

Festering Failures
Psalm 38:1-5
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about sin & forgiveness from David.

- Intro:
1. Sin and its affects can manifest itself in physical ways.
 2. David describes the pains and struggles with sin in a physical way.

I. David's condition (Psalm 38:1-10)

A. Seeking Mercy from God (v.1-2)

1. David knew the only source of mercy.
2. Man often fails to show mercy to others, God never fails to show mercy to those who seek it.

B. David's current condition (v.3-10)

1. He was overcome by sin.
 - a. God's anger and David's sin caused David to struggle. (v.3)
 - b. David was struggling to endure (v.4)
2. David's sin were characterized by him in physical ailments (v.5-8)
3. David still seeks God who provides strength and light (v.9-10).

II. Affects of sin

A. Affects of sin on others (v.11-12)

1. Loved ones and friends (v.11)
2. Enemies take advantage of his current state (v.12,19-20)

B. David's struggle to hear (v.13-18)

1. David was aware of his unwillingness to hear (v.13-14)
2. David knew God was his only hope for forgiveness and restoration (v.15-18,21-22)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Sins are undesirable (v.5-8)

1. Foul – poor odor; Festering – corrupt (v.5)
2. The bow the person down spiritual and in an emotional state (v.6)
3. Stomach ailments are shown here as a result of sin (v.7)
4. Sins will ultimately break a person down (v.8)

B. Sins break man while God heals man (v.9,15)

1. David's desire was for God; a restored fellowship with Him (v.9a).
 - a. The Lord knew David's situation well (v.9b)
2. God restores the broken (v.15).

Application & Conclusion:

1. Man must do all he can to be free from sin if He is to be free the ailments that sin brings.
2. Sin will always corrupt, while God will always heal and restore.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9