

Enchanted Forest of Psalms

July 27, 2025

<u>1</u>	Tree Planted by a Stream	George Pine's Deep Roots
<u>119</u>	God's Holy Word, Law, Wisdom	General Sherman Sequoia
<u>19</u>	Heavens Declare God's Glory	Huge Oak of David
<u>96</u>	Sing a New Song, Let Heavens Rejoice	Red Maple's Profuse Beauty
<u>132</u>	Lord, <i>REMEMBER</i> David	Liberty Trees of Early U.S.A.
<u>110</u>	Sit at My Right Hand	<i>H A N G I N G</i> Trees of Old
<u>18</u>	Lord Is My Rock, His Way Perfect	Mighty Elms – Keel of Ship
<u>105</u>	Give Praise, Remember Wonders	Douglas Fir for Homes
<u>38</u>	Lord, Do Not Rebuke, Arrows Pierced Me	
	Poisonous Driftwood	
<u>32</u>	My Hiding Place	Nobel Pine, 126 Species
<u>23</u>	Lord is My Shepherd	Nightengale of Psalms
<u>139</u>	Thou Has Searched Me, Lord	Knightwood Oak – Queen of Forest
<u>5</u>	Hear My Cry, Lead Me	Hickory – American Wagon Wheel
<u>42</u>	Deep Calls unto Deep	Weeping Willow

Psalm 38:2

Your **ARROWS**
have pierced me




Few know just how *deadly* the driftwood of sin *BURNS*
*when your world falls apart, never give up – ask God for **HELP***



What do you do when
when your at the bottom?
At your wit's end?
At the last lap of your life?
At the bottom of *despair*?
When ALL have *forsaken*?
When HONOR is covered
over with SHAME & GUILT?
When you feel *LIFE* itself
ebbing away?



A man with a distressed expression, wearing a blue tunic, is shown from the chest up. He is looking towards a person whose back is to the camera. This second person is wearing a red tunic and a metal helmet. The background is a rocky, outdoor setting.

No water for him.

GOD, *HELP ME!*

Psalm 38

QUESTION:

Is Psalm 38 referring to David's **SHAME**
AFTER his seducing young Bathsheba
AND Murdering Uriah in 2 Sam 11 ...
AFTER Nathan's rebuke in 2 Sam 12
SAD Fact that Nathan had to use a STORY to awaken David
Nathan's STORY reveals the depth of David's **BLINDNESS**
Psalm 38 refers to David's shame
for Adultery AND Murder

Before 55,000 people
Going viral
Sadly, adultery is not
seen as bad today
UNLESS you're
SUCCESSFUL

