

Rabbi's Reflections - Friday, January 2, 2026
(Early) Shabbat Shalom {{firstName}},

Psalms
Psalm 42:12(11) – Part 8

Psalm 42:12 Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why are you murmuring within me? Hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, the salvation of my countenance and my God.

King David seems a bit schizophrenic. First he writes a prayer in which he is questioning God (not his best day). Then, as if immediately catching himself, he questions himself before expressing hope and praise for God Who he then calls, “Yeshuot Panay” meaning, “(the) Savior (of) my face.” This “face” is more than a facial feature or appearance, it is my very presence, the sum of my personality and emotions (and yours too).

And this “Savior” is more than the power to redeem. This Yeshua is the One Who has the power to turn everything around. We are redeemed from certain destruction, eternally separated from God’s presence, to certain eternal life in His presence. The change is dramatic. What is changed? Everything! We no longer have to question God. We enjoy blessed assurance that He will fulfill every promise.

2Peter 1:4 Through these things He has given us His precious and magnificent promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, since you have escaped the corruption that evil desires have brought into the world.

Would you like more good news? All is not yet fulfilled! That’s right, the best is yet to come, and won’t it be grand. (With all due respect to Sinatra, the song got it wrong. It’s not about the girl, it’s about King of kings and the Lord of lords. And yes, won’t it be grand!) Shalom shalom.

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