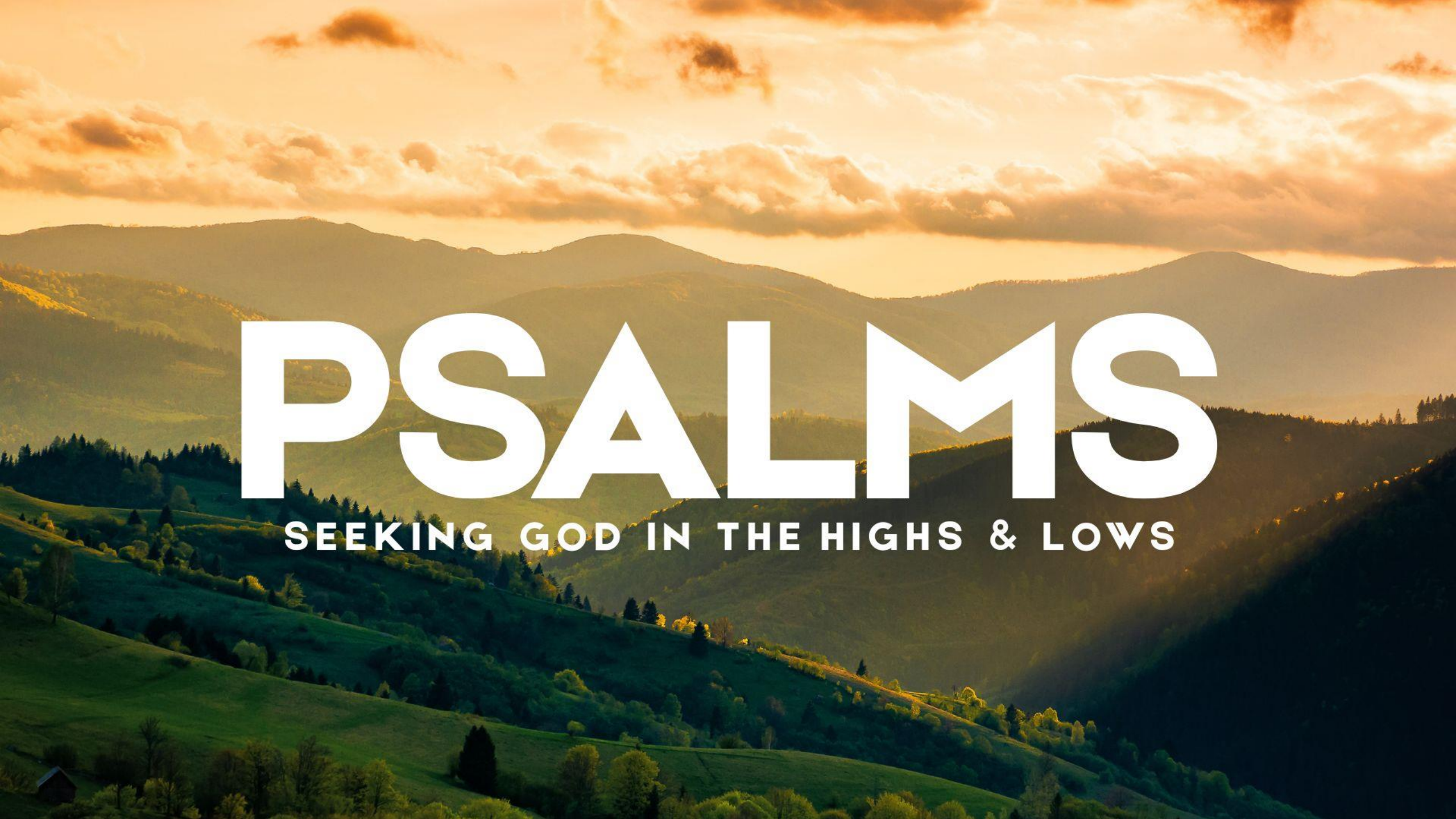




PSALMS

SEEKING GOD IN THE HIGHS & LOWS

Psalms: Overview

	Book 1	Book 2	Book 3	Book 4	Book 5
Chapters	1-41	42-72	73-89	90-106	107-150
Parallel	Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy
Focus	Messiah	Desire	Israel	King	Praise
Theme	Man	Deliverance	Worship	Wandering	Law & Land

