



*Psalm*

*Making the connections*



# PRAYER AND PAIN

Psalm 102

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# As We Consider Contrasting Views Of Pain And Suffering, Note...

- The Downward Trajectory  
Due To Temporal Thinking. (1-11)

Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to you! <sup>2</sup> Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call! <sup>3</sup> For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.<sup>4</sup> My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread.<sup>5</sup> Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh. <sup>6</sup> I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places;<sup>7</sup> I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.

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<sup>8</sup>All the day my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse. <sup>9</sup>For I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink, <sup>10</sup>because of your indignation and anger; for you have taken me up and thrown me down. <sup>11</sup>My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.



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Due To Eternal Thinking. (12-22)

<sup>12</sup> But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations. <sup>13</sup> You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. <sup>14</sup> For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust. <sup>15</sup> Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. <sup>16</sup> For the LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; <sup>17</sup> he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

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<sup>18</sup> Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD: <sup>19</sup> that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, <sup>20</sup> to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, <sup>21</sup> that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise, <sup>22</sup> when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.