

PSALM 38 REBUKING NOT

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LYRICS

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“O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!
For Your arrows pierce me deeply, and Your hand presses me down.
There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger, nor any health in my bones
because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden
they are too heavy for me. My wounds are foul and festering

because of MY foolishness.” (Psalm 38: 1 - 5)

- 15 For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God.
21 Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me!
22 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

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O LORD, do not rebuke me in wrath, nor chasten me in Your anger.
Your arrows pierce me deeply and Your hand presses me
down..... down..... down.

Psalm 38 -- Because **I've** sinned, my flesh is sick.
Because I've been foolish. LORD, don't rebuke me, I plead.

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I am bowed down and my sad heart groans. My strength fails me.
Light has gone from me, for I have sinned deeply. I'm
so..... much..... alone from my God..... ALONE.

Psalm 38 -- Although I've sinned, I **CAN** find HOPE
in the LORD Who hears me. LORD, don't rebuke me, I plead.

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In You, LORD, I have HOPE. You WILL hear me when I
cry out confessing I have sinned. For I anguish over
all my sins I have done against You.

Psalm 38 -- Although I've sinned, God won't forsake me.
Make haste, LORD, my Salvation - Don't rebuke me, I plead.

Song Story. The familiar story: I just sat at the home studio and played. Literally, without calculating chords, I played counter-melodies on the orchestra instruments, and had to fix very very few. Then I went and added CLASH chord progressions in the piano track to reflect the angst of this psalm... of US when we sin.

I duplicated the first section after making it sound good, added a counterpart for a second section. **Then came the question: What lyrics?** I prayed, decided that I still have about 100 more psalms left with no music yet. I'd completed Psalm 30, 33, 34, 35, and 37. So I kept praying, flipped to that area of Bible. Listened to my music tracks, and quickly realized that this Psalm 38 easily fit the music. Once again: God's song