

PSALM 6

Prayer for Mercy in Time of Trouble.

For the choir director; with stringed instruments, ⁺upon an eight-string lyre. A Psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, ^ado not rebuke me in Thine anger,
Nor chasten me in Thy wrath.
2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I *am* ^apinning away;
^bHeal me, O LORD, for ^cmy bones are dismayed.
3 And my ^asoul is greatly dismayed;
But Thou, O LORD—^bhow long?
- 4 Return, O LORD, ^arescue my ¹soul;
Save me because of Thy lovingkindness.
5 For ^athere is no ¹mention of Thee in death;
In ²Sheol who will give Thee thanks?
- 6 I am ^aweary with my sighing;
Every night I make my bed swim,
I dissolve my couch with ^bmy tears.
7 My ^aeye has wasted away with grief;
It has become old because of all my adversaries.
- 8 ^aDepart from me, all you who do iniquity,
For the LORD ^bhas heard the voice of my weeping.
9 The LORD ^ahas heard my supplication,
The LORD ^breceives my prayer.
10 All my enemies shall ^abe ashamed and greatly dismayed;
They shall ¹turn back, they shall ^bsuddenly be ashamed.

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⁺ Or, *according to a lower octave* (Heb., *Sheminith*)

^a Ps. 38:1; 118:18

^a Ps. 102:4, 11

^b Ps. 41:4; 147:3; Hos. 6:1

^c Ps. 22:14; 31:10

^a Ps. 88:3; John 12:27

^b Ps. 90:13

^a Ps. 17:13

¹ Or, *life*

^a Ps. 30:9; 88:10-12; 115:17; Eccl. 9:10; Is. 38:18

¹ Or, *remembrance*

² I.e., the nether world

^a Ps. 69:3

^b Ps. 42:3

^a Job 17:7; Ps. 31:9; 38:10

^a Ps. 119:115; Matt. 7:23; Luke 13:27

^b Ps. 3:4; 28:6

^a Ps. 116:1

^b Ps. 66:19, 20

^a Ps. 71:13, 24

¹ Or, *again be ashamed suddenly*

^b Ps. 73:19

ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.