



THE
TEHILLIM PROJECT
Mizmor 4

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EMOTION

CIRCUMSTANCE

Self-comforting. Regain-
ing confidence in one's
morality.

When others accuse you
of moral impropriety, and
the self-doubt that fol-
lows.



Summary of Discussion

Artscroll: Mizmor 4 is a continuation of Mizmor 3.

David speaking to his enemies who were conspiring with Avshalom.

Discussion Points:

Verse 2 addresses Hashem.

3-6 addressing (lecturing) men (adversaries)

7-9 back to Hashem

Dialogue is interesting. Is he really taking to his adversaries? Mild speech to his enemies (presumptuous)

Why would they want to destroy David? What is this war about anyway?

3 & 4 sound like arrogance. (Fred)

2 & 3 agitating against sin. Family fights are often the most passionate. (Richard)

In verse 6, what is he asking them to sacrifice?

Verse 8 gladness is greater than their material wealth. (Jeff)

Why is he addressing David when they're trying to kill him.

Rabbi M. Goldberger: Story of the soldiers in WW1 when religious soldiers had siddurim to calm them down. The soldier without it was jealous. The big issue was are you a man of G-d or not. They couldn't take it when the religious person is in charge.

Verse 5 "People in glass houses shouldn't throw stones"

What's the emotion? Struggling with self-doubt. In a moral sense.