

There's a Psalm for This

There's a pretty simple principle involved in telling if something is important in a book or story: if it's mentioned more than once, it's probably important. Straightforward enough, right? If I'm reading a book and it keeps telling me about a super-special-whatever, then I can be confident that the author wants me to care about the super special whatever. Sure in books and other stories, that super-special-whatever could be talking about something else entirely, but we see this in the Bible, too. Sometimes we read the same thing more than once, and it should make us wonder if it's important. (Spoiler alert; it usually is!)

Psalm 53 (CEB)

For the music leader, according to the mahalath. A maskil of David.

Fools say in their hearts, There's no God.
They are corrupt and do horrible deeds;
not one of them does anything good.

God looks down from heaven on humans
to see if anyone is wise,
to see if anyone seeks God.
But all have turned away.
Everyone is corrupt.
No one does good—
not even one person!

Are they dumb—these evildoers—
devouring my people
like they are eating bread
but never calling on God?

There, where there was nothing to fear,
they will be in utter panic
because God will scatter the bones
of those who attacked you.
You will put them to shame
because God has rejected them.

Let Israel's salvation come out of Zion!
When God changes
his people's circumstances for the better,
Jacob will rejoice;
Israel will celebrate!

Psalm 14 (CEB)

For the music leader. Of David.

Fools say in their hearts, There is no God.
They are corrupt and do evil things;
not one of them does anything good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humans
to see if anyone is wise,
to see if anyone seeks God,
but all of them have turned bad.
Everyone is corrupt.
No one does good—
not even one person!

Are they dumb, all these evildoers,
devouring my people
like they are eating bread
but never calling on the Lord?

Count on it: they will be in utter panic
because God is with
the righteous generation.
You evildoers may humiliate
the plans of those who suffer,
but the Lord is their refuge.

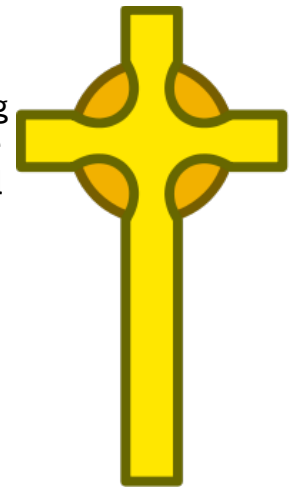
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As you can see, Psalms 14 and 53 are almost identical! There is one phrase that's different and everything else is basically the same. So what should we notice? That when we're in trouble, God will rescue us. God will change our circumstances for the better. So let's put our trust in God, then, and the ways that God continues to bless us..

Pastor Mike Galica

Holy Cross Announcements

This Sunday is **Reformation Sunday**, when we remember Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses and inadvertently kicking off the Protestant Reformation. We are reminded of the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us back to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and our paraments are red on Sunday in honor of the Spirit and Its work.



The **Bear River Health Department** is administering COVID-19 vaccinations to all those over 12! For more information and to check availability, visit <https://brhd.org/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

Pastor Mike and Michelle's **Farewell Reception** will be on November 14 from noon to 2 PM. More details to come soon! (Pastor Mike's last Sunday is November 21.)

If you're a Thrivent member, you may have **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to distribute! Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to find out if you are eligible.

If you want to give an offering to the church but are either unable to or don't feel comfortable with attending in person, you can mail it to PO Box 732, Brigham City UT, 84302. The post office box gets checked regularly and your giving will be secure.

Sunday School for children is recessed.

Adult Sunday School videos are posted to the church's YouTube page on Sunday mornings.

Holy Cross Quilters meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 am

This Week's Readings:

Reformation Sunday – *Solomon's Temple* – 1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:1-13; John 2:19-21

Next Week's Readings:

All Saints Sunday – *God Speaks to Elijah* – 1 Kings 19:1-18; John 12:27-28

Prayer List

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." — Phil 4:6

Keep the following in your prayers

Elizabeth Taylor, Jenny's friend, hospitalized with COVID-19.

Ryker Jeppsen, Jenny's grandson, having surgery.

Brenda, Pastor Mike's cousin, with pancreatic cancer.

Alan, Pastor Mike's cousin, having a triple bypass.

Shirley, Pastor Mike's great-aunt, with heart and lung issues.

Matt Long, Andrea's brother, for healing and a successful surgery.

Matt, Deborah Kay's cousin, for healing.

Tyson, Michelle's dad's friend's son, for mental health.

Our vulnerable populations, especially those with underlying health conditions, the homeless, and those lacking access to proper medical care in this time.

Trudee Klein, friend of Deborah Kay, for healing from cancer.

Tom & Jeanette Croft, friend of Kosbabs, for healing.

Abby Rasmussen and family, friends of Kosbabs, as she struggles with cystic fibrosis.

John Buist, our custodian, for continued health problems.

Lynne, Robert Quick's wife, with health issues.

Aleasa, Robert Quick's daughter, with health issues.

Gloria Perry, for healing from health problems.

Box Elder County Jail Ministry, that the inmates may respond to the Gospel.

Give thanks to God

Holly, Bob Kosbab's cousin's daughter, is home from the hospital!

Claudia Long, Andrea's mom, is doing much better but still needs prayer for strength and health.

Keep those in prayer who are in harm's way

Medical professionals and all who are continuing to work during this pandemic.

Braxton Jeppsen, serving in the US Navy.

Let Pastor Mike know if there are any petitions you wish to add to our Prayer List. If you added someone to the prayer list, please update us on how they are doing! We love to celebrate praises as well as petitions. Out of concern for people's privacy, we no longer speak people's names in the worship service, but we continue to pray for all their needs and concerns.