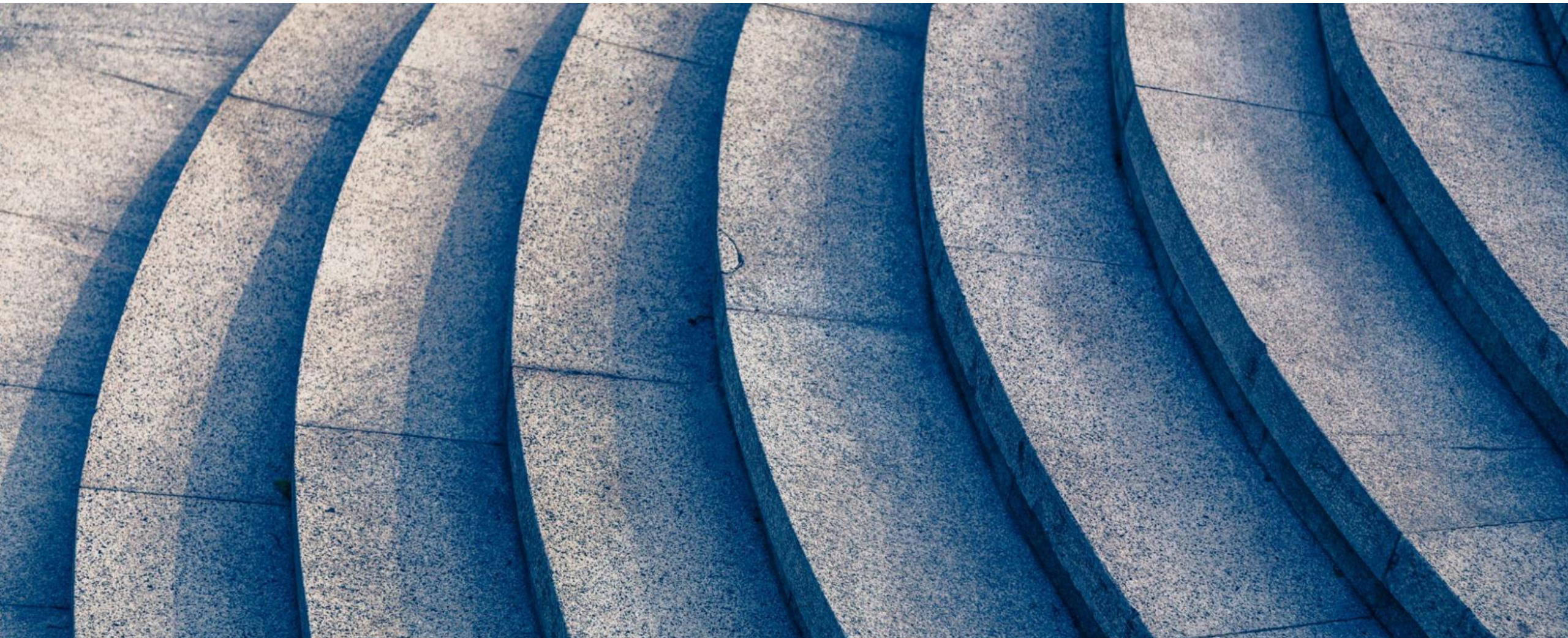




The Book of Psalms: Chapters 47-51

A Journey Through Worship, Emotion and God's Faithfulness

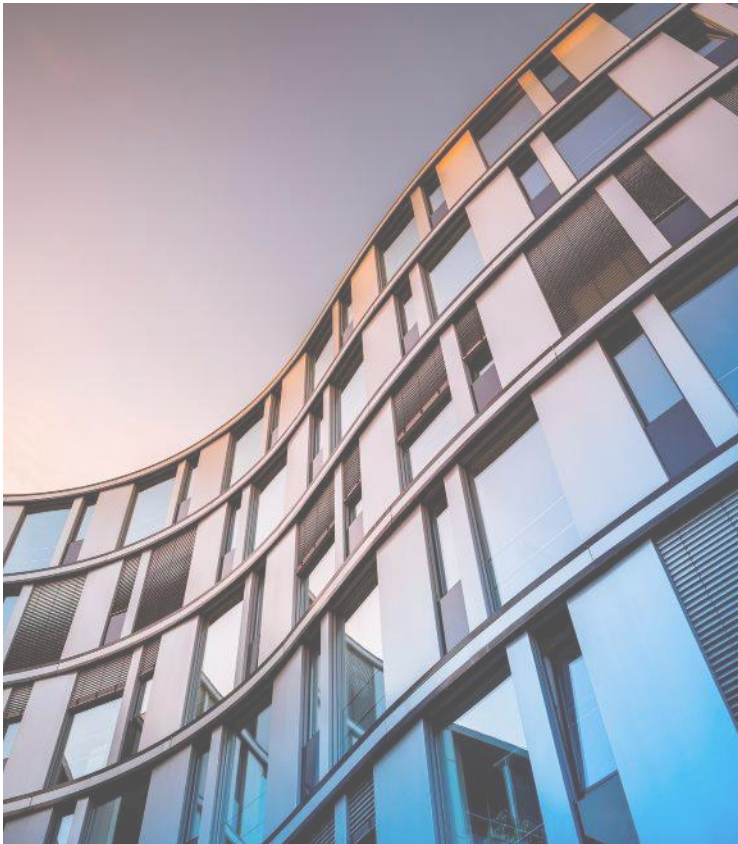
GOD

Meets us in the palace, the wilderness and in exile.

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BECAUSE THEY COME FROM
REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES.”**

– Pastor Terri Webster

KEY THEMES IN THE BOOK OF PSALM



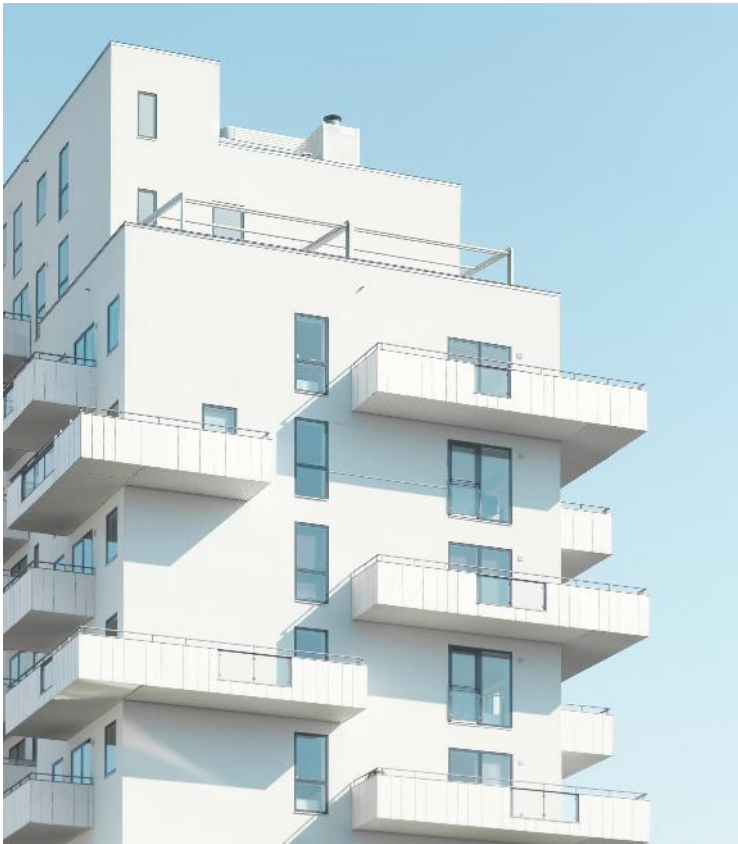
- Worship
- God's kingship
- Human emotion
- Faithfulness
- Repentance
- Messianic prophecy
- Thanksgiving & praise

The Psalms invite us to bring our whole selves into God's presence.

