

NUGGETS FROM DAVID'S GOLDEN PSALMS

A few weeks ago I met Mary's friend. She told me how she was torn from her native Poland and ended up in the Russian Gulag as a child. For giving some bread to a prisoner in Siberia her dad got a nugget of gold with which he made the ring she wore on her finger-and a few other family rings too. Gold is precious. The last book in the bible speaks of transparent gold-100Carot-unknown on earth. Well David has five psalms and we are going to take home five small nuggets –one from each psalm. They are 16 and 56-60. The word for "Gold" David uses is "that hidden". There is something precious hidden in each psalm

1(Psalm16) THE GOLD OF "TO LIVE AGAIN".

This psalm has 3 big No's.

i My goodness is nothing like yours-No Lord 2

ii I say "No" to offering blood to any other God 4

iii I shall not be moved - the Lord is my right hand man 8

It has 3 big "Yes's" too=

i Yes = a goodly heritage-Bethlehem Ruth Boaz-Salmon 6

ii Yes –I have wonderful dreams of instruction at night 7

iii Yes –my flesh shall rest in hope 9

So to the nugget-This Psalm is referenced 4 times in the NT

Jn20.9, Ac 2.25, 13.35 & 1 Cor15.4. YOU WILL NOT

LEAVE MY SOUL IN HELL NOR SUFFER YOUR HOLY

ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION. Hebrew "Allow my soul to wander like a cow without being lead.

Rembrandt painted his cross & tomb with golden colours-he got the point-the resurrection is the first nugget.

2(Psalm56)THE GOLD OF GOD’S APPRECIATION 7-9 MY TEARS IN HIS BOTTLE...HE UNDERSTANDS YOUR GRIEF

i A strong man pressurises David-1

ii They follow his footprints 5-6

iii Many escapes but still on the run 7ff

vv10-11 IN GOD I TRUST you delivered my soul from death
my feet from stumbling that I might walk before you in light.

3 (Psalm57) THE GOLD OF SONGS OF PRAISE 8

Cf do not destroy

i David shot like a bolt to a cave-Adullam

ii He was living near wild animals & hounded by wild men

iii flaming fires for warmth & cooking 4-5

iv His feet torn as they thudded into nets 6 cf. Christ’s feet

**AWAKE MY GLORY HARP & LUTE=je begins each day
singing cf *MORNING HAS BROKEN***

4. (Psalm58) THE GOLD OF RESTITUTION

The book of Acts speaks of the restitution of all things

One day Christ will put right the wrongs of leaders

i Do the nursing fathers of the state judge aright? No!

ii You fine tune violence like weights in a balance

**iii The are like a venomous python shutting ears to the
charmer who speaks the truth-like a snail wearing itself
away.**

iv They shake like boiling pots before their end.

**David “smelled a rat. He saw it flying in the air. He saw
God nip it in the bud” PULL OUT THEIR TEETH LET
THEM MELT LIKE SNOW**

**The righteous will wash off their feet the blood of the
wicked when they repossess their possessions.**

**The last word will be THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH
IS JUST**

5. (Psalm59) THE GOLD OF GODS LOVE OF JACOB SAUL SIEGING DAVID’S HOME with mercenaries of other nations-picture of the end time-

i They attack David for nothing 4

ii But do not kill them 11

DO NOT DESTROY comes in where David seeks the salvation even of blood thirsty men like Saul. Remember his words “Saul and Jonathan were lovely in their lives and in their death they were not divided”.

The Jews have gone through Egypt Babylon Holocaust and yet face latter day trouble-but God loves Jeshurun

v.1 “Deliver me from those who work iniquity-“those who dig up evil against me”. We speak of digging up lies-like those against Mr Britton

vv11-12 Let them wander about-let them be caught in their pride. ...THE EVENING speaks about this happening in later history. BUT GOD LOVES JACOB AS THE APPLE OF HIS EYE.

6. (Psalm60) THE GOLD OF THE BANNER OF TRUTH

The evangelical world has a publishing house of this name. David is describing a rallying point.

- i. The Syrians and Edomites in a pincer movement attack Israel. This psalm gilds the lily. It is called Lily of Covenant and Golden. It could be said that in the latter day an exact repetition of hisoty comes about-Israel is attacked from North and South.
- ii. It seemed God had broken Israel finally-desperate times1
- iii. God raised the banner in a high place –Gods banner is his Calvary Love and resurrection power.
- iv. The psalm plays out the theme of Gods final possession of his land-“Over Edom I have cast my shoe” ie I own it.

- v. Come and help us. The need of your soul and mine is like that of David's Israel in the past & present-enemies on all sides-but the golden truth is that we have a Banner of the Truth in Christ.

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