

## What will be the eternal future for those whose names are written in the book of life?

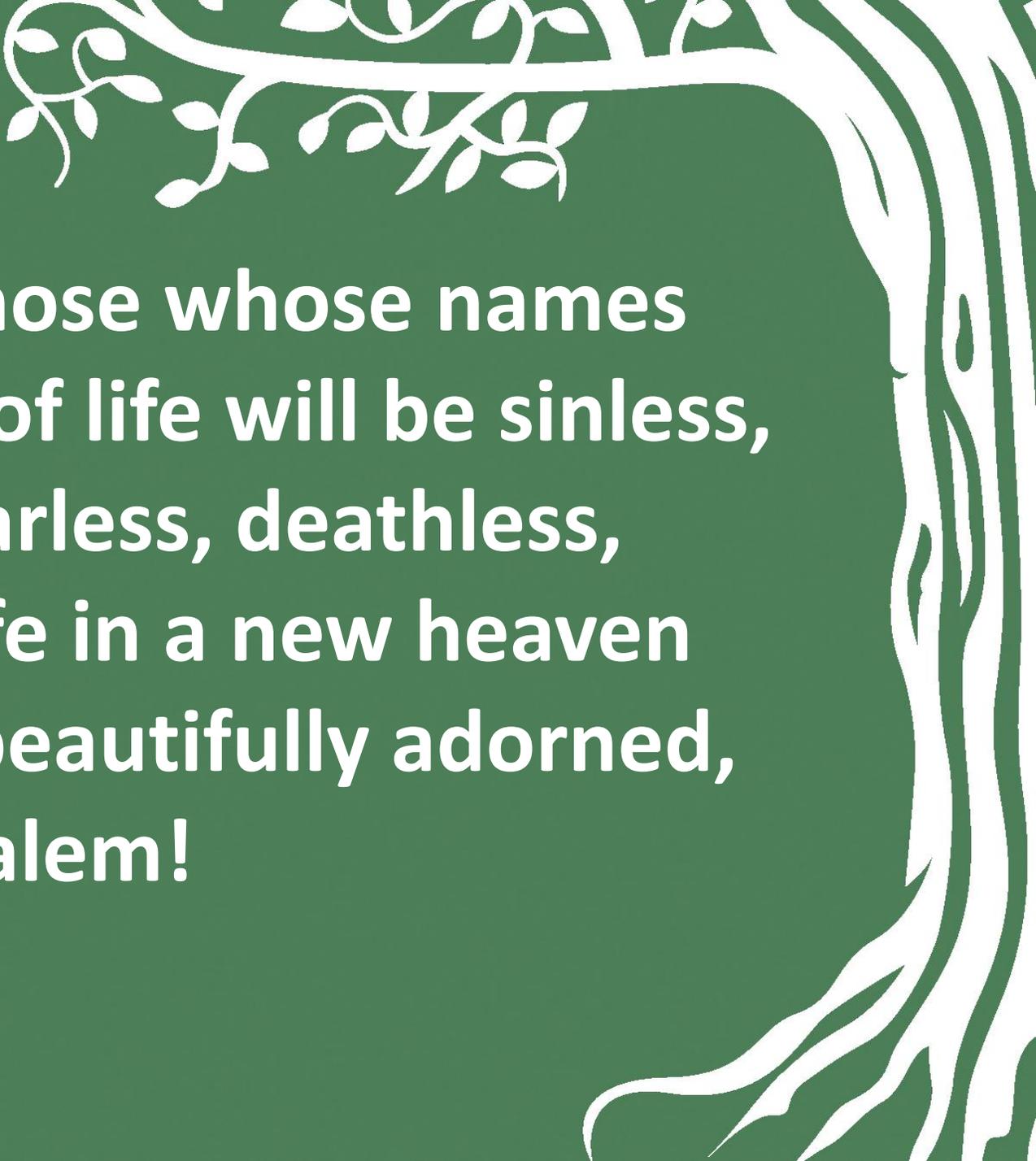
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

<sup>4</sup> and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." (NASB; Revelation 21:1-5).



The eternal future for those whose names are written in the book of life will be sinless, sorrowless, painless, tearless, deathless, inexpressibly glorious life in a new heaven and a new earth and a beautifully adorned, holy city, the new Jerusalem!



## Since we are looking for a new heaven and a new earth, what should we be doing?

<sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. <sup>15</sup> And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

(ESV; II Peter 3:13-15)



Since we are looking for a new heaven and a new earth, we should be making every effort so that we will be found by our Lord to be *without spot or blemish, and at peace.*