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- Brokenness → Restoration

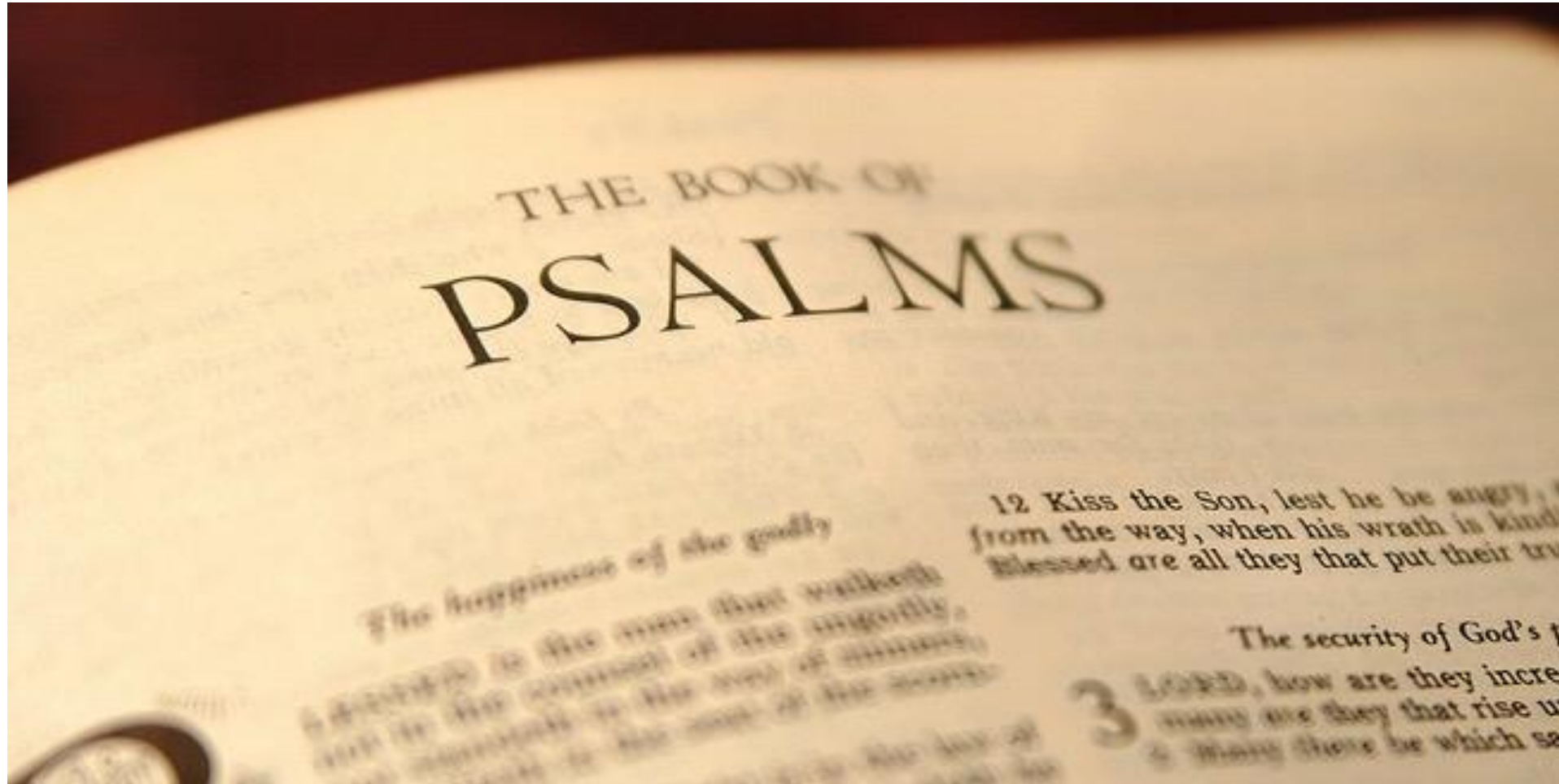
THE FIVE BOOKS OF PSALM



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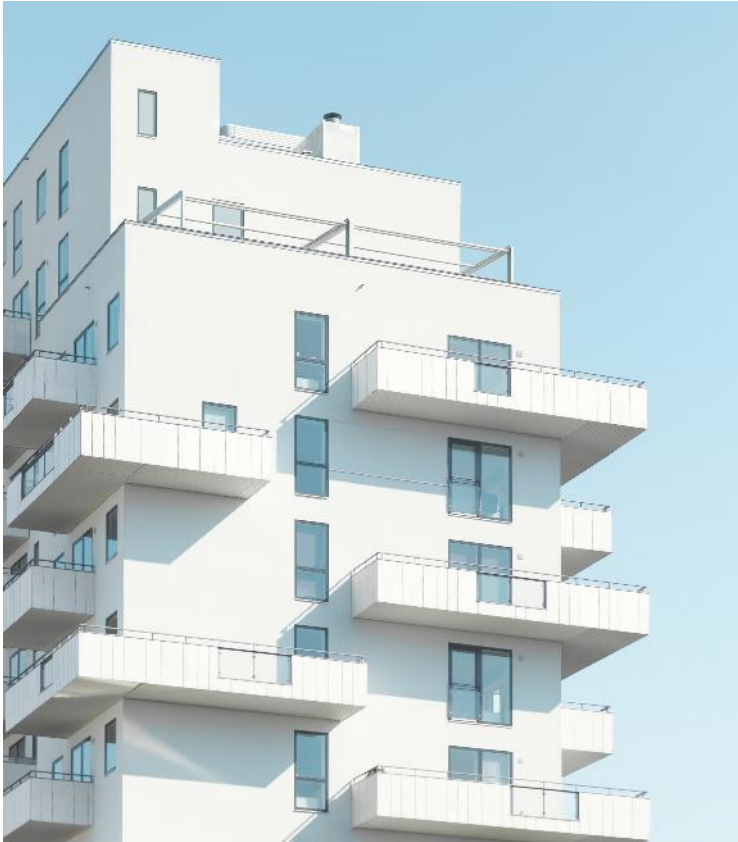
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BOOK 2



BOOK 2

(Psalms 42–72)



Focus: God as Savior

Themes: Longing,
deliverance, kingship

Authors: Sons of Korah,
David, Asaph, Solomon

WHICH WAS EASIER?
GUIDENCE OR BEING
GUIDED

WHY?

