

## Psalm 39:1-13 **Controlling the Tongue before the Wicked –Fire Within Brevity of Mortal Life**

### *Prayer for Wisdom and Forgiveness*

To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>I said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, While the wicked are before me."

<sup>2</sup>I was mute with silence, I held my peace *even* from good; And my sorrow was stirred up.

<sup>3</sup>My heart was hot within me; While I was musing, the fire burned. *Then* I spoke with my tongue:

<sup>4</sup>Yahweh "(LORD) , make me to know my end, And what *is* the measure of my days, *That* I may know how frail I *am*.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, You have made my days *as* handbreadths, And my age *is* as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state *is* but vapor.

Selah

<sup>6</sup>Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up *riches*, And does not know who will gather them.

<sup>7</sup>"And now, Adonay (Lord), what do I wait for? My hope *is* in You.

<sup>8</sup>Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.

<sup>9</sup>I was mute, I did not open my mouth, Because it was You who did *it*.

<sup>10</sup>Remove Your plague from me; I am consumed by the blow of Your hand.

<sup>11</sup>When with rebukes You correct man for iniquity, You make his beauty melt away like a moth; Surely every man *is* vapor.

Selah

<sup>12</sup>"Hear my prayer, O Yahweh (LORD), And give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I *am* a stranger with You, A sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.

<sup>13</sup>Remove Your gaze from me, that I may regain strength, Before I go away and am no more."

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Facts Revealed:

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I was mute with silence, I held my peace *even* from good; And my sorrow was stirred up.

My heart was hot within me; While I was musing, the fire burned. *Then* I spoke with my tongue:

Yahweh "(LORD) , make me to know my end, And what *is* the measure of my days,  
*That I may know how frail I am.*

Indeed, You have made my days *as* handbreadths, And my age *is* as nothing before  
You; Certainly every man at his best state *is* but vapor. [Psalm 39:1-5]

- ✧ David decided to guard his tongue so he would not sin with his mouth in the presence of the wicked.
- ✧ As he remained silent, his heart was like a burning fire.
- ✧ When he spoke it was to ask Yahweh to show him his latter end so he would know how frail he really is.
- ✧ His conclusion is that mortal life is but a vapor in light of eternity.
- ❖ Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain;  
He heaps up *riches*, And does not know who will gather them.  
"And now, Adonay (Lord), what do I wait for? My hope *is* in You.  
Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.  
[Psalm 39:6-8]
  - ✧ David acknowledged that every man is nothing to Yahweh.
  - ✧ The best a man can do is to hope in Adonay and wait on Him.
  - ✧ Yahweh is the only one who can deliver a man from all his transgressions.
  - ✧ David's desire is to not be made a reproach of the foolish.
- ❖ I was mute, I did not open my mouth, Because it was You who did *it*.  
Remove Your plague from me; I am consumed by the blow of Your hand.  
When with rebukes You correct man for iniquity, You make his beauty melt away  
like a moth; Surely every man *is* vapor. [Psalm 39:9-11]
  - ✧ David's choice to remain silent in the presence of the wicked was from Yahweh.
  - ✧ David's guilty conscience was eating him up which he attributed to the chastening of Yahweh.
  - ✧ When Yahweh corrects a man for his iniquity all his attractiveness is removed.
  - ✧ David again concluded that every man is a vapor.
- ❖ "Hear my prayer, O Yahweh (LORD), And give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I *am* a stranger with You, A sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.  
Remove Your gaze from me, that I may regain strength, Before I go away and am no more." [Psalm 39:12-13]
  - ✧ David acknowledged that he is only a sojourner as were all his fathers.
  - ✧ David sought Yahweh that he might be freed from guilty conscience before he died. [Psalm 32:1-2, Romans 4:7-8]