

God's People in Exile How Does It Feel?

{1} *With the news that we will soon be seeking a new place of Christian worship, fellowship, and service, I was reminded of the children of Israel who found themselves enslaved in a distant land, eating strange foods among foreign Gods.* {2}

Psalm 137 {3}

What emotions or feelings does the writer of this Psalm express? Are they appropriate, given the circumstances?

Where does the blame lie for the situation they found themselves in?

Who or what is to be blamed for our current circumstance? What emotions are we experiencing now (since we learned of the plans for our corps)?

Are we likely to forget? [5-6] In what ways are our priorities likely to be different from those of the captives in Babylon?

Psalm 138 {4}

What emotions and attitudes are expressed in this Psalm?

What factors account for the contrast between this Psalm and the previous one?

Is it merely coincidental that these Psalms are placed in this sequence in the Bible?

Have we yet reached the place where we enthusiastically share in David's proclamation in verse 1? Would it be difficult right now to bow down as in verse 2?

{5} *“Even when I must walk in the midst of danger, you revive me.” Psalm 138:7*

Next week: What should we do? Jeremiah chapters 28, 29, and 52.

Play-list:

- {1} Like A Rolling Stone; Bob Dylan <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwOfCgkyEj0>>
- {2} By The Rivers Of Babylon; Boney M <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYK9iCRb7S4>>
- {3} Psalm 137; Jason Silver <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqYIMLH5NMI>>
- {4} Psalm 138; Jason Silver <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0V3BqV_mdnY>
- {5} I've Got Confidence; The Imperials <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeKYiRU8DJA>>
- {6} O William; The Message Of Truth And Love; The Salvation Army Western Territory (included in <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3d3jis6lKs&t=8m15s>>)
- {7} Little Pilgrim; Love Song <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZR8LJpGoTA>>

I've Got Confidence

by Andrae Crouch as recorded by *The Imperials*

When trouble is in my way
I can't tell my night from day
When I'm tossed from side to side
Like a ship on the raging tide
I don't worry, I don't fret
God has never failed me yet
Troubles come from time to time,
But that's all right, I'm not the worrying kind

Because I've got confidence
God is gonna see me through
No matter what the case may be
I know He's gonna fix it for me
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No matter what the case may be
I know He's gonna fix it for me

Job was so sick, oh so long
Till the flesh fell from his bones
His wife, cattle and children
Everything that he had was gone
Job in his despair
Knew that God still cared
Sleepless days and sleepless nights
But Job said "honey that's all right," because

I've got confidence
God is gonna see me through
No matter what the case may be
I know He's gonna fix it for me

Some folks wonder how I can smile
Even though I'm going through trials
How can I have a song
When everything seems to go wrong
I don't worry, I don't fret
God has never failed me yet
Troubles come from time to time
But that's all right, I'm not the worrying kind

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