PSALM 47

Read

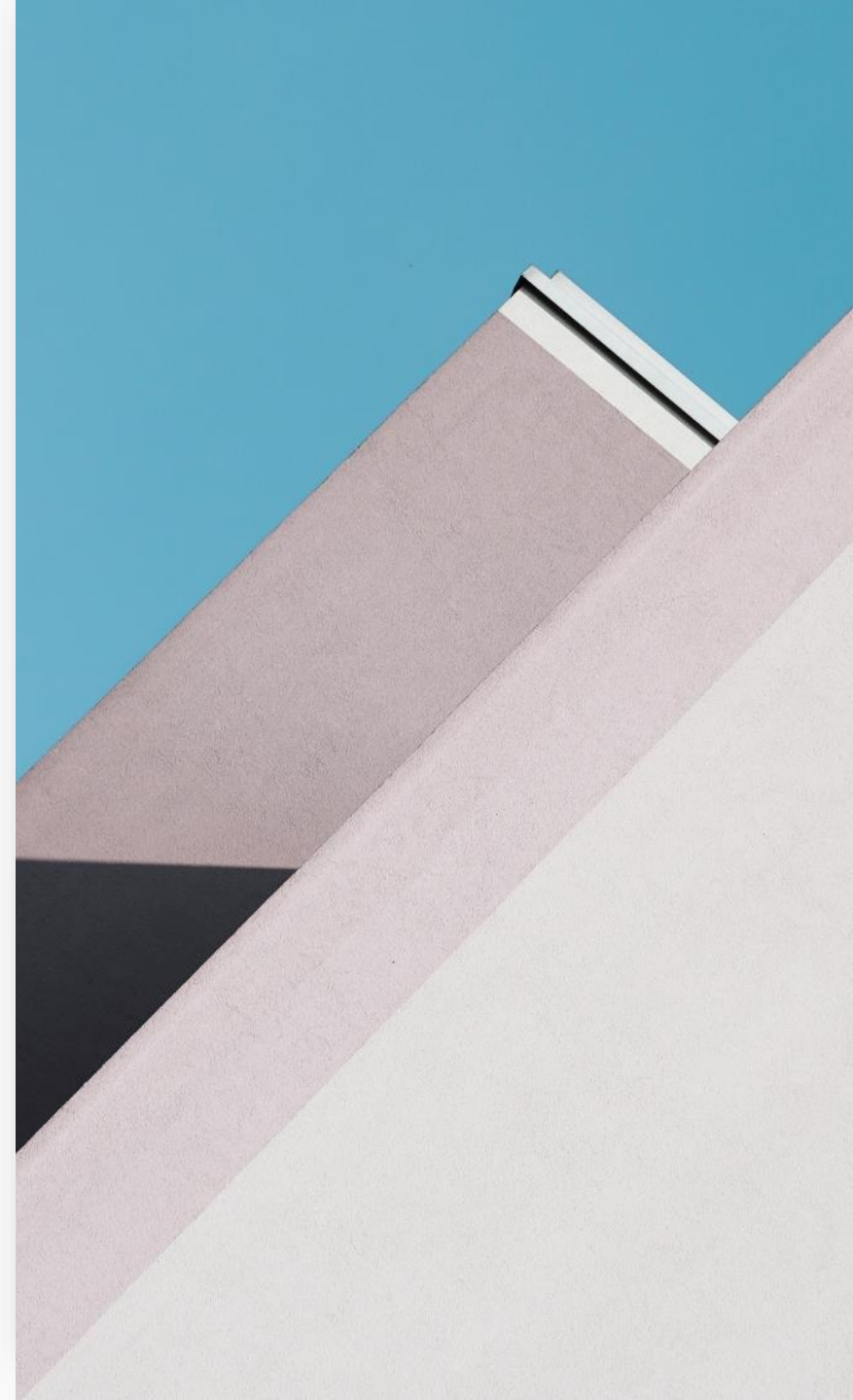
- ¹ Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
- ² For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved. ^[b]
- ⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.
- ⁸ God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.
- ⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings ^[c] of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

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Psalm 47

PSALM 47

AUTHOR:	SONS OF KORAH
THEME:	The King over all nations
HISTORY	Believed to be written during the Assyrian invasion of Judah by Sennacherb. Hezekiah was the reigning King. (II Kings 18:15-19:37)
POINTS	• V 1 – The psalmist commands us to praise God • V 2-5 – He attempts to describe God and encourages us to testify. • V 6-7 – commands us again to praise the God & praise Him with an understanding (what's your testimony?) • V 8 – The acknowledgment of who God is. He is the King who reigns over the heathen as well as His people – He sits on the throne • V 9 – Abraham received the promise. He is the father of the Hebrew nation. God promised Abraham that his seed would be blessed



WHAT'S YOUR TESTIMONY?

PSALM 48

Read

Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

² Beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth, like the heights of Zaphon^[b] is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King.

³ God is in her citadels; he has shown himself to be her fortress.

⁴ When the kings joined forces, when they advanced together,

⁵ they saw her and were astounded; they fled in terror.

⁶ Trembling seized them there, pain like that of a woman in labor.

⁷ You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish shattered by an east wind.

⁸ As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD Almighty, in the city of our God: God makes her secure forever.^[c]

⁹ Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.

¹⁰ Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.

¹¹ Mount Zion rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments.

¹² Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers,

¹³ consider well her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation.

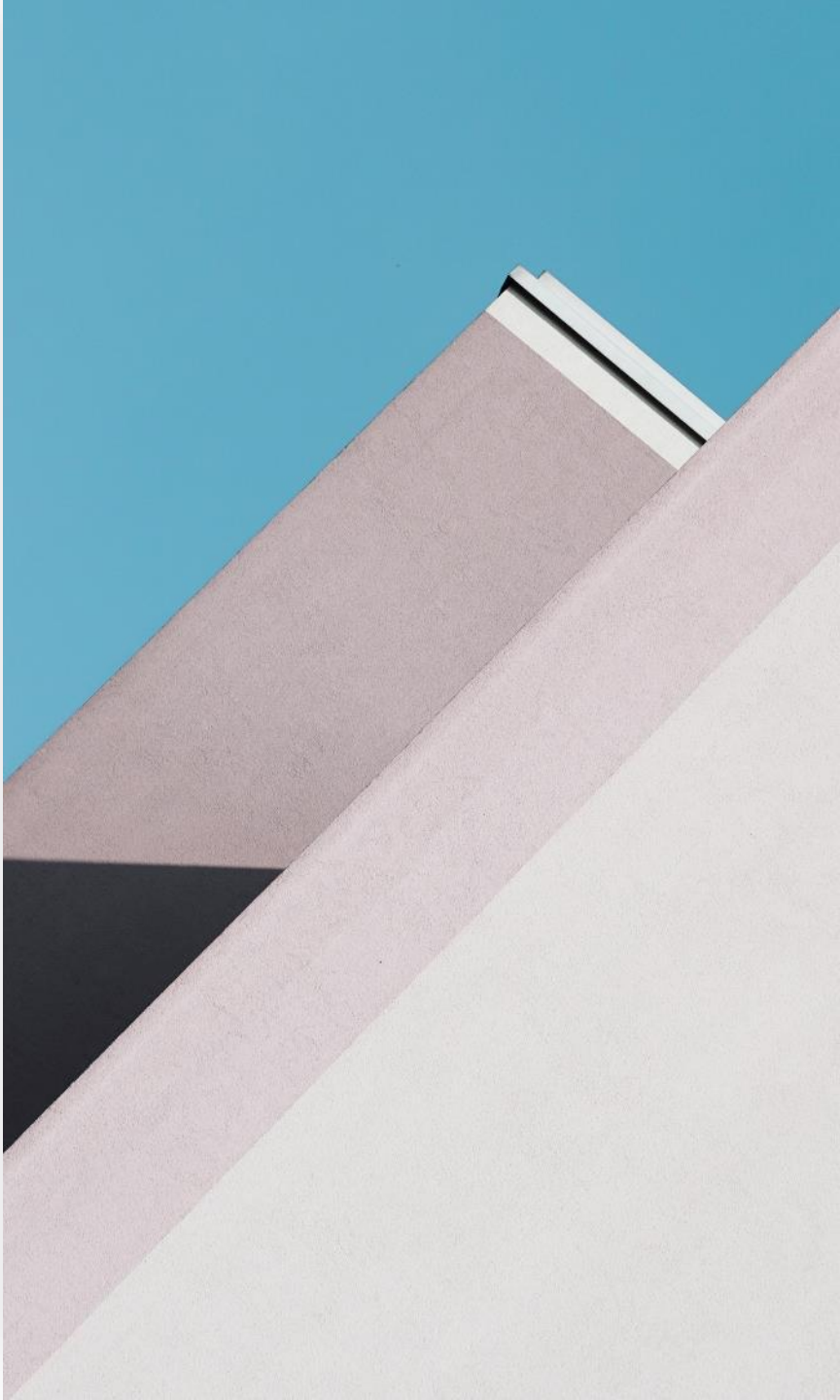
¹⁴ For this God is our God for ever and ever;
he will be our guide even to the end.

