

**The Church of Laodicea, Part 3**  
**Modernism: Expressionism / Vincent Van Gogh**

***Church of Laodicea: Modernism – Realism, Impressionism, Expressionism***

***Expressionism:*** (The Oxford Dictionary of Art)

*Expressionists were trying to pinpoint the expression of inner experience rather than solely realistic portrayal, seeking to depict not objective reality but the subjective emotions and responses that objects and events arouse in them.*

*The paintings aim to reflect the artists' state of mind rather than the reality of the external world.*

*Art that raises subjective feelings and emotions above objective observations.*

Edvard Munch      The Scream (1893)

Self-Portrait: Between the Clock and the Bed (1940)

Vincent Van Gogh      Wheatfield with Crows (1890)

**Jeremiah 29:11** "I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and  
~~a hope~~      **a certain future"**

**Joel 2:25** I will make up to you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten

**Genesis 8:6-7** Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; and he sent out a raven, and it flew here and there until the water was dried up from the earth.

Van Gogh      Prisoners Exercising (1890)

**Psalms 18:19** He brought me forth also into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me

**Psalms 31:8** And You have not given me over into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a large place.

Van Gogh Road with Cypress and Star (1890)

**Hebrews 13:5** God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

Van Gogh The Starry Night (1889)

**Isaiah 29:16** (God, speaking to the human race) “You have turned things ~~around~~ **upside down**”

**Isaiah 24:1** Behold, the LORD ~~distorts the surface~~ **turns things upside down**

**Proverbs 12:25** Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down

**Job 30:16** My soul is poured out within me; days of affliction have seized me.

**Psalms 22:14** My heart is like wax; it is melted within me.

**Psalms 94:19** When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.

**Genesis 8:1** But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.

**Psalms 25:6** Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses,

For they have been from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

According to Your lovingkindness remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

**Psalms 56:2** My foes have trampled upon me all day long, for they are many who fight proudly against me.

3 When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.