

# **“The Chastened Child”**

Text: Psalm 38

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## A. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Divine Chastisement

1. A sense of divine \_\_\_\_\_: Ps. 38:2, Job 6:4

JOHN WELLS, “Ah, Christ is so his all, that when Christ is gone, all is gone with him: peace gone, joy gone, comfort gone, hope gone, faith gone, and heaven gone too in his thoughts, and what are all his enjoyments then but dross and dog meat, but trash and lumber.”

2. A sense of being \_\_\_\_\_: Ps. 38:3-5, Jonah 2:3

3. A sense of \_\_\_\_\_: Ps. 38:6-8, Ps. 77:2-3

OBADIAH SEDGWICK, “All former comforts seem to take leave of us. Sometimes we are so distressed, that we fear we are lost for ever. One such sinning may cost us many years of cruel vexation; and of this we may be sure, that till we are soundly humbled and renew our repentance, we shall never see a smile in God’s countenance, nor hear a good word from conscience.”

4. A sense of being \_\_\_\_\_: Ps. 38:10, Ps. 69:13

RICHARD SIBBES, “They find that their hearts are shut up, and they cannot pray as formerly when they had the Spirit of God more fully; and they find that they cannot bear afflictions with wonted patience. This is first done when we hear the Word of God not with that delight and profit as we were wont. When they find how they come near to God in holy communion, and yet feel not that sweet taste and relish in the ordinances of God as they were wont to do, they conclude, certainly God hath hid his face.”

5. A sense of \_\_\_\_\_: Ps. 38:11, 31:11, Job 2:13

6. A sense of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_: Ps. 38:13-14, 77:2

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Divine Chastisement

THOMAS GOODWIN, "Sometimes God visits desertion upon His people to set believers' hearts a-work to pray more and more earnestly."

1. The prayer for \_\_\_\_\_ not removal: Ps. 38:1, Heb. 12:5-11
2. The prayer for \_\_\_\_\_: Ps. 38:9, 51:17
3. The prayer for \_\_\_\_\_: Ps. 38:15, 27:14, Ps. 139:23-24
4. The prayer for \_\_\_\_\_: Ps. 38:21-22, 51:12

WILLIAM BRIDGE, "Now when God sees that His children fall in love more with the nurse than with Himself then He removes the nurse, and causes their peace to be suspended and interrupted."

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Divine Chastisement

1. \_\_\_\_\_ sin: Ps. 38:18, 51:4
2. \_\_\_\_\_ over sin: Ps. 38:18, Is. 66:2

THOMAS GOODWIN, [Chastisement] "is a means to eat our corruptions. It is a means to destroy the flesh."