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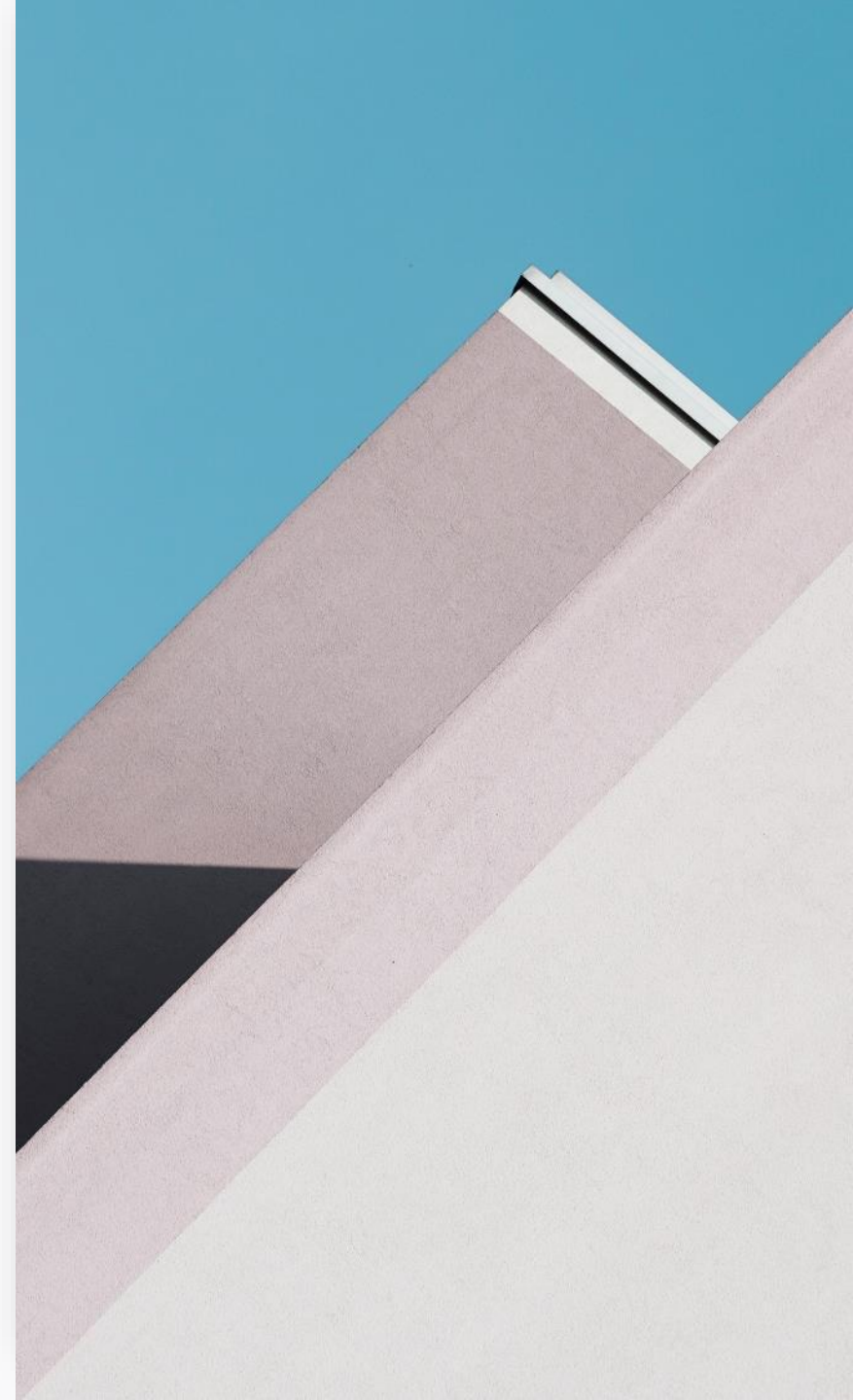
AUTHOR:	SONS OF KORAH
THEME:	God is our joy, security and salvation. He is our defender and guide.
HISTORY (V 1-8)	The temple was in Jerusalem. It represented the presence of God. Isaiah said Jerusalem is the place where believers will gather in the last days (Is 2:2-22. The New Jerusalem will be the future home of believers (not heaven) Rev 21:23
POINTS	• V9-11 – Judah was the largest tribe – settling in South Canaan. This was the location of Jerusalem (15:1-12). • David made Jerusalem the capital and center of worship to God. • V 12-14 – one attempt to seize Jerusalem failed • The failed attempt caused the people to reevaluate their defenses • They praised God for His protection • What do your defenses look like?



PSALM 48

POINTS

- **Where is your faith?**
- **Do you know what God's Word says about it?**
- **Do you surround yourself with believers who can help you? Support you? Pray with you?**
- **Do you remain strong under attack.**
- **In difficult times, we ask God for guidance. Could it be that we don't need guidance. Maybe we need God to be our guide.**
- **Guidance = our source of direction**
- **Guide = our companion as we go**