Psalms:  
PRAYING & SINGING →  
OURSELVES UNTO → Praise

*Why a  
series on  
Psalms?*

# Why a series on Psalms?

I Its Prominence in our Bibles

II Its Prominence in our Lives

III Its Prominence in the Life of the Church

**IV Because of what it is to be used for**



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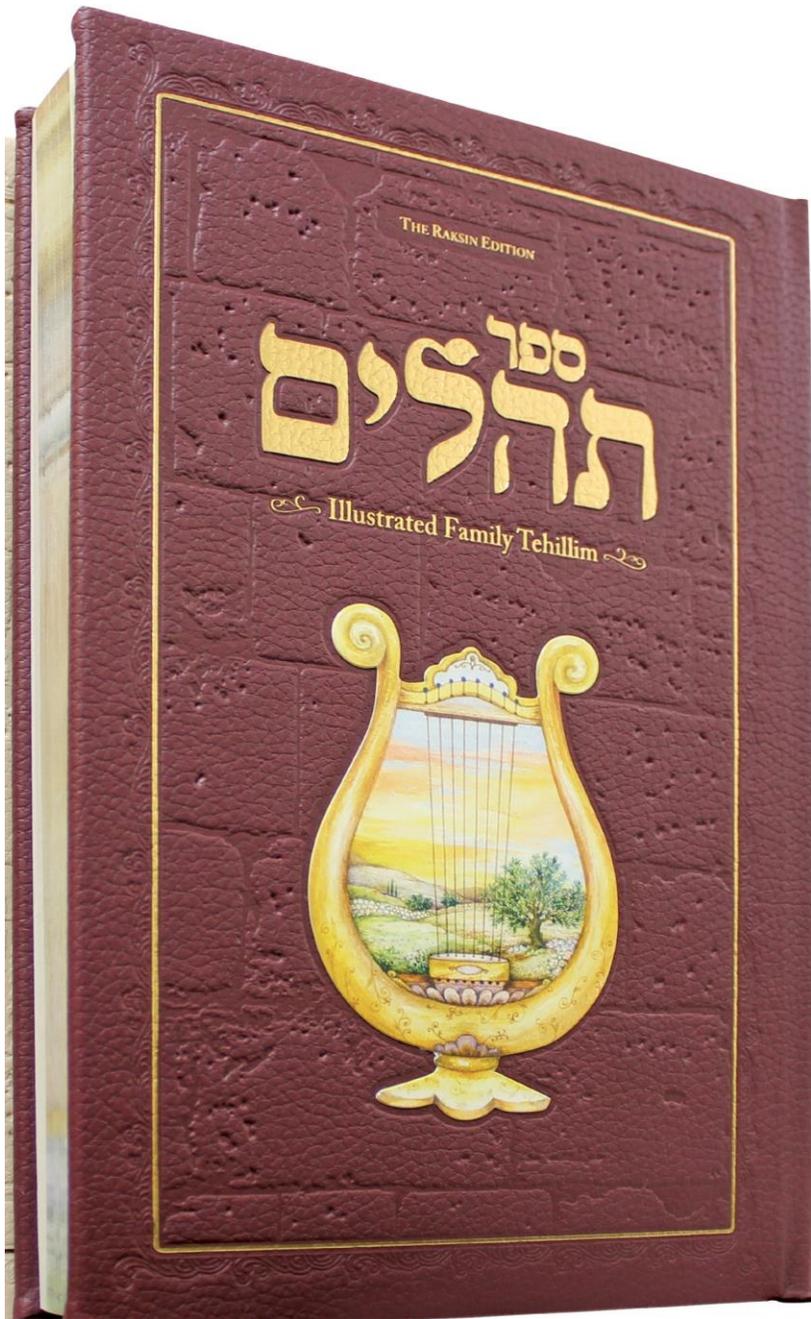
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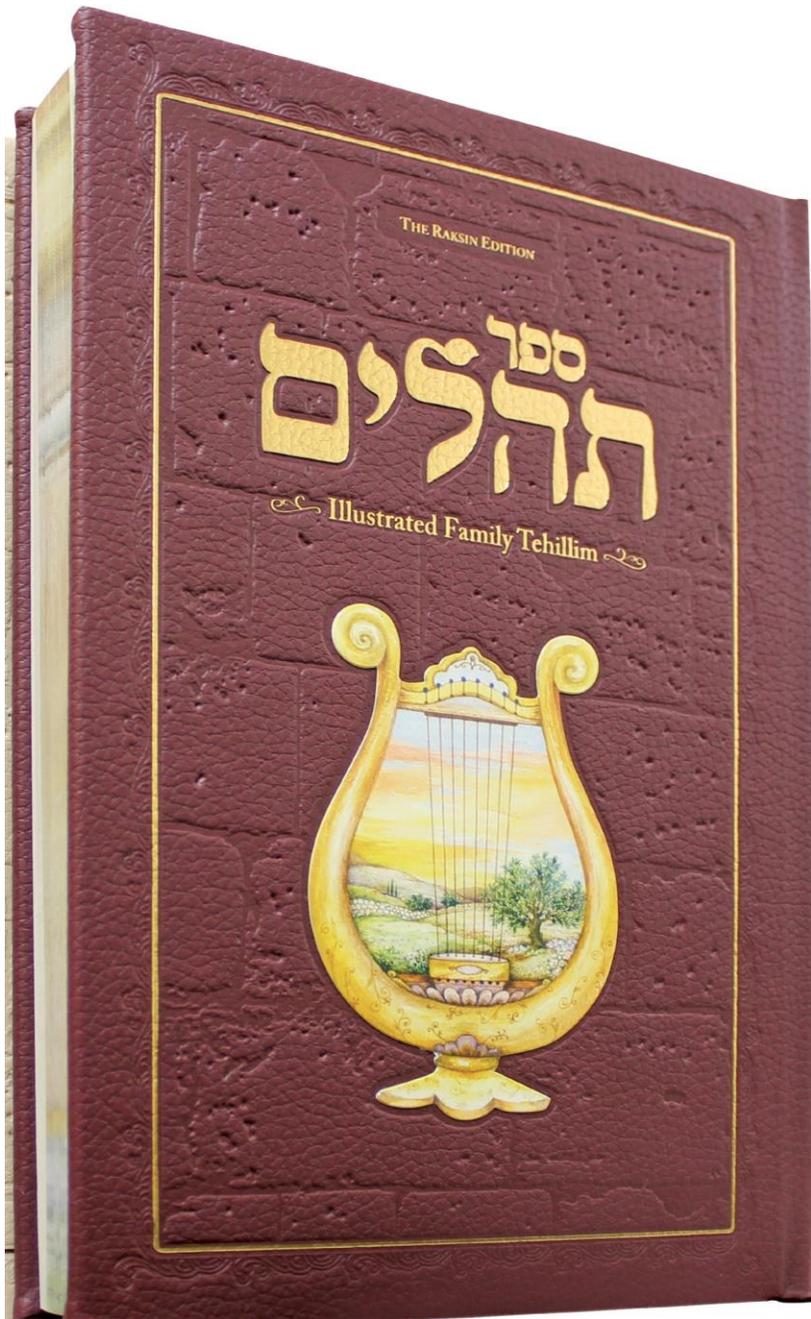








