

THE MOST IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS OF ALL! PS. 121:1-2

When did it first happen to me...?

And when did I first understand / know what it meant?

Whip lash!

Psalms – even more whip lash → but from the referent!

Author | speaker | singer:

- **Speaking to God**
- **Speaking about God**
- **Speaking about other people**
- **Speaking to other people (seemingly)**
- **Speaking to...himself!**

About God

About truth

About life

About others

Grasping this will take us to new places in our journey!

Stage 1: Monologue (only one speaker)

The most dangerous place to be!

Psalm 121:1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, *From whence cometh my help.*

Psalm 121:2 My help cometh from the LORD, Which made heaven and earth.

- **Talking to yourself**
- **Listening to yourself**

***My first exposure &/ realization:**

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Esther 6:1 **On that night** could not **the king** sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. **Esther 6:2** And it was found written, that **Mordecai** had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. **Esther 6:3** And the king said, **What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this?** Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. **Esther 6:4** And the king said, **Who is in the court?** Now **Haman** was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. **Esther 6:5** And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

Esther 6:6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour?

Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?

What does she / he / they think about my...?

1st: they are not thinking about you

2nd do you know you are talking to yourself???

Stage 2: dialogue (two speakers back & forth)

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Psalm 121:2 **My help cometh from the LORD,** Which made heaven and earth.

- **Taking yourself in hand**
- **Preaching (or at least speaking) to yourself**

1 Samuel 27:1 **And David said in his heart.** I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

1 Samuel 30:1 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; **1 Samuel 30:2** And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

1 Samuel 30:3 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. **1 Samuel 30:4** Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. **1 Samuel 30:5** And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

1 Samuel 30:6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: **but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.**

*** I came upon this accidently, partially & gradually...**

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Proverbs 25:6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, And stand not in the place of great men: **Proverbs 25:7** For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; Than that thou shouldst be put lower in the presence of the prince Whom thine eyes have seen.

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Genesis 50:19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? **Genesis 50:20** But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

1 Samuel 24:22 And David sware unto Saul. **And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.**

1 Samuel 26:25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. **So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.**

Psalms are filled with the Psalmist contemplating truth | God | Scripture:

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Psalm 37:1 Fret **not** thyself because of evildoers, Neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. **Psalm 37:3** **Trust** in the LORD, and do good; So shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. **Psalm 37:4** **Delight** thyself also in the LORD; And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. **Psalm 37:5** **Commit** thy way unto the LORD; **Trust also** in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:7 **Rest** in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Psalm 73:16 When I thought to know this, It was too painful for me; **Psalm 73:17** Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then understood I their end. **Psalm 73:18** Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: Thou castedst them down into destruction.

This requires us:

- To stop listening to ourselves
- To start preaching to ourselves

Stage 3: Trialogue (at least three speakers)

- Letting outsiders talk
- Including outsiders in your talk

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1 Samuel 23:16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and **strengthened his hand in God.**

Hebrews 3:13 **But exhort one another daily**, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; **but exhorting one another:** and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Proverbs 26:12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death.

Proverbs 14:16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: But the fool rageth, and is confident.

Proverbs 11:14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: But in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

Proverbs 24:6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: And in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 25:25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, So is good news from a far country.