III. The God Who Can Be Trusted in the Darkness

Psalms 39 & 137

**I. Singing the Blues (Psalm 39)**

A. The Failed Attempt at Silence (1-3)

B. The Fleeting Nature of Life (4-6)

C. The Fundamental Realization (7-11)

D. The Frightful Request (12-13)

**II.** **So Blue You Can't Sing (Psalm 137)**

Psalm 137 is placed in the mouths of Jewish captives, led naked and in chains towards Babylon after the sack of Jerusalem in 586 BC.

A. Dislocated and Humiliated (1-3)

B. Longing for Home (4-6)

C. Praying for Revenge (7-9)

This is an example of an imprecatory psalm. Prayers that ask for revenge. Why would these calls for vengeance be preserved in God's Word? When you are so wounded, distressed, and, humiliated that all you can think about is revenge, what are we to do? Perhaps these psalms help us recover a way of praying when praise and thanksgiving are far, far from us.