

The background of the slide is a light gray gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across it. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

PSALM 006-01 HOW LONG DISCIPLINE?

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PSALM 6:1-3

SIMILARITIES DO NOT MEAN IDENTICAL

- PSALM 6 BEGINS SIMILAR TO PSALM 38
 - PSALM 38 FOCUSES ON GOD DISCIPLINING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SINS: AN ACT OF LOVE (DE 8:5; PS 38:1-4)
 - PSALM 6 DOES NOT MENTION SIN LEADING TO A DIFFERENT CONCLUSION
- THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE DENOTING THAT THESE TWO PSALMS ARE NOT REFERRING TO THE SAME GROUP THOUGH BOTH REFER TO THE SAME SUBJECT: DISCIPLINE
 - HERMENEUTICAL SUBTLETY THAT IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED: DUALITY
 - EVEN THE INCLUSION, EXCLUSION, OF ONE WORD CAN SHIFT FROM COMPARISON TO CONTRAST
 - THIS PERSON IS BEING DISCIPLINED AND SIN IS NOT IN VIEW WHICH CAN ONLY REFER TO ONE PERSON; IS THIS SUPPORTED ELSEWHERE IN THE BIBLE? YES, SINLESS CHRIST DIED FOR SIN (JN 8:23-24)

PSALM SIX PERTAINS TO CHRIST

- CHRIST UNIQUE IN HIS FIRST ADVENT {COMING}
 - BEFORE THIS ADVENT CHRIST WAS SPIRIT EVEN AS THE FATHER IS SPIRIT; HE WAS WITH THE FATHER IN ETERNITY PAST {ALWAYS EXISTING} (JN 4:23-24; 8:48-58)
 - HE WAS THE ONLY BELOVED, BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD {MONOGENESIS; μονογενής} (JN 1:18)
 - DURING THIS ADVENT HE TOOK ON FORM OF MAN, BODILY FLESH AND THOUGH SINLESS ALWAYS THE FLESH ALWAYS TRIED TO REBEL AGAINST GOD; EXPRESS ITS OWN NATURE OVER GOD'S (GE 1:27; RO 8:5-8; 1CO 1:29; 15:45-49)
 - HE CAME IN THE FLESH TO DIE FOR THOSE WHO ARE TO BE SAVED (JN 8:23-30; RO 5:6-11; HE 10:5)
 - THEREFORE, BEING SINLESS HE SUFFERED GOD'S WRATH FOR US WHO ARE IN SIN (2CO 5:21)
- CHRISTIANS DO NOT ROUTINELY GRASP HOW CHRIST'S BODY CONSTANTLY SOUGHT TO REBEL {SIN} EVEN ON THE STAUROS (LK 22:39-46)

DISCIPLINE IS GUIDANCE

- ONE MAY THINK OF DISCIPLINE ONLY AS CORRECTION; HOWEVER, THIS IS JUST PUNISHMENT
 - DISCIPLINE'S GOAL IS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CLEARLY DEFINED STANDARDS (EX 20:1-17; RO 1:18-28)
 - PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCIPLINE THEIR CHILDREN ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES (PR 13:24; EP 6:1-4)
 - IF PARENTS DO NOT DISCIPLINE THEIR CHILDREN, THEY DO NOT LOVE THEM (PR 23:13-19; HE 12:7-11)
 - IF PARENTS' DISCIPLINE IMPROPERLY, THEY PRODUCE ANGER IN THEIR CHILDREN (GE 4:6-7; EP 6:1-4)
- HOW CAN A *SPIRITUAL* BEING ADEQUATELY UNDERSTAND AND DISCIPLINE A *FLESHLY* BEING; ESPECIALLY, TO DIE IN THE STEAD OF THE BODILY BEING? HE CANNOT!
 - DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTELLECTUAL AND EXPERIENTIAL UNDERSTANDING EXISTS EVEN FOR GOD!
 - THUS, THE FATHER, SPIRIT, HAS GIVEN JUDGMENT OVER US TO THE SON, FLESH (JN 5:19-23)

CHRIST REPRESENTED MAN IN BODY AND WEAKNESS

- IN ORDER TO BE THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST FOR BELIEVERS, CHRIST HAD TO EXPERIENCE WHAT WE EXPERIENCE TO EXPERIENTIALLY GRASP THE FULL EXTENT OF OUR PLIGHT (HE 2:14-17)
 - HE COULD ONLY UNDERSTAND OUR FLESHLY WEAKNESSES BY EXPERIENCING THEM (HE 2:18)
 - HE CONTROLLED HIS FLESH, NOT THROUGH HIS STRENGTH {CHEATING}, ONLY THROUGH THE SPIRIT (MT 3:13-17; RO 8:1-10)
- HEBREW'S CONFIRMS CHRIST LEARNED OUR WEAKNESS AND CONTROLLED HIS BODY VIA PRAYER TO THE FATHER VIA THE SPIRIT CONTROLLING HIS BODY; PREVENTING SIN (HE 5:7-10)
 - CHRIST DID NOT LEARN SIN; HE LEARNED FLESHLY REBELLION EXPERIENTIALLY VIA DAILY LIFE
 - HE PRAYED CONSTANTLY, WITHOUT CEASING, EVEN TO PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION AT TIMES (MT 14:22-23; LK 22:39-46)

CHRIST'S DISCIPLINE: HOW LONG?

- CHRIST IS NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT DISCIPLINE, HE IS ASKING THE FATHER TO NOT DISCIPLINE HIM AS A SINNER BUT AS A SON, IN LOVE:
 - CHRIST REMINDING THE FATHER THAT HE HAS NOT SINNED
 - REINFORCES THAT NO DISCIPLINE IS PLEASANT, BUT IT IS NECESSARY EVEN FOR CHRIST (HE 12:5-11)
 - CHRIST REMINDING THE FATHER OF HIS WEAKNESS, FLESH; HIS BODY REBELS AGAINST THE DISCIPLINE, UNDER THE SPIRIT'S CONTROL, WHICH ALSO TROUBLES THE BELIEVER'S SPIRIT {MIND}
 - SON ASKS WHAT WE ASK, "HOW LONG!" ANSWER: AS LONG AS WE ARE IN THE FLESH
- CHRIST INDEED LEARNED ABOUT OUR WEAKNESSES BUT NOT OUR FAILURES AS HE PRAYED WHILE WE COMPLAIN NOT WANTING TO BE TREATED AS SONS OF GOD: FRUIT OF SPIRIT IS **GROWN**, NOT MADE (PR 3:11-12; IS 10:21; HO 1:10; MT 16:15-17; RO 8:14; 1CO 13:12; GA 5:22-24)