



“When It Hurts Too Much”

Psalm 88:1-18

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Psa. 88:0 A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. To the Chief Musician. Set to “Mahalath Leannoth.” A Contemplation of Heman the Ezrahite.

*Psa. 88:1 O Lord, God of my salvation,
I have cried out day and night before You.
2 Let my prayer come before You;
Incline Your ear to my cry.*

*3 For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draws near to the grave.
4 I am counted with those who go down to
the pit; I am like a man who has no strength,
5 Adrift among the dead,
Like the slain who lie in the grave,
Whom You remember no more,
And who are cut off from Your hand.
6 You have laid me in the lowest pit,
In darkness, in the depths.
7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
And You have afflicted me with all Your
waves. **(Selah)***

*8 You have put away my acquaintances far
from me; You have made me an
abomination to them; I am shut up, and I
cannot get out;*

*9 My eye wastes away because of affliction.
Lord, I have called daily upon You;
I have stretched out my hands to You.
10 Will You work wonders for the dead?
Shall the dead arise and praise You?
(Selah)*

*11 Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in
the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the place
of destruction?
12 Shall Your wonders be known in the
dark? And Your righteousness in the land of
forgetfulness?
13 But to You I have cried out, O Lord,
And in the morning my prayer comes before
You.
14 Lord, why do You cast off my soul?
Why do You hide Your face from me?
15 I have been afflicted and ready to die
from my youth; I suffer Your terrors; I am
distraught.
16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me;
Your terrors have cut me off.
17 They came around me all day long like
water; They engulfed me altogether.
18 Loved one and friend You have put far
from me, And my only friend is darkness.*

I. This is the MOST depressing Psalm in the Bible –

- Background:
 - Who are the sons of Korah? (Num. 16:1-50, 26:11; 1 Chron. 6:37; 2 Chron. 20:19; Psalm 42, 44-49, 84, 85, 87, 88)

- Who is Heman the Ezrahite? (1 Chron. 6:31-33, 25:1,4-6; 2 Chron. 5:12; 1 Kings 4:31)

- Outline/Main Focus

- Psalm 88:1-2 – _____

- Psalm 88:3-7 – _____

- Psalm 88:8-10 – _____

- Psalm 88:11-18 – _____

II. When it Hurts Too Much –

- My Story –

- Your Story? –

Take Away – God’s Math Equation: