**The Sifting Process**

**Ps 70:1** <<To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.>> Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

5 But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

**Ps 40:13** Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

* My case is urgent; help me now

Isaiah 26:16 LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

But the word here rendered poor is often elsewhere, translated afflicted; in various ways he was afflicted. He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and the acquainted with grief. He was reproached, and reproach broke his heart

1. Profession of our condition: I am poor and needy.
2. Profession of the truth and position: Thou art my help, etc.
3. Prayer of faith “Now Faith” Petition, supplication: Make haste; Make no tarrying.

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Satan’s sifting process is designed as a web of violence to destroy:

1. To threaten Peter’s faith through distraction (unnecessary sifting) that he may extract him.
   1. Separate him from his faith
   2. Separate him from the truth
   3. Separate him from Christ
   4. Separate him from the Call of God
   5. Separate him from the Will of God
   6. Separate him from the Work of God
   7. Separate him from the Love of God
2. Satan hath desired to have you Luke 22:31
   1. If he can’t have us he just wants to keep us in trouble to discourage you or wear on you.
3. Satan never wants us purified or cleansed.
4. Satan wants us to break down. He wants us to give up.
5. Satan wants us to lose hope with the sifting.
6. Satan has a purpose for sifting and the purpose is to cause us to lose faith.
7. Sifting is the process of going through troubles, trials, hardships, pain and suffering.
8. Satan put this on us so that we would be ineffective for God's purpose.
9. Satan puts troubles on us so that we may lose faith.i
10. Satan puts temptations on us to weaken our faith.

Urgent trials should always alert a Fervent Prayer of Faith

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1. **He teaches us to be diligent and earnest in prayer**
2. **He teaches us to be diligent and earnest in fervent Prayer of Faith**
   1. **70---Supreme God to Eternal Covenant keeping Lord (Jah)**

Heb 11:6 But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Ps 40:13 **Be pleased, O LORD**, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me. 14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil. 15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha. 16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified. 17 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

70---Make haste, O God— Ps 40:13 Be pleased, O LORD

1. For Deliverance for himself, Ps 70:1,5
   1. For Deliverance
      1. 70:1 Make haste O God, to deliver me
      2. 40:13 **Be pleased, O LORD** to deliver me
   2. For Help
      1. 70-make haste to help me OLORD
      2. 40-O LORD make haste to help me
2. Shame to his enemies, Ps 70:2-3.

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III. Joy to his friends, Ps 70:1-5.

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Ps 69:29 But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

Ps 69:33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Ps 72:13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

Ps 74:21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

Ps 82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

Ps 86:1 ¶ <<A Prayer of David.>> Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Jesus Prayers for Peter to have strong Faith and to not let his faith lessen at all.

Jesus has a sifting process designed to get rid of all flesh, carnality, fear, doubt, unbelief, questions, debate, arguments, selfishness, pride, anger, malice, jealousy, unrighteousness, ungodliness, worldliness, laziness, lukewarmness, lasciviousness, wickedness or anything questionable. (All these things will be shaken)

Amos 9:9—For*, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.*

When the Gospel is preached it causes a great division between those who believe and obey and those who do not. Trial is a Joy, when you know that God will purify us through it all. Jam. 1:2-5

Heb. 12:27*—And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.*

Ps 109:16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

Ps 109:22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

Mt 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Ps 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

2Co 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Lu 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

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Heart purposed to please God, Praise God WORSHIP GOD With Patience and Faith

Re 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

Re 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Re 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that **keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus**.

Jer 7:19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

A mental Image of who they are what they should be

Who God is and what He is like

A Physical feeling of strong and able, capable, possible, plenteous

Demon power taking over the minds of those that have not purposed in their heart to worship God.

Submission, Trust, and Joy – Attitude in worship – Living a life of Faith – Psalm 71:6,17-18 living from character and not from life (subdue)

Confusion - looking for pleasure in sin –truing to worship God while living in sin – living a life of sin living by worldly life and not from character (subdued)

3.   Five divisions of the Psalms correspond with the five sections of the Pentateuch.

A.   Psalms 1-41 to Genesis where man is seen in a state of blessedness, then

fallen, and finally blessed by the gracious work of the Lord Jesus.

