

# Psalm 60

But for this Psalm and its title we would have had no inkling of the resilience of David's hostile neighbours at the peak of his power.

David's very success brought with it dangers of alliances among his enemies, [2 Samuel 8:5] and of battles far from home.

At such a moment, when David's main force was with him near the Euphrates [2 Samuel 8:3], Edom evidently took its chance to fall upon Judah from the south.

The setting of the Psalm is the deflating news of havoc at home, [Psalms 60:1-3] and a defeat at the first attempt to avenge the situation, [verse 10].

**Psalms 60:1** [New King James] *“O God, You have cast us off; You have broken us down; You have been displeased; Oh, restore us again!”*

**In a typically Biblical way, the Psalmist regards God as responsible for every happening, hence this unexpected military reversal had struck a tremendous blow to the people's morale.**

**Psalms 60:2** [New King James] *“You have made the earth tremble; You have broken it; heal its breaches, for it is shaking.”*

**The Psalmist likens the situation to an earthquake which rends even strong buildings.**

**Psalms 60:3** [New King James] *“You have shown Your people hard things; You have made us drink the wine of confusion.”*

**The defeat had left the people reeling as a man who has just drunk drugged wine, [Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15-16].**

**Psalms 60:4** [New King James] *“You have given a banner to those who fear You, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah”*

**Their defeat was all the more demoralising in that they believed they were the people of God under whose banner [Exodus 17:15-16] they would experience security. The heart of the problem and distress was that God's promises seem to go unfulfilled.**

**Psalms 60:5** [New King James] *“That Your beloved may be delivered, save with Your right hand, and hear me.”*

**What is the right reaction to a seemingly unkept divine promise?**

**Turn it into a prayer and plead it humbly before God.**

**Psalms 60:6-8** [New King James] *“God has spoken in His holiness: ‘I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem and measure out the Valley of Succoth. Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet for My head; Judah is My lawgiver. Moab is My washpot; over Edom I will cast My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph because of Me.’”*

**David refers directly the promised land that Israel was given after the exodus from Egypt, including all the lands they were supposed to have conquered.**

**Psalms 60:9-10** [New King James] *“Who will bring me to the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom? Is it not You, O God, who cast us off? And You, O God, who did not go out with our armies?”*

**The promises have been quoted, now they are pleaded.**

Humans **cannot** fulfil the promises of God, if God does **not** keep them they all fall to the ground.

**Psalms 60:11** [New King James] *“Give us help from trouble, for the help of man is useless.”*

No human can even help if God withholds His help. All therefore depends on the Creator God and all is summed up in the single plea, *“give us help from trouble.”* But this is the plea of faith.

**Psalms 60:12** [New King James] *“Through God we will do valiantly, for it is He who shall tread down our enemies.”*

**The Psalmist notes that where human aid avails nothing, God can lead His people to victory.**

The Psalm concludes with a confident forecast of victory of God bringing victory for His people.

**Though at times we may feel that God has forgotten us, it is our faith in His promise in the end to give us a place in His Kingdom [Luke 12:32] that can make us conquerors.**

**Hope in the Creator God is the best principle of true courage, for what need we fear with God on our side, [Luke 12:4-7; 2 Timothy 1:7].**

**All our victories in life are from God, and all who submit to our anointed King will share in His glory.**

**Romans 8:16-25** [New King James] *“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labours with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”*

**Here is part of the exciting future that can be ours when we surrender our lives to our Saviour Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit He prepares us to share in His inheritance.**

**Romans 12:1-2** [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

**It is out of gratitude for what God the Father has done for all humanity through our Saviour, Jesus Christ, that we make this total sacrifice to God and allow Him to mould us into beings He can use in the future coming of His Kingdom after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to this earth.**