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Psalm 6

Remember the game "Mercy"? Two players attempt to bend back their opponent's hand and inflict pain by straining their wrist. When a player can no longer stand the pain they shout "Mercy!" until the opponent grants them mercy. Kids are still seen 'playing' this awful game and the tendency is to shout "Stop! You're hurting her or him."

Throughout Psalm 6, David cried out to the Lord for mercy to relieve the guilty suffering caused by sins. He cried out to God on the basis of His unfailing love. David can stand the pain and the tears no longer. You can imagine his tendency would be to shout "Stop! Mercy! I'm hurting. I can't take it anymore. Suddenly David realizes God has heard his cries and he is reassured that God will answer. This account of the cries for mercy from a desperate man's heart relate to all men and women everywhere. In life we've each had to come before Him on bended knee to cry "mercy!" Praise God that "his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Ps Psalm 100:5, KJV).

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