PSALM 49

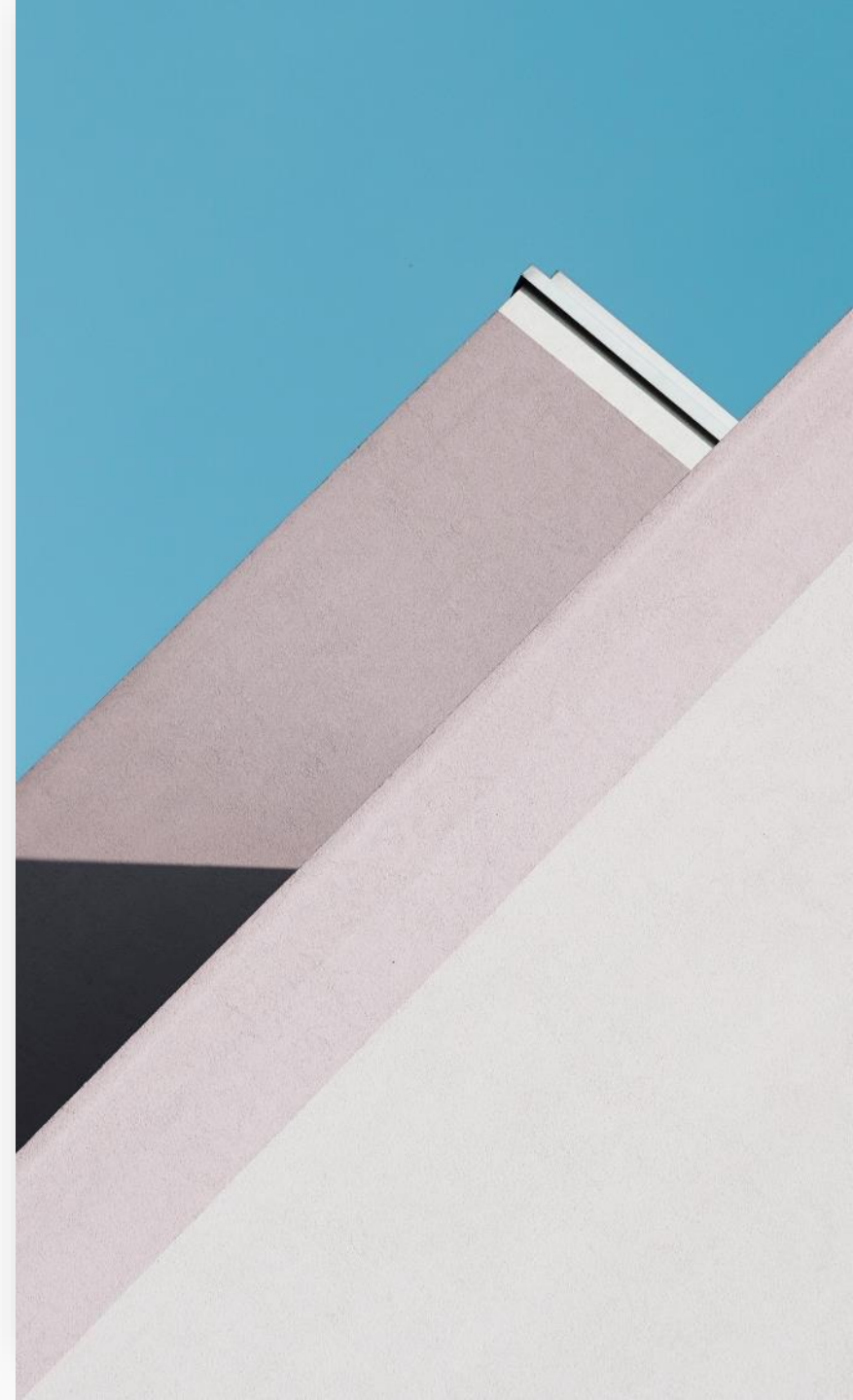
Read

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world,
² both low and high, rich and poor alike:
³ My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.
⁴ I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle:
⁵ Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me—
⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches?
⁷ No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them—
⁸ the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—
⁹ so that they should live on forever and not see decay.
¹⁰ For all can see that the wise die, that the foolish and the senseless also perish, leaving their wealth to others.
¹¹ Their tombs will remain their houses^[b] forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they had^[c] named lands after themselves.
¹² People, despite their wealth, do not endure; they are like the beasts that perish.
¹³ This is the fate of those who trust in themselves, and of their followers, who approve their sayings.^[d]
¹⁴ They are like sheep and are destined to die; death will be their shepherd (but the upright will prevail over them in the morning). Their forms will decay in the grave, far from their princely mansions.
¹⁵ But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; he will surely take me to himself.
¹⁶ Do not be overawed when others grow rich, when the splendor of their houses increases;
¹⁷ for they will take nothing with them when they die, their splendor will not descend with them.
¹⁸ Though while they live they count themselves blessed and people praise you when you prosper—
¹⁹ they will join those who have gone before them, who will never again see the light of life.
²⁰ People who have wealth but lack understanding are like the beasts that perish.

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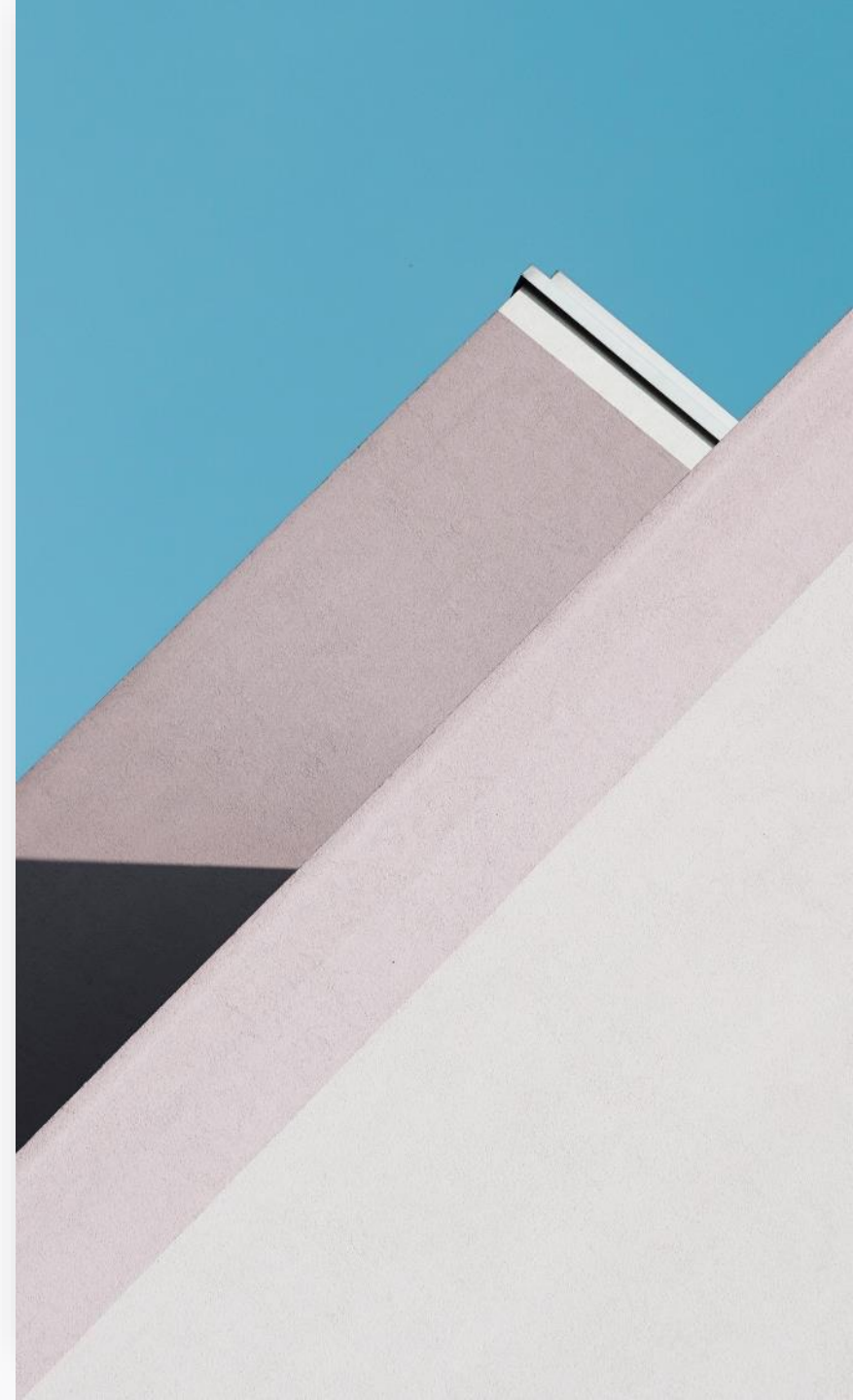
AUTHOR:	SONS OF KORAH
THEME:	You can't take it with you! Your possessions can not buy you forgiveness from sin.
HISTORY:	Writing to instruct the reader
POINTS	• V 1-9 – A call for everyone to listen to the words of wisdom • Riches can not be used to buy forgiveness • Don't try to accumulate riches at the cost of your soul • To trust in riches is vain • Trust in money produces emptiness • A slave in ancient times had to be redeemed by someone who would pay the price for their freedom • Jesus has paid the price for our freedom from sin – Mark 10:45; Eph 1:7; Heb 9:12 • Giving away massive amounts of money can't buy your salvation



