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Psalm 71 – A psalm for an older believer struggling with assaults on his faith, including temptations to think that his faith was in vain. Since Ps 70 is “of David” and Ps 72 is “of Solomon,” perhaps this is a Davidic psalm composed near the end of his life. By proclaiming the saving deeds of the Lord, he meets the challenges of old age with faith, hope, faithfulness, witness, and praise.

Psalm 56 – Even in the midst of danger, David rejoices in God’s love and His certain deliverance from death. When we face trials, we may be tempted to worry about our own welfare or feel like giving up in hopelessness. Instead, we can remember that our problems are nothing new and that God is able to help in every situation. Through these experiences, He strengthens our faith and draws us closer to Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Psalm 94 – The social and political situation seems to say that the wicked reign. Tension between trust that the Lord is in control and agony of seeing injustice and evil prevail dominates the beginning of Ps 94. Worse, that wickedness could very well be from Israel’s religious and political leaders, not merely a foreign power attacking the people. Internal corruption in the highest places has made life oppressive. Ps 94 is a plea for God to repay these oppressors so that justice returns; it trusts that God will be victorious and will discipline and care for His faithful people.

Psalm 14 – Though atheism and irreligion are increasingly accepted, indeed even fashionable in modern societies, there are destructive beliefs that finally lead to moral abandon and eternal death. Because this psalm clarifies the depth of human sinfulness, it also illumines the greatness in Jesus’ redemption. He atoned for all the sins of all people and graciously calls all, even the most perverse, to forgiveness and eternal life.

Psalm 51 – This anguished cry of confession from the depths of guilt finds God’s absolution and renewal on the certain footing of grace alone. Sin is an inheritance, born in us, ever damaging us. None of our works can ever set us free from terror, despair, or death. However, God has blotted out even the worst of our sins—adultery and murder—by Jesus’ sacrifice.