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CAUGHT ON CAMERA

NEW FALLOUT FROM VIRAL "KISS CAM" MOMENT



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GUILT HURTS

funny to rest of us

*Especially when we're NOT a billionaire
Bigger you are, the harder you FALL*

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Psalm 38

Alternate Title #1

Sin's Deadly Driftwood

Alternate Title #2

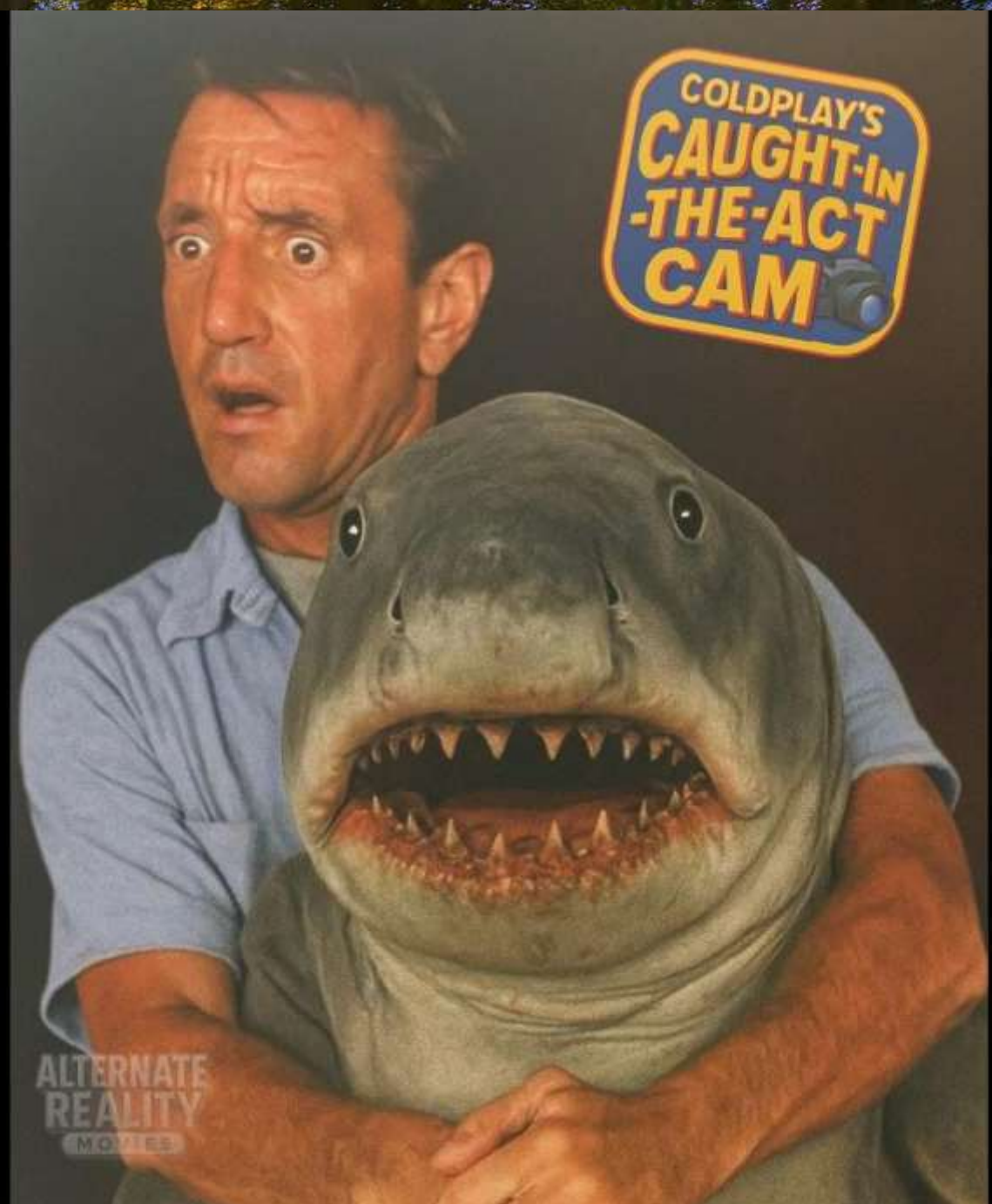
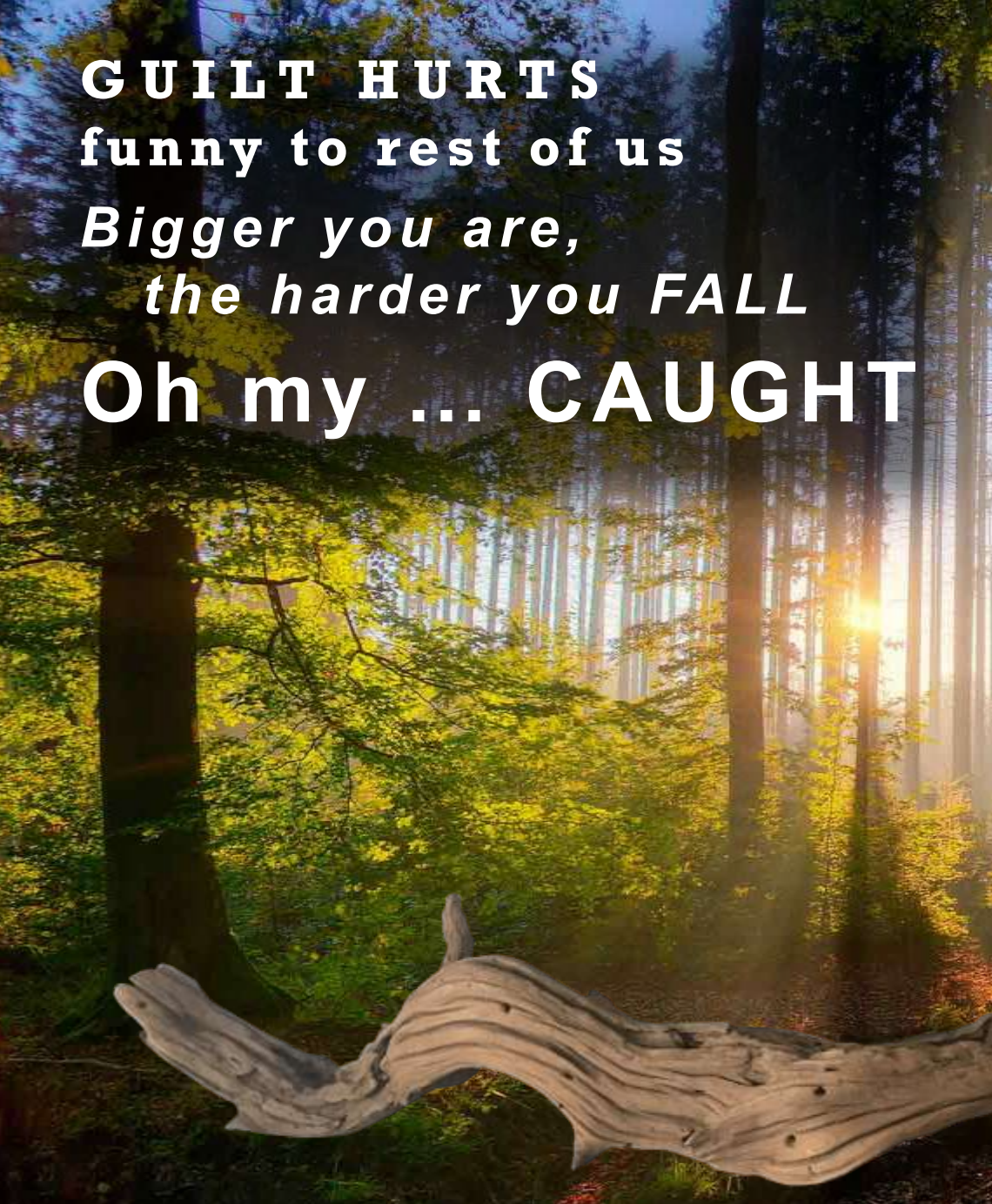
Contrition's Depth