PSALM 49

POINTS

- V 10-20 – Both the righteous and wicked die and leave their wealth to others
- When we die wealth won't equal our eternal salvation, our relationship with God will
- Even your beauty will not be sustained in death.
- Your body will decay
- Put your hope, faith and trust in God
- Use your resources for the Kingdom
- Don't stop putting your possession and gifts where they should go, but make sure your sole focus is your eternal salvation



PSALM 50

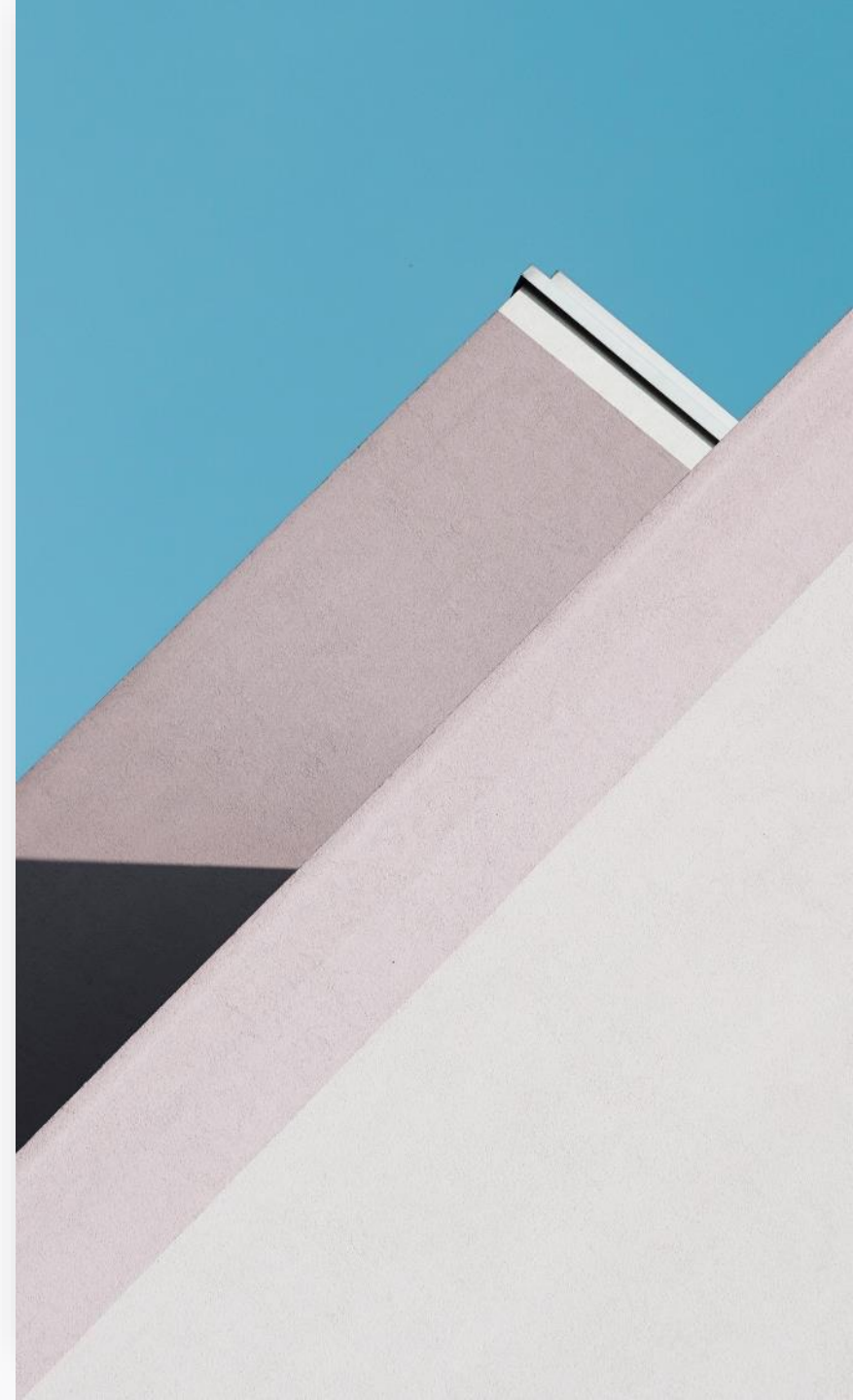
Read

¹ The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
² From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.
³ Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.
⁴ He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:
⁵ “Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
⁶ And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.^{[a][b]}
⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God.
⁸ I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.
⁹ I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens,
¹⁰ for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.
¹¹ I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.
¹² If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴ “Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High,
¹⁵ and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”
¹⁶ But to the wicked person, God says: “What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips?
¹⁷ You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you.
¹⁸ When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers.
¹⁹ You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit.
²⁰ You sit and testify against your brother and slander your own mother’s son.
²¹ When you did these things and I kept silent, you thought I was exactly^[c] like you. But I now arraign you and set my accusations before you.
²² “Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue you:
²³ Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless^[d] I will show my salvation.”

