

A PSALM FOR THE HEARTBROKEN AND HOMESICK

Psalm 137:1–9

There are many reasons to love the Psalms. They are *beautiful*, expressing eternal truth in elegant language. They are *rich*, offering more and more treasure the deeper one mines. And, perhaps most basically, they are *emotional*, showcasing that what we feel in this life the psalmists felt in theirs—lament and grief, fear and vulnerability, thanksgiving and anticipation, celebration and praise, wonder and humility, regret and restoration, empowerment and peace. But no tour of human emotion is complete without an acknowledgement of anger, without a consideration of fury fuelled by injustice, without a study of exasperation sparked by the sin in this world and in our own lives. There are times when God’s people should be filled with a righteous indignation for the evil we see, the wickedness we experience, and the sin with which we wrestle. Psalm 137 exemplifies such rage and the battle to keep it sinless.

UNDERSTANDING the Text

Remembering What *Was* vv. 1–4

Remembering What *Is* vv. 5–6

Remembering What *Will Be* vv. 7–9

APPLYING the Text

1. Acknowledge the anger
2. Remember what’s good
3. Ask for justice
4. Anticipate your home

THE PSALMS: SONGS *FROM* GOD AND *TO* GOD

Oakridge Bible Chapel

Winter/Spring 2024

January 7	A Psalm of Personal Lamentation (3:1–8)
January 14	A Psalm of Divine Protection (27:1–14)
January 21	A Psalm of Humble Thanksgiving (30:1–12)
January 28	A Psalm of Messianic Expectation (45:1–17)
February 4	A Psalm of Desperate Repentance (51:1–19)
February 18	A Psalm of Communal Restoration (85:1–13)
February 25	A Psalm of Celebratory Anticipation (96:1–13)
March 3	A Psalm of Messianic Instalment (110:1–7)
March 10	A Psalm of Eternal Praise (111:1–10)
March 17	A Psalm of God’s Wisdom (119:1–8)
April 7	A Psalm of Desired Peace (122:1–9)
April 14	A Psalm of Communal Thanksgiving (136:1–26)
April 21	A Psalm of Covenantal Cursing (137:1–9)
May 5	A Psalm of Lifelong Worship (146:1–10)