B.   Psalms 42-72 to Exodus. It opens with the cry from the depth of ruin and oppression as Exodus does; and ends with the King reigning over the redeemed nation, brought again for the second time from the four corners of the earth, as it was brought the first time out of Egypt.

C.   Psalms 73-89 to Leviticus. “In this the counsels of God are seen in relation to the sanctuary, which is mentioned in nearly every Psalm of this third book. The sanctuary is seen from its ruin to its establishment in the fullness of blessing.”

D.   Psalms 90-106 to Numbers. As Numbers is the “book of the wilderness” or earth, so in this fourth section the earth is its central thought. Blessings for the earth are needed (90-94), anticipated (95-100), and enjoyed (101-106). Its first Psalm (90) was written by Moses during the wanderings in the wilderness.

E.   Psalms 107-150 to Deuteronomy. All the teaching of this fifth section is grouped around the Word of God. Psalm 119 is the great Psalm of this section.

   The Psalms were birthed in the heart of Holy men of God before they were written in a book.

A.   Psalm 3---2 Samuel 15-18 II Sam.15:6 (in a time hearts were being robbed)

B.   Psalm 30---2 Samuel 5:11,12

C.   Psalm 34---I Samuel 21:10-22:1

D.   Psalm 51---2 Samuel 11-12

E.   Psalm 52---I Samuel 21-22

F.    Psalm 54---I Samuel 23:19; 26:1

G.   Psalm 56---I Samuel 21:10; 27:4; 29:2-11

H.   Psalm 57---I Samuel 22

I.     Psalm 59---I Samuel 19

J.    Psalm 60---2 Samuel 8:13,14

K.   Psalm 63---I Samuel 22:5; 23:14-16

L.    Psalm 142---I Samuel 22:1 or 24:3

CLASSIFICATIONS

Many of the Psalms lend themselves to classification under various titles, relating to their general subject matter: Messianic (ch. 2), penitential (ch. 51), natural (ch. 8), historical (ch. 78), experiential (ch. 3), didactic (ch. 1), devotional (ch. 16), prophetic (ch. 22), imprecatory (ch. 35), Hallelujah (ch. 150).

Psalm 71:18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to everyone that is to come.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

Ps 70:2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

Ps 71:13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

Ps 71:24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

Lu 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Ac 18:9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for **I have much people in this city**.

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And **such were some of you**: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Ps 35:4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.

38:12 ¶ They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

41:7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

James 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Nu 11:14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

* I would rather die than see my grief and misery daily increased by their rebellion.

Joshua 7:7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!

1Kings 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

Job 3:3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.

Acts 18:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, **Paul was pressed in the spirit**, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

Ac 18:9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

**I Cor.2:3** And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

Gal. 4:13 Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

James 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Eze 18:21 ¶ But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Eze 18:24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

33:12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

1Ch 29:12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

Job 23:6 Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me.

Job 26:2 How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength?

Ps 21:13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

Ps 62:7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Ps 62:11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God. {power: or, strength }

Ps 65:6 ¶ Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

Ps 68:35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Isa 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Re 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Re 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

**Talk of thy Righteousness all the day long**

**Living a Life of Faith, Hope, Love, Truth, Holiness**

Psalm 70:2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

Ps 71:1 ¶ In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

Ps 71:2 Deliver me in thy **righteousness**, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Ps 71:6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

Ps 71:8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.

Ps 71:13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will **hope** continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.

**16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD**: I will make mention of thy **righteousness**, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed **thy strength** unto this generation, and **thy power** to every one that is to come.

19 **Thy righteousness** also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

20 Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22 **I will also praise thee** with the psaltery, even thy **truth**, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou **Holy One** of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy **righteousness** all the daylong: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

Ps 35:28 And my tongue shall speak of thy **righteousness** and of thy praise all the day long.

Ps 34:1 ¶ <<A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.>> I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

1. The Talk of Righteousness

**Ps 71:2 Deliver me in thy righteousness**, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Ro 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

* + - * 1. The fruit of Righteousness

Let my deliverance be the fruit of thy promise, and of my prayer

Ps 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Ps 143:11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Isa 61:10 ¶ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Eze 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Isa 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.

