









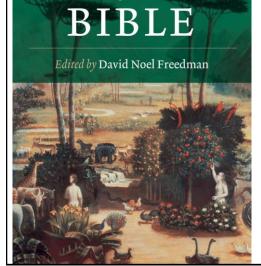
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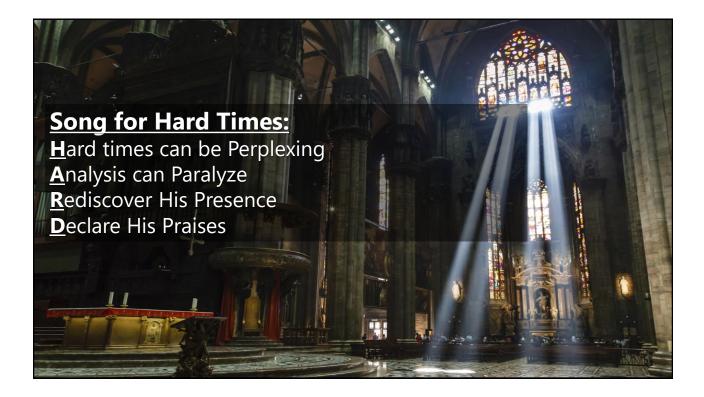


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<u>ASAPH</u>

One of the Levites who with Heman and Juduthun was put in charge of the "service of song" as the ark was carried to Jerusalem (1 Chr. 6:39; 15:19) and one of those appointed to provide proper praise and thanksgiving to God once the ark was in place (16:4–6). Asaph was primarily a musician (15:19; 16:5) and is credited with having composed Pss. 50, 73– 83 (cf. the superscriptions "A Psalm of Asaph"). Asaph the seer of 2 Chr. 29:30 was most likely the same person (cf. Neh. 12:46, "the days of David and Asaph of old").





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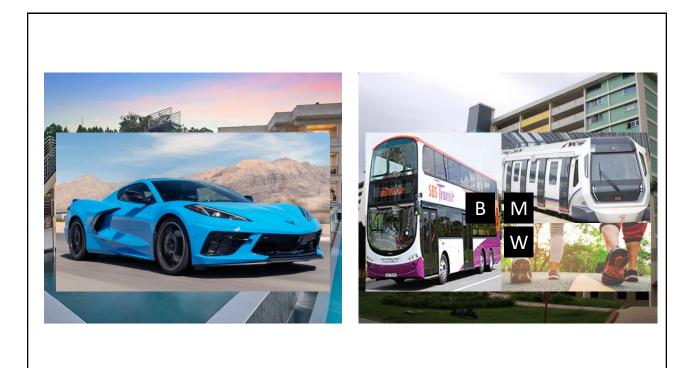
4 For there are no pains in their death,
And their body is fat.
5 They are not in trouble as other men,
Nor are they plagued like mankind.

6 Therefore pride is their necklace;
The garment of violence covers them.
7 Their eye bulges from fatness;
The imaginations of their heart run riot.

8 They mock and wickedly speak of oppression; They speak from on high. 9 They have set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue parades through the earth.







10 Therefore his people return to this place,
And waters of abundance are drunk by them.
11 They say, "How does God know?
And is there knowledge with the Most High?"
12 Behold, these are the wicked;
And always at ease, they have increased in wealth.