# Tehillim



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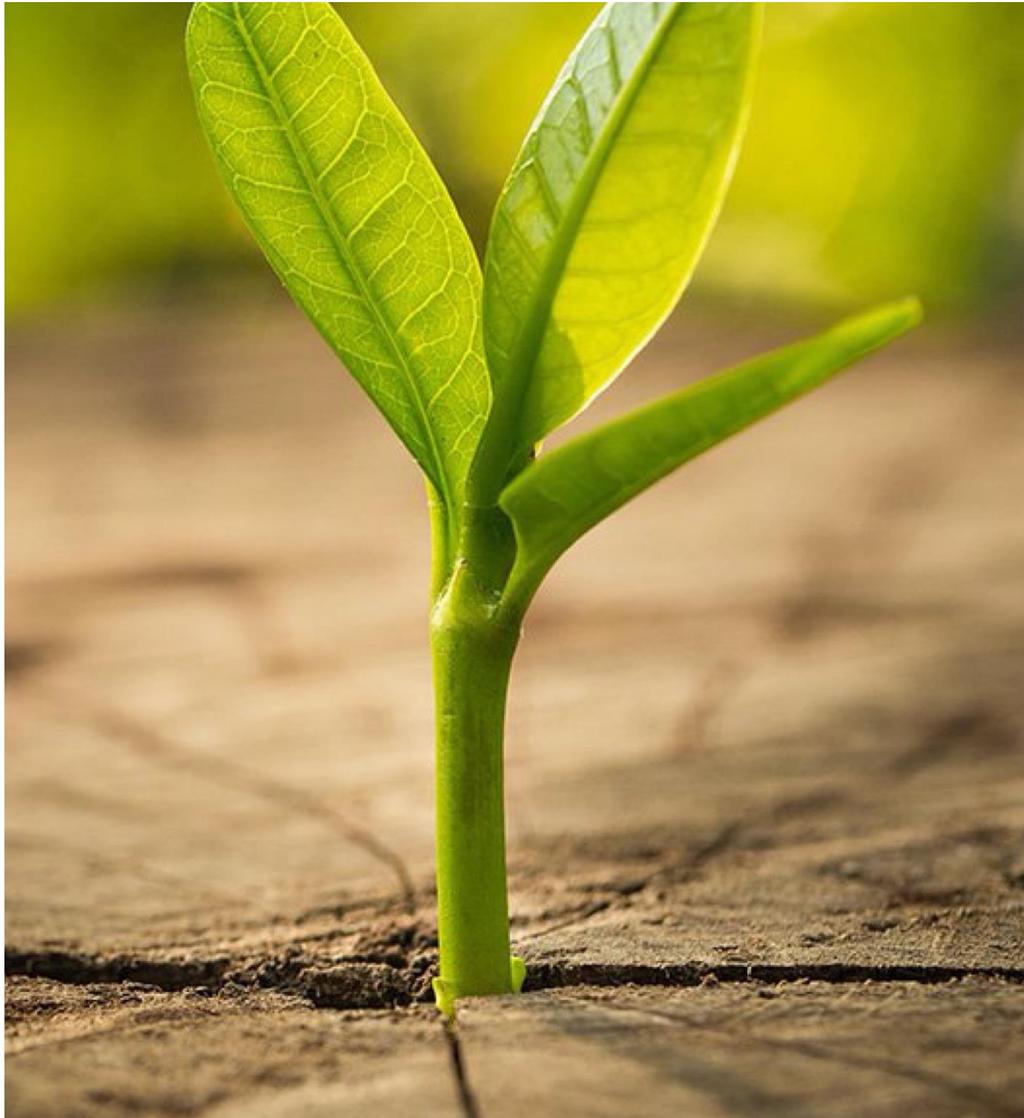
**Praises**