* + - * 1. The Work of Righteousness

1. Put off the old and put on the new Isaiah 9:5-6

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

**Ps 71:4** Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of ***the hand of the unrighteous*** and cruel man.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

Ps 69:26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

James 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

1. The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
   1. Your very best will hurt Isaiah 9:5-6

Ps 31:1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

Ps 31:13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

Jer 20:10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

1. He begins the psalm with the prayer of faith, that God would deliver him and save him (Ps 71:2,4), and not cast him off (Ps 71:9) or be far from him (Ps 71:12), and that his enemies might be put to shame, Ps 71:13. He pleads his confidence in God (Ps 71:1,3,5,7), the experience he had of help from God (Ps 71:6), and the malice of his enemies against him, Ps 71:10-11.

1. He continues the psalm with the praise of faith, Ps 71:14, &c. Never was his hope more established, Ps 71:16,18,20-21. Never were his joys and thanksgivings more enlarged, Ps 71:15,19,22-24. He is in an ecstasy of joyful praise; and, in the singing of it, we too should have our faith in God encouraged and our hearts raised in blessing his holy name.
   * 1. The book of Psalms is divided into five divisions
        + 1. 1:1 to 41:13
          2. 42:1 to 72:18-20
          3. 73:1 to 89:52
          4. 90:1 to 106:48
          5. 107:1 to 150:6
     2. Each division ends with a doxology.
2. 41:13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.
3. 72:18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

1. 89:52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.
2. 106:48 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.
3. Ps 150:6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.
   * 1. The Five Divisions described

A.   1-41 deal with man’s state of blessedness, fall and recovery.

B.   42-72 deal with Israel’s ruin, Redeemer, redemption and deliverance

C.   Psalms 73-89 deal with God in the sanctuary.

D.   Psalms 90-106 deal principally with the need of God’s blessing upon the earth.

E.   Psalms 107-150 deal with the Word of God.

**Ps 71:3** Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may **continually** resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

Ps 71:7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

2Sa 22:33 God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect. {maketh: Heb. riddeth, or, looseth}

Isa 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

Zec 3:8 ¶ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

1Co 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

**Ps 71:3** Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art **my rock and my fortress**.

Mt 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Ac 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Ps 118:22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

Ro 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Isa 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Ps 71:18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy **strength** unto this generation, and thy **power** to every one that is to come.

Ps 71:5 For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.

Ps 71:8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.

Ps 71:22—*I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.*

Ps 71:24—*My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.*

Ps 40:10—*I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.*

Pr 12:17—*He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.*

2Co 6:7*—By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,*

Eph 6:14*—Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

“A life well lived”

What does that vaguely familiar phrase really mean? What determines whether a lifetime was spent “well”? If you went and took a poll, many would say that life well lived is a long-lived life, as well as one lived comfortably, richly, and successfully. That, however, is not true at all. In fact, there are many examples of people who have lived a relatively short life by human standards and have still left a legacy, whether materialistically or spiritually. The famous Austrian composer Wolfgang A. Mozart, for example, died when he was still in his thirties, at an age many would consider young. Yet even today no one would argue that he was one of the greatest composers and musicians of all time. [Jesus Christ](http://www.hyperhistory.net/apwh/bios/b1jesus11df.htm), in similarity, spent only thirty-three years on this earth. Yet, his life, death, and resurrection have changed the hope of all humanity.

On April 20, 1718, a baby was born into the world that would become another example of a short life well lived. It took place in Colonial America, near a town called Haddam, Connecticut. His days on earth were short; yet, he is still today a role model for all Christians to follow. The name of this baby boy was David Brainerd. He was the sixth of nine children in the home of Hezekiah and Dorothy Mason Brainerd. This family was a very devout Puritan family, and David’s great grandfather of a famous pastor. So little David was raised up in their country house with strict rules follow. These included everyday devotions and private fasting.

However, David Brainerd’s childhood was not happy for long. When he was only nine years old, his father died. It hit David pretty hard, because at that age, he was very close to his father. However, things did not get brighter. Just five years later, when David was fourteen, his mother died, leaving him and his eight brothers and sisters as orphans. Not only did his parents die early; four or five of his siblings would later die in their early thirties’ or younger. This seemed like a foreshadowing of what would later happen to him as well.