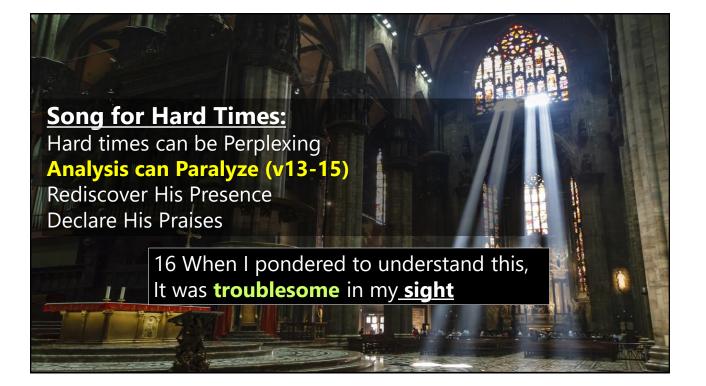


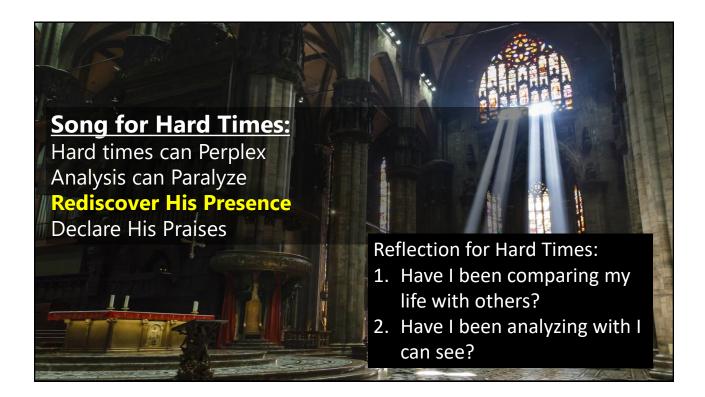


13 Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure
And washed my hands in innocence;
14 For I have been stricken all day long
And chastened every morning.

15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have betrayed the generation of Your children.

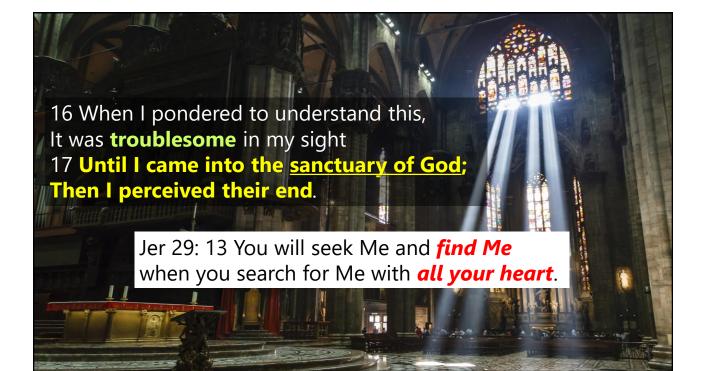
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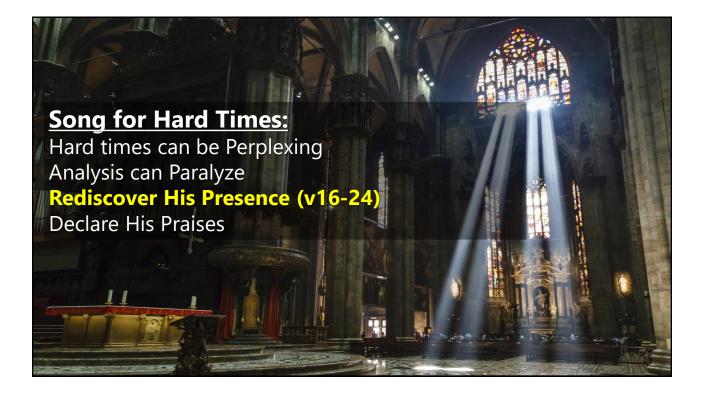


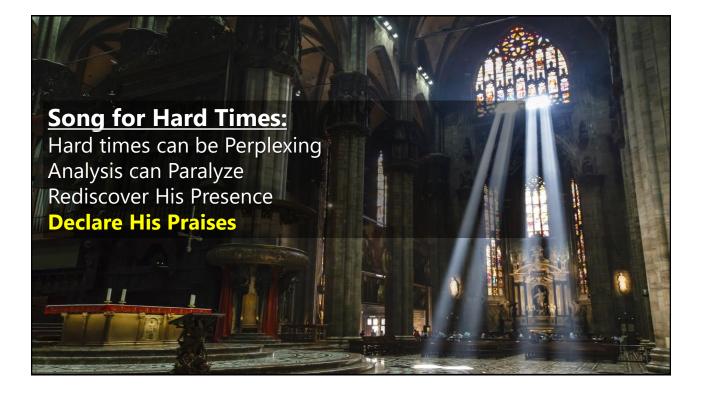
18 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. 19 How they are destroyed in a moment! They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors! 20 Like a dream when one awakes, 0 Lord, when aroused, You will despise their form. 2 Cor 4:17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. Heb 11: 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

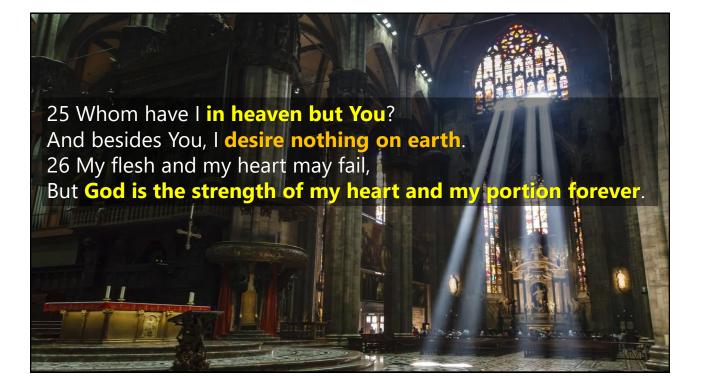
27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as **seeing Him who is unseen**.