# The Stump:

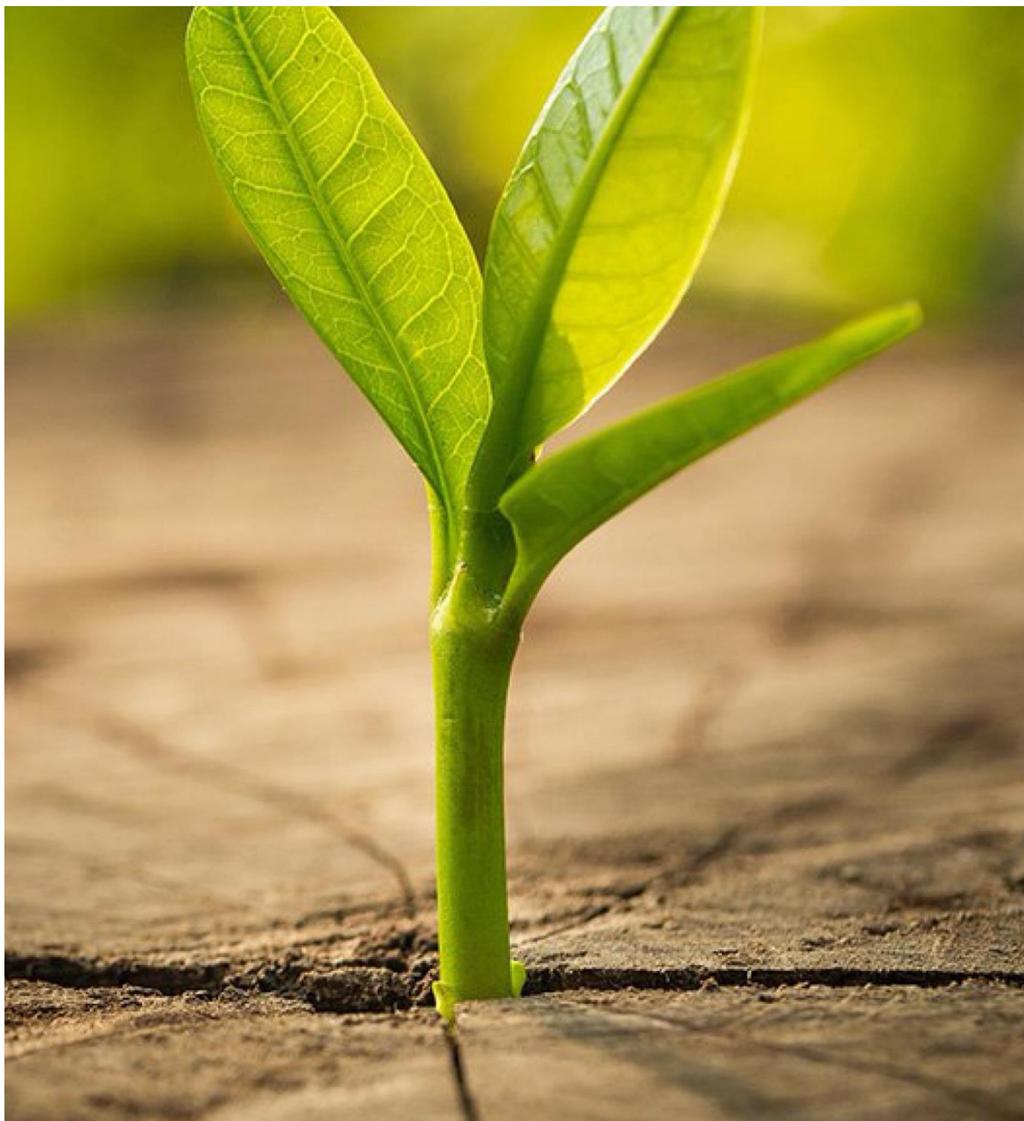


# The Stump: My life





# The Shoot:



# The Shoot: My Praise

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## Psalm 146:2

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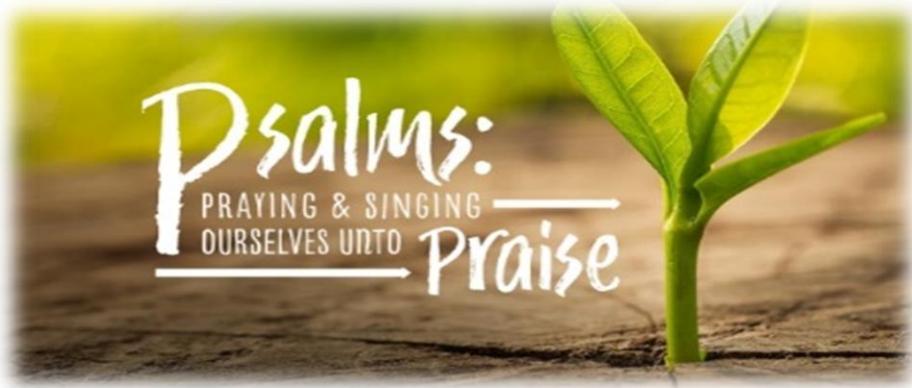


*An Apostolic Example  
of How to Use  
the Book of Psalms  
(Romans 15:1-13)*

*Now you followed my teaching. . .*

*continue in the things you have learned.*

**--II Timothy 3:10, 14**



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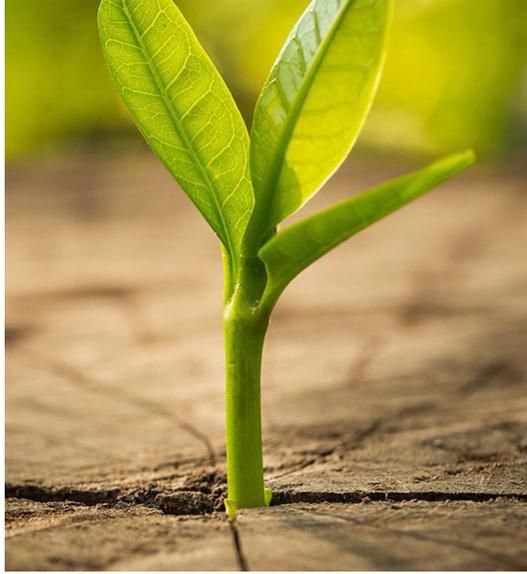
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**How many from the Book of Psalms? 3**



# Book of Psalms

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**1 Paul Used Frequently**

*As Christianity spread in the early years, it seems always to have been accompanied by psalmody. . . Psalmody was virtually a mark of the new church, one of the constants that constituted the distinctiveness of this new religion.*

*--James Mays, *The Lord Reigns**

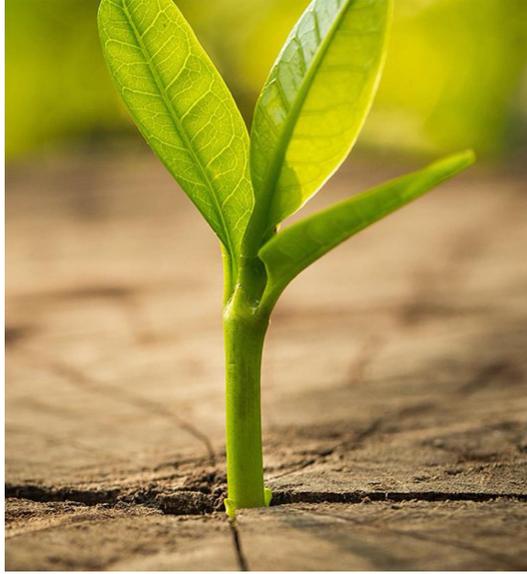
*We have to imagine what was happening in the mentality of Christians living in the world of the Roman Empire and its culture,*