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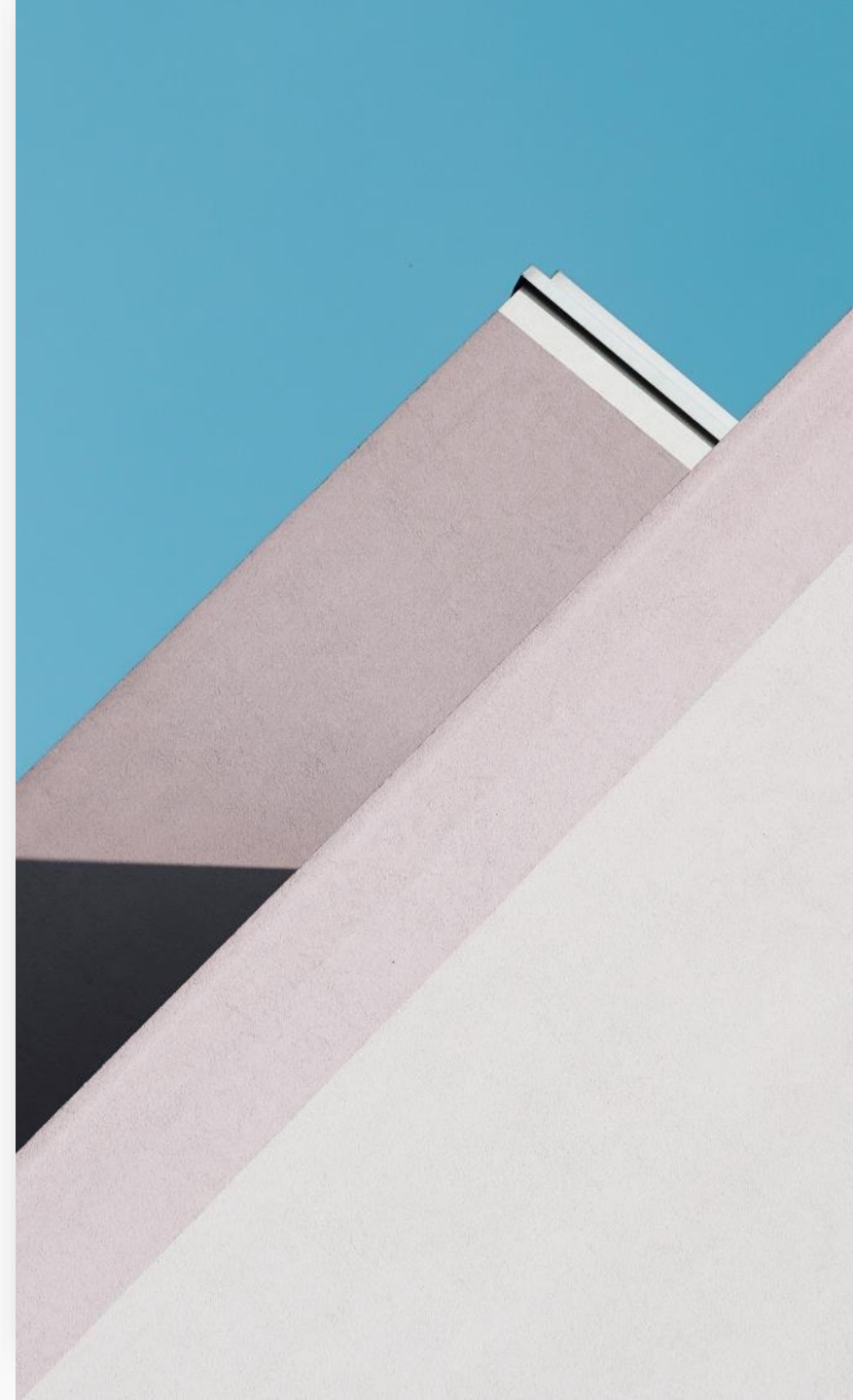
AUTHOR:	Asaph (One of David's musicians, I Chr 6:31-39)
THEME:	True verse false faith God is ready to judge the evil
POINTS	• Overview – Asaph tells us who is in control. The Lord • God can see through our religious persona • God knows when our heart is not serving Him • God is gently asking the routine Christian to give Him their genuine trust, reverence and honor • God will not always chide (rebuke or scold us) • V 1-4 – The church people were the greatest violators of false faith • God has to judge His own people first • Judgement begins at the house of the Lord I Peter 4:17 • Ignorance is not excuse... you must apply yourself – school you don't pass



PSALM 50

POINTS

- V 5-15 – The pay for sin is death (Rom 6:23)
- It is recorded that the Old Testament people were offering sacrifices and forgetting why or what the significance of them were
- Habit not relationship
- Ritual not relationship
- God is honored by our gratitude – give thanks to God with a grateful heart
- A grateful heart opens opportunities for prayer, praise and worship
- It also helps our perspective on challenges align with God's will
- V 16-23 – We can memorize and quote the Word of God and still be evil, backbiting, unjust and disobedient to God.
- Going through the motions. Praise in Public.... Sin in Secret
- All must be confessed and forsaken to be whole in Christ
- God's silence is not always His rejection
- Sometimes it is grace and mercy giving us time to make things right



