

Book of Psalms

- **Book of Praises.** 150 Songs

1. **David:** Sweet Psalmist of Israel at least 75. Warrior/Singer/King/Prophet
2. **Moses**-1. Solomon-**2**. Sons of Korah-**11**. Asaph-**12**. Heman-**1**. Ethan-**1** [w/sons of Korah]
3. **Orphanic: 48** [Unknown]

The Psalms record deep devotion, intense feeling, exalted emotion, and dark dejection. They play upon the **keyboard of the human soul** with all the stops pulled out. [JV McGee]

- The Psalms are the **voices of the church** [Ambrose]
- [The Psalms] are the **choice and flower** of all things profitable in other books. [Hooker]
- [The Psalms] are the **epitome of the whole Scripture** [Augustine]

They are full of Christ. There is a more complete picture of [Jesus] in the Psalms than in the Gospels. The Gospels tell us that He went up the mountain to pray...but the **Psalms give us His prayer**. The gospels tell us He was crucified, but the Psalms tell us what went on **in His heart** during the crucifixion. The Gospels tell us He went back to Heaven, but the Psalms begin where the Gospel's leave off and show us **Christ seated in heaven** [JV McGee]

- **Jesus is the fulfillment of the Psalms...**

Luke 24:44 ... all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.

- There are **219** quotes in NT from the OT. **116 are from Psalms.**
- **Various Types of Psalms:** Messianic, Imprecatory, Penitential, Historic, Nature based, Pilgrim, Hallel [Holy Day Psalms], Missionary, Puritan, Acrostic, Psalms praising God's Word, Wisdom and Royal Psalms

The Book of Psalms instructs us in the use of wings as well as Word. It sets us both mounting and singing. [Spurgeon]

This is a rich section we are coming to. We are going to mine for gold and diamonds here my friend. [JV. McGee]

Psalm 1

Jesus

The Way of the Righteous/End of the Ungodly

1 Blessed is the man Who **walks not** in the counsel of the ungodly, **Nor stands** in the path of sinners, **Nor sits** in the seat of the scornful; **2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord**, And in His law he **meditates** day and night. **3** He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its **fruit in its season**, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall **prosper**. **4** The ungodly are not so, But are like the **chaff which the wind drives away**. **5** Therefore the ungodly **shall not stand** in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. **6** For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of **the ungodly shall perish**.

- **Wisdom Psalm:** Author unknown. Solomon?
- **Blessed/Happy** are those who don't...

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| 1. Walk with/Listen to sinners | Listening to the world's advice |
| 2. Stop/Talk w/sinners | Considering worldly wisdom above God's |

3. **Sit/Mock** w/sinners

Accepting bad counsel contrary God's Word

Proverbs 4:14 [Compromise] Do not [even] enter the path of the wicked...

End result? Scorning God as in modern universities. Fruit of that? Woke. Rotten

Blessed are those who don't even entertain the thought of looking anywhere else but God's Word for wisdom/counsel. [NJC]

Happy are those who Delight in/Meditate on the Word of God

Those who drink in/feed on/digest Word will naturally/supernaturally grow...

- **Flourish** Tree w/roots down deep drinking in Wisdom of Word
- **Bear Fruit** Seeing good changes our lives and others
- **Please God** Knowing His will and seeing it is good
- **Prosper** **In all they do** as they **treasure/seek first God's Word...**

Joshua 1:8 ...you shall **meditate** in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way **prosperous** [bearing good fruit], and then you will have **good success**.

Jeremiah 17:8 [That person who builds on the Rock...] shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And **will not fear when heat comes**; But its leaf will be green, And **will not be anxious** in the year of drought, **Nor will cease from yielding fruit**.

What are we drinking in?

Salt water of bad counsel never satisfies/Life-giving Word of God never fails

- **Jesus:** Drink this Water and never thirst again
- **Summary:** Godly delight in/Meditate on the Word of God

1. Bear fruit w/roots down deep
2. Strong. Stable. Immovable. Unshakable.

- **v4 Ungodly not so...**

1. **Like chaff** Life w/out purpose
2. **Won't stand** Unstable after trusting in/acting on bad counsel

Job 21:18 They are like straw before the wind, And like chaff that a storm carries away.

Everything true about the righteous man — stable as a tree, continual life and nourishment, fruitful, alive, and prosperous — is not so regarding the ungodly. [Guzik]

Matthew 7:24 [But] ...whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who **built his house on the rock**

Psalms 1 Security of the Godly vs Insecurity of the Wicked

Psalm 2

Jesus

Messiah's Triumph and Kingdom

1 **Why do the nations rage**, And the people plot a **vain thing**? 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 break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." 4 He who **sits in the heavens shall laugh**; The Lord shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet **I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion**." 7 "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a **rod of iron**; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' " 10 Now therefore, **be wise, O kings**; Be instructed, you judges 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, When His wrath is kindled but a little. **Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him**.

