

SONGS FOR SUMMER

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 60 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: according to Shushan Eduth. A Miktam of David; for instruction; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and when Joab on his return struck down twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses; you have been angry; oh, restore us. ²You have made the land to quake; you have torn it open; repair its breaches, for it totters. ³You have made your people see hard things; you have given us wine to drink that made us stagger. ⁴You have set up a banner for those who fear you, that they may flee to it from the bow. Selah ⁵That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer us!

⁶God has spoken in his holiness: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Vale of Succoth. ⁷Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet; Judah is my scepter. ⁸Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom I cast my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph."

⁹Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? ¹⁰Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go forth, O God, with our armies. ¹¹Oh, grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! ¹²With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

Next Week: Psalm 61

August 25, 2019

TALK SHEET

1. Would you say David is right or wrong to attribute his problems to God like he does in verses 1-3? Explain.
2. How would you characterize David's emotions in verses 1-5?
3. Verses 6-8 are very different than the rest of Psalm. What do you think they are designed to teach us?
4. Is this a Psalm of trust or a Psalm of complaint? Explain.
5. Are you generally closer to God when your circumstances are easy and good or hard and confusing? Explain.
6. Do you think you have to understand God to trust him? Why or why not?
7. Pray for faith to trust God even if your circumstances aren't what you think they should be.