

## **Psalm 60    A teaching poem of David    (verses 6-12 are copied in Psalm 108:6-13)**

### ***The people's plea for deliverance***

<sup>1</sup> Dear LORD, it's obvious that You have rejected us because You are angry. Please have pity upon us, and restore our country to its previous dominance over our enemies. <sup>2</sup> You have shaken up our country, broken it, and split it apart. Now our defenses are weak, so please make us strong once more. <sup>3</sup> You have made our people experience severe hardships and caused us to stagger under the weight of them. <sup>4</sup> In spite of all this, You have given us something we can trust in, and that is the name of the LORD. We can display our faith in Him as a statement of our confidence. <sup>5</sup> Please answer our plea for help, and save us. When You do, we will be thrilled to be delivered. LORD, show Your power by rescuing me, Your beloved one.

Folks, stop what you are doing, and contemplate the depth of the truths I just shared with you. Take them to heart, and they will change your life for the better.

### ***The LORD's response***    (the following verses are copied in Psalm 108:7-13)

<sup>6</sup> I ask this because in the past You have done many works either for or to others. LORD, You said the following words<sup>1</sup>, and what You said in Your holiness must be true.

### ***How He will deal with His enemies***

"I will rejoice over My enemies, and I will accomplish the following: Shechem lies in the valley between Mt. Ebal to the north and Mt. Gerizim to the south. I will remove the Canaanite inhabitants from there and give the land to whoever I desire.

### ***How He will deal with those special to Him***

<sup>7</sup> Gilead is mine and was primarily occupied by the tribe of Gad in biblical times. Manasseh is mine too. It lay east of the Jordan River and north of Gad. Ephraim is located in the center of the nation and was later dominated by the Northern Kingdom. It symbolizes the crown on my head. Judah, to the south, was later dominated by the Southern Kingdom and is My lawgiver.

### ***How He will deal with those who are immoral and proud***

<sup>8</sup> Moab is located to the east of the Dead Sea, and I consider it morally dirty. I have nothing but contempt for Edom, and I will humble Philistia because of her pride."

<sup>9</sup> Who will provide the help we need so that my army can get into the heavily fortified city of Edom? <sup>10</sup> You haven't helped us because You have rejected us and will not go into battle with us. <sup>11</sup> LORD, please change Your mind and help us when we go out in battle against our enemies. We really need Your help because it is useless to depend

upon the strength of men to win the war. <sup>12</sup> If You will help us, we will fight valiantly, and we will see how You tread down our enemies before us.

Your servant,

David

<sup>1</sup> Peter A. Steveson, Psalms, copyright BJU Press, Greenville, South Carolina. pp. 232-233 (His explanation of the geographic regions in verses 6-8).

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