

## 19-Psalms-02-Transcript

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well welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study and I'm actually recording this on Wednesday morning as I'll be traveling in the evening and hoping to be on the chat before I get on the my flight but we are in the Book of Psalms and we're going to now continue with chapters three and four the Book of Psalms is just a very very different book than the previous books that we've studied it's really a book of poetry and and music and so approaching this book is gonna be a little bit different than we have done so in the past and I think we'll learn as we go along I really feel at a loss because I don't speak Hebrew and I think the the beauty and the depth of the poetry is lost to non Hebrew speakers but be that as it may we have what we have with the English and we'll we'll work through it together and just appreciate the richness that is in this book that God wants us to have access to let's open with a word of Prayer our Heavenly Father we come before you again ever so grateful we thank you Lord for your word we thank you Lord for Jesus Christ we thank you for His faithfulness and we thank you God for all of the prophecies surrounding him so that we can have confidence in his return we thank you for is his life his death his burial his resurrection his triumph over evil father we pray that you will bless us now as we study this so a wonderful book this rich Book of Psalms which is the most quoted book in the New Testament it is the book that Jesus Christ Himself quoted the most even more than Isaiah so we know there's a lot here father and we just pray that you'll

help us to unpack it to understand it  
and to have it died and enrich our lives  
we praise you we thank you and father we  
ask this blessing in Jesus most holy  
name amen

so we're in the the Book of Psalms and I  
want to begin now with Psalm three Psalm  
three is where we are

and let me just line up the scripture  
here psalm three and what we see here is  
a psalm of david when he fled from his  
son from Epsilon his son and let's just  
go ahead and just read the whole psalm  
just to get a feel for it again this is  
music it's poetry and before we break it  
down and begin to analyze it let's at  
least appreciate the flow of the psalm  
and I think with these smaller Psalms  
it's a good idea for us just to read  
the whole psalm together first so he  
says here it's a psalm of David when he  
fled from Absalom his son Oh Lord how  
are they increased that troubled me many  
are they that rise up against me many  
there be which say of my soul there is  
no help for him in God Selah and Selah  
seems to be an indication of a pause  
pause Dublin indicated to the musicians  
to pause and perhaps an indication to  
the audience to meditate and reflect  
upon what has just been said or just in  
some but you O Lord are a shield for me  
my glory and the lifter up of my head I  
cried unto the Lord with my voice and he  
heard me out of his holy hill Selah I  
laid me down and slept I awaked for the  
Lord sustained me I will not be afraid  
of ten thousands of people that have set  
themselves against me round about arise  
O Lord save me o my god for you have  
smitten all my enemies upon the  
cheekbone you have broken the teeth of  
the ungodly salvation belongs unto the  
Lord your blessing is upon your people

Scylla so that's the song beautiful  
Psalm and we'll just go through and  
unpack it but before we do it it did  
indicate to us that this was in the time  
that he fled from his son Absalom so  
maybe we'll just help if we just go back  
and read the time that he fled from his  
son Absalom and what exactly was going  
on  
at that time so we'll just uh we  
familiarize or reacquaint ourselves with  
the passage in second samuel 15 and what  
is it exactly that he was fleeing from  
in second samuel 15 and verse 1 and it  
came to pass after this that Absalom  
prepared him chariots and horses and  
fifty men to run before him and Epsilon  
rose up early and stood on just seeing  
my scriptures just a bit cut off there  
so I'll just just this give me one  
second  
enough Salome rose up early and I'll  
just perhaps just expand this and stood  
beside the way of the gate and it was so  
that when any man that had a controversy  
came to the king for judgment then  
Absalom called unto him and said of what  
city are you and he said your servant is  
one of the tribes of Israel and absalons  
said unto him see your matters are good  
and right I agree with you you have a  
you have a point here you have a case  
but there is no man deputed or deputed  
of the king to hear you  
epsilon said moreover oh that i were  
made judge in the land that every man  
which had any suitor caused might come  
unto me and i would do him justice this  
this verse for I think is really rich  
really precious it just it shows that  
the the political gamesmanship that we  
see today it's nothing new politicians  
will always promise the world and  
they're here to help you and it's all if