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*Bigger you are,
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Oh my ... CAUGHT



Psalm 38

The Enchanted Forest



Driftwood

Toxic BURNED

Wherever you GO in the **Enchanted Forest**
Whenever you visit the **Enchanted Forest**
your visit is not complete until

Until you've been stung by **Psalm 38**
on the floor of EVERY Forest is detritus, refuse, old wood
wormy wood, rotting bark, & widow-makers



Psalm 38

Driftwood & forest debris **BURN** easily

SIN – *what a term* – can **BURN** too

If not properly handled,

SIN can BURN severely

Driftwood burning can be **TOXIC**

Driftwood **BURNING** w salt content
especially from the ocean

- ✓ Can produces dioxins & furans
- ✓ **DIOXINS** are chemicals harmful
to humans & animals
- ✓ **FURAN**—heterocyclic aromatic
organic compound
- ✓ **BOTH** are **cancerous** & more



Psalm 38

Psalm 38 is ALL about GUILT

ALL about Shame before GOD

ALL about BETRAYING Love to God

CARELESS *Care* of SIN is

- ✓ Toxic – often Tenacious
- ✓ Permeating – often Painful
- ✓ Disastrous – often Deadly
- ✓ Relentless – often Retching

Driftwood looks nice on the mantel

Yet is Poisonous to BREATH burning

DAVID felt a terrible cancerous

PAIN in Psalm 38

DAVID had SNORTED Driftwood SMOKE



Psalm 38 – *title same as Psalm 70*



1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your wrath.

