

David's Lament for Saul and Jonathan

in 2 Samuel 1:17-27 was. . .

nationalistic
(national identity based...)

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personal
(individualistic, sensitive)

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timely
(at the proper time, fitting)

militaristic
(martial, militant, military, strategic)

materialistic
(about things / money)

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two-sided
(having two sides like a coin, dualistic)

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sorrowful
(sad, full of sorrow)

relational
(interconnected, social)

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forgiving
(pardoning)

tone-setting
(introductory, revealing)

geographical
(about a place/places, territorial)

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horizontal
(flat, focused on people, humanistic)

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poetic
(not plainly worded)

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sincere
(not deceitful or hypocritical)

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generous
(benevolent, gracious, tolerant)

God is never directly mentioned in David's lament, but the calling for a curse upon Mount Gilboa (1:21) shows that the Lord was not forgotten. Perhaps the reason David did not mention God directly was because his sorrowful poem was about defeat rather than victory. (The Lord himself had NOT been defeated!)

David's generous words about Saul show that he had forgiven his sinful predecessor. Likewise, Paul forgave the preachers who were jealous of him (Phil. 1:15-16). The apostle rejoiced that the gospel was preached (Phil. 1:18), and David gave Saul credit for fighting the Philistines (2 Sam. 1:22, 27) and promoting prosperity (1:24).