they're everything they're doing is for you all these different special interest groups because all they really want is power and this goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden with the the promises that Satan offered to Eve and again he saw this is all for you if this is all in your best interest when really what he was lusting for power and we see no no difference with our politicians today he says

oh that I were made judge in the land that every man which has any suitor cause might come unto me and I would do him justice and it was so this is how he did it it was so that when any man came near to him to do him obeisance he put forth his hand and took him and kissed him again nothing new and on this manner did epsilon2 all Israel that came to the king for judgment so they're coming to the King for judgment

he is subversive he's undermining the king he's showing how you know if you came to me I get your case I see your plight I understand that I'm all for you and this is how Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel so instead of being loyal to their king

Absalom in this subversive manner managed to pull their loyalty away from the king to him and it came to pass after 40 years so so we have to be able to think in terms of decades that that the enemies of God they do not give up and they work overtime and certainly we have seen with the Frankfurt School or the cultural Marxist movement they've been at this for decades over a hundred years that they have really been pushing this agenda and now it's coming to fruition and they are really gaining ground and traction now but most of us can't think in terms of decades we think

perhaps in the West in terms of four year cycles and that's it but we have to be able to look at what what's been happening here for decades same with the Muslim Brotherhood they they began their work in the late in the in the mid 1920s and they've been steady and they think certainly in terms of decades and they're patient many of them actually think in terms of centuries we don't and so our world is changing around us and we don't understand why and we don't understand what is happening but I think this is showing us that when people want power they they're relentless and they do not give up it came to pass after 40 years that epsilon said unto the king I beg you let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed unto the Lord have run for your servant vow to bow while I abode at Gesser in Syria saying if the Lord shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem then I will serve the Lord and the King said unto him go in peace so he arose and went to Hebron so the King doesn't realize the the subversive manner of his son but Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel nothing new when people want power they'll do anything and it's very interesting that in the new cycle right now with attorney General William barbar he is really focused on this spying that took place under the previous administration against the Trump campaign and this is what this is what people who want power have to do they have good intelligence they have good intelligence techniques and services so epsilon sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel saying as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet then you shall say Absalom reigns in Hebron and with Absalom went 200 men out of

Jerusalem that were called and they went in their simplicity and they knew not anything so again how Satan works most people are just useful idiots they don't really understand what's going on around them they don't they don't look into things they're just in the moment and they can therefore be manipulated and Absalom sent for a heavy fell the gila night david's counselor from his city even from gielo so he's now pulling in david's counselor while he offered sacrifices and the conspiracy was strong again a lot of a lot of talk about conspiracy today nothing new the conspiracy was strong today if you look at what's happening again with the Trump campaign the conspiracy is strong it's like that the deep state is deep and wide and perhaps not so deep anymore is becoming very visible to most Americans and most people around the world becomes appear see was strong for the people increased continued with Absalom very effective in how he recruited support for his movement and there came a messenger to David saying the hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom and David understood exactly what that meant so the highly Epsilon has managed to win the hearts of the people and notice how David responded and David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem arise and let us flee run for your life this is his son this is his son and he understands if all the hearts in Jerusalem are after Absalom it's over so he says into his servants that were with him in Jerusalem arise let us flee for we shall not escape from Epsilon make speed - when somebody wants this kind of power they're going to real iterate anybody

that's in their way make speed to the part lest the overtake us suddenly and bring evil upon us and smite the city with the edge of the sword so this is the situation that David found himself in when he pinned this Psalm Psalm 3 and then he says this Lord how look at how they are increased that trouble me how they how sorry how are they increased that trouble me how many are they that rise up against me so we see here it's David and we see all of these people that are just increasing all the hearts are going after Absalom and it's like an exponential increase and these Psalms are written not just so that we can understand David's life but the the sort of heartfelt experiences they the heartfelt despair the heartfelt hope that the heartfelt triumph all of these feelings of the Isis feeling of loneliness all of these feelings that are captured not only from David but throughout all the writers of the Psalms are here for us that as we go through various experiences we're going to find solace in the Psalms we're gonna find comfort we're gonna find confidence in hope and and and strength in the Psalms and as I think of this you know how are they increased that troubled me many are they that rise up against me many there be which say of my soul there's no help for him in God this this is truly the Christian plight today and if I you know III think of ASEA BB in in Pakistan or she was in Pakistan she's in Canada now but she was on death row for nine years all because of a false accusation that she had just a false accusation that she had maligned or blaspheme the Prophet Mohammed and when you think of how are they increased that trouble me and many

