

## Psalm 38

King James Version (KJV)

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance

**38** O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

<sup>2</sup>For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.  
(arrows are symbolic of judgment)

<sup>3</sup>There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. (David's sin with Bathsheba)

<sup>4</sup>For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me. (In those days, people carried heavy burdens on their heads)

<sup>5</sup>My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.

<sup>6</sup>I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

<sup>7</sup>For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

<sup>8</sup>I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

<sup>9</sup>Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

<sup>10</sup>My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

<sup>11</sup>My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off. (David is shunned because of his punishment from God, for what he did to Uriah)

<sup>12</sup>They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long. (mischievous things= destruction)

<sup>13</sup>But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

<sup>14</sup> Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs. (He cannot answer his accusers because he knows he is guilty)

<sup>15</sup> For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God. (Finally, he asks God for forgiveness and help)

<sup>16</sup> For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

<sup>17</sup> For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

<sup>18</sup> For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

<sup>19</sup> But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

<sup>20</sup> They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is. (Remain good, regardless of how badly people treat you)

<sup>21</sup> Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.  
2Chron-15:2 , Heb-13:2-3

<sup>22</sup> Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

*To the chief musician, even to Je-du-thun (he was one of the chief musicians in David's kingdom.... A.k.a. Ethan in other books. This psalm may have been sung on the day of atonement)*

A prayer for future blessings. In view of Psalm 24