

PRAYING PSALM 60

“You have cast us off; You have broken us down; you have been displeased; Oh, restore us again” (Psalm 60:1).

Israel experienced a temporary setback with Syria and Edom (II Samuel 8:3-4). It drove David to compose this psalm. 1. ISRAEL'S DEFEAT IS FROM THE LORD (1-4). God was responsible for the defeat. “You” (referring to God) is mentioned five times. 2. ISRAEL'S HOPE IS IN THE LORD (5). Even when God is responsible for our defeat, our hope is in Him. 3. EVENTUAL VICTORY IS PROMISED BY THE LORD (6-8). Victory is based on what God said He would do. 4. ISRAEL'S NEED FOR THE LORD (9-12). It is He who shall tread down our enemies.

Whenever a temporary defeat is allowed by the Lord, it is so He can show himself strong. God could prevent things from happening, but He sometimes chooses not to. The experience of temporary setbacks draw draw us to hope in Him. When you don't understand why you aren't winning, don't give up hope. You may not know the reason until later, or you may never know. “The secret things belong to the Lord...” (Deuteronomy 29:29). Your hope is always in God. Eventual victory will come, because God said it would. The theme of this psalm is that God is all you need.