All My Longing Is Before You

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INTRODUCTION

- The idea for the sermon actually came from the song, Bring Christ Your Broken Life.
- Psalm 38 is one of penitence and lament. Which is to say that the writer, in this case, David, is experiencing great sorrow for sin.

1 Rebuke Me Not in Your Anger

Psalm 38:1; 2 Samuel 12; 1 John 4

- We don't want to be rebuked in the Lord's anger, because let's face it, if we were rebuked the way that we deserve to be rebuked, when God is angry at us about our sin, we wouldn't stand a chance.
- We should want to serve him out of love, not fear.
- If we are abiding in God, we have no fear of his judgment.
- I think the reason he begs God not to rebuke him in his anger is because God's word has convicted him of his sin.

2 Your Arrows Have Sunk Into Me

Psalm 38:2; Hebrews 4:12

- He says there in verse 2 for your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.
- He knew his law well enough … that law convicted him of his sin.
- We need to have a love for the Lord and a knowledge of his word and his will, that when we sin and transgress against his law, that his arrows sink into us.
- Because it is sharper than a two-edged sword. We have the hearts that we ought to have, it should convict us, it should pierce us.

3 I Am Feeble and Crushed

Psalm 38:8; Luke 20:17–18; Psalm 51

- Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces. And when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.
- The guilt should make us feel very small in the presence and the sight of an almighty and all righteous God.
- Brethren, our sin ought to crush us. The very soul, our very hearts.
- We need to talk about and confess, and be convicted by our sins.

4 Like a Heavy Burden, Too Heavy for Me

Psalm 38:3–11; Proverbs 3:5–8

- For my iniquities have gone over my head like a heavy burden. They are too heavy for me.
- The effects of sin is this lack of health spiritually.
- One, our sins, when we get into that, we are in over our heads.
- This is vivid language about how our sin makes us look both to God and to those around us who would wish us to follow God's ways.

5 I Confess My Iniquity

Psalm 38:18; James 5:16; Isaiah 1:18

- I confess my iniquity. I'm sorry for my sin. James 5, 16, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you might be healed.
- It's not until we do that God will lift them from us.
- No matter how many times I mess up, I can still come back to Him. God's grace will abound.
- Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

6 All My Longing Is Before You

Psalm 38:9; Psalm 38:15; Isaiah 40:30–31

- All my longing is before you. My sighing is not hidden from you. God knows exactly what it is that plagues us.
- He knows long before we ever bring it to him. But he wants us to bring it to him anyway.
- We need, as Christians, to come to that place of dependence and reliance upon him.
- But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you have the penitent heart that David had? Does the word of God convict you? Are your sins a burden weighing you down? Won't you cast them off this evening? Won't you wait on the Lord?

MY NOTES