

# DIVINE LOGIC FOR THE JOURNEY! PSALM 124

Divine Logic for the Journey involves:

## 1. If / “Unless”

**Psalm 124:1** **If** it had not been the LORD who was on our side, Now may Israel say;

**Psalm 124:2** **If** it had not been the LORD who was on our side, When men rose up against us:

**The logic is imagining our life contrary-to-the-facts!**

(What) IF...we didn't have the Lord!

UNLESS the Lord was on our side!

**A sanctified use of our imagination contrary-to-fact!**

**This is fairly common in the Psalms\*:**

**Psalm 27:13** I had fainted, **unless** I had believed To see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

**Psalm 27:14** Wait on the LORD: Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the LORD.

**Psalm 94:17** **Unless** the LORD had been my help, My soul had almost dwelt in silence.

**Psalm 106:23** Therefore he said that he would destroy them, **Had not** Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

**Psalm 119:92** **Unless** thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

Example: I have done this with one man...

What if you didn't know the Lord?

What if He didn't know you first?

What if He wasn't on our / your side?

**Ephesians 2:8** For **by** grace are ye saved **through** faith; and that **not** of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

**Ephesians 2:9** **Not** of works, lest any man should boast. **Ephesians 2:10** **For** we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**Ephesians 2:11** **Wherefore remember**, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

**Ephesians 2:12** That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

**Ephesians 2:13** **But now in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

## 2. THEN...

**Psalm 124:3** **Then** they had swallowed us up **quick** (קַיִם), When their wrath was kindled against us:

**Psalm 124:4** **Then** the waters had overwhelmed us, The stream had gone over our soul:

**Psalm 124:5** **Then** the proud waters Had gone over our soul.

**Psalm 124:6** Blessed be the LORD, Who hath **not** given us as a prey to their teeth.

**Psalm 124:7** Our soul **is escaped** as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: The snare **is broken**, and we are escaped.

➤ **Swallowed alive by a raging storm/flood/river 124:3-5**

Water is a fearful thing...

➤ **Eaten alive by ravenous beasts 124:6**

As we have become more sedentary and more city dwellers we have lost this fear!

Examples:

➤ **Trapped alive like a bird in a cage 124:7**

**3. But...!**

➤ **The Lord is on our side**

**Psalm 124:1** If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, Now may Israel say;

➤ **The Lord is in the details of life**

**Psalm 124:6 Blessed be the LORD**, Who hath **not** given us as a prey to their teeth.

➤ **The Lord is over all things**

**Psalm 124:8 Our help is in the name of the LORD**, Who made **heaven and earth**.

**Psalm 103:19** The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; And his kingdom ruleth over all.

**\*Genesis 31:42 Except** the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

**Genesis 43:10** For **except** we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.

**Deuteronomy 32:27 Were it not** that I feared the wrath of the enemy, Lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, And lest they should say, Our hand is high, And the LORD hath not done all this.

**Judges 14:18** And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, **If ye had not** plowed with my heifer, Ye had not found out my riddle.

**1 Samuel 25:34** For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, **except** thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

**2 Samuel 2:27** And Joab said, As God liveth, **unless** thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother.

**2 Kings 3:14** And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, **were it not** that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

**Isaiah 1:9 Except** the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, We should have been as Sodom, And we should have been like unto Gomorrah.