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*surrounded by philosophies and religions with their own views of self and world and the gods, day in and day out, week by week, year by year, letting the psalms put them in the presence of God and undertaking to be the ones who speak and think about self and world and God according to the psalms.*

*The differentiating and distinguishing effect on the Christian consciousness must have been incalculable.*

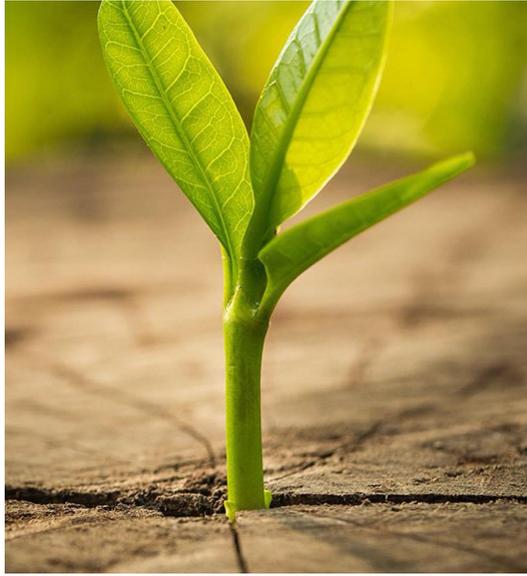
*For Christianity as a whole, it has persisted as though something essential were at stake in the relation.*



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1 Paul Used Frequently

2 Paul Used \_\_\_\_\_



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2 Paul Used \_\_\_\_\_

**What are the other  
books quoted?**

*These are my words which I spoke to you  
while I was still with you,*

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**Prophets:**



# Prophets: Theology

**Law:**



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**Psalms: ?**

Theology



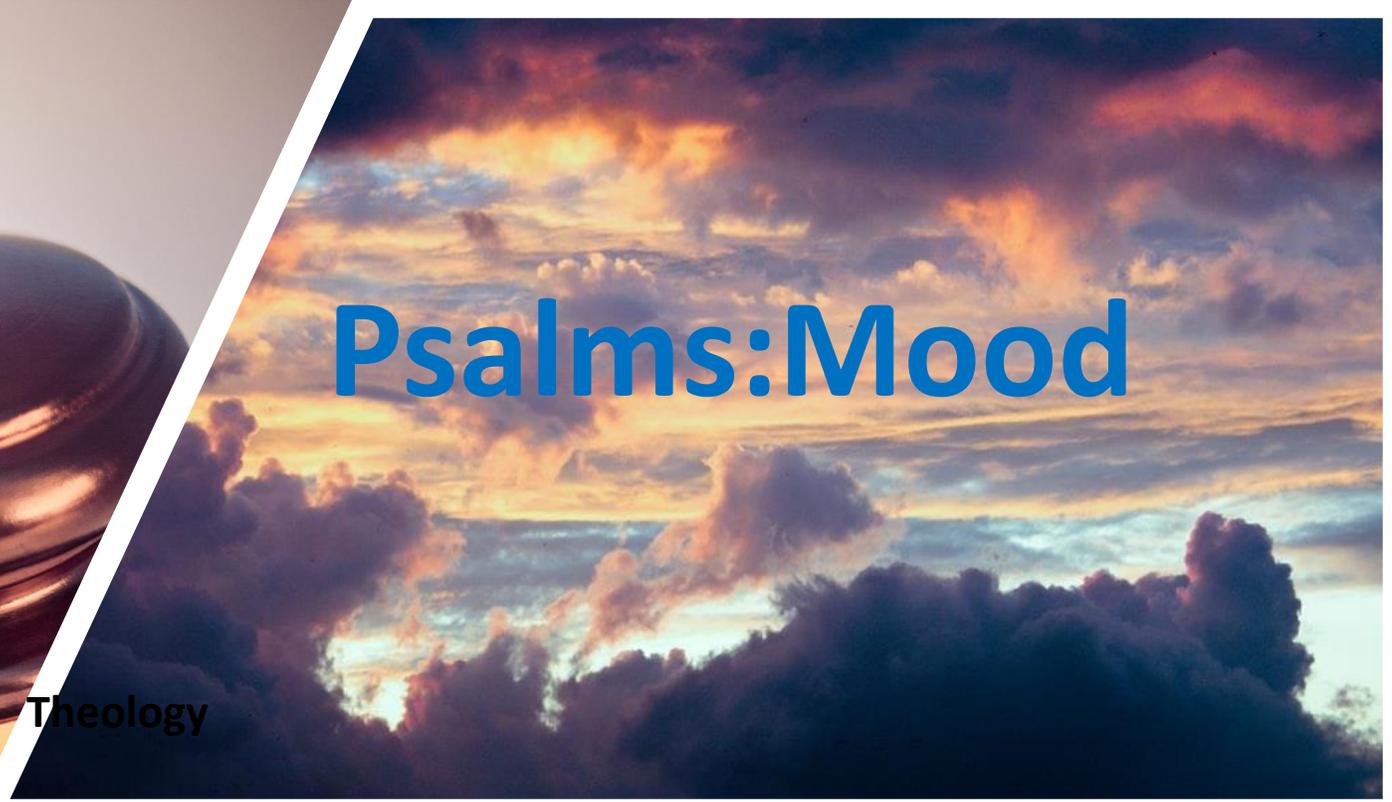
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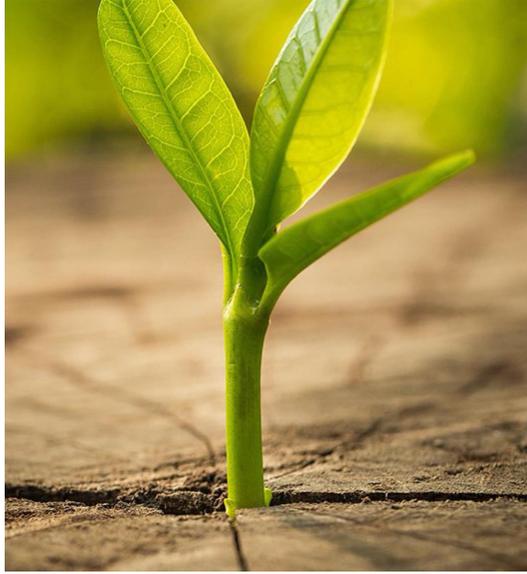
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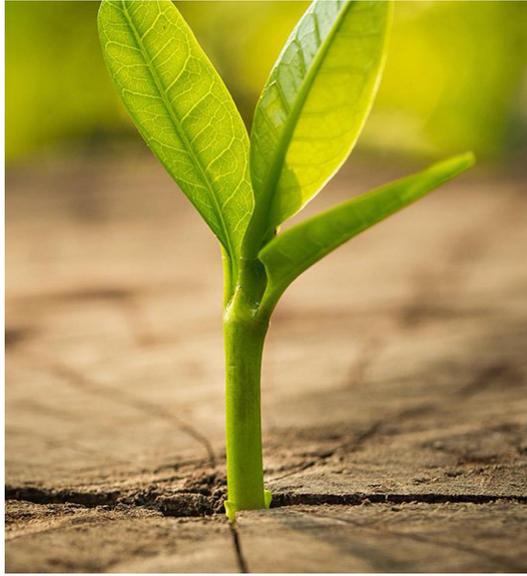




