

## Current Teaching Series: Psalms

# Remembering The Lord In A Foreign Land (Psalm 137)

### **3 Characteristics of our foreign land:**

1) Our *foreign land* is often a place of great \_\_\_\_\_.

*By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we hung our harps. (vv. 1-2)*

2) Our *foreign land* is often entered because of \_\_\_\_\_.

*This is what the Lord says about his people: "They greatly love to wander; they do not restrain their feet. So the Lord does not accept them; he will remember their wickedness and punish them for their sins." (Jeremiah 14:10)*

*Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets. (Micah 3:12)*

3) Our *foreign land* can bring \_\_\_\_\_.

*...for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" (v. 3)*

### **How do we remember the Lord in a foreign land?**

1) Commit to a life of \_\_\_\_\_.

*How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy. (vv. 4-6)*

2) Commit to surrender \_\_\_\_\_ to God in \_\_\_\_\_.

*Remember, Lord, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell. "Tear it down," they cried, "tear it down to its foundations!" Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is the one who repays you according to what you have done to us. Happy is the one who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks. (vv. 7-8)*

**Derek Kidner:** "The very presence of these prayers in Scripture is a witness to God's understanding. God knows how men speak when they are desperate."

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer:** "...the imprecatory psalm leads to the cross of Jesus and to the love of God which forgives enemies. I cannot forgive the enemies of God out of my own resources. Only the crucified Christ can do that, and I through him."

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