

## DON'T LOSE YOUR SONG

⇒ Text: PSALM 137:1-9

- Singing can be done as an expression of sorrow.
  - The 'Blues' and much of country music depend upon this concept.
  - But when we find singing in the Scripture it is usually pointing to times of rejoicing.
  - It is also connected with our worship toward God.
- The problem in our text was that the Lord's people had been carried away into captivity.
  - As a result, they had lost their song.
- Many of God's people today have lost their song.
  - They do not have the joy, the excitement, and the devotion toward God that they should have.
- Following David's repentance, he prayed and asked God to restore unto him the 'joy' of his salvation.
  - It wasn't that he had lost his relationship with God, but due to sin in his life, he had lost the 'joy' that should accompany a right relationship.
- For David, it was his disobedience toward God.
  - For Israel, it was their pride and rebellion.

⇒ I. **DON'T LET PERSECUTION TAKE AWAY YOUR SONG.**

- **See John 16:33**
- A. The Lord reminds us that while we are in this world, we will have tribulation or trials.
  - 1. This is the rule of life for a believer.
  - 2. James reminded us that we were to count it joy when we found ourselves in the midst of all sorts of trials. – **See Jas. 1:2**
  - 3. Peter explained that the trials come to perfect our faith. – **See 1Pe. 1:7**
- B. Jesus said, "...Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."
  - 1. We face many difficulties and trials in this life, but we must remember this world is only temporary!

- 2. If we are born again, we have the victory through Jesus Christ!

⇒ II. **DON'T LET PAIN TAKE AWAY YOUR SONG.**

- A. Pain comes in many forms.
  - 1. Physical pain and suffering comes to all of us in our flesh.
  - 2. Aches, pains, weaknesses are a part of our existence.
  - 3. Often the emotional pain and sorrow we experience can take away our song.
- B. God is the God of all comfort. – *See II Cor 1:3-4*
  - 1. Pain and sorrow reminds that we need to be comforted, and that comfort comes from God.
  - 2. God uses our pain to prepare us to minister to others.

⇒ III. **DON'T LET PEOPLE TAKE AWAY YOUR SONG.**

- **See John 16:22** *[The Apostle Paul didn't and he had reason]*
- A. The longer I live the more I am convinced of the depravity of man!
  - 1. Depravity = speaks of the fallen nature of mankind. *2 Tim 4: 10-18*
  - 2. The Bible declares - that all have sinned; there is none righteous, no not one!
  - 3. I believe it!
    - When you see what people do to each other how can you not understand this biblical truth?
- B. People hurt each other.
- C. Even Christian people hurt one another!
  - 1. They will lie and gossip about others.
  - 2. They will fail us, forsake us, abuse and disappoint us!
  - 3. They will do what we would never have imagined that they would do.
- **See Ps 27:10**
  - 4. God promises to be there for us when others forsake us!
  - 5. The phrase 'take me up' literally means to gather unto Himself.

- God says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so..."
- He tells us to "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD..."
- How shall we sing?
  - Loud and clear!
  - Don't let anything or anyone take your song!

Perhaps you do not know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

- It is God who puts a song in our hearts, it is God who gives us a reason to sing!
- I am talking about the song of redemption.
- When you place your faith and trust in the finished work of Christ on Calvary, He will put a new song in our mouths.