

## The *Saddest* Song for the *Happiest* of New Years

**INTRO:** *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Psalm 88 has been called, “the saddest psalm in the psalter” because the author received no answer to his prayer.*

- I. Believers \_\_\_\_\_ to God for \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (1-9).** *The LORD is God of our [deliverance].*
- II. Believers can be \_\_\_\_\_ when God does not \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (10-12).**  
*The psalmist states his case for deliverance with rhetorical questions.*
- III. God does not promise to \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ in this lifetime (13-18).** *Though the Psalm ends w/o resolution, Believers can use laments to remember important Biblical principles.*
- A.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*We are to “count it all joy” (Cf. John 16:33; James 1:2-4).*
- B.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Psalms of **lament** are as **inspired** as Psalms of **praise**!*
- C.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*We all need “real” (Biblical) friends (Proverbs 17:17; 18:24).*
- D.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*The promise is because we are “in the Son” (1 John 3:22).*
- E.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*The Holy Spirit indwells us and is always with us (Matt. 28:20).*