

THE PSALMS

BOOK ONE

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked
1 Blessed is the man¹
who² walks not in³ the counsel of the
wicked,

6 "As for me, I have⁷ set my King
on⁸ Zion, my⁹ holy hill."

4 I⁵ cried aloud to the LORD,
and he⁶ answered me from his⁷ holy
hill. 495

MUSING ON GOD'S MUSIC

AN 8-WEEK STUDY ON HOW THE PSALMS FIT TOGETHER

nor stands in¹ the way of sinners,
nor² sits in³ the seat of scoffers;
but his⁴ delight is in the law of the LORD,
and he⁵ meditates on⁶ it day and
night.
9 He is like¹⁰ a tree
planted by¹¹ streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its¹² leaf does not wither.
11 In all that he does, he prospers.
12 The wicked are not so,
but are like¹³ chaff that the wind
drives away.

7 I will tell of the deeds of the LORD
The LORD said to me, "You are my
father, and I will be your father,
and your inheritance, O LORD,
is the nations."
9 You shall¹⁰ break¹¹ them with
the iron rod,
and you shall¹² crush¹³ them like¹⁴ a potter's vessel.
10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with¹² fear,
and¹³ rejoice with¹⁴ trembling.
12 Kiss¹³ the Son of God,
lest he¹⁴ be angry, and you perish in the
wrath of the LORD,
for his¹⁵ wrath is quickly kindled.
13 Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

8 I⁹ lay down and wept,
I¹⁰ wept for the LORD's chastening,
because I¹¹ will not be afraid of
any man,
because I¹² have set myself against
many thousands
who have¹³ set themselves against me
all around.

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In peace I will both¹ lie down
and² for you alone, O LORD, make
my³ dwelling in safety.

5 Therefore the wicked⁶ will not stand in
the judgment,
nor sinners in⁷ the congregation of
the righteous;
6 for the LORD⁷ knows⁸ the way of the
righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Save Me, O My God
3 A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM
ABSALOM HIS SON.

4 SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD;
HE⁵ will rescue⁶ me from all my
troubles.
5 Do not⁶ be angry with me, O LORD,
for your people!
Selah

Lead Me in Your Righteousness
5 TO THE CHOIRMASTER: FOR THE FLUTE
A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my² groaning.
2 Give attention to the sound of my
cry,
for³ to you do I pray,
O LORD, in⁴ the morning you hear my
voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice
to you,⁵ and⁶ watch.

The Reign of the LORD's Anointed
2 Why do¹ the nations rage²
and the peoples plot in vain?
3 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his
Anointed, saying,
4 "Let us⁵ burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

1 O LORD, how many are my foes!
Many are² rising against me;
2 many are saying of my soul,
"There is no salvation for him in God."
3 But you, O LORD, are⁴ a shield⁵ about me,
my glory, and⁶ the lifter of my head.
Selah

4 TO THE CHOIRMASTER: WITH STRINGED
INSTRUMENTS. A PSALM OF DAVID.

4 For you are not a God who delights in
wickedness;
5 The⁶ boastful shall not⁷ stand before
your eyes;
6 you⁷ hate all evildoers.
7 You destroy those who speak⁸ lies;
the LORD abhors⁹ the bloodthirsty
and deceitful man.

2 O men, how long shall my honor be
turned into shame?
How long will you love vain words
and seek after² lies?
3 But know that the LORD has
the godly for his⁴ portion,
Selah

7 But I, through the abundance of your
steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will² bow down³ toward your
temple
in the

STRUCTURE OF THE PSALMS

- Psalm 41:13 **Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel**, from everlasting to everlasting! **Amen and Amen!**
- Psalm 72:18-19 **Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel**, who alone does wonderous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! **Amen and Amen**
- Psalm 89:52 **Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen**
- Psalm 106:48 **Blessed be the LORD**, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, **“Amen!”** Praise the LORD
- Psalm 145:21 **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD**, and let all flesh **bless his holy name** forever and ever.



PSALTER 5-MOVEMENT CANTATA

DEFINITION:
NARRATIVE PIECE OF
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ACCOMPANIMENT

- **I. The Lord's Anointed Preserved**
- **II. The Davidic Rule Extended to the Nations**
- III. Is the Davidic Covenant Abandoned?
- IV. Reaffirming Foundations
- V. The Rule of God's Anointed

THE LORD'S ANOINTED PRESERVED

FAILURE OF GOD'S ANOINTED

PSALM 3-41

- Psalm 3 “A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son”.
- Psalm 3:3, “But you O Lord are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head”
- Psalm 10:1–2 [1] “Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
[2] In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.”

HUMANITY SINCE THE FALL

Psalm 14:1–3 The Fool Says, There Is No God To the choirmaster.
Of David.

- [1] The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. [2] The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. [3] They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. (ESV)

AUTHOR,
SCOTT ANIOL,
QUOTE

“...this is the Psalter editor's way, God's way, of artistically embodying what happens when a righteous person delights himself in the law of the lord (Psalm 1) and submits to the rule of his anointed one (Psalm 2) when that happens, as encapsulated in Psalm 18 and 19, when we meditate on God's revelation and delight in it, we will confess our sins (Psalm 19:12-13) and trust in God's Anointed as our Redeemer (Psalm 19:14) and we will be blessed”

ROBERT
GODFREY
QUOTE

“In response to the reality of our distress, the psalms of Book One . . . show us how to express our confidence in God.”



DAVIDIC RULE EXTENDED TO THE NATIONS

- **PSALM 42 THROUGH 72**
- **CORPORATE FOCUS VS INDIVIDUAL**
- **FAR FROM THE TEMPLE**

Robertson Quote

“Twelve of the twenty-one psalms in this collection (Psalms 51–71) refer specifically to non-Israelite peoples. This proportion stands in significant contrast with the Davidic psalms of Book I (Ps 3–41).”

EL VS. YAHWEH



DAVIDIC RULE EXTENDED TO THE NATIONS

SCOTT ANIOL

“Psalm 49 is a summons to the nations: “Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world” (v 1). Likewise, Psalm 50 is a summons specifically to God’s people, those “who made a covenant with me by sacrifice,” calling all to submit to God as judge (50:5). In response to this summons, God’s Anointed himself answers and confesses his sin to God (Ps 51), submitting his rule to Yahweh’s rule. Likewise the pagan king Doeg the Edomite answers God’s summons (Ps 52).”



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THOUGHTS OR
REFLECTIONS