After the death of his parents, David moved to East Haddam, where he lived with his older sister, Jerusha, for a few years. Then, when he turned nineteen, he moved to work at a farm that he had inherited. However, David knew that this was not where his heart or mind was. So he moved back to Haddam, where he studied with the Pastor Phineas Fiske. There, David studied the Bible very seriously. Soon, when Pastor Fiske died, he started praying regularly and fasting often, in his search to be at peace with God.

This all led to his ultimate conversion and salvation on Sunday, July 12, 1739. It was half an hour before sunset, as David was in a lonely, dark grove trying to pray. Suddenly, he felt an “unspeakable glory” that seemed to open in his soul. David was so captivated that he suddenly had a desire to seek God’s kingdom. It was then that David asked Christ to enter his heart and be his Savior. Two months later, at the age of twenty-one, David entered Yale University to begin preparing for the ministry. Not long after he enrolled, he found out that he had contracted tuberculosis (which he would die from in only seven years).

In his third year at Yale, David was overheard by another student, saying about a tutor, “he has no more grace than his chair”. This was reported to the faculty, and when David refused to publicly confess this, he was expelled. This took place in the February of 1742, and it was something he would never forget. For the next couple of months, David had a deep feeling of bitterness and of disappointment because of his expulsion. But then, he started praying very fervently to God about how God wanted to work in his life. He also dedicated himself to living his life for God’s glory. Not long after his expulsion from Yale, David started preaching to a small congregation in Woodbury, Connecticut.

A very important day in David Brainerd’s life was on August 12, 1742, when he spoke for the first time to Indians. This led to him being asked to become a member of the ministry to the Indians. Again, he prayed about it to see whether this was God’s will for him. Finally, on March 25, 1742, David Brainerd left his church to become a full time missionary. This is what he is known for, and how he left his legacy. In these short four or five years, David preached to Indians, taught them English, and served them with a really caring heart. Hundreds of them were won over to salvation and baptized. Because of the lack of food and medicine, he again became very ill with tuberculosis. David sometimes felt a lot of pain as he preached, yet he always prayed to God for strength and tried to make himself radiate joy.

However, on October 9, 1746, David’s body couldn’t take it any more. He died in his own home. His last words were "He will come, and will not tarry. I shall soon be in glory; soon be with God and His angels." [Jonathan Edwards](http://www.hyperhistory.net/apwh/bios/b4edwardsj.htm), the famous American reformer, conducted his funeral.

What is the moral of this story? David Brainerd taught a lesson that should be learned by all Christians. Your life doesn’t have to be long in order for you to leave a mark on history. David did not let his hard times, the deaths, the sickness, the expulsion bring him down. Instead, he trusted in God and did his will. In his last four years, he was able to impact so many people. Today, his legacy still lives on today to show the world the hope that comes through following God’s will. The life of David Brainerd is without a doubt a life well lived.

Jesus lived the greatest life of all The life of the Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus loved the greatest love of all

Jesus lived the greatest love of all

All great lives find their life though Jesus Christ

He alone is to be worshipped, He alone is Lord, He alone is Saviour, Healer.

Ps 71:1—*In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.* 5—*For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.*

14—*But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.*

21*—Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.*

David - Beloved

The youngest of eight son’s of Jesse the Bethlehemite

The second King of Israel but the greatest

One of the most Prominent people of the world Ruth 4:17, 22; I Sam. 16:13

1Sa 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

Ac 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

1. Shepherd Boy
2. Warrior great soldier

I Sa. 17:40 (Never were there two so unequally matched in the natural)

2Sa 5:7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.

1Ch 28:3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood.

1. A Musician skilful with the harp singer anointed
2. Eloquent Poet masterful literature psalms night songs Deliverance Praise
3. A Saint

1Ki 15:5 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

1. Sinner
2. Prophet gift
3. A Type of Christ
4. Born in Bethlehem
5. Low estate shepherd
6. Sorely oppressed and persecuted but opened not his mouth
7. Hated without a cause
8. King shore to shore ----- Jesus Everlasting King
9. The Star of David Jesus is the Sun of Righteousness none has compared