are they that rise up against me I think  
of a see as ASEA BB and if you look at  
this our Guardian report yes

[Music]

property of a militia leak holds no  
value in the state of jihad make notice  
that in the state of jihad not at all  
time to take the life and property of a  
mushrik becomes halal while in a state  
of jihad the Prophet Allah listen have  
set a record ahead in before I have been  
commanded to fight the people until they  
say la ilaha illa and when they say  
Allah Allah is Allah he went on when  
they say that Allah is Allah their life  
and property becomes protected for me  
which means if they don't say that Allah  
is Allah their life and property are  
allowed for the Muslims so the  
Christians do commit they are they  
are perform and they are mistaken hold  
as you heard there the life of a  
Christian is halau to Muslims when  
they're in a state of jihad so all these  
Muslims all over the world the moment  
you had is declared openly then the life  
of Christians is halal that means it's  
permissible our lives our property is  
permissible to for the Muslim to take  
and and this is what we don't study  
their holy scriptures so we have no idea  
what's coming but certainly what you saw  
with ASEA BP where you see that the the  
mob is just rising up and they wanted to  
tear her limb from limb this this is  
this is this is what's waiting we have  
1400 years of history if we will only  
study it to understand how this works  
and and these Psalms are here to comfort  
us and so we do have according to  
Islamic doctrine with the the the  
animation of hatred is in the Quran it's  
in the hadith it's in the Sarah this  
animation of hatred towards the

Christian and the Jew and so this is just sitting there it's like a woman that's pregnant waiting to give birth and this is this is this is in our society it's it's pregnant and it's just it's in labor it's waiting to come forth but this is this is certainly one of the elements that are increased against us also if you just look at the the cultural Marxists they absolutely hate Christianity they hate Christianity because it is at the foundation of Western civilization and it is because of the biblical scriptures that we have the freedom in the Western societies that we do in particularly in the United States Constitution that the United States Constitution has been influenced and informed by the scriptures and fundamentally by the freedom that the scripture speaking of the freedom of the individual and the right of the individual to free choice and that the each each person each human being is created in the image of Almighty God and therefore every human being deserves honor and respect and this is at the bedrock of Western civilization and this is what's driving the cultural Marxist crazy this is what they have to destroy and every human being in the West should be fighting to preserve Christianity when you see Jesus Christ himself say all men are of sin all manner of blasphemy will be forgiven even if you criticize Jesus Christ himself that will be forgiven except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit that's something else now but he would even he was even willing to accept criticism of himself and this is at the bedrock of Western civilization or at least it used to and I can say it still is because there haven't destroyed the foundation

yet but they're working really hard and  
this ability to openly criticize but  
look at look at all the hatred towards  
Donald Trump the leader of America and  
it's it's in vogue it's cool to just  
bash Trump that's the cool thing to do  
and nobody's rounded up and thrown into  
prison for it because it's it's built  
into the Constitution it's built into  
the psyche of Western civilization that  
freedom of speech that were free to  
criticize  
in fact we're free to hate hate speech  
is not a crime that it should not be a  
crime but the Marxists are pretending Oh  
hate speech we've got a criminalize hate  
speech this is a slippery slope slippery  
slope we we we should be able to hate  
things even if people want to hate  
people they're free to do that and as  
long as speech is free and we have the  
Bible we can take the Word of God and  
conquer all falsehood we are confident  
we don't need blasphemy laws we just  
need freedom to preach the Bible and to  
reason openly from the Bible but again  
what we're seeing with these cultural  
Marxist is the complete departure from  
logic the complete departure from logos  
where everything now is completely  
nonsensical but what they're ultimately  
doing is destroy Christianity is the one  
or I should say the Bible is the one  
text that they fear the most and that  
they have to destroy and so they are  
hunting Christians so we've got the  
Muslim Brotherhood and everything that  
spawns from that and we've got the  
cultural Marxists the Frankfurt School  
doctrine and everything that spawns from  
that and many are they that are  
increased against us many are they that  
want to trouble our soul and so this is  
what we are going to have need Psalms

