



Songs of Summer Psalm 137

We all have a song or two that when we hear it takes us back to those summer vibes. The lyrics and the melody take us back to the beach, the pool, the sunset, our friends, some of our best summer memories. Those songs have a special place in our memories. But there are also songs in Scripture that should take us back and remind us of who God is and what God has done. The Psalms are chocked full of songs of summer to listen to. This summer let's go back and listen to some of Scripture's best songs of summer.

You can “sing” and find contentment in unfamiliar places because God keeps His promises. His word is our hope and guide.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

Psalm 137

- 1 By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.
- 2 On the willows there
we hung up our lyres.
- 3 For there our captors
required of us songs,
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”
- 4 How shall we sing the Lord's song
in a foreign land?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill!
- 6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy!
- 7 Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem,
how they said, “Lay it bare, lay it bare,
down to its foundations!”
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed,
blessed shall he be who repays you
with what you have done to us!
- 9 Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones
and dashes them against the rock!

- Have you ever been in an unfamiliar place, either physically or spiritually? How did that unfamiliar place make you feel?
- How did the Israelites feel in their unfamiliar place? Why did they feel this way?
- Psalm 137 is a lament. What is a lament?
- How can lamenting help us when we are in an unfamiliar place?

- Pastor Mark challenged us not to let the unfamiliar places cause us to forget the Lord. How can these unfamiliar places actually help us remember the Lord?
- Read James 1:2–4. How does James describe how unfamiliar places can actually help us?
- Think about your own life—how has God used an unfamiliar place to form you?
- It's easy to think and believe that God has forgotten us in the unfamiliar places. How can we remind ourselves that God remembers us?
- Think about Scripture. What are examples of God keeping his promise and never forgetting his people?
- If you're in an unfamiliar place now, what do you need to do next? If you're not in an unfamiliar place now, how can you prepare yourself for when you are in an unfamiliar place?