

Lesson #906

TEXT: Psalm 55:12-14

INTRODUCTION:

A. NO GREATER WRONG OR INJUSTICE.

B. NO GREATER PAIN THAN BETRAYAL.

1. Aloneness (**Micah 5:7**; **Job 19:13**) No one to lean on – No one to trust.
2. Evil intent (**Ez. 33:31**),

Sold!

I. WHO IS THIS PSALM ABOUT?

A. AHITHOPHEL (**2 Sam 15:12**).

1. David's friend and advisor.
2. Went to the other side.

B. HE UNDERSTOOD, HE SAW THE BETRAYAL BY ABSOLOM AND TOOK PART.

1. Somebody squealed on him (**2 Sam. 17:21-23**).
2. The shame of his part caused him to commit suicide.

II. OTHERS WHO WERE GUILTY.

A. JUDAS:

1. Honored by Jesus, one of the 12 (**Matt. 10:4**).
2. Sought opportunity – Premeditated! (**Matt. 26:14-16**).
3. Jesus knew! (**vs. 25**). He still looked Jesus in the eye.
4. His repentance wasn't real (**27:3-5**). Sound familiar?

B. SIMON PETER.

1. Not premeditated, a betrayal all the same (**Luke 22:31-34**).
2. Not alone (**Matt. 26:31-35**).
3. He stumbled – no vicious attack (**Luke 22:54-62**).
4. Peter didn't hang himself (**Acts 2**).

C. DEMAS.

1. A valued fellow-worker (**Col. 4:14**; **Philemon 24**).
2. What happened? (**2 Tim. 4:9-10, 16**).
 - a. Love of the world? (**1 John 2:15-17**).
 - b. Fleeing to a "better situation" (**2 Cor. 11:26-28**; **1 Cor. 1:11**; **5:6-7**).

III. CAN WE BETRAY JESUS?

A. BACK SLIDERS.

1. "Take heed" (**Gal 5:4**; **Heb. 3:12**; **2:1**). "Fall away."
2. Can't be persuaded to repent (**6:4-6**).
3. The result of an attitude (**10:24-31**).
4. God's feeling about such a betrayal (**2 Pet. 2:20-22**).

B. THROUGH HIS DISCIPLES (**Matt. 25:40**).

1. Aren't some of these associated with betrayal? (**Rom. 1:28-32**; **Eph. 4:31-32**).
2. Have you ever been so betrayed? Have you ever been the betrayer?

CONCLUSION:

A. PETER ENJOYED THE HOPE OF FORGIVENESS. HE REPENTED (**Acts 8:22**).

B. IF WE REPENT, WE CAN BE FORGIVEN, TOO (**1 John 1:6-7**).

C. WE MUST PUT OUR TRUST IN THE LORD (**Psa.55:22**; **1 Pet. 5:6-7**).