

Sermon Series: When God Seems Far Away #2  
“Rebuke Me Not In Your Anger”  
Psalm 6:1-2  
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of God’s longsuffering.

Intro:

1. God is longsuffering.
2. God is slow to anger, 9 times in ASV slow to anger  
(**Ps 103:8, 1 Peter 3:20**)
3. David is hurting. He is at the breaking point due to his emotional pain and grief  
(**v.6-7**).

I. His plea... (**Ps 6:1-2**)

- A. for strength (**v.1, Jer 10:24**)
  1. The anger of the Lord has destroyed nations.
  2. David is fully aware of God’s power.
  3. He pleads with God for strength.
- B. for mercy (**v.2, Heb 10:31**)
  1. He asks God to have mercy on him because he is weak, without strength.
  2. He is sick with grief and heartache.

II. His hardships and the results (**Ps 6:3-8a**)

- A. “My soul is also greatly troubled...” (**v.3-5, Ps 79:5**)
  1. He pleads with God because he is facing great hardship.
  2. David knows God can deliver him thus he asks for deliverance (**v.4a**).
  3. If he dies he cannot give God thanks for his mercy. Only through God saving him could he give God thanks for delivering him from this present hardship.
- B. Results of such hardships (**Ps 6:6-8a**)
  1. As a result of his hardships his emotions overtake him (**v.6**). He weeps because of his hardship.
  2. His eyes waste away because of his grieve and tears. He pleads with God to take away his enemies. He feels overwhelmed (**v.7-8a, Ps 13:3, Ps 38:10**)

III. The Lord is Longsuffering and merciful (Ps 6:8b-10)

- A. His plea is heard (**v.8b-9, Ps 31:22, Jonah 2:2**)
  1. David realizes his plea and prayers have been heard.
  2. The Lord has heard his supplication (request or plea). The Lord received his prayer thus the Lord will respond to David’s pleas.  
(**Illustration** of how some view God as two different Gods 1) A Vengeful God 2) A Loving God – He is the SAME God)
- B. Results of prayer (**v.10, Ps 116:1-2**)
  1. As a result of his prayers being heard David asks God that his enemies be ashamed and troubled for their actions and their treatment of him. He wants them to be afflicted like he has been afflicted (“greatly troubled”).
  2. He wants their change to come suddenly or quickly.

Conc:

1. God hears the humble.
2. God is long suffering and he does allow his saints to be chastised. He still will forgive us, strengthen us and restore us; if we are willing to put our trust in Him.
3. Full Invitation