Psalm 38 is among the seven **Penitential Psalms**
6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143

O.T. Scholars Keil & Delitzsch four chronologically

IF, if Psalms 6, 38, 51, 32 refer to David's affair with Bathsheba

Keil & Delitzsch place Psalm 32 last – seems to *follow* others

In Both Psalms 6 & 38 – verse 1 is **IDENTICAL**

- ✓ Psalms 6, 32, 51 are similar in the deep shame & depression
- ✓ Psalm 32 seems to be a relief – thanksgiving – LEARNING
- ✓ Psalm 32:1 **Blessed is the one whose transgressions
are forgiven, whose sins are covered.**

APPEARS Psalms 6, 38, 51, 32 are about David's Affair

Psalm 38 – *title same as* Psalm 70

**1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger
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O.T. Scholars Keil & Delitzsch (Carl Friedrich Keil & Franz Delitzsch)

in their very respected commentary on Psalm 38 observed:

**If we regard David's adultery as the occasion of it (2 Samuel 12),
then Psalms 6, 38, 51, 32 form a chronological series.**

**David is distressed both in mind & body, forsaken by his friends,
and regarded by his foes as one who is cast off for ever.**

**The fire of divine anger burns within him like a fever, and
the divine withdrawl as it were rests upon him like darkness.**

**But he fights his way by PRAYER through this fire & this darkness
to the bright confidence of FAITH.**



Psalm 38 – *title same as* Psalm 70 – David Psalm for *Remembrance*

**1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your wrath.**

Psalm 38 – with “remembrance” 1 Hebrew word used only **4x in O.T.**

**KJV “to bring remembrance” ~ NIV “a Petition” ~
Holman Christian “for remembrance”**

> 2 uses of “remembrance” in titles of Psalms 38 & 70 – *then*

**1 Kings 17:18 she said unto Elijah, “What have I to do with thee,
O thou man of God? Art thou come unto me
to call my sin TO REMEMBRANCE, and to slay my son?”**

***then* oddly translated in Amos 6 – God condemning Israel’s PRIDE**

**Amos 6:10 he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house,
... Then shall he say, “Hold thy tongue, for
we may not DARE MENTION the name of the LORD.”**



Psalm 38

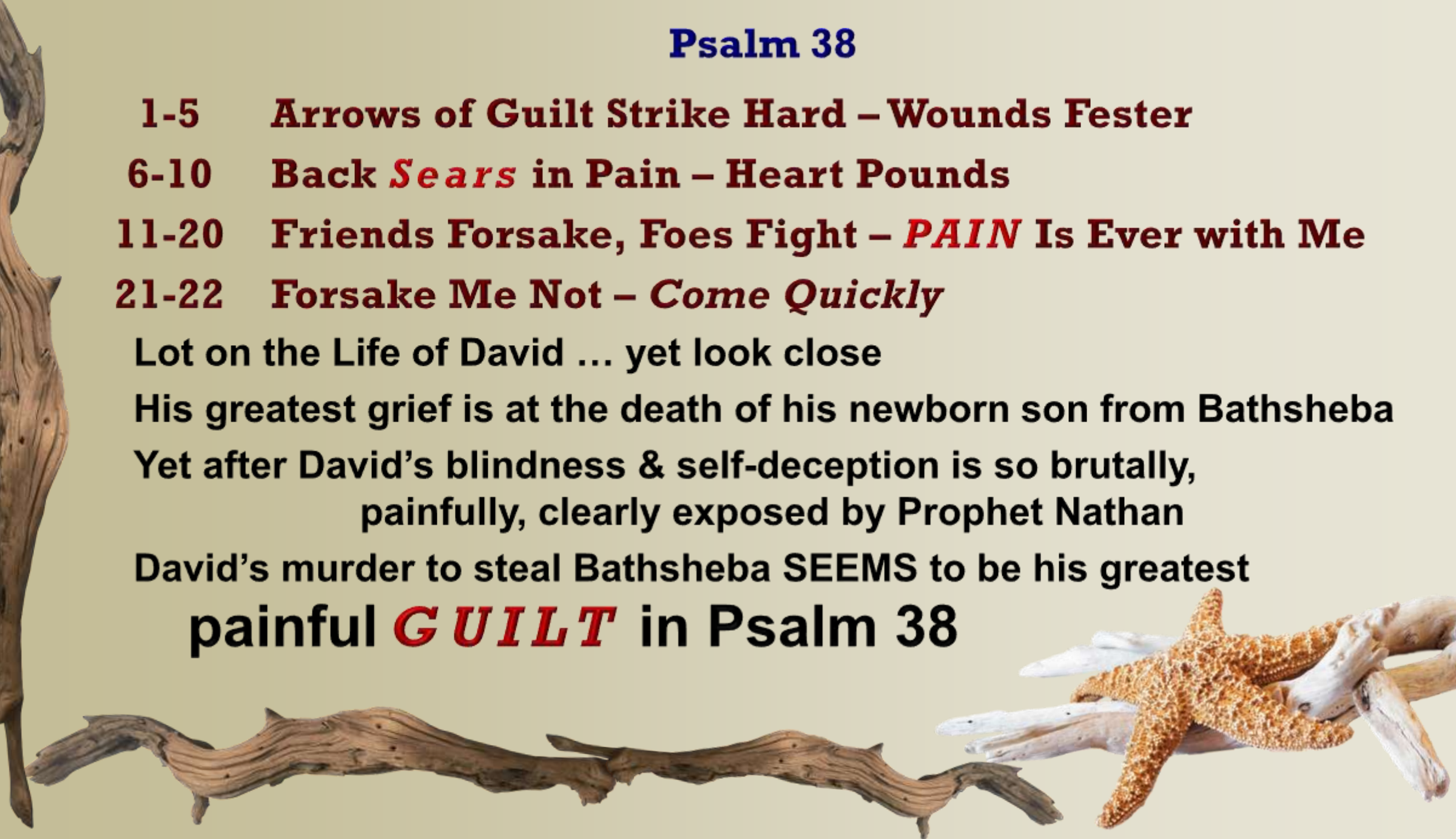
- 1-5 **Arrows of Guilt Strike Hard – Wounds Fester**
6-10 **Back *Sears* in Pain – Heart Pounds**
11-20 **Friends Forsake, Foes Fight – *PAIN* Is Ever with Me**
21-22 **Forsake Me Not – *Come Quickly***

