### **Desperate Times Produce Desperate Prayers**

Psalm 60 (page 417 in the black Bibles) From: Don White

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<u>Main point</u>: When in the midst of desperate circumstances the child of God is encouraged to desperately pray while remembering who God is and the promises He has made.

#### Context:

For the choir director; according to Shushan Eduth. A Mikhtam of David, to teach; when he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

2 Samuel 8; 1Chronicles 18

Psalm 60 tells us that not everything went as smoothly in David's military conquest as 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles indicates.

### Lament & Requests: (vv. 1-4)

<sup>1</sup>O God,

You have rejected us. You have broken us; You have been angry;

O, restore us.

<sup>2</sup>You have made the land quake, You have split it open;

Heal its breaches, for it totters.

<sup>3</sup>You have made Your people experience hardship;

You have given us wine to drink that makes us stagger.

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That it may be displayed because of the truth. That they may flee to it from the bow. (ESV)

Selah

# Remembering God and His Word: (vv. 5-8)

Compare Psalms 60:5-12 & 108:5-13

<sup>5</sup>That Your beloved may be delivered,

Save with Your right hand, and answer us!

# God's sovereignty and His promises to His people are emphasized

<sup>6</sup>God has spoken in His holiness:

"I will exult,

I will portion out Shechem and

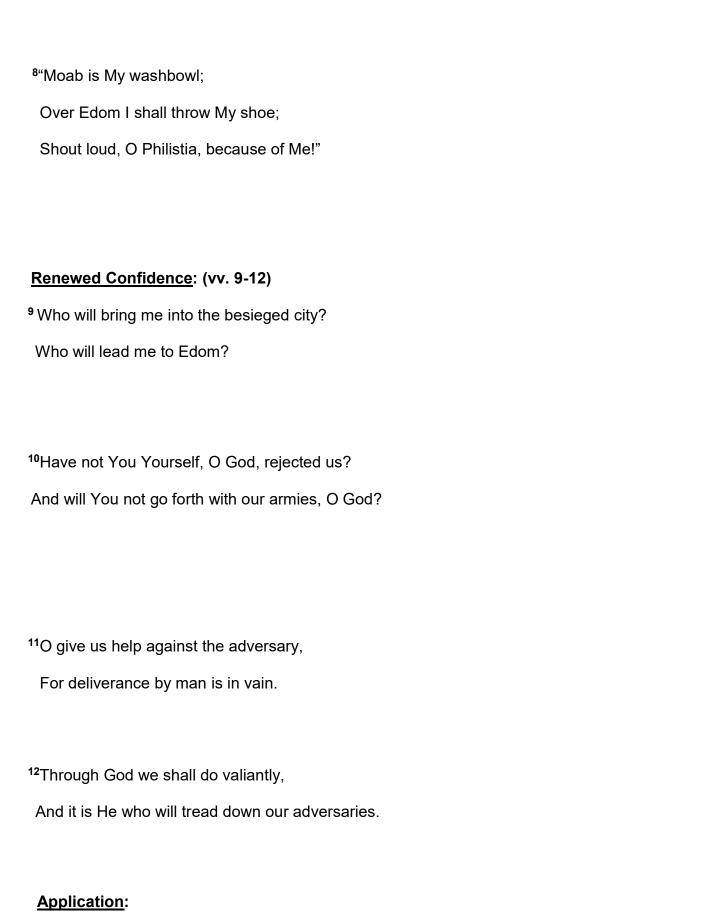
measure out the valley of Succoth.

<sup>7</sup> "Gilead is Mine,

and Manasseh is Mine;

Ephraim also is the helmet of My head;

Judah is My scepter.



God is sovereign over all things.

God keeps His word.

Matthew 16:18

We should also be praying with the same intensity that we see in Psalm 60 because we are have an adversary who is against us and against the Lord's Church.

1 Peter 5:8ff

Ephesians 6:10-18

2 Corinthians 10:3-5