Psalm 6

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INTRODUCTION

- It may be that Psalm 6 fits within the general time frame of Psalm 3. And if you go back to Psalm 3, there you read that this is a Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son.
- The sin on David's part would have been his failure to execute justice. His failure to uphold righteousness in the kingdom.
- There are seven psalms in the book of Psalms that are viewed as Psalms of penitence. And the sixth Psalm is the first of those Psalms.

1 God Has a Right to Rebuke and Chasten

Psalm 6:1–3; Proverbs 3:11–12; Jeremiah 10:24

- The penitent, the godly, they recognize that God, first of all, has a right to rebuke and chasten.
- O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger, nor chasten me in your wrath.
- David does not question God's right to do that. He is not accusing God of rebuking him or chastening him for no reason.
- Is he a loving God? Absolutely. Is he a God who will forgive definitely? But he is also a God who is righteous and just.
- For whom the Lord loves, he reproves, even as a father corrects his son in whom he delights.
- If we don't recognize that God has a right to punish us, then we're not going to be penitent. We'll be embittered.

2 David Recognizes the Real Horror of Sin

Psalm 6:4–7; Psalm 115:17

- David here, though, comes to a recognition of just how horrific sin is.
- I am weary with my sighing. Every night I make my bed swim. I dissolve my couch with my tears.
- The real horror of sin is the fact that the Lord was not with him.
- Return, O Lord, rescue my soul, save me because of your loving kindness. For there is no mention of you in death.
- That's the horror of sin. The separation from God now and the separation that can continue throughout eternity.

3 The Psalm Concludes With Assurance

Psalm 6:8–9; Matthew 7:21–23

- The psalm concludes then with assurance.
- Depart from me, all you who do iniquity. For the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping, for the Lord has heard my supplication, the Lord receives my prayer.

- Because of his great assurance in who God is, there is this assurance in his mind that this will happen, and so he speaks as if it has already happened.
- He could say, Depart from me, you who practice lawlessness or iniquity, because he is king.
- The Lord has heard, he has heard, he receives my prayer. There's assurance.

4 A Final Contrast: The Enemies

Psalm 6:10

- All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly dismayed. They shall turn back.
- The enemies do not love the Lord. What hope is there for them?
- They're not crying in the night. They're not in anguish and praying for the Lord to return to them. No, they are enemies of his.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How do I respond to my sin? Will I be as the enemies of David?**

MY NOTES