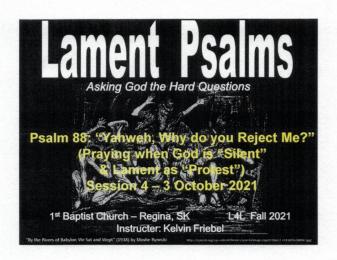
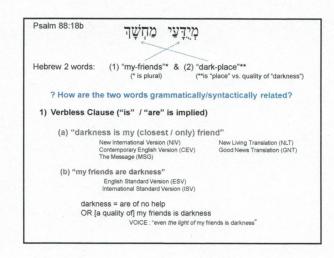
Psalm 88 (KGF)

(NOTE: In Hebrew: superscription = v. 1, thus v. 1 English = v. 2 Hebrew, etc.)

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. For the Chief Musician. Upon Mahalat Leannot. A Maschil of Heman, the Ezrahite.

in the dark-places in the depths. Tupon me, your anger lies heavily, and (with) all your waves you have afflicted. Selah. BYou have made me abominations to them confined and I cannot go out. COMPLAINT - "I" 9a My eyes are dim on account of affliction.	[Motivation] 3 For my soul is sated with troubles, and my life draws near to the Abode-of the Dead (Sheol). 4 I am counted with those going down to the Pit. 1 have become like a strong-man for whom there is no help-released among the dead, like the slain, who lie in the grave, who you do not remember anymore; and as for them, from your hand they are cut-off. COMPLAINT — "YOU" (Declarations)		² Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my resounding-cry.	¹ Yahweh, God of my salvation, (by) day I have cried-out; in the night, before you.	CONFIDENCE
	}	10 Will you, for the dead, work wonders— such that the ghosts will arise, thankfully-praising you? 11 Will your steadfast-love be recounted in the graveyour faithfulness in the Place-of-Doom (Abaddon)? 12 Will your wonders be made known in the dark — and your righteous-deeds in the Land of Forgetting?		^{9b} I have called-out to you, Yahweh, every day. I have spread-out to you my palms.	CONFIDENCE
COMPLAINT – "YOU" (Declaration) 16 Over me your fierce-wrath has gone over; your terrors have annihilated me. 17 They surround me like water all the day: they engulf me all-together. 18 You have put far from me loved-one and neighbor; (to) my friends, (you have made me) a dark-place.*				13 But as for me, to you, Yahweh, I have cried, and in the morning my prayer comes to meet you.	CONFIDENCE





2) Re-division of Poetic lines: "my friends" goes with preceding (apposition) + "dark place" stands alone (vocative) 'You have put far from me loved-one and neighbor, (that is) my friends. 3) Parallel to preceding line (with subject & verb being carried over) You have put far from me loved-one and neighbor [You have put] (in) a dark-place my friends "My friends are in darkness" Amplified Bible (AMP) New American Standard Bible (NASB) World English Bible (WEB) King James Version (KJV) New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) "darkness" = "separated from the psalmist" OR, "my darkness" (You have removed . my acquaintances far from my darkness" Lexham English Bible (LEB)

V. 8 You have put far from me my friends.

To them, you have made me abominations—confined and I cannot go out.

V. 18 You have put far from me loved-one and neighbor, (you have made me) a dark-place.

"to my friends you have made me a dark-place."

► Incongruity of Lament in Praying when God is "Silent" & "Absent"
 YET, in the midst of God's "Silence" & "Absence"

 (a) the Psalmists Continue to Speak to God as if He still Hears
 (b) the Psalmists Voice Confidence that God does indeed Hear their Prayers

