



SONGS FOR A
BROKEN WORLD

5. When our perspective
is wrong
Psalm 102

1. Life from Our Perspective

- An explosion of emotions
- Afflicted physically v3-5
- Afflicted emotionally v6-9 + 11
- Afflicted spiritually v10
- How does a Christian respond?
- There is One who understands

2. Life from God's Perspective

- v12 the writer lifts his tear-stained eyes to heaven
- Rather than magnifying his problems he magnifies his God
- God's perspective is:
 - a) **Higher v12**
 - God is sitting enthroned v12
 - The arrows that we receive from God are tipped with love
 - God is in control of the tapestry of our lives
 - God actively takes part in our lives
 - b) **Wider v13-16, 18-22**
 - God's focus isn't simply on the individual - He will rebuild Zion
 - Concern about the state of God's church
 - Anticipate the spread of the church
 - Look ahead with confidence to God rebuilding it
 - c) **Longer v23-28**
 - He contrast his **days** with God's **years** v24
 - "The contrast between God's years and man's days may be brooded on in hope"
 - The eternity of God

3. The Cross-Eyed Perspective

- Ps 102:25-28 quoted in Hebrews 1:10-12
- Psalm 102 is a song which speaks of the Messiah – its words are almost too 'big' to fit the songwriter
- Jesus had the right perspective
- We can read the psalm from the perspective of our Saviour
- Jesus is the lens, through which we can look at life through God's perspective
- We are to be cross-eyed – fix our eyes on the cross, helping us to see life from God's perspective
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Sunday 14th June 09

Notices

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| Sun 14 th | Evening service @ Milford | 8pm |
| Tue | Planning meeting for summer outreach team
Mark & Judith's | 8pm |
| Sat 27 th | Fellowship BBQ at Robert & Judith's | |
| | Also annual CY (Covenanter Youth) summer outing and BBQ
Gosford Forest Park, Markethill, Armagh
Lunch will be at 12.30pm, followed by games, a BBQ and an epilogue,
finishing around 7pm. The cost is £5. | |
| Sun 28 th | Outreach Talk @ Day Centre | 8pm |

Tearfund - The Forgotten Children

What does it take to transform a child's life? Slumdog Millionaire has given the world a snapshot of what can happen to children living on the edge. Timothy GaiKWad, an acclaimed film-maker and manager of Tearfund partner IMCARES will share about their work with vulnerable children on the streets of Mumbai, India and how they work to stop sex trafficking.

Monday 22 June, Ray Presbyterian Church, Manorcunningham, 8pm

For a sneak preview visit www.tearfund.ie to watch a short film

Romania 2009 Project

Don't forget if you have anything to give - see Christine Tait

Senior Camp - Sat 4th July - Sat 11th July

Day visitors are welcome but must register upon arrival by contacting Robert or Lynn Robb or Lynda Bell. Day visitors will be charged for any meals they receive and if they want to stay overnight they must first of all get the permission of the camp committee and pay the daily accommodation fee of £12.00 (this fee does not include meals).

Sunday 21st - Psalms for a broken World - Psalm 103

Opening Psalm: 103:7-12

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