

**A THANK OFFERING OF
REMEMBRANCE**

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Not forgetting that “thank offerings” given out of spontaneous gratitude truly

honor God (**See Psalm 50:23**), let’s look at the words of David found in **Psalm 56**. He’s been on the run from King Saul and is finding “*asylum*”^{*} in Gath, the land of the Philistines.

It is in that predicament, David writes, **“Record my lament; list my tears on your scroll - are they not in Your record? Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this, I will know that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise - in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? I am under vows to You, O God; I will present my thank offerings to You. For You have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.”**

Though struggling with fear and doubt and worry and grief, David is motivated to give thank offerings to God. What moves him to do such a thing? Rather than focusing on the problem at hand, he chooses to recollect what God has done for him in the past.

In the process, his perspective changes. For all intents and purposes...

Remembrance renewed his faith.

What did he remember? We can’t be certain, but **1st Samuel 17** tells us when he faced Goliath, he recalled how God had delivered him before. What does he specifically reference in that chapter?

If remembering God’s providential hand in those instances helped, what other “*huge enemy*” was he also given victory over?

Notice David’s perception that his tears are in God’s record. What do you feel this indicates about God? Check all that apply.

He knows how much we are hurting

He knows how long we have suffered

He knows how much we can take

So, if He knows all about our struggles, why doesn’t He intervene? Could be that He is “*working things out*” even now. In **Romans 8:28**, the Apostle Paul assures us that this more than just a possibility His children...

“For God works all things to the good for those who love Him; for those who have been called according to His purpose...”

So, fortified with this knowledge, we can do as David did in the midst of our trials. In fact,

**Remembering His faithfulness in the past,
and recalling His promises for tomorrow,
gives us hope in the now.**

Whatever you’re going through right now, may I encourage you to resolve as David did in our text to...

P _____ God and His W _____

T _____ in God and give Him t _____ o _____.

One more thing. If you are having a hard time trusting God now, let alone praising Him or giving Him thanks, can we talk? Better yet, can I pray with you and for you?

Just say the word, and let me share God’s word with you. He cares and so do I...

** To avoid confrontation with his enemies, David actually “acted “as if he were crazy while in Gath.*