

Life Application Questions

November 7, 2021

Psalm 38

1. Why do you think that so many people struggle with the concept that a loving God punishes sin? Was Spurgeon correct when he wrote: “The anger of others I can bear, but not thine. As thy love is most sweet to my heart, so thy displeasure is most cutting to my conscience.”?

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2. David speaks with an unvarnished honesty in this Psalm about the totality of his sin—and his God! Are you comfortable using such vivid language when addressing your Father? Why or why not?

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3. What causes the troubling thought of “forsakenness” in the child of God? How should we respond when these thoughts arise?

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4. In this “Psalm that Sighs” there is yet the reality of hope. Why is the gospel so important to the believer—not only for forgiveness, but in every facet of faith?

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