

Psalm

Something for Everyone

Psalms

- 73 psalms attributed to David
- 43 anonymous
- 5 “books”

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Trust

23 A Psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

Psalm 23 (ESV)

your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

Songs of Ascent

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Psalm 122:1 (ESV)

³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one’s youth.

⁵ Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!

Psalm 127:3-5a (ESV)

131 A Song of Ascents. Of David.

¹ O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.

² But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

³ O Israel, hope in the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalm 131 (ESV)

Messianic

2 Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

3 “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

Psalm 2 (ESV)

⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷ I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your
heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

Acts 4:27-28 (ESV)

- Ps. 2 – Death of Only Begotten Son of God
- Ps. 16 – Resurrection of Jesus
- Ps. 22 – Forsaken
- Ps. 34 – No bones broken
- Ps. 68 – Ascension of Jesus
- Ps. 69 – Jesus given vinegar & gall
- Ps. 109 – Judas the betrayer replaced
- Ps. 110 – A priest forever
- Ps. 118 – The Chief Cornerstone

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

Psalm 16:10 (ESV)

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of
life;

you will make me full of gladness with your
presence.'

Acts 2:27-32 (ESV)

²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Acts 2:27-32 (ESV)

Wisdom

37 Of David.

¹ Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!

² For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

³ Trust in the Lord, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

⁴ Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

Psalm 37:1-11 (ESV)

⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

and your justice as the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,

over the man who carries out evil devices!

⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!

Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit
the land.

¹⁰ In just a little while, the wicked will be no
more;

though you look carefully at his place, he will
not be there.

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace.

Penitential

51 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.

Historical

⁵ He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,
⁶ that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,

Psalm 78:5-8 (ESV)

⁷ so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

⁸ and that they should not be like their
fathers,

a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him;
they were not faithful to his covenant.

38 Yet he, being compassionate,
atoned for their iniquity
and did not destroy them;
he restrained his anger often
and did not stir up all his wrath.

Royal

45 To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah; a love song.

¹ My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

² You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.

³ Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your splendor and majesty!

⁴ In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and
righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

⁵ Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.

⁶ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of
uprightness;

Psalm 45:1-9 (ESV)

⁷ you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;

at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Psalm 45:1-9 (ESV)

Lament

3 A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

¹ O Lord, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

² many are saying of my soul,

“There is no salvation for him in God.” *Selah*

³ But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

⁴ I cried aloud to the Lord,

and he answered me from his holy hill. *Selah*

⁵ I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ Arise, O Lord!

Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Salvation belongs to the Lord;

your blessing be on your people! *Selah*

Thanksgiving & Praise

147 Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

148 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

³ Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord!
For he commanded and they were created.
⁶ And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!
⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

Psalm 148:1-9 (ESV)

100 A Psalm for giving thanks.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

² Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Conclusion

The goal of this sermon is not just to give you information about the Psalms, which is indeed valuable, but to encourage you to read and meditate on the Psalms. Their diversity will allow the Spirit of God to use the psalms to minister to you in many different ways at many different times in your daily life, worship, and study of the Word of God.

Do you already see a category that you connect with? Share that with others.

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