation
 His wish for his enemies That
 The pleasure of life become a curse to them
 They be deprived of understanding and strength
 They be uprooted out of the land
 They be confirmed in their sin
 They be excluded from the kingdom
 That God pour out his wrath on them
 That God blot them out
 That they receive the condemnation of sinners
 That they not experience cleansing from sin
 Bitter spirits Broken servants
 [I] The cry of denunciation 22-25
 The curse expressed
 Man could do no worse than crucify Christ
 God could do no more than show His compassion
 Mercy and forgiveness
 Plagues -/- pestilence -/- persecution -/- pain
 and panic
 He wanted his enemies
 Homes to be cursed 22
 Health to be cursed 23
 Happiness to be cursed 24
 Houses to be cursed 25
 [II] The cause of denunciation 26
 The curse explained
 Afflicted are not neglected
 Righteous retribution
 Affliction and anguish
 Rejection of the one who delivers and blesses
 Results in the one who destroys and breaks
 [III] The course of denunciation 27-28
 The curse expanded
 He wanted his enemies to have
 No hope of salvation on earth 27
 No hope of salvation in eternity 28
 Cut off from the company and communion of the
 savior or the saints...

Psalm 69 # 5 Community of Saints v 36
 His desperate passion -/- His confidence 29-36
 From terrible denunciations to triumphant
 anticipation
 From passionate revenge to pious hope / Zion
 Its preservation
 God will save Zion
 Its progress
 And will build the cities of Judah
 Its perpetuity
 That they may dwell there
 [I] His condition 29
 The conditions of our life have a serious effect upon
 our lives and the way we live out our life.
 His sorrows
 Afflictions the distress under which he lives
 Agony the pain and sufferings he endures
 His salvation
 The plea for God's help
 His hope for help comes from his relationship with
 God
 [II] His confidence 30-31
 In his condition he needs confidence
 Praising the Lord 30
 In His agony, Christ considered the joy set before
 him
 The Psalmist knows about the joy of His salvation
 Pleasing the Lord 31
 The various grades of offerings [sacrifices]
 From a handful of meal to.....?
 The heart of praise that God considered
 [III] His convictions 32-34
 Three things to affirm
 His testimony will be heeded 32
 His trust will be honored 33
 The situation seems hopeless
 His triumph will be heralded 34
 [IV] His contentions 35 – 36
 A word about the cities of Judah 35
 The fulfilled prophecies
 A word about the citizens of Judah 36
 The fulfilling promises

Psalm 70 and 40:13-17 are almost identical
Prayer in Persecution Remembrance

1. An intense cry v 1
 Make haste to help me
2. An incomparable chorus v 4
 Let God be magnified
3. An impoverished condition v 5
 Poor and needy

This Psalm is both interesting and illuminating

[I] The Psalmist Agony v 1 A Call

1. Persistence prevails where indifference fails
 The situation is about to get out of hand
2. Apparent delay develops our patience and
 deepens our trust {God's Delay}
 There are times of divine delay

[II] The Psalmist Anxiety 2-3 A Contrast

1. Damage to the Godly is always a delight to
 the wicked
2. Disappointed malice is an awful wound to
 the wicked

David's Foes 2-3

- A. What they sought v 2
 Confronted
 Confused
- B. What they said v 3

[III] The Psalmist Appreciation v 4 A Comrad

Thanksgiving and Testimony

Those who have tasted of Divine Grace should also

Testify of God's Divine Goodness

David's foes -/-- Now David's Friends v4

[IV] The Psalmist Appeal 5 A Confession

Promises and Experiences

1. Lord, I am a poor man 5a needy
2. Lord, I am a praying man 5b
 Praying and planning

God may not hurry at all times

**But He does hasten to help the poor – praying
people in desperate need....**

Psalm 71 A A Plea for Renewal in Retrospect 1-11

The Trials of a Godly old man 1 – 6

**Every verse in this Psalm is found elsewhere in the
book of Psalms**

These are the feelings of a man growing old

As he reviews the infirmities of age He also

Remembers the mercies of God throughout his life

[I] His Expression of God's Faithfulness 1-3

1. He states his case 1a 3b
 God knows his case
2. He states his confidence 1b 2 3a 4
 His confident petitions include
 - A. His profession of trust
 - B. His prayer for deliverance
 Trust has to do with
 A Present action and
 A personal attitude
 Attitudes control actions

Consider his five fold request

1. Consideration
 Incline thine ear unto me
2. Liberation
 Deliver me in thy righteousness
3. Habitation
 Be thou my strong habitation
4. Continuation
 I may continually resort
5. Vindication
 Let me never be put to confusion

[II] His Experience of God's Faithfulness 4-6

1. Where he goes in his trial 4
2. What he knows in his trial 5 – 6a
3. Why he grows in his trial 6b

In times to trouble -/-- trials -/-- tests

It is great to know that we can go to God for help...

