## Be Praising



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## What do you need most? (relating to God)

Giving?
Giving?
Church?
Evangelism?
Obey God?
Read Bible?
Prayer?



## Your greatest need is to praise God.

### Main Idea of Psalms

# THE PSALMS:

**Songs of Worship for the Ages** 

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## Praise



### Theme

### **Praise and petition God**



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## **Key Verse**

"Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly" (Psalm 111:1).



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## Psalms is unique

#### **Did You Know?**

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#### The Book of Psalms is the...

#### A. Most diverse book of the OT

### Categories of Psalms

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#### Messianic

• Praise

• Lament

Penitential

Imprecatory

Historical

Testimonial

Nature

Pilgrim (Ascent)

#### **Did You Know?**

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The Book of Psalms is the...

A. Most diverse book of the OTB. Longest book in the Bible

#### Longest Books of the Bible

Book	Chapters	Verses	Words	
Psalms	150	<b>2461</b>	43,743	
Jeremiah	52	1364	42,659	
Ezekiel	48	1273	39,407	
Genesis	50	1533	38,267	
Isaiah	66	1292	<b>37,044</b>	

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#### **Did You Know?**

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The Book of Psalms is the...

A. Most diverse book of the OT
B. Longest book in the Bible
C. Most OT quotes in the NT (at least 119)
D. Source of the most memorized poem

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psaims teaches praise

### Purpose

 The Psalms constitute a hymnal of Israel, as a means to worship & praise God

Psalms help God's people to find their way through varying experiences of life (serve as expressions of human feelings)



### Key Verse

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#### Psalm 111:1

"Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly."

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#### **Summary Statement**

**Praise and petition God for who He** is and what He has done in providing wisdom, protection, **Messianic fulfillment, and His** Word to be humble before Him in trust and thanksgiving



#### IE DOOV

Hebrew

Greek

Latin

English

	IIILES B	-OR THE BOOK P4					
A MALE AND A	Tehilim	Book of Praises					
	Psalmoi	Poems sung to the accompaniment of musical instruments					
	Liber Psalmorum	Book of Psalms					
	Psalms, The Psalter	Titles reflect musical nature					

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## Psalms grew in stages

### **Key Authors:**

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**David & Asaph** 

# Authorship

"to David" "for David" "of David" 381 P 4

#### Superscriptions to many psalms are challenged by scholars due to the usage of Hebrew preposition "lamed"

 However, its use to designate authorship is common in Northwestern Semitic inscriptions and other Semitic dialects as well as "of Habakkuk" (Hab. 3:1)

#### Authorship

#### Internal evidence:

**50 psalms: Anonymous** 

100 psalms: 7 authors

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#### AUTHORSHIP

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	Book 1	Book 2	Book 3	Book 4	Book 5
Chapter	1-41	42-72	73-89	90-106	107-150
Number of Psalms	41	31	17	17	44
Chief Author	David	David / Korah	Asaph	Anonymous	David / Anonymous
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David: "Beloved of Yahweh"
 the second king of Israel
 wrote 73 pss.

## Which David?



Michaelangelo's David (Italy, 1504)



David after overseas tour (USA, 2015)



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David: "Beloved of Yahweh"
 the second king of Israel
 wrote 73 pss.

2. Asaph: "Collector"
a Levite descending from Gershom
an eminent musician
wrote 12 pss. (Pss. 50, 73–83)

3. The Sons of Korah: "bald" • a guild of singers & composers from Levi in the line of Kohath • wrote 10 pss. (pss. 42, 44-49, 84, 85, 87) 4. Solomon: "peaceful" 3rd king of Israel son of David & Bathsheba • wrote 2 pss. (pss. 72, 127)

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5. Moses: "Son of the water"

- leader of Israel from Egyptian bondage
- author of oldest psalm (Ps. 90)
- 6. Heman the Ezrahite: "Faithful"
  - Levite from family of Kohath
  - Wrote Ps. 88



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- 7. Ethan the Ezrahite: "Enduring"
  - Levite from the family of Merari
  - Wrote Ps. 89

#### Occasion

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# Psalms developed in the transition from the tabernacle to the first temple under Solomon

#### Psalms Covers 1000 Years

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 Moses
 David
 Postexilic

 Ps. 90
 73 pss.
 Ps. 126

 ca. 1400 BC
 1000
 430 BC

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#### **Classifications by Book**

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- Book 1: Pss. 1–41
- Book 2: Pss. 42–72
- Book 3: Pss. 73–89
- Book 4: Pss. 90–106
- Book 5: Pss. 107–150

Each of these 5 books ends with a doxology

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#### **Reasons for Classifications**

1. Some Jews believed that the five sections mirror the Pentateuch, but these really have no correspondence
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#### **Covenant Relationship with God**