- **Royal Psalm.** King passing his crown to his son. [C.f. Psalm 110]
- **Author is David:** C.f. Acts 4:25

1. **Near Prophecy** Persecution against Jesus/His people 60ad till today
2. **Distant Prophecy** Armageddon. AC/7 Kings vs Father in Heaven/Jesus on earth

World plots together against the Lord [Father] /His Anointed [Jesus]. **Why?**

James 4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your **desires for pleasure** that war in your members? 2 You lust and **do not have**. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. **You fight and war**.

- Q. Why do the Nations Rage against the Authority of a Good God? David asks 1000BC
A. **Nations have no desire to be good**. Sin nature. I want what I want...

John 3:19 ... this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men **loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

- Rage against any/all authority/restraint on sin... **don't want to be exposed**

Luke 19:12 [Of Kingdom of Heaven] "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants... and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' 14 But **his citizens hated him**, and sent a delegation after him, saying, '**We will not have this man to reign over us.**'

- Chose not to receive Jesus at 1st coming

Matthew 26:64b **Nevertheless**, I say to you, hereafter [2nd Coming] you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and **coming on the clouds of heaven**."

- **Nations plot in vain** No hope of winning. Just as Satan whose time short

- **Lord's Response?** Laughs/Unimpressed. **Really? Are you serious?**

Psalm 37:12 [Common response] The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth.¹³ The **Lord laughs at him**, For He sees that his day is coming.

End Times Message to those who seek to come against Father and Son?

Be wise...Kiss/Revere the Son lest He be angry

- **Chuck Missler:** Psalm 2 a conversation between members of Trinity

Psalm 2:7 [E.g., Jesus' speaking] "...**The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.** [Father speaks] 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall **dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.**' "

- **Armageddon will be a regime change...**Jesus will take back the earth

Psalm 110:5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall **execute kings** in the day of His wrath. 6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, **He shall execute the heads of many countries.**

- **Jesus' destiny at His incarnation:** Remove usurper Satan/Rule the earth

Revelation 12:5 She [Israel] bore a male Child who was to **rule all nations with a rod of iron.**

- **Kiss the Son:** No joy in the Kingdom/w/out reverence for the King

Revelation 6:16 [Those who kindle His wrath will cry] "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the **wrath of the Lamb!** 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

- Yet, Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him

Psalm 2 Messiah's Triumph and Kingdom

Psalm 3

Jesus

A Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son

The Lord Helps His Troubled People Fear-Faith-Rest-Strength

1 Lord, how they have **increased who trouble me!** Many are they who rise up against me. 2 Many are they who say of me, "**There is no help** for him in God." **Selah** 3 But You, O Lord, are a **shield for me, My glory** and the **One who lifts up my head.** 4 I cried to the Lord with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. **Selah** 5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me. 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around. 7 Arise, O Lord; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have **broken the teeth** of the ungodly. 8 Salvation belongs to the Lord. **Your blessing is upon Your people.** Selah

- **Author:** David

- **Context:** Anguish. David's son Absalom revolts against King David
Advancement of the Godly when trouble comes...
Fear to Faith...Faith to Rest...**Rest to Strength**

- **Fear:** Those who hate God rise up against God's people...
 1. Satan can't get to God so hurts the ones God loves...
 2. **World/Devil** continue to beat the body of Christ...

Colossians 1:24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, **and fill up in my flesh what is lacking** in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church...

- **Can't get to Jesus the head/**Continue to beat His body the church

2 Timothy 3:12 ...all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

- **Fear:** My own son is coming to kill me...people mock David. David leaving Jerusalem

Selah/Chill: David finds **Faith in the Lord**
Eyes off self...on God. Act of Heart/Mind out through mouth...

- **You are my shield.** My protector

Psalm 5:12 ...You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will **surround him as with a shield.**

- **You are my glory:** Weight of all that is good in me
- **You are the one** who takes away my darkness/Lift my head

Psalm 27:6 And now my **head shall be lifted up above my enemies** all around me...

Psalm 23:4 Yea, 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.

Selah: David finds **Rest in the Lord**

- **David wakes up and cries out...**
 1. **I'm still alive:** Heart beating/Still breathing
 2. I am suddenly/surpassingly filled with the **strength of the Lord**

David finds **Strength** in the Lord. **Surprise!**

Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my **strength and my shield;** My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.

Psalm 34:4 I sought the Lord, and **He heard me,** And delivered me from all my fears.

Result of taking eyes off self on God?