like this to give voice to our experiences and so David went through this experience it's codified but it's not just so that we understand David's experience it's so that we can have a sense of how we can pray when we find ourselves in these similar situations many there be which say of my soul there is no help for him in God Selah now we see in Ezekiel 36 thus says the Lord God because the enemy has said against you AHA even the ancient high places are ours in possession therefore thus says the Lord God surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen and against all Edom I do Meah which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart with despiteful minds to cast it out for a prey so we're even going to see that the Jews are going to have to recognize Christ and they're gonna have to cry out as well and they're gonna be very familiar with these Psalms and so we see here that they're saying there's no that there's no help for him in God and that's why we see here in Ezekiel 36 they feel that they can run roughshod over Jerusalem and take it and take all the lands of Judea because they feel that there's no help in God but God is watching and God is jealous over his land and jealous over his people and he will respond and that's exactly what we see here in the psalm but you O Lord are a shield you are a shield Lord so so we see we do see his confidence that God will respond but you O Lord are a shield for me my glory and the lifter up of my head he says here I cry to the Lord with my voice so he's sharing his experience with us now and and when when this seems like

there's no hope it's one against many  
they're all after him they want to  
destroy him he's the king they need to  
bring him down and so he says I I cried  
unto the Lord with my voice and he heard  
me out of his holy hill

Selah Sylla and so there's this pause  
now to think about that that they're all  
against him and he Christ of the Lord he  
has God and God heard him out of his  
holy hill I laid me down and slept he  
says so despite all of his despair he  
says I laid me down and slept this this  
is the confidence he has coming out of  
prayer he could be murdered he could be  
slaughtered they're in hot pursuit of  
him and after praying he lays me he says  
I laid me down and slept and then he  
says I awaked so there was no danger I  
could sleep the night I I'm unconscious  
now God is watching over me I awaked for  
the Lord sustained me that's why I could  
sleep and that's why I could have the  
confidence to sleep and know that the  
Lord he sustained me in the morning was  
sorry I'm and this is interesting I want  
to go to Deuteronomy because here he  
says he laid me down

and he slept and then he woke up and the  
reason he was able to sleep and wake up  
is because the Lord sustained him this  
is the opposite of the situation for  
those who disobey God this is the  
opposite of the situation for those who  
betray God if we look at the curses in  
Deuteronomy 28 he says in the morning  
you shall say would God it were evening  
so the morning is so cursed that you  
just wish the day would end and then  
even you shall say what God it were  
morning for the fear of your heart  
wherewith you shall fear and for the  
sight of your eyes which you shall see  
so this is the fate and the curse of

those who betray God David his heart is right with God and so he can call out to God and then he can lie down in the evening and he can have a blessed evening and he can have a blessed sleep and then when he wakes up in the morning he God sustains him so both the morning and the evening are blessed for those whose heart is right with God and this is going back to Psalm 1 which is one of the major themes throughout the Book of Psalms and we're seeing a played out here in Psalm 3 that there's a difference between the righteous and the wicked no matter how it appears God is for the righteous back to Psalm 3 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people and I hopefully I see a BB is able to read the Psalms and probably hopefully she has access to them or if she didn't she hopefully she has access to them now and she's able to contemplate on her situation where there were tens of thousands of people who just wanted to tear her apart and the government was afraid to release her and and no government would take her and unfortunately I have to give credit to Justin Trudeau all he's done something right he allowed her to come to Canada whereas I she was trying to go to England Theresa May it can't have her there might upset the Muslims in England and and I think similar with other other Western nations they wouldn't touch her and so she was just in complete despair and she's not unique there's nothing that she did that's special she's just a typical everyday traditional Christian and look at what happens to her and this is just the sort of canary in the coal mine in the coal mine this is just giving us indication of what possible what's what's in our

