

Renown

renown: a state of being widely acclaimed and highly honored

Psalm 102

- 1. I am in a HURRY (1-2)
- 2. I am MISERABLE because of . . . (3-11)
 - My Health (3-7)
 - My Oppressors (8-9)
 - My God (10-11)
- 3. I am CHOOSING to EMBRACE the Promises of God (12-22)
 - God's COMPASSION will arrive (12-13)
 - God will not ABANDON us (14-17)
 - God will DELIVER us (18-22)
- 4. I am HOLDING ON (23-28)
 - My LIFE is in God's hands (23-24a)
 - My CONFIDENCE is in God (24b-28)

Our Unchanging God

Psalm 102

Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you! ² Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

- ³ For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.
- ⁴ My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread.
- ⁵ Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh.
- ⁶ I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,

like an owl of the waste places;

- ⁷ I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.
- 8 All the day my enemies taunt me;

those who deride me use my name for a curse.

- ⁹ For I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink,
- 10 because of your indignation and wrath;

for you have taken me up and thrown me down.

- 11 My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.
- ¹² But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever; you are remembered (renowned) throughout all generations.
- ¹³ You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.
- ¹⁴ For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust.
- 15 Nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.
- ¹⁶ For the Lord builds up Zion; He appears in His glory;
- ¹⁷ He regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.
- 18 Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:
- 19 that he looked down from his holy height;

from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,

- ²⁰ to hear the groans of the prisoners,
- to set free those who were doomed to die,
- 21 that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord, and in Jerusalem his praise,
- ²² when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.
- ²³ He has broken my strength in midcourse;

He has shortened my days.

²⁴ "O my God," I say, "take me not away in the midst of my daysyou whose years endure throughout all generations!"

²⁵ Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

²⁶ They will perish, but you will remain;

they will all wear out like a garment.

You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,

- ²⁷ but you are the same, and your years have no end.
- ²⁸ The children of your servants shall dwell secure;

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read Psalm 102:1-2. What five things does the Psalmist ask God to do? Have you ever had a time in your life where you needed God to act quickly? How did He respond? Discuss.
- 2. Read Psalm 102:3-11. These verse are the picture of misery. Are you miserable in any areas of your life? Discuss.
- Read Psalm 102:12-22. Do you live in the security of God's promises? Discuss.
- Read Psalm 102:23-28. Our unchanging God is for us. What does that sentence mean to you? Discuss.