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**2 Paul Used Authoritatively**



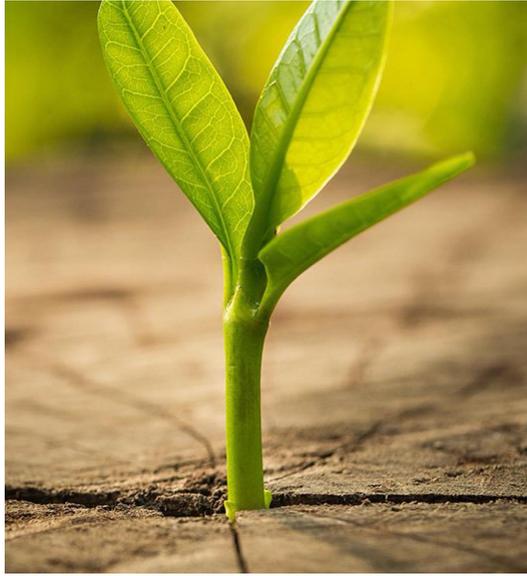
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**Equivalent in weight to**

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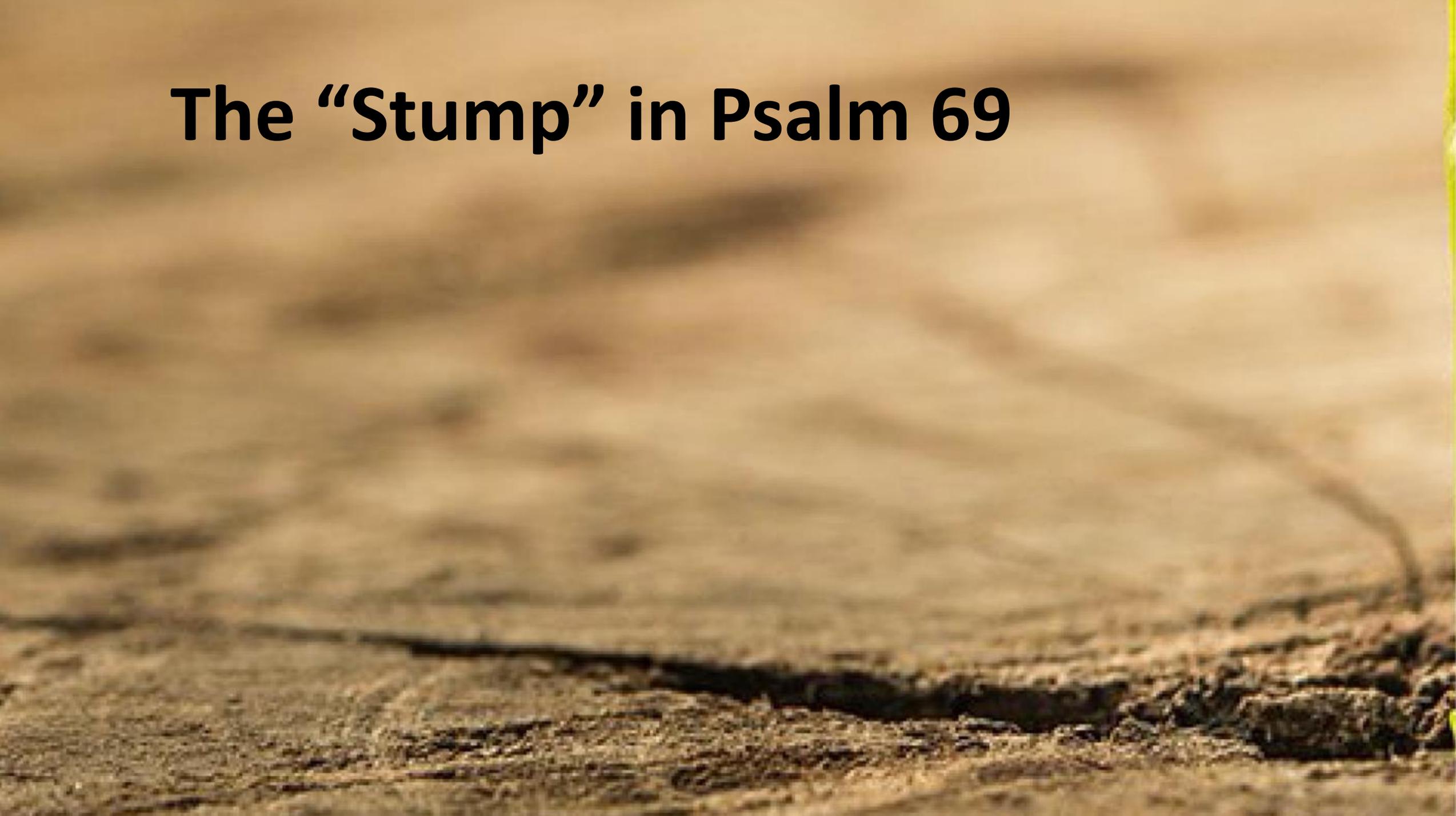
