

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SONG?

Psalm 137:1-9

INTRODUCTION: More devastating than losing your voice is to lose your song! When you lose your song, you have lost your zest for living. The Children of Judah lost their song in 586BC when King Nebuchadnezzar's armies marched into Jerusalem and killed, raped, pillaged, and burned the nation. Psalm 137:1-4; Psalm 137:4: They had truly lost their song. Living this life with no song in our heart is no fun! What should we do when we have lost our song? From Psalm 137 we will see three insights that will help us get our song back!

I. GET TOTALLY HONEST WITH GOD!

Insight number one is that when you lose your song you need to get totally honest with God. We need to discover what is going on in our hearts and then let God know what we have found. King David told us this in Psalm 62:8. We can share our hearts with our God; God is our refuge; He is our safe place. We need to ask ourselves some hard questions: 1. Have you experienced a great trauma in your life? The whole book of Lamentations is Jeremiah pouring out his heart to God over the destruction of Jerusalem. "They sat down and wept!" Weeping is good medicine. 2. Have you felt like God has forgotten you? King David felt that way: Psalm 13:1-4; Psalm 42:3; Psalm 137:3. A great verse when you feel like God has forgotten you is Isaiah 49:15-16: If you feel God has forgotten you, you need to let Him know. 3. Have you given up? Psalm 137:2: Do you feel like you will never sing again? Jerry Falwell used to say: "It's always too early to quit!" When we throw in the towel God throws it right back to us! Galatians 6:9.

II. WE NEED TO REMEMBER THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

We need to remember the Kingdom of God: Psalm 137:5. We don't belong to this world: We belong to the kingdom of God: Philippians 3:20. We are twice-born people living in a world of once born people. Psalm 137:4: We are called of God to sing the songs of heaven while still here on this sin cursed earth. We are called to shine for our Lord in this dark world. We must learn to be honest with our God so we can shine even through our tears. Acts 15:25-27. We need to ask God "How can I live in a world like this?" We are called to seek first the kingdom of God: Psalm 137:4-6. We must keep the glory of God as our highest treasure: 1 Corinthians 10:31; Hosea 13:6.

III. WE NEED TO TRUST GOD TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT IN HIS TIMING!

We need to trust God to make things right in His timing. Bad things do happen to us in this life. Job 14:1; John 16:33. Our God is patient, but He is not patient forever. Psalm 137:8-9; Romans 12:19. We must learn to let God be God and we never dare to try to take revenge on anyone. God wants you to pick up your harp and sing a new song: Psalm 40:1-4.