



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." I was mute with silence, I held my peace even from good; And my sorrow was stirred up. My heart was hot within me; While I was musing, the fire burned. Then I spoke with my tongue: "LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, 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. Selah 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. "And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the 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. Selah "Hear my prayer, O 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 39:1-13 NKJV)

RESOLVING AN UNKEPT RESOLUTION (PSALM 39)

Introduction: Have you ever made a steadfast determination to do something right for God and then you blew it completely. David knew how you feel. Let's notice how he appeals to God regarding an unkept resolution.

I. David's Pledge (vs. 1-3)

- A) What he _____ (v. 1).
 1. He vows not to sin in his speech and actions when the ungodly are in his presence.
 2. The pledge is noble, sincere and with a good intent.
- B) What he _____ (vs. 2-3)
 1. He cannot even say anything nice or good to those people.
 2. He does not keep silence about their sinful ways.

II. David's Petition (vs. 4-13)

- A) _____ me!
 1. The frailty of life (vs. 4-5)
 2. The futility of life (v.6)
- B) _____ me!
 1. Verses 7-9
 2. He knows that his only hope is in God.
 3. He knows that his punishment comes from God.
- C) _____ me!
 1. Verses 10-11
 2. He requests that God stop punishing him for his sin and hear his cry for help.
- D) _____ me!
 1. Verses 12-13
 2. David wants to experience the joy of a close relationship with the Lord again.

Conclusion: Follow the example of David. Petition God and renew your pledge to serve Him faithfully.



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.