

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 38
A Psalm on the Sadness of Sin

Penitential Psalms: 6, 38, 51

- I. The Sadness of Sin. 38:1-8
 - A. Appeal. V. 1
 - B. LORD (YHWH)
 - C. Inward focus

- II. The Loneliness of Sin. 38:9-14
 - A. Appeal. V. 9
 - B. Adonai (Lord, master)
 - C. Outward in focus

- III. Confession and Forgiveness. 38:15-22
 - A. Appeal. V. 15
 - B. YHWH, Adonai, Elohim (v. 15)
 - C. Upward in focus

- IV. Application: what do we learn from the penitential Psalms?
 - A. Those who have been forgiven much.
 - 1. Luke 7:36-50
 - 2. *The delight of deliverance is greatest for the one who knows the depths of despair.*
 - 3. **Illus - sweetness of victory for Chicago White Sox!**

 - B. Those who have fallen.
 - 1. PETER. Luke 22:31

 - C. Those whose way is blameless.
 - 1. Psalm 119:1-11
 - 2. Psalm 101:6

The SADNESS of SIN. . .

We can appreciate God's forgiveness.

We can stay strong against temptation