

Treasure Hunt

- How do Psalms 53-60 continue the theme of 49-52?
- Where have we seen Psalm 53 before?
- Why is it repeated here?
- How is this version different than the earlier one?
- What do Nabal and the people of Ziph have in common?
- Who is the enemy in Psalm 55?
- What New Testament character does he illustrate?
- How should this person have responded to David's sin?
- What three places in Psalm 55 mention the dove?
- Why does David compare himself with a dove?

Book 2, 42-72: Communication

42-44, Introduction: National Defeat

45-48, Kingship Established
45, Messiah's Dynasty Founded
46-48, Elohim's Support Promised

49-60, God holds Court

49-50, Summons
49, All Peoples
50, Israel

51-60, Defendants
51, David
52-60, Gentiles and Israel

61-68, Dialog of the Kings
61-64, Cry of the King
65-68, Elohim's Response

69-71, Committing Judgment to God

72, Messiah's Victorious Rule

Book 2, Communication

42-49, Korah

50, Asaph

51-71, David

72, Solomon

Enemies of the Kingdom

Psalm	Title or (Allusion)	History	Type	Tune	People
52	Doeg the Edomite	1 Sam 21-22	Maschil	Mahalath	Gentile Individual
53	(Nabal)	1 Sam 25		Neginoth	Private Opposition
54	People of Ziph	1 Sam 23:19; 26:1		Jonath elem rechokim	
55	(Ahithophel)	2 Sam 15-17			
56	Gath (Philistine)	1 Sam 21:10-15	Michtam	Al Taschith	Gentile
57	Saul in cave	Adullam, 1 Sam 22 En Gedi, 1 Sam 24			Shushan eduth
58	(Silent judges)	Saul?			
59	Saul watched the house	1 Sam 19:11			
60	Edom	2 Sam 8:13		Neginah	Gentile Nation

God (אלהים Strong 430) vs. LORD (יהוה Strong 3068)

Psa 14:1 <A Psalm of David.>

The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none that doeth good.*

2 **The LORD** looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and seek God.*

3 They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as they eat bread*, and call not upon **the LORD**.

5 There were they in great fear: for **God** *is* in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye ~~have shamed~~ may shame the counsel of the poor, because **the LORD** *is* his refuge.

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! when **the LORD** bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

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2 **God** looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek **God**.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; *there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as they eat bread*: they have not called upon **God**.

5 There were they in great fear, **where no fear was**: for **God** **hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee**:

thou hast put them to shame, because **God** **hath despised them**.

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When **God** bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth

Psalms 14 and 53

14	53	Comparison
5 There were they in great fear:	5 There were they in great fear,	
	where no fear was:	
for God is in the generation of the righteous .	for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee :	14: God's actions toward the righteous 53: God's actions toward the wicked
6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor , because the LORD is his refuge.	thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them .	14: rebuke to the wicked (plural) about the righteous (singular) 53: assurance to the righteous (singular) about the wicked (plural)
7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!	6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!	

53: More emphasis on the consequence to the wicked of his sin

Psalm 54, the People of Ziph

1, The Ziphim

1Sa 23:19 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?

1Sa 26:1 And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?

3a, Strangers

Deu 25:5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a **stranger**: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.

3b, they have not set God before them

Psa 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Psalm 54, Lament against Ziph

- 1-2, Plea
- 3, Complaint
- 4, Confidence
- 5, Imprecation
- 6, Blessing

6, mine eye hath seen upon mine enemies

Psa 58:10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: ...

11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Structure of Psalm 55

Ahithophel in the Psalms

Ps 41:9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did **eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.**

Joh 13:18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that **eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.**

v. 3 they cast iniquity upon me

2Sa 16:5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. 6 And he cast stones at David, ... 7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial:

v. 9b O Lord, divide their tongues

2Sa 15:31 And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

	1-15, Lament	16-23, Confidence
David's Prayer	1-8, Plea	16-17, Resolve to pray
	9-11, Complaint	18-19, Victory
Betrayal	12-14, Past Fellowship	20-21, Recent Treachery
God's Action	15, Imprecation	22-23, Prediction

v. 9c violence and strife in the city

2Sa 15:2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: ... when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, ... 3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. 4 ... Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! ... 6 so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

v. 17 will I **cry aloud**

Eze 7:16 But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like **doves** of the valleys, all of them **mourning**, every one for his iniquity.

v. 21 (Hypocrisy)

Pro 27:5 Open rebuke is better than secret love. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.