

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.

¹ 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."

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

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

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

⁵ 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

⁶ 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Selah

¹² "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*.

¹³ 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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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.

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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]