midst

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that have set themselves against me route it round about arise o Lord save me o my god for you have smitten all my enemies upon the cheekbone you have broken the teeth of the ungodly when God acts he acts decisively salvation belongs unto the Lord your blessing is upon your people Selah again let's have time to pause and meditate and think about that and as I mentioned this is Psalm 1 this is the the theme that throughout the Psalms one of the two major themes that there's a difference between the righteous and the wicked so your blessing is upon the people blessed is he that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly the ungodly are not so but I like the chaff which the wind drives away and David could see that very very clearly that there's a difference between the righteous and the wicked and David have had complete confidence in in God's ability to save and he just sees the the ungodly it's a temporary situation and unfortunately in his situation with his own son Absalom came to a terrible end very clearly now you know the poetry of the Hebrew is not something we have access to if we don't speak Hebrew but I did want to just do a little bit of an analysis of the text before we move to Psalm 4 and here if we look at Psalm 3 actually let me just go back to Psalm 3

here

so we look here at the the poetry of Psalm 3 we really see this separation that there's this many that are increased there it's like an exponential increase in those that trouble him but he says here but you were a shield for me so all he has which is all he needs

is God and so the psalm sets up this dichotomy between the many and the one and how the many are increased and he says here many are they that rise up against me many are they which say of my soul you know there's there's no help for him in God but you are a shield for me and then he says that shield you're my glory and the lifter up of my head so he's going deeper into what it means that God is his shield God is his glory God is the lifter up of his head and this is why he cries to the Lord with his voice so God is the shield these people are increasing around him he cries to God as a shield with his voice and God heard him God heard me out of his holy hill god these people are increasingly looks it's looking hopeless but I have God he heard me out of his holy hill because of that I laid me down and slept it's all okay now it's all ok these people are vicious they mean me no good they are they are ruthless and I can lay down and sleep because God heard me out of his holy hill and then I awaked

and it's interesting he says for the Lord sustained me and so he says I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people these are the many that are increasing that trouble him that are rising up against him and he's laying down and sleeping and and when he awakes he realizes it's the Lord that's sustaining him he will not be afraid of ten thousands of people and this is here that although it's David's experience it's written for us this is for us we have to be able to see ourselves in this and and learn how to pray learn how to be confidence confidence in God despite ten thousands of people who are animated by a doctrine of hatred who are

ruthless who are perhaps even useless  
useful idiots they don't even understand  
what they're doing but they're part of  
the mob and and Christians are gonna  
have to face these mobs I will not be  
afraid of ten thousands of people he  
says that have set themselves against me  
roundabout so again this dichotomy  
between the many and the one the many  
being many increasing but the one having  
God and being confident in God and it's  
interesting I says I awaked  
and then here he says arise O Lord so he  
realizes that Lord is the Lord is  
listening to him from his holy hill the  
Lord has not acted yet but he knows that  
the Lord sustains him and so now he's  
asking god this is this so this is the  
complaint this is the complaint this is  
the acknowledgement of God and this is  
the request so it's really a three-part  
structure complaint acknowledgement of  
God is in control and the requests arise  
o Lord save me o my god  
save me salvation belongs to the Lord  
your blessing is upon your people so he  
can see into the future that God's  
blessing is upon his people that God  
will act that his people will be  
established in the earth and so he can  
now plead to God arise O Lord save me  
and despite the the many that trouble me  
I am NOT going to be troubled by them so  
I'm going to have complete confidence in  
God and again if we if we had access to  
the Hebrew we'd be able to really  
appreciate the subtlety that's that's in  
in this poem or in this in this song and  
and this is amazing like God loves music  
and we have this false religion growing  
that says music is Harasta music is  
illegal god loves music  
and this is the depth that that David  
was able to bring to the musicians

and-and-and the musicians in Israel would be playing these Psalms in their worship services and and just the rich the richness of the experience of of hearing beautiful musicians playing on their instruments and and hearing the beautiful depth of feeling in in the writing of the psalmist's let's go on now to Psalm number four and here in Psalm number four we see it to the chief musician on diggin off a psalm of David so again the musicians would be very very skilled they would take these meaningful poems and put them to music and really inspire the the congregations in Israel to sing out and to meditate on these great great words so he says here now