- **God's enemies broken:** God's utter hatred for sin and what it does to people
- **God's people blessed:** Those whose sin was taken by His Son

Psalm 3 Fear to Faith/Faith to Rest/Rest to Strength

Psalm 4

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

Safety of the Faithful Supernatural Rest/Joy in the Lord

1 **Hear me when I call**, O God of my **righteousness**! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. 2 How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood? **Selah** 3 But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The Lord will hear when I call to Him. 4 Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. **Selah** 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the Lord. 6 There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. 7 You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased. 8 I will both lie down in **peace, and sleep**; For You alone, O Lord, **make me dwell in safety**.

- **Author:** David. Still being persecuted/pursued by his son Absalom
- **v1 God of My Righteousness:** David knew his only righteousness was from God
- **Relieved of Distress yet** Continues to ask mercy...

Lesson? Don't get comfortable after God rescues us!

Satan continues to prowl like a lion looking for lazy sheep

- **v2 David speaks to enemies:** When will you realize you just can't win

Romans 8:31b ... If God is for us, who can be [win] against us?

- The Lord has set me apart/He listens to me when I call Him

He has taught me how to live the abundant life...

- **Meditate** on God's Word. Believe it and live it.
- **Be angry** But, don't sin. Vengeance is the Lord's
- **Be Calm** Be still knowing He is God. Got this.
- **Offer your life** **To Him as a sacrifice...**

When trouble comes...

Eyes off self/off out enemies/problem...and gaze intently at Him

- Enemies keep coming/Spouting off discouragement. Will God really do good?

David does not give his enemies time of day...instead speaks to the Lord

- **Lift up your countenance** [face] toward us... look upon us w/favor

Blessed as the Lord turns His face to those who humbly call out to Him

Numbers 6:24 "The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 The Lord **make His face shine**

upon you, And be gracious to you; 26 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” ‘

Psalm 80:3 Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!... **7** Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!... **19** Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; **Cause Your face to shine,** And we shall be saved!

David pours his heart out...turn your face to me Lord!
One glance and David melts in the safety of the strong arms of God

Psalm 62:8 Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. **Selah**

- You have put gladness in our hearts more than riches

1 Peter 5:7 cast... all your care upon Him, for **He cares for you.**

Cast all your cares upon God...and go to sleep

Psalm 4 David pours out his heart. God answers with supernatural Rest and Joy

Psalm 5

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. With flutes. A Psalm of David.

A Prayer for Guidance God Hears our Cry

1 Give ear to my words, O Lord, Consider my meditation. 2 Give heed to the **voice of my cry, My King and my God,** For to You I will pray. 3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will **direct it to You, And I will look up.** 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, **Nor shall evil dwell with You.** 5 The **boastful shall not stand** in Your sight; You **hate all workers of iniquity.** 6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. 7 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. 8 Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face. 9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue. 10 Pronounce them guilty, O God! **Let them fall by their own counsels;** Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You. 11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. 12 For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

- **Author: David.** Of Messiah: You are my king and my God. His grandson and his God.

1. **Jesus is the Son of God:** Divine eternal existence before David
2. **Jesus is the Son of David:** Human. Incarnated after David...

Revelation 22:16 I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.

- **David cries to the Lord...**all day

Psalms 55:17 Evening and morning and at noon I will **pray, and cry aloud**, And He shall hear my voice.

Psalms 88:13 ...to You I have **cried out**, O Lord, And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

- **How do we know He's listening?**

1 John 5:14 ...this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, **He hears us**. 15 And if we know that **He hears us**, whatever we ask, we know that **we have the petitions that we have asked of Him**.

- **v 3** I will direct my prayer to you...then look up for an answer...

Praying in Faith means waiting with Urgent Expectation

- **My King and God:** Jesus is both King/God. King of Kings
- **vv 4-6** David and God's common abhorrence of the wicked

Love the sinner hate the sin?
You hate all the workers of iniquity

Habakkuk 1:13 You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, And **cannot look** on wickedness.

The wicked will not stand...but as for me

- **I will fear You.** I will worship You. I will look to You to guide me...

Psalms 25:4 Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. 5 **Lead me in Your truth and teach me**, For You are the God of my salvation; On You **I wait all the day**.

Psalms 27:11 **Teach me Your way**, O Lord, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

Psalms 31:3 For You are **my rock** and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, **Lead me and guide me**.

- **vv 9-10** David prayer his/God's common enemies: Fall by own wicked council
- **Imprecatory Psalms:** 14 Total

Psalms 55:23 But You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction; Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; **But I will trust in You**.

- **vv 11-12** David's prayer for the righteous to be blessed in midst of trouble

Mark 6:47 ... when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land. 48 Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and **would have**

passed them by. 49 And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, **and cried out**; 50 for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He [turned His face toward them] talked with them and said to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

- His seeming intent to pass by **incited a cry from them.**

God will allow circumstances that cause us to cry to Him

Matthew 14:28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink **he cried out**, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately **Jesus** [turned His face toward Peter] **stretched out His hand and caught him**, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 51 Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled.

God heard Peter's cry. God heard David's cry. God hears our cry.

Psalms 5 God listens to our cry