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HAVE MERCY, O LORD, FOR I AM WEAK

Psalms 6

REVIEW

SEEKING TO BE RIGHTEOUS PSALM 4

1. Facing a near-death situation
2. Seeking to pray to the God of his righteousness
3. Knowing that the Lord had set apart those who are godly
4. Being angry and not sinning
5. Offering the sacrifice of righteousness

TAINTED BY SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS Psalm 5

1. David was not someone who had become totally self-righteous
2. He was more tainted by self-righteousness
3. He brought about an imprecatory element to his prayer
 - a. He asked the Lord to pronounce the wicked guilty
 - b. He prayed for them to fall by their own counsel
 - c. He asked that they be cast out by the multitude of their transgressions
4. It showed that he was still angry with the wicked
5. Many of us may not be self-righteous, but we tend to be tainted by it

MAKING A PETITION BEFORE GOD PSALM 6

1. David was now deeply humbled by the adverse problems that he was facing
2. David had been corrupted by his own sins
 - a. This was a blemish that comes from foolishness
 - b. It is easy to feel more righteous than others
4. Showing how weak he was Psalm 6:2-3
 - a. He was affected by his sin
 - b. Our sins can affect our vitality

LEARNING TO PRAY IN WEAKNESS

“Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I *am* weak;
O Lord, heal me, for my bones are troubled.
My soul also is greatly troubled;
But You, O Lord—how long?

Return, O Lord, deliver me!
Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!
For in death *there is* no remembrance of You;
In the grave who will give You thanks?"

I am weary with my groaning;
All night I make my bed swim;
I drench my couch with my tears.
My eye wastes away because of grief;
It grows old because of all my enemies.

Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity;
For the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping. " Psalm 6:3-8

1. Consciousness of his weakness
 - a. He had nearly come to the point of death
 - b. Circumstances helped him check the way he was praying
2. Pleading to God
 - a. Pleading for mercy
 - i. He was pleading for the Lord's mercy
 - ii. He was asking the Lord to save him for mercies' sake
 - b. Pleading for the Lord to return
 - i. He was asking the Lord to return to him
 - ii. He recognised that he was far from the Lord
 - iii. He wanted to be restored to the Lord and to deliver him

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Be careful of being tainted by self-righteousness
2. Be conscious of our own weaknesses and sin
3. Pleading to God for mercy