Psalm 4 he says hear me when I call o God of my righteousness so similar theme to what we saw in Psalm 3 where he's in distress he's in trouble and he's calling out to God and he says hear hear me when I call o God of my righteousness you have enlarged me when I was in distress

so he has and this again is something that's important to us as Christians that in our walk with God we are able to look back and see periods where we were insid in distress and how he took us out of that distress and enlarged us and and we know that we couldn't have done this we were stuck but he's the one that acted took us out of that distress and not only took us out of it but enlarged us and then so David has had this experience where he's able to call on a God in an intimate way acknowledging the help that he's had from God in the past you've enlarged me when I was in distress have mercy upon me and hear my prayer oh you sons of man how long will you turn my glory into shame how long

will you love vanity and seek after  
Lissa means lying it's a it's funny I  
read the Psalms for so many years and  
I've never seen this word before I had  
to actually go and look it up I I've  
never but when you're reading line by  
line now you have to acknowledge every  
word every line and I've just never seen  
this word and the Psalms before but it  
means lying it's an old English word how  
long will you love vanity and seek after  
leasing Selah so think about this and  
I'll just continue reading but know that  
the Lord has set apart him that is godly  
for himself again the theme in Psalm 1  
is sister the someone is coming through  
all the all the will someone and some  
two major themes throughout the Book of  
Psalms but know that the Lord has set  
apart him that is godly for himself the  
Lord will hear when I call unto Him  
stand in awe and sin not commune with  
your own heart upon your bed and be  
still Salah offers sacrifices of  
righteousness and put your trust in the  
Lord there be many that say who will  
show us any good Lord lift you up the  
light of your countenance upon us  
you have put gladness in my heart more  
than in the time of their corn and their  
wine more than in the time that their  
corn and their wine increased  
I will both lay me down in peace and  
sleep for you Lord only makes me 2:12 in  
safety so that is Psalm 4 let's just go  
through now line by line and unpack it  
so it's to the chief musician on  
nas is a psalm of David so we know that  
the book 1 is David so the Psalms in in  
in book 1 are the Psalms of David will  
see other Psalms throughout the Book of  
Psalms or the psalmist throughout the  
Book of Psalms and also there are other  
Psalms in other parts of the Bible that

are not in the book of songs so these  
Psalms are not exclusive to the Book of  
Psalms and maybe we'll touch on some of  
those as well he says hear me when I  
call o God of my righteousness and so we  
should be a prayerful people  
acknowledging God's ability to help us  
and pleading for him to hear us when we  
call to him because his ears are open to  
the righteous O God of my righteousness  
you have enlarged me when I was in  
distress and so we know that to enlarge  
means to be just put in a in a in a big  
expanse  
so instead of being restricted we're now  
put in a place where we can grow and  
were enlarged and so when we were in  
distress or when David was in distress  
he's been enlarged have mercy upon me  
and hear my prayer  
and then he says this oh you sons of men  
how long so again there's a contrast  
built into the psalm there's God and  
he's talking to God and then he  
addresses the sons of men and it's  
opposite he has one relationship with  
God he has a completely opposite  
relationship with the sons of men oh you  
sons of man he says how long will you  
turn my glory into shame how long will  
you love vanity and seek after  
so they actually love falsehood you know  
and again this is something that we are  
gonna be very familiar with as we  
interact with a growing Muslim  
population in the West that in their  
core doctrines they are permitted to lie  
there they're actually encouraged to  
seek after leasing that - to lie to an  
infidel from their perspective to lie to  
a non-muslim a kafir is perfectly  
acceptable as long as it advances Islam  
and that's gonna put us in in fact it's  
why Islam is growing the way it is is

