



PSALMS

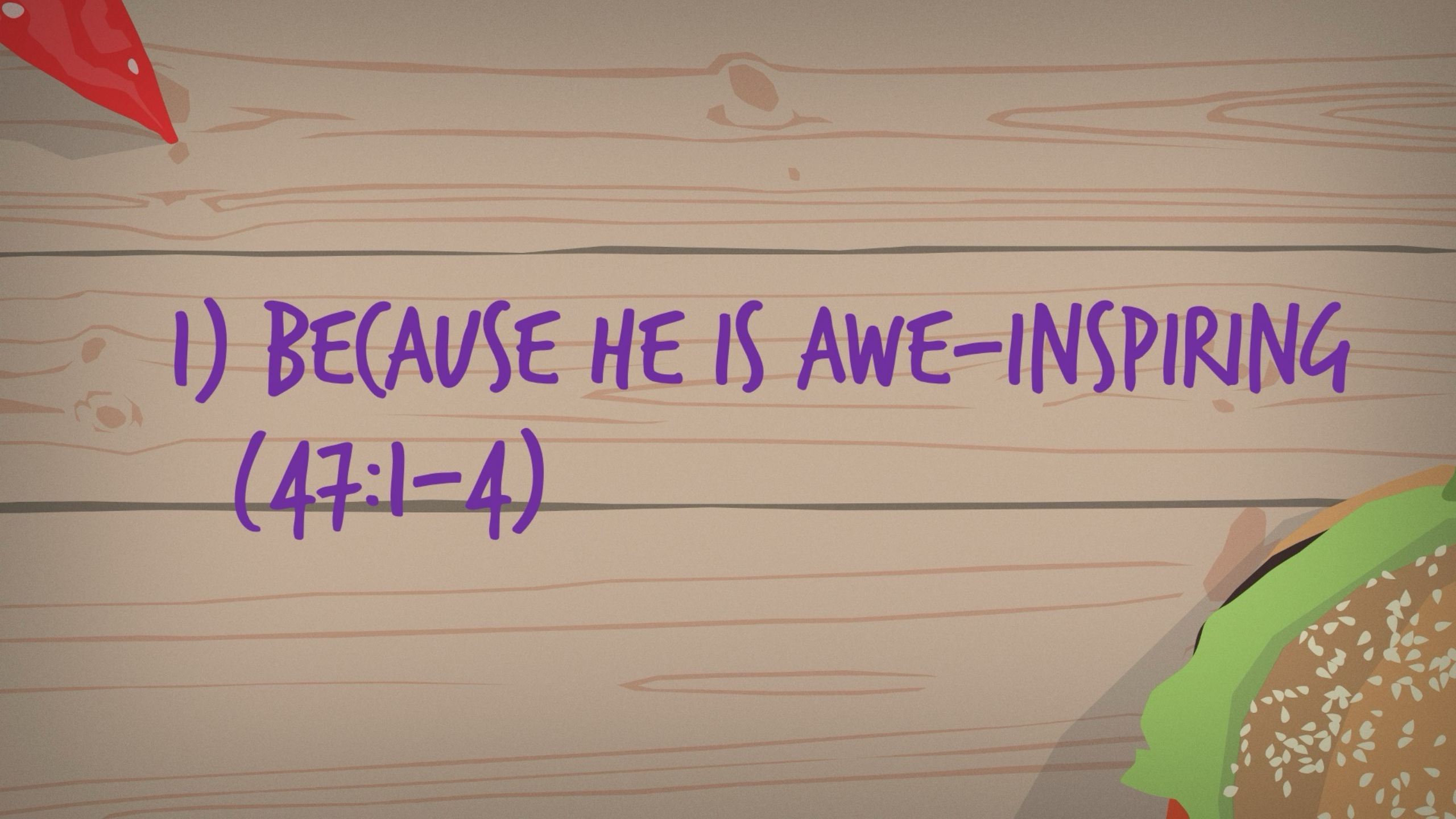
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PSALMS 47-48

“Worship matters. It matters to God because he is the one ultimately worthy of all worship. It matters to us because worshipping God is the reason for which we were created. And it matters to every worship leader, because we have no greater privilege than leading others to encounter the greatness of God. That’s why it’s so important to think carefully about what we do and why we do it.”

Bob Kauflin



1) BECAUSE HE IS AWE-INSPIRING
(47:1-4)

For the choir director. A psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a jubilant cry.

²For the LORD, the Most High, is awe-inspiring,
a great King over the whole earth.

³He subdues peoples under us
and nations under our feet.

