Guilt?

On this page are two articles, one from the Babylon Bee, a website that pokes fun and ridicule at the world and its goings-on from a perspective of faith in our God; the other is from the Bible itself, Psalm 77.

Here, the Babylon Bee takes a look at some of the awful things done by some of the heroes

of the Bible, so that we can put in perspective the awful things we do and about which we feel so guilty at times.

Psalm 77 surprisingly relates to those guilt feelings, as we cry out to God, "Where are You?

Have You given up on me, on us, in righteous anger? Are You no longer merciful?"

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The Psalmist then decides that he will review and recall all the wonderful things God has done, which turns his spirit around into one of thankfulness as he praises God. Some of those wonderful things to recall are the ways in which God used such flawed people as those on the Bee's list, people who had committed real crimes against men and against God.

That should make us feel better to know that if God used those jerks, he can use this jerk (me!). All I have to do is LET HIM!

(I wish I could transmit beautiful music to you through these pages! In The Chosen series about Jesus and the disciples, Psalm 77 is used in a very special way, set to gorgeous choral music in the background. If you have seen Season 3, Episode 8, see it again, for the first time. If you haven't, go to The Chosen app on your phone and binge watch all three seasons, ending with this inspirational music!)





From BabylonBee.com Brought to you by the Hope Together Conference:

Feeling a little down? Think you've really [messed up] this time? Come with the Babylon Bee as we crack open the Scriptures and check out some Bible heroes who have done

> way, way stupider stuff than you! 1. Adam: You may be feeling a little blue today, but did sin and death enter the world through you? See, it's not so bad.

2. Samson: His girlfriend betrayed him to be tortured by enemies - TWICE - and the third time, he

STILL FELL FOR IT! Come on. 3. Jonah: This guy legit tried to run away from the Creator of the universe on a boat. Way dumber than you!

4. Abraham: You may have messed up today, but did you lie about your wife being your sister? TWICE?

5. Balaam: This prophet of God beat the heck out of his own donkey, who was only trying to save Balaam from getting killed by an angel with a flaming sword. Ouch.

6. Aaron: First he helps lead the miraculous Exodus, then he leads millions of people into idolatrous demon worship [the golden calf]. That's pretty bad!

7. David: He failed to install a Covenant Eyes filter on his rooftop, leading to adultery, murder and ultimately his kingdom's destruction. Puts your mistakes in perspective.

8. Paul: Before encountering Jesus, he literally went from town-to-town murdering Christians. Probably worse than what you did today. **9. Cain:** This guy thought offering someone vegetables was a good idea. VEGETABLES! 10. Peter: One of Jesus's favorite disciples rebuked the Lord over His plan to die for our sins. So, yeah, pretty stupid in hindsight!

Yikes! Feel better now? Sure you do!

Psalm 77

I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted. I remembered you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak. I thought about the former days,

the years of long ago; I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit asked: "Will the Lord reject forever?

Will he never show his favor again?

Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?"

Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.

I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago I will consider all your works

and meditate on all your mighty deeds." Your ways, God, are holy.

What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,

the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. The waters saw you, God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed. The clouds poured down water, the heavens resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth. Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,

your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked. Your path led through the sea,

your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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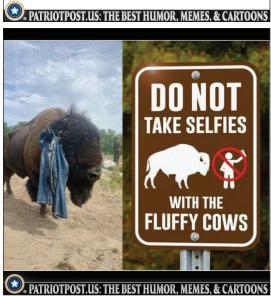
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