Lot on the Life of David ... yet look close

His greatest grief is at the death of his newborn son from Bathsheba

Yet after David's blindness & self-deception is so brutally,
painfully, clearly exposed by Prophet Nathan

David's murder to steal Bathsheba SEEMS to be his greatest
painful ***GUILT*** in Psalm 38



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My trainer catching me on my 9th
cheat meal this week



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Psalm 38



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or discipline me in your wrath.

2 Your ARROWS have pierced me,
and your HAND has come down on me.

3 Because of your wrath
there is NO HEALTH in my BODY;
there is NO SOUNDNESS in my BONES because of my sin.

Be careful of this Psalm
Don't get distracted from
the pain of the man
who penned it

In the Bible, next to Judas' betraying Jesus, David's *taking* of Bathsheba
& *murdering* her husband Uriah is the greatest "SIN with Guilt"

God opened the earth for Dathan under Moses &
smoked Sodom & Gomorrah – yet NEITHER Dathan nor Sodom

NEITHER of them LOVED God like David

This is not merely a Psalm, but the bleeding of a humbled heart

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**GUILT & SHAME are very heavy
for those who value their HONOR!**

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Wounds Fester



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when Christian left his
City of Destruction

on his way to the

Celestial City

Christian had a very HEAVY
burden on his BACK

Anyone HERE ever carry a
VERY HEAVY BURDEN?

