



PSALM EMOJIS (Week 1) - Hymn

Welcome Prayer:

To all who are weary and need rest. To all who mourn and long for comfort. To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares. To all who fail and desire strength. To all who sin and need a Savior. This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ, the Ally of His enemies, the Defender of the guilty, the Justifier of the inexcusable, the Friend of sinners. Welcome.

Blessing upon the Word:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,

we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.

Introduction

- Psalm emojis
- 5 compiled song books
- Song Genres
- Movie Genres

The seven genres which we will describe are the hymn (praise), the lament, the thanksgiving psalm, the psalm of remembrance, the psalm of confidence, the wisdom psalm and the kingship psalm. Then we will cover one of the Messianic Psalms.

They were composed in response to some life situation. When the psalmist experienced God's love and salvation in his life, he sang with hymns of joy. When he experienced hardship, he composed a lament. When God answered his prayer, he thanked God. When he saw God work in the lives of His people, he recounted the story in song.

- American Evangelicalism's One-note

Psalm 8

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

8 O Lord, our Lord,

1. God is praised for who He is.

God is addressed as Yahweh, God's personal name to Israel, 273 times in the first two books. That's why it's "O Lord, our Lord." It's very personal. They know their God and experience their God and therefore they praise their God. And to know God is to know how He is. It's to know who He is.

how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

God has set His glory (His value) beyond the universe because His name gives everything else in the universe its meaning. Everything that goes along with His character is wrapped up in His name. His name is majestic because of Who He is — the Lord of all. Ruler. Creator. Savior. King. God is the reason we live in a meaningful universe.

This is the very reason Christianity teaches that Jesus is the only means of salvation for humanity. To say that God is superior to every

other created thing is to understand the nature of God.

So, if Jesus Christ was God in the flesh (as Christianity contends), then He is above all other human beings. That's why only He can provide our salvation. Who else has lived a sinless life? Who else didn't have sins of their own to pay for besides Jesus? Only Jesus Christ was sinless because He is God in the flesh.

Philippians 2:9-11

9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

So when Christianity claims the uniqueness of Christ, it is not in any attempt to say we're better than any other religion. It's just to say that His superiority is built into the reality of it. Any person who is Creator of the universe in the flesh is by definition the most majestic Person in the universe.

Psalm 8

8 O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The name that is above every name

You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

2. God teaches children to praise Him.

God has ordained praise out of the mouths of children. This praise silences the enemies of God. Adults are always put to shame when children know better.

• To Kill a Mockingbird

Matthew 21:15-16

15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, 16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

““Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise’?”

God has ordained praise for Himself to come from children and Jesus says that it's okay for

these children to praise Him. He is again indirectly inferring His deity, that He is indeed God in the flesh.

Psalm 8

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

3. **God is praised for the dignity He gives humanity.**

In the expanse of all the universe, which often makes us feel small and insignificant by comparison, God has given human beings a special dignity. Even in our sinfulness, we still see the special glory and honor that God has given humanity.

This is why Christians respect life, because of human dignity, this uniqueness that God has given humanity. This is why we should treat every human being with dignity (respect), regardless of what we think of their behavior. This is the grace of God displayed through us when we're walking in the beauty of Christ.

We are opening up our arms wide the same way Christ opens wide His arms to welcome sinners.

And listen to how much dignity God has given humanity. Not saved humanity, but just humanity.

6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

So, God has created all the wonders and intricacies of this world and given it all to us to rule.

you have put all things under his feet,
7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

This distinguishes humanity from the animal kingdom. We are called to care for and steward the animal kingdom.

God created everything. He deserves the glory for everything. And yet He has placed everything under our rule, under human control. And yet, this song ends the same way it began, reminding us who deserves the glory for all the gifts we enjoy.

9 O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

- Answered to prayer for location
- Meeting with Dave Dick

**What has God said to you today?
And what are you going to do about it?**

Prayer of Confession:

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from
you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the
oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Hear the good news!

**The saying is sure and worthy of full
acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save
sinners.**

**He himself bore our sins
in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin,
and alive to all that is good.**

**I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.**

**The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.**

**Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.**

Amen.