

BROKENHEARTED BOLDNESS¹

Psalm 6

From: Scott Carlson

June 9, 2019

INTRODUCTION: THE PATHETIC CHRISTIAN

There is nothing more pathetic than the genuine child of God who willingly sins.

Pathetic

arousing pity, especially through vulnerability or sadness

Romans 7:14-24

Psalm 6 is divided by three sets of imperatives (commands) that David makes first to God and finally to his enemies. Each of these commands are followed by reasons for the commands. All together the psalm answers one question:

? How should we respond to willful sin in our lives?

Proposition: God's grace extends to the repentant Christian producing humility to receive it and boldness to denounce any who would deny it.

I. THE BROKEN-HEARTED CHILD OF GOD IN SIN, VV. 2-5

A. YAHWEH HAVE MERCY! HEAL ME! V.V. 2, 3

¹ Sermon title is from a phrase coined by John Piper.

1. I Am Feeble

a. My bones are dismayed

i. my soul is dismayed

Proverbs 17:22

A joyful heart is good medicine,
But a broken spirit dries up the bones.

? Have you ever been there?

Point: God's grace produces a sorrow in the child of God who sins that chases the child to Him for forgiveness.

B. YAHWEH RETURN TO ME! DELIVER ME! SAVE ME! V.V. 4, 5

1. Because Of Your Grace

a. For there is no memory of you in death

i. in Sheol no one will give you thanks

Point: Godly sorrow leads to repentance from sin. Humility takes full advantage of the forgiveness found in God's grace so that He will be glorified.

James 4:6ff.

Transition: In verses 6 and 7, there is a change in attitude from godly sorrow that humbly receives grace to a boldness.

Julia H. Johnstown

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

II. THE BOLD CHILD OF GOD IN GRACE, VV. 8-10

Here is the third set of imperatives, but in this set there is only one command.

A. DEPART FROM ME ALL WHO CAUSE ME SORROW

? Why?

1. Yahweh Has Heard My Weeping.

a. Yahweh has heard my supplication.

i. Yahweh received my prayer.

Proverbs 24:16

For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again,
But the wicked stumble in time of calamity.

Micah 7:7, 8

But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord;
I will wait for the God of my salvation.
My God will hear me.

Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy.
Though I fall I will rise;
Though I dwell in darkness, the Lord is a light for me.

CONCLUSION: RIGHT ATTITUDES IN GRACE

Sorrow for sin draws us to God who forgives.

Forgiveness of sin gives us boldness to stand.

Proverbs 29:1

A man who hardens his neck after much reproof
Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.

To not be broken-hearted is to deny the weightiness of your sin.

To not be bold devalues the grace of God.