

Ps 6

**The Chastening of the Lord
Review**

Ps 4

1. David was approaching God based on his righteousness
2. He understood the Lord would answer his prayers in view of his righteousness

Ps 5

1. But David was tainted by self-righteousness...reflected in his imprecatory prayers
2. His form of prayer may be right, but his spirit of prayer was wrong

Ps 6

The context of Ps 6

1. In Ps 6, we see how God sought to chasten David for the sins that he had committed
2. In Ps 5, we see how David had been tainted by self-righteousness significantly
3. Understanding the sins of David
 - a) There are 3 types of sins...Sin, transgression and iniquities
 - b) A true understanding of the spiritual state of Israel/David Deut 32

Praying in weakness

1. David was facing great afflictions in his life
 - a) Facing enemies Ps 6:7,10
 - b) There were workers of iniquities Ps 6:8
2. He experienced great distress and weakness as a result
“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?” Ps 6:2-3
 - a) He felt great weakness
 - b) Issue of time
 - c) Thoughts of death
“For in death there is no remembrance of You; in the grave who will give You thanks?” Ps 6:5

d) Depressive feelings

“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.” Ps 6:6-7

3. The correction of God

“O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.” Ps 6:1

a) The afflictions were seen as God’s correction

b) In fear, David pleaded for the Lord not to prolong His chastisement

Learning to pray humbly all over again

1. David learned to pray in weakness
2. Dire circumstances cause him to pray in this way
3. There was a need for correction

Change in the way David prayed

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| 1. David pleaded for God to return | Ps 6:4 |
| 2. Plea for God's mercies | Ps 6:2,4 |
| 3. Praying with tears | Ps 6:8 |

The Lord’s answer to prayer

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| 1. God heard David’s prayers | |
| a) Heard David’s voice of weeping | Ps 6:8 |
| b) Heard his supplication | Ps 6:9 |
| c) Would receive his prayer | Ps 6:9 |
| 2. Hope and assurance of God’s protection | Ps 6:8,10 |

Lesson learned

1. To recognise the chastening of the Lord through the afflictions of life
2. To humbly learn from the correction of the Lord concerning our sins
3. To plead with a broken and contrite spirit for the Lord to return and extend His mercies
4. To find assurance and hope that the Lord will hear our prayers and deliver us