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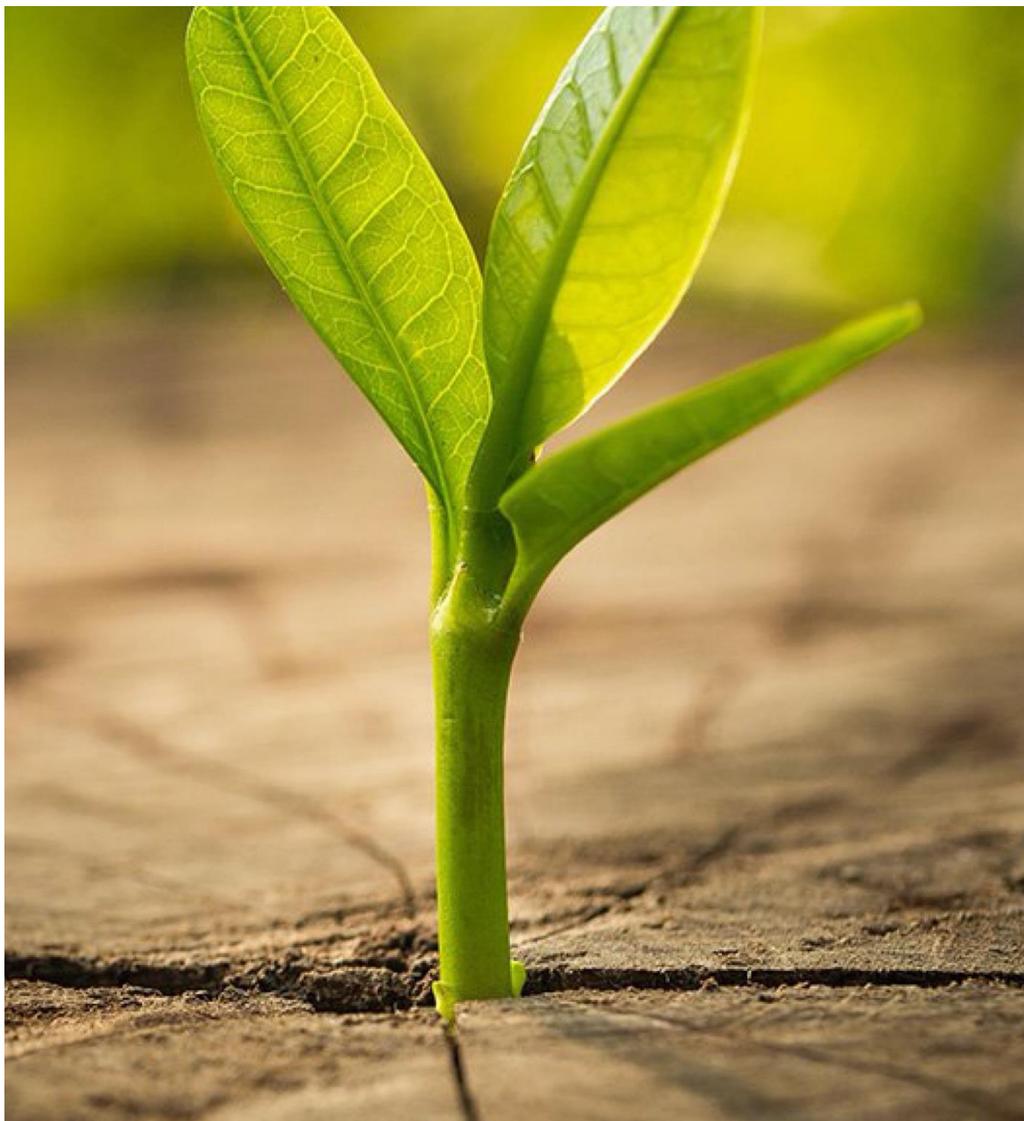
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# The “Stump” in Psalm 69





# The “Shoot” in Psalm 69



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**15:4**



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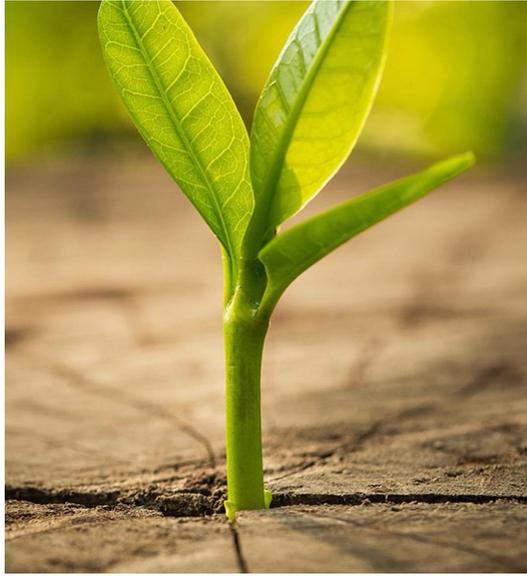
3 Paul Used