	Book of Pentateuch	Correspondence
Book 1	Genesis	Man: the godly man, the ungodly man, the Son of Man
Book 2	Exodus	Story of Israel's ruin, redemption; ends with a Kingdom Psalm
Book 3	Leviticus	Sanctuary: references to holiness, congregation, Zion; 11/12 Asaph psalms
Book 4	Numbers	Wilderness: references to Moses, wilderness, failures & rebellions
Book 5	Deuteronomy	Restates counsels of God, claims of the Law, anticipation of blessings

Classification View 1: Mirroring the Pentateuch 383							
BOOK 1	BOOK 2	BOOK 3	BOOK 4	BOOK 5			
41 Psalms	31 Psalms	17 Psalms	17 Psalms	P 6 44 Psalms			
1	42	73	90	107 150			
41:13	72:18-20	89:52	106:48	150:6			
DOXOLOGY AT	THESE VERSES		A CANADA				
ADORING	WONDERING	CEASELESS	SUBMISSIVE	PERFECTED			
WORSHIP	WORSHIP	WORSHIP	WORSHIP	WORSHIP			
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DAVID	& KORAH	ASAPH	ANONYMOUS				
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DAVID				TIMES OF EZRA & NEHEMIAH			
POSSIBLE STAGES OF COLLECTION Irving L. Jensen							

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2. Herbert C. Leupold & A. A. Anderson postulate that divisions resulted a book at a time from chronological development.

#### COMPILATION

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	Book 1	Book 2	Book 3	Book 4	Book 5
Possible Compiler	David	Hezekiah or Josiah		Ezra or Nehemiah	
Possible Dates of Compilation	c. 1020 – 970 BC	c. 970 – 610 BC		Until c. 430 B	



Psalm	S Prai	380			
Psam	Book 1	Book 2	Book 3	Book 4	Book 5
	(1–41)	(42–72)	(73–89)	(90–106)	(107–150)
Number	41	31	17	17	44
Authors and Number of Psalms Authored	David-37 Anon-4	David-18 Korah-7 Anon-4 Solomon-1 Asaph-1	Asaph-11 Korah-3 Ethan-1 Heman-1 David-1	Anon-14 David-2 Moses-1	Anon-28 David-15 Solomon-1
Main Type	Lament-22	Lament-21	Lament-9	Praise-12	Praise-22
Closing Doxology	41:13	72:18-19	89:52	106:48	150:1-6
Possible Complier	David	Hezekiah or Josiah		Ezra or Nehemiah	
Possible Compilation Dates	1020-970 BC	970-610 BC		Until c. 430 BC	
Span of Authorship	About 1000 Years (about 1410-430 BC)				

# Psalms is a guide for prayer

#### **Pray Through Psalms**

"Let the words of my mouth and the *meditation of my* heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer" -Psalm 19:14



#### How to Pray Through a Psalm

#### One verse per person Paraphrase and personalize it Make no requests



111:1 "Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the godly and the congregation."

111:2 "The LORD's deeds are great, eagerly awaited by all who desire them."

111:3 "His work is majestic and glorious, and his faithfulness endures forever."

#### 111:4 "He does amazing things that will be remembered, The LORD is merciful and compassionate."

### 111:5 "He gives food to his faithful followers, he always remembers his covenant."

111:6 "He announced that he would do mighty deeds for his people, giving them a land that belonged to other nations."

#### 111:7 "His acts are characterized by faithfulness and justice, all his precepts are reliable."

111:8 "They [His precepts] are forever firm, and should be faithfully and properly carried out."

#### 111:9 "He delivered his people, he ordained that his covenant be observed forever. His name is holy and awesome."

111:10 "To obey the LORD is the fundamental principle for wise living, all who carry out his precepts acquire good moral insight. He will receive praise forever."

#### Overview

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- Introduction
- What place did the Psalms have in OT times?
- How did the Israelites worship God
  through the Psalms?
- How are the Psalms relevant for Christians today?

## Psalms come in many types

#### Types of Psalms

Messianic

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

(Ps. 22:1 NIV)

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#### Fulfilled Messianic Prophecies in Psalms

Ps	Reference to Christ	<b>NT Fulfillment</b>
2:7	The Messiah will be God's Son	Heb. 1:5
16:10	He will rise from the dead	Acts 2:25-31
22:16	His hands & feet will be pierced	John 20:25, 27
45:6	His throne will be forever	Heb. 1:8
110:1	He is David's son & God's Son	Matt 22:44
110:4	He is the eternal priest-king	Heb. 6:20



Jerusalem Disadvantages Advantages •Stages Jebusite (1500 BC) Solomon (971 BC) Hezekiah (700 BC Hezekiah (700 B Nehemiah (444 B) Hasmonean (100 BC) Herod the Great (20 BC) **Modern Walls** 

#### Present City

#### Herod's Extension Southeast Corner

#### City of David



#### **-15 Ascent Psalms**

#### Psalms 120–134

#### Modern Pilgrims

### W. Rai Modern Pilgrims

#### Categories of Psalms

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# Messianic Wisdom Nature Imprecatory Testimonial Penitential

#### Pilgrim (Ascent) Historical

#### Praise & Lament





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#### **Individual Psalms Classified Generally**

Praise (Worship):			Lament (Petition): Request from God based on what He has done & for who He is		
Declarative: Actions of God		Descriptive: Attributes of God	Indi	vidual	People
Individual	People		Open	Heard	

#### **Praise Psalms**



#### **Descriptive Praise**

"Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him. Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy."