⁴He chooses for us our inheritance —
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves. *Selah*

“And the duty of singing praises to God, seems to be appointed wholly to excite and express religious affections. No other reason can be assigned, why we should express ourselves to God in verse, rather than in prose, and do it with music, but only, that such is our nature and frame, that these things have a tendency to move our affections.”

Jonathan Edwards

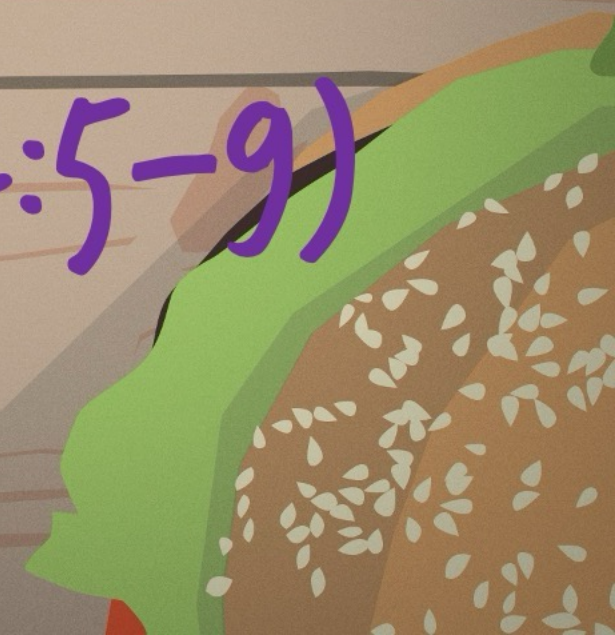
“Sing lustily, and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of it being heard, then when you sing the songs of Satan.”

John Wesley



1) BE(AUSE HE IS AWE-INSPIRING
(47:1-4)

2) BE(AUSE HE REIGNS (47:5-9)



⁵God ascends among shouts of joy,
the LORD, with the sound of a ram's horn.

⁶Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our King, sing praise!

⁷Sing a song of wisdom,
for God is King of the whole earth.

⁸God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have assembled
with the people of the God of Abraham.
For the leaders of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.



1) BECAUSE HE IS AWE-INSPIRING
(47:1-4)

2) BECAUSE HE REIGNS (47:5-9)

3) BECAUSE HE RULES OVER
NATIONS (48:1-8)



A song. A psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹The LORD is great and highly praised
in the city of our God.

His holy mountain,

²rising splendidly,

is the joy of the whole earth.

Mount Zion — the summit of Zaphon —
is the city of the great King.

Shining morning star,
how you have fallen from the heavens!
You destroyer of nations,
you have been cut down to the ground.
You said to yourself,
“I will ascend to the heavens;
I will set up my throne
above the stars of God.
I will sit on the mount of the gods’ assembly,
in the remotest parts of the North. **Isaiah 14:12-13**

³God is known as a stronghold
in its citadels.

⁴Look! The kings assembled;
they advanced together.

⁵They looked and froze with fear;
they fled in terror.

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

⁷as you wrecked the ships of Tarshish
with the east wind.

⁸Just as we heard, so we have seen
in the city of the LORD of Armies,
in the city of our God;
God will establish it forever. *Selah*

God, we have heard with our ears —
our ancestors have told us —
the work you accomplished in their days,
in days long ago:

Psalms 44:1



1) BE(AUSE HE IS AWE-INSPIRING
(47:1-4)

2) BE(AUSE HE REIGNS (47:5-9)

3) BE(AUSE HE RULES OVER NATIONS
(48:1-8)

4) BE(AUSE HE IS PRESENT (48:9-14)



⁹God, within your temple,
we contemplate your faithful love.

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

¹¹Mount Zion is glad.
Judah's villages rejoice
because of your judgments.

“All of this declares that God’s presence makes
God’s character visible to God’s people.”

Jim Hamilton

¹²Go around Zion, encircle it;
count its towers,

¹³note its ramparts; tour its citadels
so that you can tell a future generation:

¹⁴“This God, our God forever and ever —
he will always lead us.”

“I can admire the solemn and stately language of worship that recognizes the greatness of God, but it will not warm my heart or express my soul until it has also blended therewith the joyful nearness of that perfect love that casts out fear and ventures to speak with our Father in heaven as a child speaks with its father on earth. My brother, no veil remains.”

Charles Spurgeon

A stylized illustration of a beach scene. In the foreground, there's a wooden boardwalk. To the left, a large burger with a sesame seed bun and green lettuce is partially visible. To the right, a watermelon is shown. In the background, a beach umbrella with red and white stripes is visible. The central focus is a large, white, hand-drawn text that reads "PSALMS".

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