it's not a truthful religion it's not  
it's not putting forward its the truth  
of what it really teaches and so people  
especially on the left are supporting it  
and promoting it never having read their  
scriptures so they don't know what  
they're promoting and they're just being  
used and and David is frustrated he's  
saying how long are you going to love  
vanity vanity is pursuing anything that  
comes to nothing and if you're working  
against God if you are not supporting  
the prophecies that are in the  
scriptures that are guaranteed that  
there's no word that leaves God's mouth  
and and comes to vanity so if you're  
going if you're supporting something  
that actually contradicts what God has  
spoken how long I'm going to love this  
hold on you know pursue vanity and then  
you end up lying and being deceptive  
like why are you doing this he's and so  
this is where we saw now the in in Psalm  
2 a second theme you know why are the  
heathen raging and the people imagine a  
vain thing they're loving this vain  
thing they're imagining it they're  
loving it they're pursuing it they're  
deceiving and lying and seeking after  
leasing to promote it why and they're  
causing a lot of problems of a lot of  
disruption here we are in the month of  
ramadhan which has just begun can we get  
through this month without some massive  
terrorist attack especially when the  
doctrine teaches that the rewards are  
double for the martyrs during during the  
the sake  
month of ramadhan so you know fasten  
your seat belts because they're seeking  
they're going to blow themselves up so  
that they can be in paradise with these  
cosmic prostitutes and this is this is  
all vanity and they're pursuing it how

long are they gonna do this and imagine  
this vain thing but no they should know  
that the Lord has set apart him that is  
godly for himself and the Lord will hear  
when I call unto Him stand in awe and  
sin not he says commune community says  
here with your own heart like really  
spend time and commune with your own  
heart upon your bed and be still Salah  
think about this you know we saw in  
Psalm 1 that God blesses the one whose  
delight is in the law of the Lord that  
that he takes time to study the Torah to  
study the instructions of God to  
understand God's well but about 1 that  
his delight is in the law and and he  
meditates on a day and night  
David David understanding this sweetness  
the joy of God's Word he's now saying to  
the sons of men stand in awe stop  
sinning be in the category of those who  
are blessed commune with your own heart  
upon your bed and be still that this is  
this is the way you should be enter into  
a relationship with God  
he says here in Psalm 1 that the  
righteous will be like a tree planted by  
the rivers of water that brings forth  
fruit it's just so well nourished that  
it just can't help but just constantly  
bring forth healthy fruit and it's so  
healthy that it's leaf doesn't wither  
when you look at all the leaves of the  
tree they're just so healthy you can  
tell this is a well-fed tree and the  
fruit is gonna be wonderful and then  
whatever the righteous does will prosper  
and so David is inviting the sons of men  
to stop sinning and to spend time on  
their bed  
being still looking at the Word of God  
and considering their ways offer the  
sacrifices of righteousness and put your  
trust in the Lord he says there be many

that say who will show us any good Lord  
and so now he's shifting so he was  
talking to the sons of men now he's  
talking to God again there'll be many  
that say who will show us any good Lord  
lifts you up the light of your  
countenance upon us you have put  
gladness in my heart more than in the  
time that their corn and their wine  
increased so David is able to see just  
how apparently prosperous these people  
are and he's seeing that this is a time  
that their corn and wine is increasing  
and and he sees their joy and he's  
saying no Lord you have put gladness in  
my heart more than in the time that  
their corn and their wine increased and  
then he says this he says I will lay me  
down just like we saw in Psalm 3 he says  
I will both lay me down in peace and  
sleep for you Lord only makes me to  
dwell safe safety in dwell in safety and  
so similar as we did with Psalm 3 let's  
just quickly look at the structure of  
Psalm 4 so with Psalm for now what we  
see let me just switch over  
to solve for  
so here we see in psalm four he is again  
this this dichotomy between his  
addressing God hear me when I call o God  
of my righteousness and oh you sons of  
men that so the problem is with the sons  
of man and he wants to know how long  
will you turn my glory into shame so  
David recognizes that he has a glory as  
a as a king we as Christians have a  
glory but the whole point of the devil's  
work is to turn that glory into shame  
and so as we go through the experience  
that lies ahead of us we are going to  
see men seeking after Leasing who love  
vanity and and just love deception and  
falsehood and and want to turn our glory  
into shame they hate the glory that we

