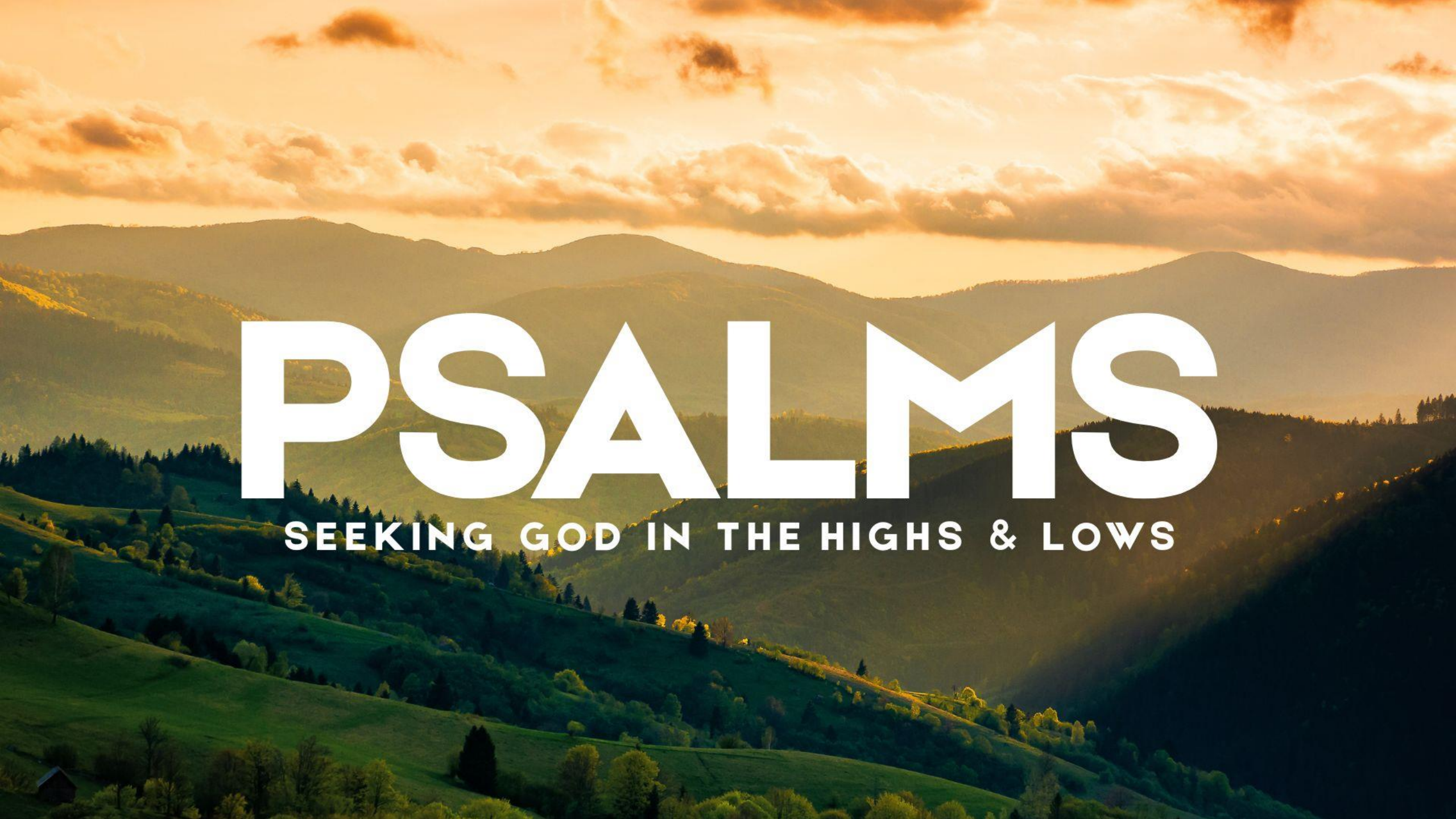




PSALMS

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What music moves you?

1. What is the emotional content?
2. Psalm 13: "For the chief musician"

Psalm 13

How Long – Psalm 13

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Observations

- Lamentation
- Overlooked by churches that prefer “positive” themes
- Song, not narrative
- Emphasis on emotional experience – being there
- “Dark night of the soul”
- Eventual resolution, but indeterminate timeline

The Dark Night: what is it?

- Grief
- Loneliness
- Separation
- Depression
- Anger
- Questions: why?
and "if only"
- Regret
- Doubt
- Loss
- Abandonment
- Confusion
- Fear
- Fatigue
- Despair
- Bitterness
- No time bounds
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Conclusions

- God doesn't care
- God is powerless
- God doesn't exist

The Dark Night: who?