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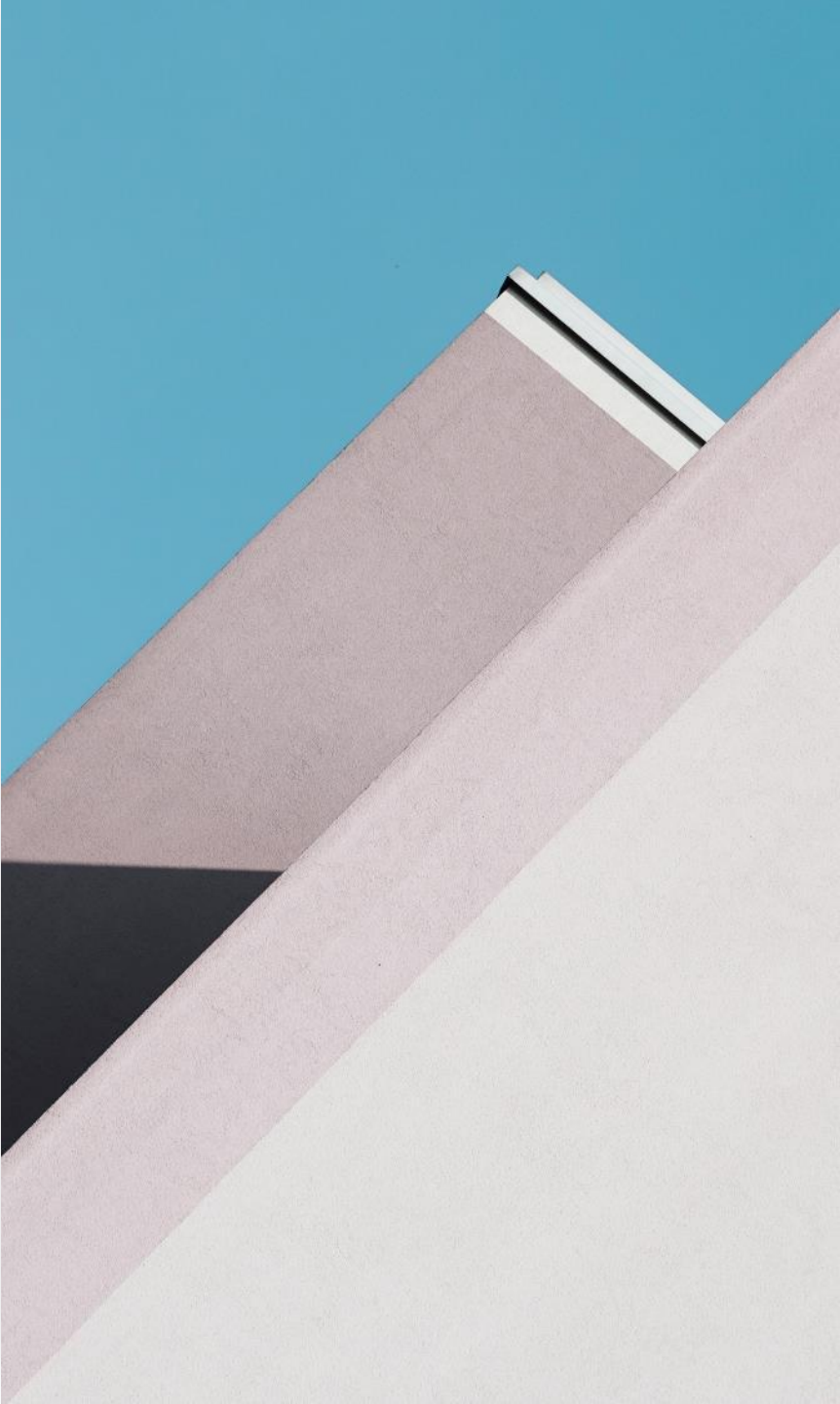
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- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.
- ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
- ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
- ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is^[b] a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.
- ¹⁸ May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem.
- ¹⁹ Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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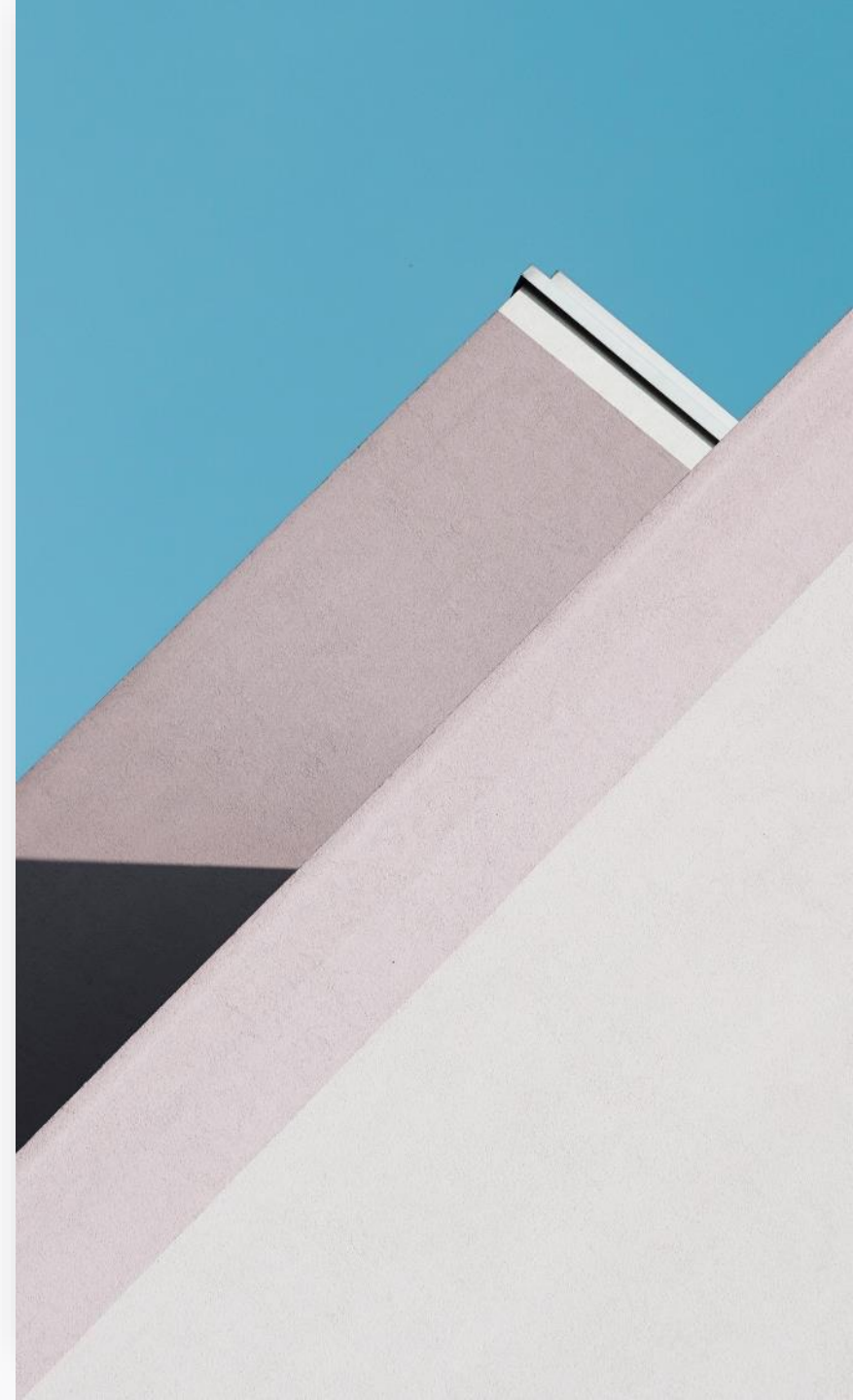
AUTHOR:	DAVID
THEME: HISTORY:	A Heart that is pleasing to God. David is asking for God’s mercy His adultery with Bastsheba, the murder of her husband and the death of His child
POINTS	• V 1-7 – Sincere Repentance is only what God wants • God will graciously forgive us if we ask & turn from the sin II Sam 12:1-23 • Forgiveness does not erase consequence • V 10-16 – This psalm teaches us that sin hurts others in our lives • New thoughts and experiences can push us out of alignment with God • Don’t go through the motions – be all in • Unconfessed sin make having true relationship w/God impossible • Consequences may not go away • The more God forgives you, the more you should forgive others



PSALM 51

POINTS

- **V 17-19 – What we do will never outwardly please God... if our heart is not right**
- **Open and honest confession to God's correction – saves us from resentment and refusal to repent to God**



What else?

*Is there anything you
want to talk about?*

Psalms Reading Plan

— 5 Psalms per Week —

Begins: March 20, 2026

Weeks 1–10

Week	Dates	Psalms
1	Mar 20–26	Psalms 1–5
2	Mar 27–Apr 2	Psalms 6–10
3	Apr 3–9	Psalms 11–15
4	Apr 10–16	Psalms 16–20
5	Apr 17–23	Psalms 21–25
6	Apr 24–30	Psalms 26–30
7	May 1–7	Psalms 31–35
8	May 8–14	Psalms 36–40
9	May 15–21	Psalms 36–40
10	May 22–28	Psalms 46–50

Weeks 11–20

Week	Dates	Psalms
11	May 29–Jun 4	Psalms 51–55
12	Jun 5–11	Psalms 56–60
13	Jun 12–18	Psalms 61–65
14	Jun 19–25	Psalms 66–70
15	Jun 26–Jul 2	Psalms 71–75
16	Jul 3–9	Psalms 76–80
17	Jul 10–16	Psalms 81–85
18	Jul 17–23	Psalms 86–90
19	Jul 24–30	Psalms 91–95
20	Jul 31–Aug 6	Psalms 96–100

Weeks 21–30

Week	Dates	Psalms
21	Aug 7–13	Psalms 101–105
22	Aug 14–20	Psalms 106–110
23	Aug 21–27	Psalms 111–115
24	Aug 28–Sep 3	Psalms 116–120
25	Sep 4–10	Psalms 121–125
26	Sep 11–17	Psalms 126–130
27	Sep 18–24	Psalms 131–135
28	Sep 25–Oct 1	Psalms 136–140
29	Oct 2–8	Psalms 141–145
30	Oct 9–15	Psalms 146–150

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