

“WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR SONG”

PSALM 137

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Introduction

1. Our song can be _____ by our suffering.

Psalm 137:1-4 – *By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. ² On the willows there we hung up our lyres.*

³ For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” ⁴ How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

Proverbs 25:20 – *Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, and like vinegar on soda.*

Romans 12:15 – *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.*

Job 2:12-13 – *And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. ¹³ And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.*

2. Our song can _____ us in suffering.

Psalm 42:7-9 – *Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. ⁸ By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. ⁹ I say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”*

Acts 16:22-25 – *The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.*

Psalm 137:5-6 – *If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill!*

⁶ Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!

3. Our song will _____ after the suffering ends.

Revelation 21:4 – *He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*

Isaiah 35:10 – *And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

Psalm 137:8-9 – *O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed, blessed shall he be who repays you with what you have done to us! ⁹ Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones and dashes them against the rock!*

Revelation 5:9-10 – *And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”*

Conclusion