21 When my heart was embittered
And I was pierced within,
22 Then I was senseless and ignorant;
I was like a beast before You.

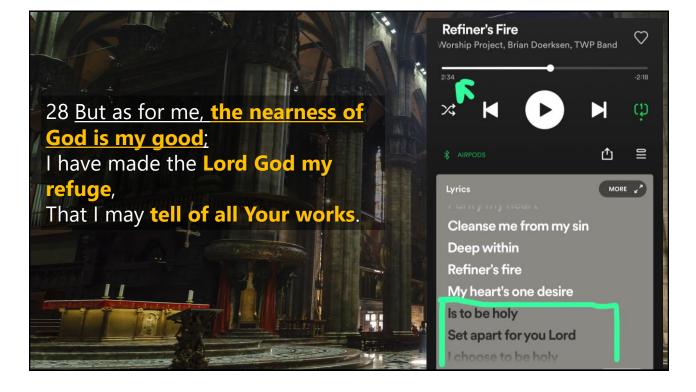
^{1 Cor 3:19} For the wisdom of this world is <u>foolishness before</u> <u>God</u>. For it is written, "*He is* THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS"; ²⁰ and again, "THE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, <u>THAT THEY ARE USELESS</u>." 23 Nevertheless I am continually with You;
You have taken hold of my right hand.
24 With Your counsel You will guide me,
And afterward receive me to glory.



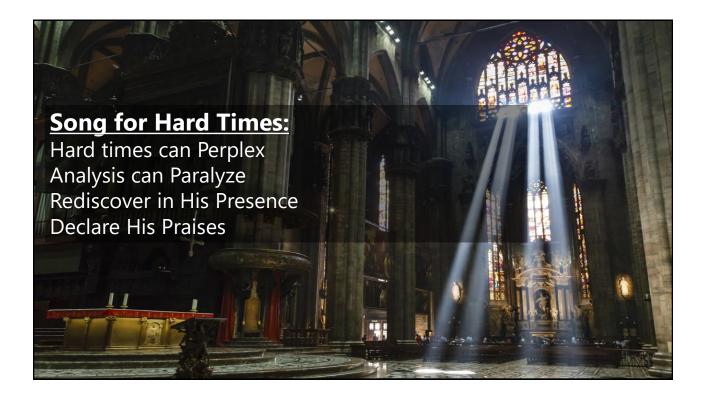




27 For, behold, those who are far from You will perish;
You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to You.
28 But as for me, the nearness of God is my good;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
That I may tell of all Your works.



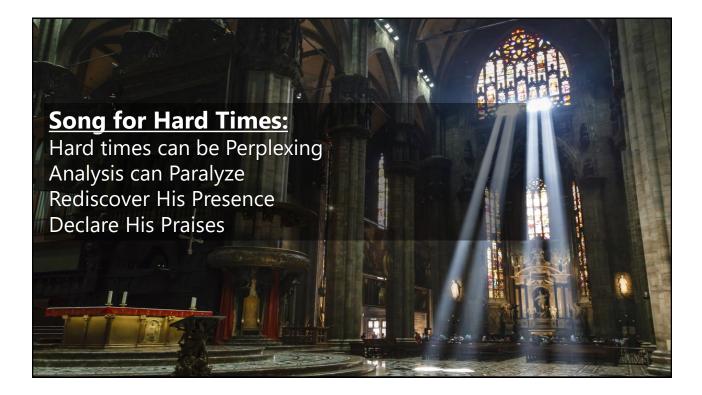












I have made You too small in my eyes O Lord, forgive me I have believed in a lie That You were unable to help me But now, O Lord, I see my wrong Heal my heart and show Yourself strong And in my eyes and with my song O Lord, be magnified O Lord, be magnified Be magnified, O Lord You are highly exalted And there is nothing You can't do O Lord, my eyes are on You Be magnified O Lord, be magnified Be magnified, O Lord

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