

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 143
A Psalm of Surrender to God's Grace

Important THEOLOGY:

- 2 DEPRAVITY
- 10 HOLY SPIRIT

Important PRACTICAL:

- 8 "I waited patiently"

In Psalm 143, there is a CRISIS, but it the crisis is the RESULT of DAVID'S SIN

There is HOPE.

There is FORGIVENESS.

1 John 1:9

1 John 2:1-2 *"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."*

I. The RESULT of Sin. 143:1-6

A. Conflict. 143:3

1. The BACKGROUND is David's sin with Bathsheba, and his flight from Absalom. **143:1-2**
2. (2 Samuel 15:13-14, 25-26, 30-31)
3. (2 Samuel 15:30) *"But David continued up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went; his head was covered and he was barefoot. All the people with him covered their heads too and were weeping as they went up."*

B. Sorrow. 143:4

C. Humility. 143:5-6 **HUMBLED by GOD!**

1. (Proverbs 16:18) *"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."*
2. (Proverbs 29:23) *"A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor."*
3. (Psalm 138:6) *"Though the Lord is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar."*
4. (Matthew 23:12) *"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."*
5. (Isaiah 2:11-12) *"The eyes of the arrogant man will be humbled and the pride of men brought low; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. The Lord Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled),"*

6. (Isaiah 2:17) *"The arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day,"*

- D. What led to David's downfall?
1. An unrepentant heart
 2. An unconquered habit
 3. An unguarded moment
 4. An unexamined life
 5. An unaccountable attitude

II. The Request of the sinner. 143:7-12

- A. Hear me. 7-8
B. Help me. 9
C. Teach me. 10

III. The Response of the Savior.

Can we call on him when we have failed?

...when we are discouraged?

...when we do not feel worthy?

...when our hearts are low?

(Psalm 145:18) *"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."*

David rests in his **knowledge of God, and his experience with God.**

Psalm 103:8-13

If you are troubled, *surrender to God's grace*

If you have sinned, *surrender to God's grace*

If you have a burden you cannot bear, *surrender to God's grace*