

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: DISCIPLINARY AFFLICTION -Psalm 38

Main Text: Psalm 38

Sermon Description: Inspired by this Psalm Spurgeon observes: “What a horrible creature man appears to be to his own consciousness when his depravity and vileness are fully opened up by the Law of God, applied by the Holy Spirit.” Psalm 38 holds our feet to the fire of chief concern addressing our basic maladies – our actual, fundamental problem. This ode of unmitigated brokenness provides a model of penitence, contrition, and confession. History indicates if you had visited Augustine in 430 A.D. on his deathbed, you could have read this and other penitent Psalms hanging on the wall and you could have heard Ps 38 uttered from his mouth over and over, as long as his withering frame would allow.

HEADING: LESSONS FROM THE GREAT REPENTER:

1. CONTEXT & SIN

- a. Cultural contrast
- b. Memorial offering (Lev 5:5-13)
- c. Total depravity summary

2. CAUSES OF AFFLICTION

- a. Sovereign discipline (1-3)
- b. Consequence of sin (3-4, 18 Is 9:12-14)
- c. Victim of persecution (19-20)

3. CATALOGUE OF WOES

- a. Physical health (3,5-7,10)
- b. Psychological resolve (4,8-10,17)
- c. Sense perception (13-14)
- d. Social stability (12,19-20)
- e. Moral support (11,20)

4. CHASTISED UNTO WAITING

- a. Biblical waiting (15, 37:1-9)
- b. Contrition & confession (18)
- c. Personalized salvation (21-22)

Close: II Cor 5:21, Mat 27:46, Ps 22:1 ...CHRIST IS OUR MEMORIAL OFFERING! He was tortured, maligned, isolated, hunted, paralyzed, shamed, abused, persecuted, and crucified for our transgressions. The psalmist's prayer (21) “do not forsake me O Lord” can be answered because our Lord echoed Ps 22:1 on Calvary “My God, my God... why have You forsaken me?”

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Memorial offering	Theme: Sin according to Ps 38	Theme: Affliction causes	Theme: False vs. true hope	Theme: Waiting	Theme: Christ forsaken
Verses: Lev 5:5-13	Verses: Ps 38	Verses: Ps 38:1-3,19-20	Verses: Ps 38: 3-5, 8-10,13-14,19-20	Verses: Ps 38:15, 37:1-9	Verses: II Cor 5:21, Mt 27:46