Type of Psalm	Description
Royal	Focus on the king as the son of David
Imprecatory	Calls for God's judgment against God's enemies
Penitential	Confesses sorrow for sin and appeals to God for grace
Messianic	Describes some aspect of the Messiah's person or ministry
Hymns	Song of praise and thanksgiving to God
Wisdom	General observations on life
Lament	Laments one's conditions

Q: Why Psalm 31, Stew?

A: It's my dad's SCCA D Production racing car number

A: 31:1 is the verse behind the verse (Rom 1:17) for Luther!

-- Not righteous condemnation but imputed GRACE

A: I am convinced I uncovered a significantly stark contrast between Job and David, marking David as the prototype NT believer



Psalms 31 – Lead-In

- 5 distinct “books” within Psalms
 - 1 (duh), 42, 73, 90, 107
- Several different psalmists, per the commentaries
 - David, Moses, Heman, Asaph his brother, Solomon, Ethan, sons of Korah, Anon.
- A bunch from David ending at 71 or 72
- Among them are Messianic Passion Psalms: 22, 31, 69
 - Made famous following quote by Jesus in Luke 23:46

Psalm 31 – Prophetic Parallels

“The whole psalm is understood about David according to history and about the Lord according to prophecy.” -- St. Jerome

- Appears in other passages of Scripture: Psalm 71, Jonah 2:8, Lam 2:22, all “fear and terror” verses in Jeremiah, poss Acts 7:59 (Stephen)
- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Jeremiah 22:28
 - “Broken” means literally “perishing”
- Reading for the Sunday of the Passion at the beginning of Holy Week

Psalm 31 – Let's Read It, Already!

- Follow along in your own translation

Psalm 31 – Break it into 3 Sections

- Looking by subject or by pronoun
 - V1 Eternal truth – Trust in God to deliver through HIS righteousness
 - Vv2-4 – God's rescue by based on relationship
 - Vv 5-8 – David's confidence
 - Vv 9-13 – David's deep troubles
 - Vv14-18 -- David's trust in God
 - Vv19-22 – David's personal praise of God
 - Vv23-24 – Therefore, God's people should praise Him

Psalm 31 – Emotions List / Situation Described

Psalm 31 – Any Poetic Conventions?

- Parallelism
- Imagery
- Metaphor / Simile
- Personification
- Hyperbole
- Chiasm
- Inclusio – (I got it from Ryan)

Psalm 31 – Relationships Among Subjects

- David and those who pursue him
- David and God
- Israel and God

Psalm 31 – Benefits and Conditions

Psalm 31 – Key Truths / Relation to Life Now

Job 31 – Job Asserts His Integrity (NASB)

³¹ “I have made a covenant with my eyes;
How then could I gaze at a virgin?
² “And what is the portion of God from above
Or the heritage of the Almighty from on high?
³ “Is it not calamity to the unjust
And disaster to those who work iniquity?
⁴ “Does He not see my ways
And number all my steps?

⁵ “If I have walked with falsehood,
And my foot has hastened after deceit,
⁶ Let Him weigh me with accurate scales,
And let God know my integrity.
⁷ “If my step has turned from the way,
Or my heart followed my eyes,
Or if any spot has stuck to my hands,
⁸ Let me sow and another eat,
And let my crops be uprooted.

⁹ “If my heart has been enticed by a woman,
Or I have lurked at my neighbor’s doorway,
¹⁰ May my wife grind for another,
And let others kneel down over her.
¹¹ “For that would be a lustful crime;
Moreover, it would be an iniquity *punishable* by judges.
¹² “For it would be fire that consumes to Abaddon,
And would uproot all my increase.

