

A NEW NORMAL
Dealing with the Changes of Life

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR SONG?

Psalm 137:1-9 Jeff Schreve

PSALM 137

*¹ By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down and wept, When we remembered Zion.
² Upon the willows in the midst of it We hung our harps.³ For there our captors demanded of us songs,
And our tormentors mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."⁴ How can we sing the Lord's song in a
foreign land?*

What do you do when you've lost your song?

1. Get totally honest with God.

*Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us. Selah. Psalm 62:8*

A. Have you experienced a great trauma?

B. Have you felt like God has forgotten you?

*How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You
hide Your face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
having sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be
exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord, my God;
enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death. Psalm 13:1-3*

C. Have you given up?

*So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right
time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.
Galatians 6:9*

2. Remember the Kingdom of God.

*If I forget you, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget her skill.
Psalm 137:5*

A. A Christian is not of this world.

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly
wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20*

B. A Christian is called to shine and sing in this world.

How can we sing the LORD'S song in a foreign land? Psalm 137:4

*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see
your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16*

C. A Christian is called to seek first the Kingdom of God.

*May my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember
you, if I do not exalt Jerusalem above my chief joy. Psalm 137:6*

Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day that we may live before Him. Hosea 6:1-2

3. Trust God to make things right in His timing.

A. God knows what has happened.

O LORD, remember what the Edomites did on the day the armies of Babylon captured Jerusalem. "Destroy it!" they yelled. "Level it to the ground!" Psalm 137:7 NLT

B. God will handle things perfectly.

O daughter of Babylon, you devastated one, How blessed will be the one who repays you With the recompense with which you have repaid us.

How blessed will be the one who seizes and dashes your little ones Against the rock. Psalm 139:8-9

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Romans 12:19

Will you pick up your harp and sing to the King once again?