

“DON'T LOSE YOUR SONG”  
PSALM 137:1-9

The issue in our text was that the Lord's people had been carried away into captivity.

As a result, they had lost their song.

Read Psalm 137:1-9.

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.

Today I would like to ask you, 'Have you lost your song?'

If so, 'What took your song?'

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.**

<sup>33</sup> “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

A. The Lord reminds us that while we are in this world, we will have tribulation or trials.

1. This is not the exception, but rather it 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. (Jas. 1:2)
3. Peter explained that the trials come to perfect our faith. (1 Pe. 1:7)
4. What's the point? Persecution and tribulation is part of God's plan for us as believers.
5. But...

B. Jesus said, "...Be take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33)

1. The old song says, 'This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' thru'.
2. We face many difficulties and trials in this life, but we must remember...this world is only temporary!
3. If we are born again, we have the victory through Jesus Christ!
4. God has a place prepared for His children in eternity!
5. This life will be but a grain of sand compared to eternity!

C. When persecution comes our way, sing anyway!

## II. **Don't Let Pain Take Away Your Song.**

A. Pain comes in many forms.

1. Physical pain and suffering will come to all of us in our flesh.
2. Aches, pains, weaknesses are a part of our human existence.
3. When we were young we thought we were invincible, but the more mileage these old bodies see...the more pain!
4. Pain can bring complaining, but no amount of complaining will relieve the pain.

5. Pain and sorrow is a reminder of the curse of sin.

*<sup>17</sup> To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’*

*“Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. (Gen 3:17)*

6. Often the emotional pain and sorrow we experience can take away our song!
7. For most it is harder to deal with than physical pain.
8. But it is all part of God's plan for our lives.

#### B. God is the God of all comfort.

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.

*<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (2 Cor 1:3-4)*

3. Our pain and sorrow makes us recognize our dependence on God.
4. When we hurt we long to be consoled by someone who understands.
5. God has given us the ministry of comfort to come alongside someone who is hurting and share the comfort of God with them.

#### C. When pain and sorrow comes our way, sing anyway!

### III. **Don't Let People Take Away Your Song.**

*<sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. (John 16:22)*

A. The longer I live the more I am convinced of the sinfulness of man!

1. Sinfulness = speaks of the fallen nature of mankind.
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.

1. You cannot pick up a newspaper.
2. Or turn on the TV or radio news without hearing of some atrocity someone has committed against another.
3. Unfortunately, it isn't just the ungodly who hurt others.

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...

*<sup>10</sup> Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will receive me. (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.
6. The picture I have is that of a loving Heavenly Father with outstretched arms who is there to draw us close.
7. Don't let people take away your song! Sing anyway!

- Don't Let Persecution Take Away Your Song.
- Don't Let Pain Take Away Your Song.
- Don't Let People Take Away Your Song.

*How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land? (Psa 137:4)*

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.

Whatever your need today, will you come?

Psalm 139:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.
- <sup>2</sup> There on the poplars  
we hung our harps,
- <sup>3</sup> for there our captors asked us for songs,  
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;  
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
- <sup>4</sup> How can we sing the songs of the LORD  
while in a foreign land?
- <sup>5</sup> If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
may my right hand forget its skill .
- <sup>6</sup> May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not consider Jerusalem  
my highest joy.
- <sup>7</sup> Remember, O LORD, what the Edomites did  
on the day Jerusalem fell.  
"Tear it down," they cried,  
"tear it down to its foundations!"
- <sup>8</sup> O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction,  
happy is he who repays you  
for what you have done to us-
- <sup>9</sup> he who seizes your infants  
and dashes them against the rocks.