Psalm 71 B A plea for renewal in retrospect 1-11

The trials of a Godly old man 1 – 6

The troubles of a Godly old man 7 – 11

His request v 9 The Reason v 10-11

Godly people face problems same as the ungodly

And sometimes even more so.....

[I] His enemies These enemies were

- 1. Slanderous
They speak evil against me**
- 2. Subtle
They lay in wait – take counsel**
- 3. Savage
They persecute me – and take**

His enemies caused troubles to come upon him

God's people still face these type of enemies and many times they are from within the congregation...

[II] His encounters

It is both proper and profitable for him to review his situation

Consider four concepts....

- 1. The problem he was facing v 7
Everyone faces problems
Anyone can cause problems**
- 2. The praise he was formulating v8
Praise does not formulate itself
Praise comes from within and it is Worship..**
- 3. The pressure he was feeling v 9
His experience of problems -/- pressure
Pressure has influence in our lives
Pressure makes an impact on our lives**
- 4. The persecution he was facing 10-11
He encountered Problems
He experienced Pressure
He endured Persecution
But in the midst of these
He expressed Praise....**

Psalm 71 C A plea for renewal in retrospect 1-11

A plea for restoration in rejoicing 12 – 24

The trials of a Godly old man 1-6

The troubles of a Godly old man 7-11

Now The trust of a Godly old man 12-16

[I] The Development of Trust 12-13

Trust does not just come naturally to everyone

In order to trust; there must be a

- 1. Relationship with God
Based on
A. Conviction
B. Conversion
C. Commitment**
- 2. Respect for God
Based on
A. An understanding of God's word & ways
B. An undertaking of**
- 3. Reliance in God
Based on
A. Compassion for God -/- from God
B. Confidence in God
Aid is desired v 12
Adversaries are denounced v 13**

[II] The Delight of Trust 14 – 16

Delight in the Lord....

- 1. This old man's song 14-15
Faith's prayer David's desire
A. A growing song 14
B. A great song 15**
- 2. This old man's strength 16
Faith's prospect David's delight
A. Resolution I will go
B. Reservation in the strength of the
Lord....**

Without Him we can do nothing...

But we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us for His service....

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There is a two fold praise found here

1. Public Praise
2. Personal Praise

The spirit of life over the service of lips

[I] Faith's partner from the past v 17

1. A remembrance of the past / but not a Reliving in the past
2. A responsibility for the past / but not a Reliance on the past

[II] Faith's plea for the present 18-19

1. One cannot live on past experiences
 - A. Experiences of rejoicing
 - B. Experiences of regrets
2. One cannot live on past expectations
 - A. Expectations that were fulfilled
 - B. Expectations that were failures

Here we find

1. A passionate appeal to God 18
2. A personal appearance 19

[III] Faith's praise for the prospect 20-24

1. An approach to the Lord 20
 2. An affliction from the Lord
 3. An awakening before the Lord
- The prospect for a glorious
- A. Resurrection 20
 - B. Reigning 21
 - C. Response 22-24

Life filled with melody 22-23

Lips filled with a message 24

Psalm 72 A The King 1-11

Concerns Solomon and points toward Saviour

1. The commencing of king's rule
2. The character of the king's rule
3. The compass of the king's rule
4. The continuance of the king's rule

[I] The Righteous king 1 – 4

His irrefutable position

1. His gifts v 1 His just decisions
It is one thing to sit upon a throne but
Another to have the correct thoughts of a king
2. His grace v 2
Gracefulness and Graciousness
3. His glory v 2
 - A. His prominence
 - B. His purity
 - C. His permanence

[II] The Reviving king 5-7

His irreversible permanence

1. Reverence toward God established by
Divine compulsion 5
2. Refreshment from God established in
Divine compassion 6
3. Reward of God established with
Divine cooperation 7

[III] The Reigning king 8-11

His irresistible power

1. The extent of that power 8
Christ will reign in all places
Christ will reign over all people
2. The exercise of that power 9
3. The examples of that power 10
4. The exuberance of that power 11

Psalm 72 B The Kingdom 12-20

**[I] The king's redeeming love in his kingdom of
Irreproachable principles 12-15**

1. His mercy as king
2. His might in the kingdom
 - A. The welfare of mankind 12-14
 - B. The wealth of mankind 15a
 - C. The worship of mankind 15b
The wealth in worship that is for man's
welfare

**[II] The recognized blessing in his kingdom of
Irresistible prosperity 16-17**

1. The outlook for that day 16
Outlook has impacts in success and failure
2. The outcome in that day 17
Outcome could depend on outlook!

**[III] The king's revealed glory in his kingdom of
Irrepressible praise 18-20**

1. The four destinies found in v 17-20
Men shall be
Nations shall be
God shall be
His name for ever more blessed
2. The full doxology 18-19
The benediction of praise and
The beatitude of his glory
 - A. The object of praise The Lord God
 - B. The subject of praise his works
 - C. The duration of praise for ever
 - D. The extent of praise whole earth
 - E. The echo of praise Amen
3. A final declaration 20

Prayer should be

1. Frequent
2. Individual
3. Continual