¹³ “If I have despised the claim of my male or female
slaves
When they filed a complaint against me,
¹⁴ What then could I do when God arises?
And when He calls me to account, what will I answer
Him?
¹⁵ “Did not He who made me in the womb make him,
And the same one fashion us in the womb?

¹⁶ “If I have kept the poor from *their* desire,
Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail,
¹⁷ Or have eaten my morsel alone,
And the orphan has not shared it
¹⁸ (But from my youth he grew up with me as with a
father,
And from infancy I guided her),
¹⁹ If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing,
Or that the needy had no covering,
²⁰ If his loins have not thanked me,
And if he has not been warmed with the fleece of
my sheep,
²¹ If I have lifted up my hand against the orphan,
Because I saw I had support in the gate,
²² Let my shoulder fall from the socket,
And my arm be broken off at the elbow.
²³ “For calamity from God is a terror to me,
And because of His majesty I can do nothing.

²⁴ “If I have put my confidence *in* gold,
And called fine gold my trust,
²⁵ If I have gloated because my wealth was great,
And because my hand had secured so much;
²⁶ If I have looked at the sun when it shone
Or the moon going in splendor,
²⁷ And my heart became secretly enticed,
And my hand threw a kiss from my mouth,
²⁸ That too would have been an iniquity *calling*
for judgment,
For I would have denied God above.

²⁹ “Have I rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy,
Or exulted when evil befell him?
³⁰ “No, I have not allowed my mouth to sin
By asking for his life in a curse.

³¹ “Have the men of my tent not said,
‘Who can find one who has not been satisfied
with his meat’?
³² “The alien has not lodged outside,
For I have opened my doors to the traveler.
³³ “Have I covered my transgressions like ^ldam,
By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,
³⁴ Because I feared the great multitude,
And the contempt of families terrified me,
And kept silent and did not go out of doors?
³⁵ “Oh that I had one to hear me!
Behold, here is my signature;
Let the Almighty answer me!
And the indictment which my adversary has written
³⁶ Surely I would carry it on my shoulder,
I would bind it to myself like a crown.
³⁷ “I would declare to Him the number of my steps
Like a prince I would approach Him.
³⁸ “If my land cries out against me,
And its furrows weep together;
³⁹ If I have eaten its fruit without money,
Or have caused its owners to lose their lives,
⁴⁰ Let briars grow instead of wheat,
And stinkweed instead of barley.”
The words of Job are ended.

Psalm 31 vs. Job 31 -- Key Contrasts

- What is Job's basis of standing before God or justification?
 - OT pattern: righteousness leads to blessing; sin leads to judgement
 - Taken from Deuteronomy 29:14-21 *et alia*
 - Claim of right living and willingness to be penalized for doing wrong
- What is David's basis of standing or justification...?
 - Not his circumstances
 - Profound trust in God alone; "Hope in the Lord..."
- What is Jesus' standing before God?
 - Think about Gethsemane, the trials, and the crucifixion
 - Psalm 22:8 and Isaiah 53:8 leading to 1Pet 2:9

Job 31 -- Key Areas in Job's Holiness Inventory

Walking in the truth, revealed by personal integrity in every area

1. Sexual purity, repudiating lust and pornography
 2. Right dealings with others
 3. Appropriate use of wealth; not trusting in riches
 4. Not lording own power over others
 5. Refusing to worship creation instead of the Creator
 6. Practicing hospitality and caring for others
 7. Not fearing men
- “Behold, here is my signature; let the Almighty answer me!” 31:35
 - Summary by Job's 3 friends appears in Ch. 32 v.1 (read 2b, too)

Psalm 31 – Key Takeaways (or maybe Job 31...)

- “So what?”
- How should you pray in light of what we’ve uncovered?
- Fill in Ryan’s blank: “When I feel _____, I will turn to Psalm 31.”

Adam's Challenge:

Read 1-2 Psalms each day during this class to get through all 150 Psalms.

Bonus: Keep a journal with a 2-3 sentence response to your daily reading