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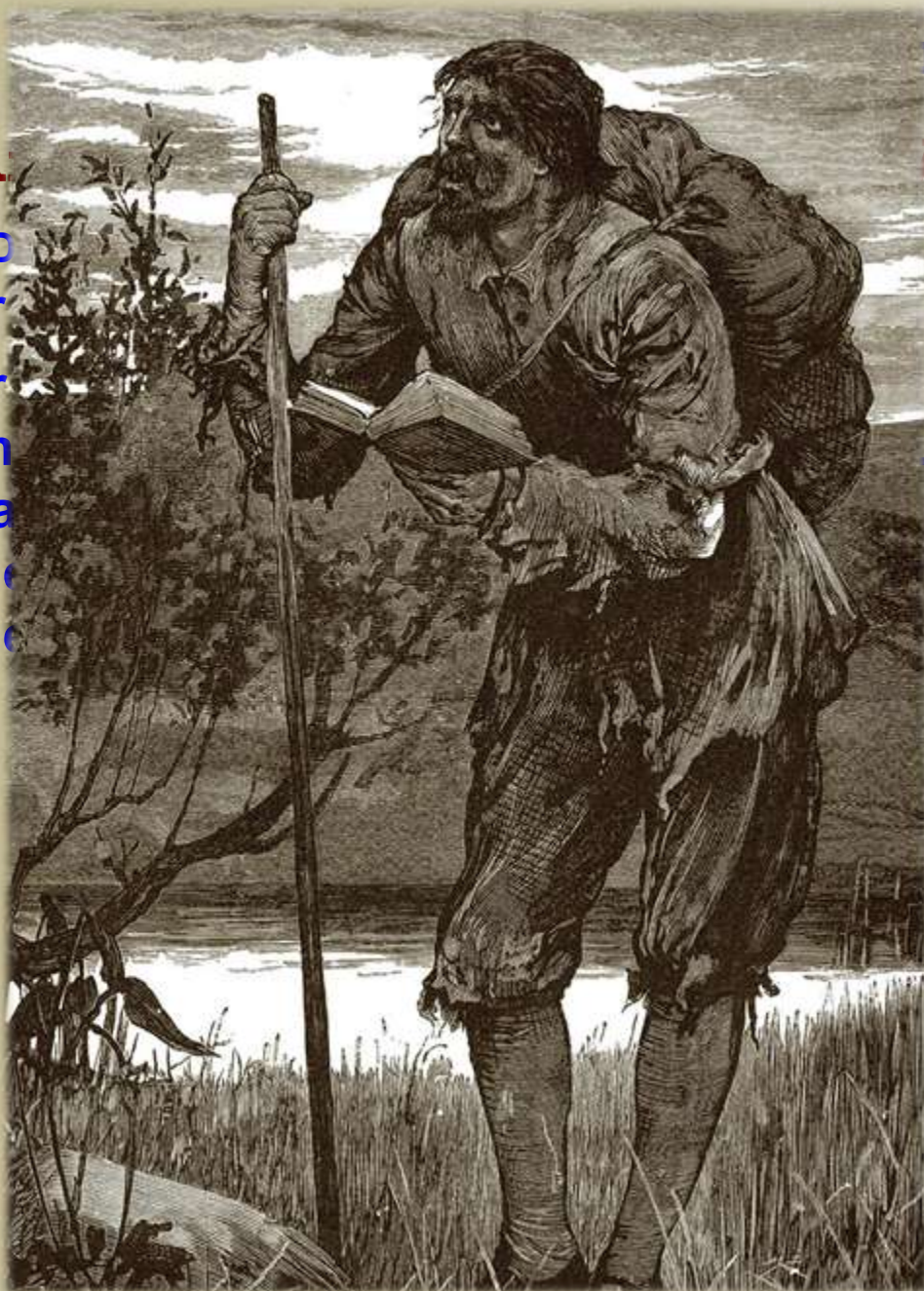
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because of my sin.
- 4 My GUILT has overwhelmed me
like a burden too heavy to bear.
- 5 My WOUNDS fester and are loathsome
because of my sinful folly.

What is SADDER is how blind David was until Prophet Nathan SPOKE
Part of the DEPTH of David's guilt is seeing how BLIND he was