have in Christ but he says but know that  
the Lord has set apart him that is godly  
for himself the Lord will hear when I  
call unto Him and that's exactly how the  
song began calling out to God saying  
hear me when I call o God of my  
righteousness and he's able to say to  
the wicked look the Lord will hear me  
when I call unto him so you better if  
you know what's good for you  
you should stand in all and stop sinning  
commune with your own heart upon your  
bed and be still so stand in all and sin  
not within that to commune within your  
own heart upon your bed and be still  
really reflect on this  
he says offer the sacrifices of  
righteousness and put your trust in the  
Lord put your trust in the Lord so here  
we see that this God of righteousness  
enlarged him when he was in distress he  
says to this God have mercy upon me and  
hear my prayer and then he says there be  
many here are the many as the sons of  
men there will be many all these people  
that are seeking after vanity and  
Leasing that that will that says who  
will show us any good they believe we're  
done for there's nothing nothing  
and God is a God that's hiding himself  
from Jacob for reason he's bringing  
bringing Jacob to repentance in the  
process the Christians have to be able  
to declare the gospel we get we're gonna  
get caught in the crossfire as well  
because Satan's wrath is unleashed and  
and so there are many who will say who  
will show us any good they don't see how  
we could possibly be released from the  
situation that they've put us in but  
david turns to god lord lift you up the  
light of your countenance upon us you've  
put gladness in my heart more than in  
the time that their corn and their wine

increased I will both lay me down in peace and sleep for you Lord only makes me to dwell in safety so just as we saw with Psalm three we sing it here in Psalm four David is highlighting this contrast between the righteous and the wicked and we actually saw this introduced in Psalm 1 when he introduced the contrast between the righteous and the wicked and it's very clear that the wicked are pursuing vanity and we understand the vanity that they're pursuing from Psalm 2 and so as we go through these Psalms we're going to be constantly seeing this repeating of the the major themes that were introduced to us in Psalms 1 and 2 that there's a difference between the righteous and the wicked and that you know those who want to continue on being wicked they're just they're like the chaff that the wind blows away but the righteous are going to be rooted like trees rooted by the rivers of water that when you look at the tree the leaves are so healthy they do not wither and the fruit is so abundant this is what the righteous have from studying the law the Torah studying the instructions of God being immersed day and night loving the Word of God and and David is actually inviting the wicked to stop sinning and actually open the scriptures and spend some time and be right with God because he will hear and this is the confidence that we must have as Christians and as we go through these the various vicissitudes of life and and the various eventualities that we'll face we're going to be able to turn to the Psalms and learn how to pray learn the structure of Prayer learn the the psychology and the thinking behind David and and not just David but all the

psalmist's and also I think to understand that we're not alone that the situation that we find ourselves in we're not this is not unique to us it is in fact the path of the righteous that all those who desire to live godly in christ will suffer persecution and Christ actually warned us of this so the Psalms are going to give us this great encouragement understanding articulation so that we can be those who endure to the end

so that's Psalms three and four will continue a week-by-week there's breaking into this and again to the extent that we can try to understand the structure of the poetry the the mind of the the Hebrew as they structure this the depth of it but we are at a disadvantage not speaking Hebrew we'll do what we can with the English what a wonderful God this is gonna be a wonderful study very encouraging and I think we'll find as we're going through various situations in life we're gonna find there's gonna be a psalm that is gonna speak perfectly to our to our experience that's on one side and then on the other side this book was quoted repeatedly because of it it's good the the weight that it carries prophetically it moves a lot of weight prophetically and so I think our understanding of the prophecies especially coming out of Isaiah and we studied Revelation coming out of these prophetic books that will have a deeper appreciation for the prophecies contained in the Psalms what a wonderful God we serve Jesus Christ is the son of God and he's our Savior and he will hear us

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