

Sermon: A Nightlight For Those In Darkness

Scripture: Psalm 88 (ESV)

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¹ *O LORD, God of my salvation, I cry 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 Sheol.*

⁴ *I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am a man who has no strength,*

⁵ *like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave,*

like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.

⁶ *You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep.*

⁷ *Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves.*

⁸ *You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a horror to them.*

I am shut in so that I cannot escape;

⁹ *my eye grows dim through sorrow.*

Every day I call upon you, O LORD; I spread out my hands to you.

¹⁰ *Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the departed rise up to praise you?*

¹¹ *Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?*

¹² *Are your wonders known in the darkness,*

or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³ *But I, O LORD, cry to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.*

¹⁴ *O LORD, why do you cast my soul away? Why do you hide your face from me?*

¹⁵ *Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.*

¹⁶ *Your wrath has swept over me; your dreadful assaults destroy me.*

¹⁷ *They surround me like a flood all day long; they close in on me together.*

¹⁸ *You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;*

my companions have become darkness.

1. Know that even godly, mature believers get depressed.

2. When life is really hard, you should tell God that life is really hard.