

PSALM

# 38 In wrath do not rebuke me, LORD

Dm Gm Dm A<sup>7</sup> Dm C F A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>9</sup> A

1 In wrath do not re-buke me, LORD, or in your an-ger chas-ten me.  
 2 Be-cause your an-ger rests on me, my bod-y has no health with-in;  
 3 My guilt has o-ver-whelmed my soul; its bur-den is a crush-ing weight.

Dm Am E<sup>7</sup> Am Dm A<sup>7</sup> Dm Gm Dm A<sup>7</sup> Dm

Your ar-rows deep-ly pierce my soul; your hand lies on me heav-i-ly.  
 there is no sound-ness in my bones, be-cause you judge me for my sin.  
 My wounds are foul and fes-ter-ing, be-cause my fool-ish-ness is great.

- 4 I am bowed down, I am brought low,  
and I go mourning all the day.  
My back is filled with searing pain,  
and my whole body wastes away.
- 5 I'm feeble and completely crushed;  
in anguish of my heart I groan.  
LORD, my desires before you lie;  
to you my sighing is well known.
- 6 My heart beats wildly, strength has failed,  
the light has faded from my eye.  
My friends and neighbours keep away;  
they see my wounds and then pass by.

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- 7 My enemies who seek my life  
with cunning set their snares for me;  
my foes conspire to do me harm,  
and all day long plot treachery.
- 8 I'm like the deaf, who cannot hear,  
and like the mute, who cannot cry.  
I'm like a man who hears no sound,  
whose mouth can offer no reply.
- 9 I wait for you, O LORD my God;  
and you, O LORD, will answer me.  
I prayed to you, "If my foot slips,  
let them not gloat exultantly."
- 10 Indeed I am about to fall;  
my pain is ever deep within.  
I must confess iniquity,  
and I am troubled by my sin.
- 11 My foes are vigorous and strong;  
and many hate me wrongfully.  
My good with evil they repay;  
when I seek good, they slander me.
- 12 O LORD, do not abandon me;  
do not be far from me, my God.  
Come quickly to deliver me  
because you are my Saviour, LORD.