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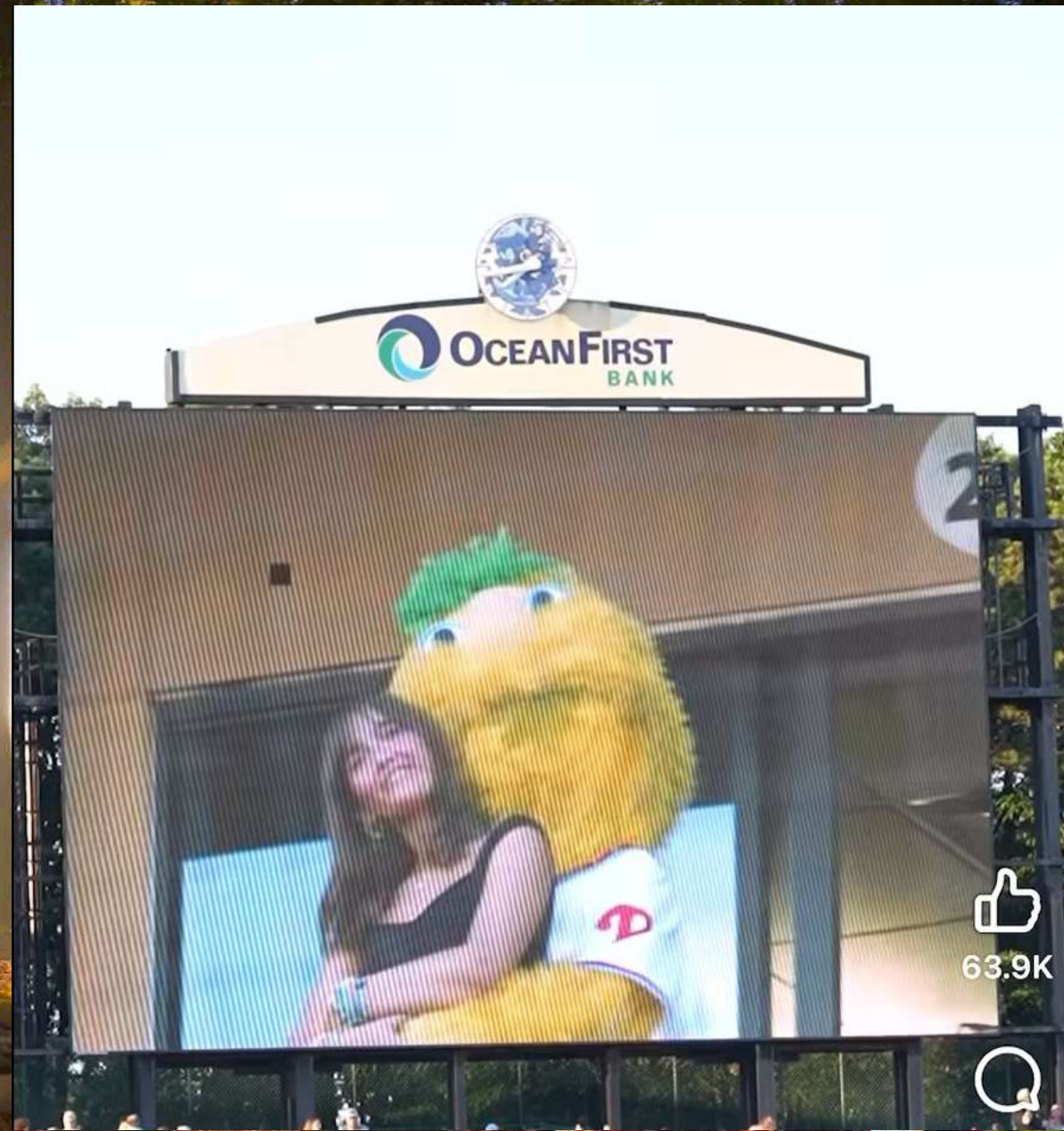


GUILT HURTS

David Sees Bath-Sheba Bathing
by James Tissot (1836-1902)



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the harder you FALL
MORE VIDEOS



Psalm 38

6-10 Back *Sears* in Pain – Heart Pounds

6 I am BOWED down and brought very low;
all day long I go about mourning.

7 My BACK is filled with searing PAIN;
there is NO HEALTH in my BODY.

8 I am FEEBLE and utterly crushed;
I groan in anguish of HEART.

Narrator in *Pilgrim's Progress* said:

“I saw a man clothed with rags ...
great burden upon his back.

I ... saw him open the book ... read
as he read, he wept & trembled; & not being able longer to contain,
he brake out, with a lamentable cry, saying, ‘*What shall I do?*’”



Guilt, Shame, Contrition
come to those with a HEART
many times in proportion to
How much they *LOVE* God
Love Honor, *Love* Justice

If David was a mere criminal,
He would ONLY feel SHAME
about getting CAUGHT

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9 All my LONGINGS LIE OPEN
before you, Lord;
my sighing is not hidden from you.