**15:4 This is *instruction***



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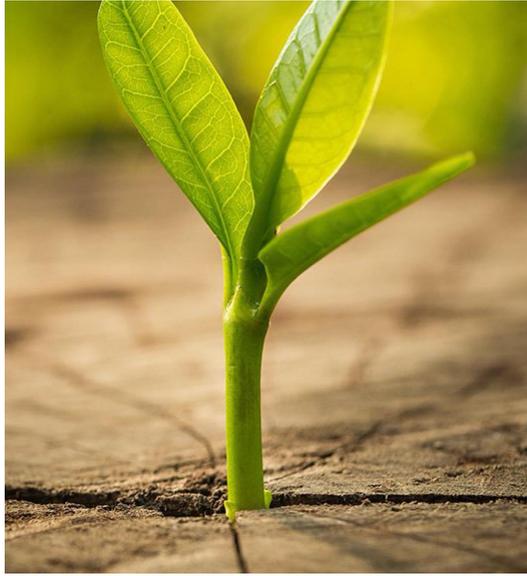
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  - b. To alter moods (13)



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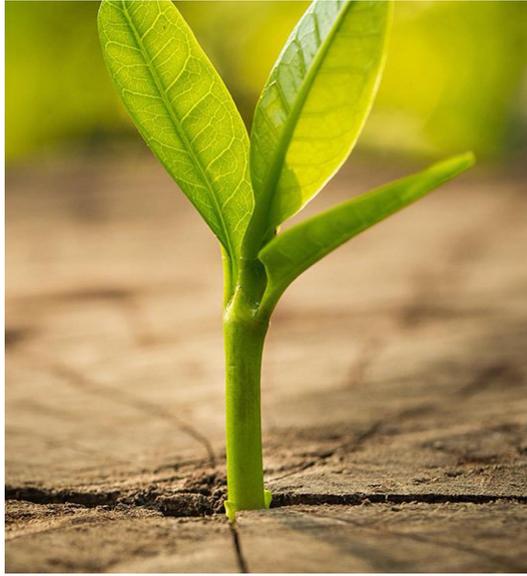
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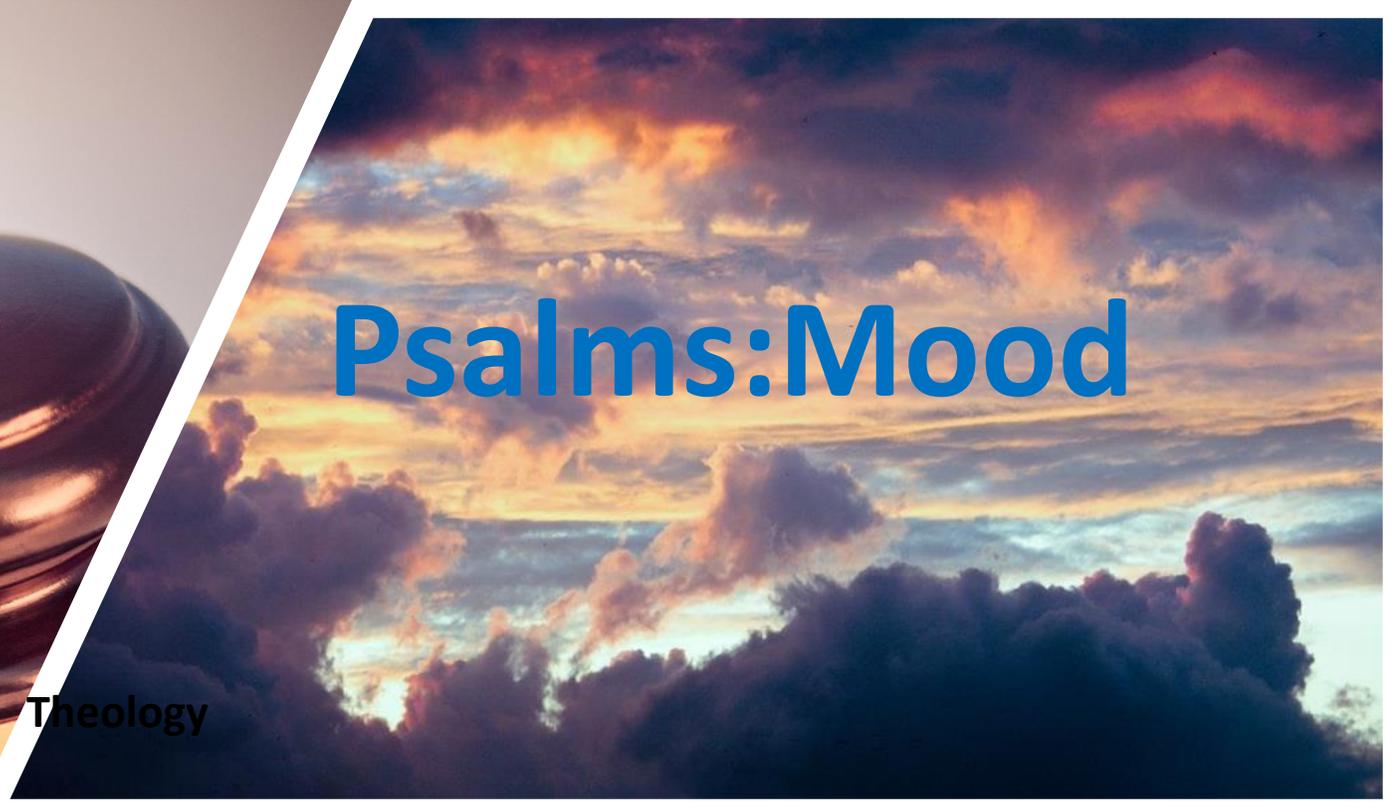
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