- Joseph
- Gideon
- Job
- Elijah
- David (multiple times!)
- Elijah
- Paul
- Moses
- Ezekial
- Hannah
- Jacob
- Peter
- Jehoshaphat
- Ezra
- Hagar
- Jesus
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Psalm 13:1-2 (ESV)

- 1 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Psalm 13:3-4 (ESV)

- 3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- 4 lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

Psalm 13:5-6 (ESV)

- 5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

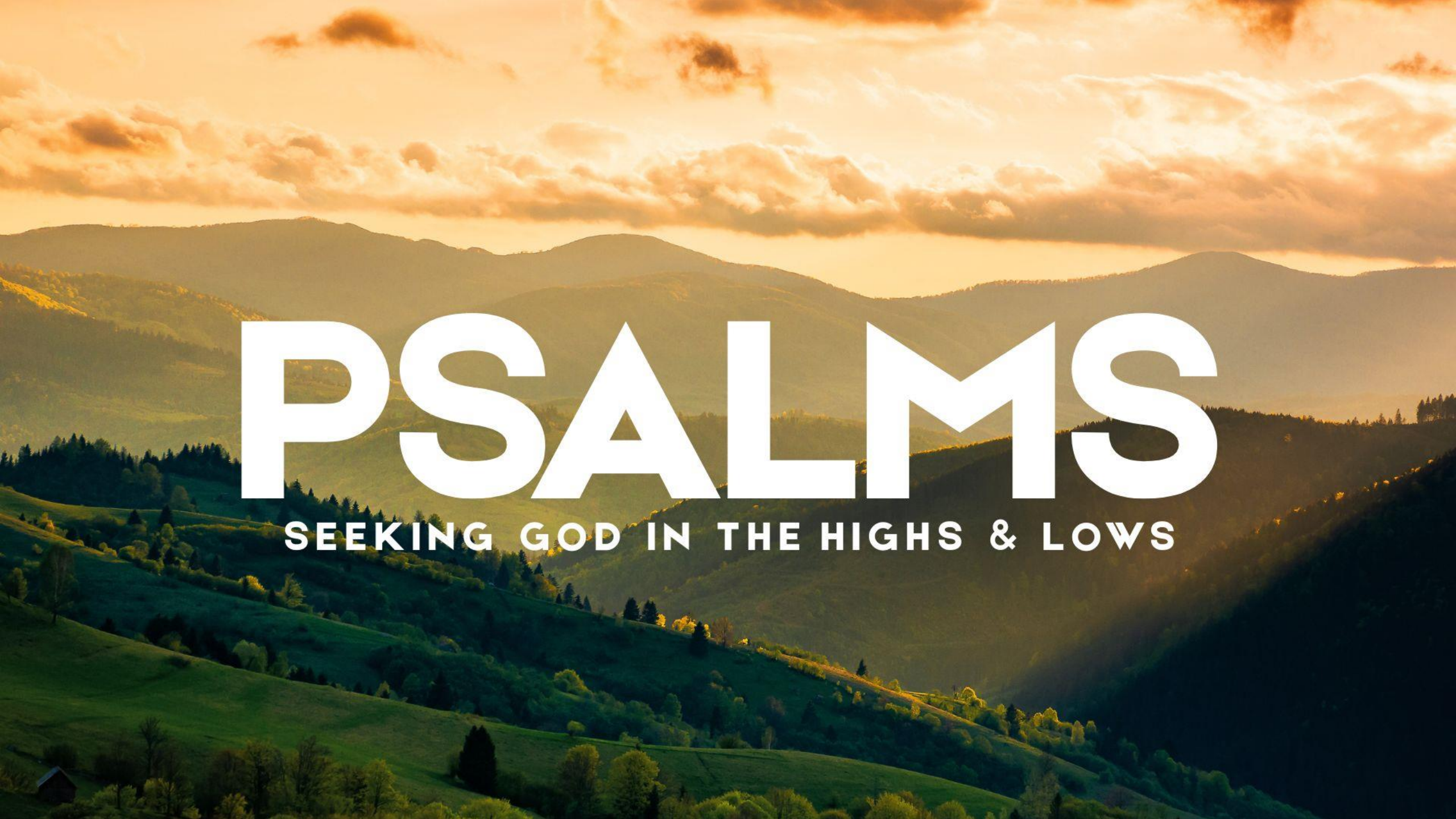
Personal Reflections

What does this tell you about David?

What does this tell you about God?

What does this tell you about you?

What now?



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