10 My HEART POUNDS, my strength fails me;
even the LIGHT has gone from my EYES.

David already had 7 wives of record
before Bathsheba

Michal, Ahinoam, Abigail, Maachah,
Haggith, Abital, Eglah

Bathsheba was #8 of record

Bible says he took “OTHER WIVES”

No knows how many concubines

NOT an uglier betrayal of Uriah who was faithful to the end of his LIFE

Young wife Bathsheba in the hands of a Super-Successful **KING**

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Psalm 38

11-20 Friends Forsake, Foes Fight – *PAIN* Is Ever with Me

**11 My friends and companions avoid me because of my WOUNDS;
my neighbors STAY FAR AWAY.**

**12 Those who want to KILL me set their TRAPS,
those who would harm me talk of my ruin;
ALL DAY LONG they scheme and LIE.**

That CEO & HR Director better have a good retirement ...

YET read this Psalm, perhaps the ***GREATEST Confession*** in the Bible
NONE of us have MURDERED for a Fling ... yet do notice Psalm 38

Here is a man so HONEST he writes a **SONG** about his **GUILT**

David TELLS the world how terribly he felt ...

David CONFESSES in clearer terms than ... than ...

I suspect ANY of us could do on our **BEST** day!



Psalm 38

11-20 Friends Forsake, Foes Fight – **PAIN** Is Ever with Me

13 I am like the DEAF, who cannot HEAR,
like the MUTE, who cannot speAk;

Can you feel David's
LONELINESS?

14 I have become like one who does not hear,
whose mouth can offer no reply.

Can you feel David's
ISOLATION?

15 LORD, I wait for you;
you will answer, Lord my God.

Can you feel David's
longing for GOD?

16 For I said, "Do not let them gloat
or exalt themselves over me when my feet slip."

Clearly, though we have NEVER even thought of doing what he did

Clearly, David is open & honest about his HEART to GOD

And God is working David over – **DESERVEDLY!**



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11-20 Friends Forsake, Foes Fight – *PAIN* Is Ever with Me

17 For I am about to FALL, and my PAIN is ever with me.

18 I confess my INIQUITY. I am troubled by my sin.

**19 Many have become my enemies without cause;
those who hate me without reason are numerous.**

Ever have a “Fair Weather Friend” ONLY there IF you are KING?

Even though David was WORSE than the CEO on camera ...

David was in the lineage of a Promised Covenant that led to Jesus

**20 Those who repay my good with evil
lodge accusations against me,
though I seek only to do what is good.**

Larger lesson is “How to Be Honest to God?”

and when the Prodigal Son comes *HOME*?



Psalm 38

21-22 Forsake Me Not – Come *Quickly*

**21 LORD, DO NOT FORSAKE me;
DO NOT BE FAR from me, my God.**

**22 COME QUICKLY to help me,
my Lord and my Savior.**

**EVER have a
HEAVY
Burden on
your BACK?**



**Very Large Lesson in Psalm 38 is played out in the New Testament
Even the greatest SIN by the Greatest God-appointed King
WHEN repented in heart-wrenching ... soul-searching ...
painful, fearful, shameful, guilt-ridden TEARS**

**God can forgive David enough to allow a lineage through Bathsheba
Greatest Lesson of all, probably already guessed, is on**

Forgiveness of God



Psalm 38

21 Lord, do not forsake me;
do not be far from me, my God.

22 Come quickly to help me,
my Lord and my Savior.

What's the bravest thing
you've ever done?

Look to David, the bravest, most
successful, in his

WORST HOUR

What does King David DO?

He asked God for **HELP!**

We are NO LESS ...

REFUSING to give up—
we ask for **HELP!**



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No GOOD man in the Bible did worse

- ✓ No one WROTE a better *SELF*-song
- ✓ No one CONFESSED more deeply
- ✓ No one in the Bible **FELT WORSE**
- ✓ No one except Jesus was
MORE HONEST TO GOD

No matter how you feel, how down,
sad, ashamed, alone, forsaken ...

Know this
God CARES
God can
HELP