Psalm 33:1-3

#### We need to praise God today!





#### Types of Psalms

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Hymn (Descriptive Praise)

"Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him."

(Ps. 98:1)

#### Types of Psalms

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#### Hymn Structure (Descriptive Praise)

Prologue: e.g., "Hallelujah" Call to Praise Cause for Praise Conclusion: Renewed Call to Praise Epilogue: e.g., "Hallelujah"
### Lament Psalms



### Lament

"LORD, hear my prayer! Listen to my plea! <sup>2</sup>Don't turn away from me in my time of distress. Bend down to listen, and answer me quickly when I call to you."

Psalm 102:1-2 NLT







### Numbers: Complaining Judged

### Psalms: Complaining Allowed

### When Can We Complain?



Legitimate complaining is to the one who can solve the problem!



### Lament to God Alone

"Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry for help come to you. Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly."

**Psalm 102:1-2** 

### **Songs of Trust**

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These lament psalms have extended confidence sections

### Psalm 23 is a Song of Trust

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

- Hymn
- Penitential

"Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'
And you forgave the guilt of my sin."

(Ps. 32:5)

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*"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?"* 

(Ps. 42:5)

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Lament Imprecatory History

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Lament Structure (Petition Psalm)

Address/Lament Confession of Trust (Confidence) Petition Vow of Praise (Declarative)

### Petition

Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause... rescue me from deceitful and wicked men.

**Psalm 43:1** 

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Hymn
Penitential
Wisdom

#### Blessed is the man

who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked (Ps. 1:1)

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise (Ps. 47:7)

Royal

O Lord, the king rejoices in your strength. How great is his joy in the victories you

give!

(Ps. 21:1)

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Pour out your wrath on them; let your fierce anger overtake them.

(Ps. 69:24)

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### **Imprecatory Psalms**

May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.

(Ps. 69:28)

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He did miracles in the sight of their fathers; in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan. He divided the sea and led them through; He made the water stand firm like a wall. (Ps. 78:12-13)



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#### Classification of Each Psalm (Lindsey)

Dr. F. Duane Lindsey feels that the previous six Westermann categories are not complete enough since several psalms have a didactic, or teaching theme (rather than being either praise or lament). Therefore, he adds a third major type of psalms called Didactic Psalms. He also breaks down the lament psalms and descriptive praise psalms into further categories;

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F. Duane Lindsey

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### Classification of Each Psalm (Lindsey)

### **Praise is in Every Psalm!**

"My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh shall bless his holy name forever and ever" (Psalm 145:21)



# Psalms must be correctly interpreted

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### Characteristics of **Hebrew Poetry** 1. Stress Patterns (not rhymes) 2. Evocative language 3. Acrostic Arrangement 4. Thought Rhyme

### The Key: Hebrew Parallelism

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### "the repetition of meaning in parallel expressions" (Ross, BKC, 1:780)

## What is Parallelism?

### PARALLELISM

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"Then He rebukes them in his anger And in his wrath he terrifies them." (Psalm 2:5)

Semantic parallelism: <u>rebukes</u> and <u>terrifies</u> <u>anger</u> and <u>wrath</u> are <u>parallel in meaning</u>

Grammatical parallelism: Verb -- direct object -- prepositional phrase Prepositional phrase -- verb -- direct object

### **Tips for Interpreting the Psalms**

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- 1. Pay attention to structure
- 2. Summarize the psalm in a sentence (p. 387)
- 3. Consider titles and background information in their superscriptions
- 4. Classify the psalm using Lindsey's p. 386
- 5. Interpret the psalm's incomplete theology in light of NT revelation (e.g., Ps. 51:11)
- 6. Reword figures of speech and parallelisms
- 7. Use NT allusions and/or quotations but don't read back into the text what the OT author would not have understood (e.g., Ps. 16:10 expanded in Acts 2:25-31)

### **Tips for Interpreting the Psalms**

- 8. Read psalms slowly (in our speed-reading day).
- 9. Graph the emotional outline of the psalm.
  - e.g., Psalm 77

Does it start high or low?

77:1-3

77:4-9

77:10

77:11-20

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### Your greatest need is to praise God.

### Main Idea of Psalms

### **Relevance of the Psalms**

# Prayer and worship "constitute an antidote to idolatrous living"

### ~ Dr. Ho Chiao Ek (Covenant EFC Singapore)

### "Be still and know that I am God."

### **Psalm 46:10**

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