

The Emotions of Psalms



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Napoleon Crossing the Alps, Jacques-Louis David



Napoleon I on His Imperial Throne, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres

The Psalmist's Pathos: Confidence

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, came and told Saul, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

Psalm 52

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³You love evil more than good,
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⁴You love all words that devour,
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⁵But God will break you down forever;
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah

⁶The righteous shall see and fear,
and shall laugh at him, saying,

⁷"See the man who would not make
God his refuge,
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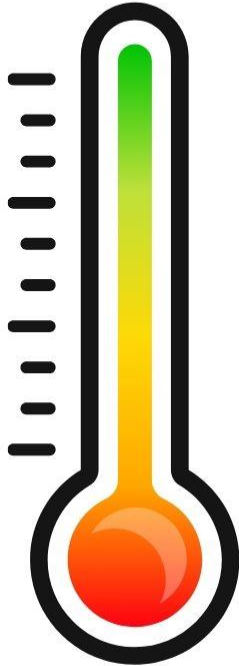
⁸But I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God
forever and ever.

⁹I will thank you forever,
because you have done it.

I will wait for your name, for it is good,
in the presence of the godly.

The Spectrum: Saturation

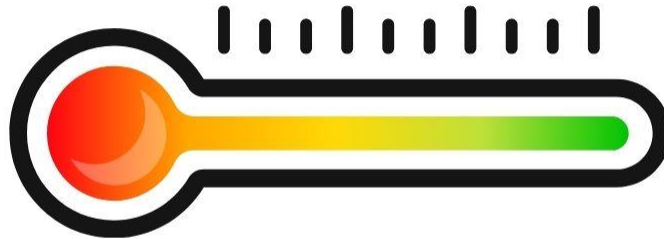


Galatians 6:3 “For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.”

2 Corinthians 10:12b “...But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.”

The Spectrum: Suppression

Colossians 2:23 “These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.”



The Psalmist's Processing

Lies of Confidence = RED

Truth of Confidence = GREEN

Jeremiah 9:23-24 "23 Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

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Psalm 53:1-3

- 1 “The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”
They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity;
there is none who does good.**
- 2 God looks down from heaven
on the children of man
to see if there are any who understand,
who seek after God.**
- 3 They have all fallen away;
together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good,
not even one.”**

Truth



Humility



Identity



Value



Confidence ¹⁰⁰



Fruit



Action



2 Corinthians 12:9-10

“9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Psalmist Pointing to Jesus

Matthew 25:47-54

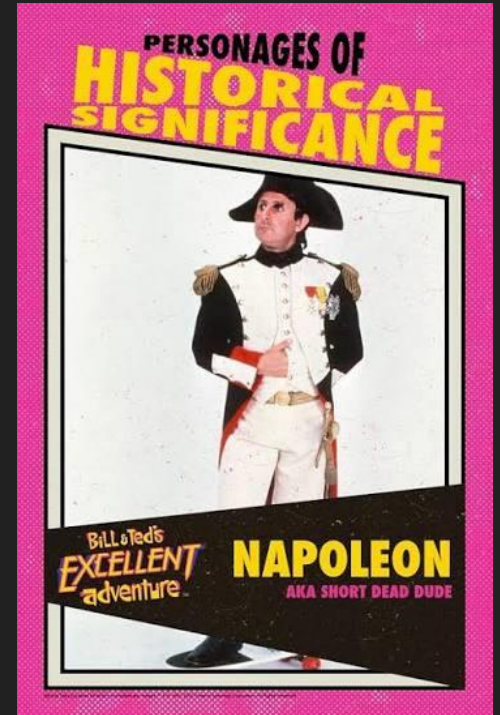
“47 While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. 48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” 49 And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. 50 Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. 51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?””



Napoleon at Fontainebleau, Paul Delaroche



Napoleon At St. Helena, Charles-Louis Kratke



The People of God's Prayer



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