



Grades 4–5 • Unit 9 • Lesson 85

Praises to God

Psalm 117, 150:1–6, 3:1–8, 43:1–5, 136:1–3

Name

Draw a line to connect each verse to the type of psalm.

Is the psalmist crying out to God (lament), giving thanks (thanksgiving), or offering praise (praise)?

1. Psalm 150:2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!
2. Psalm 3:4 I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.
3. Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
4. Psalm 4:1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
5. Psalm 104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty.
6. Psalm 118:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
7. Psalm 117:1–2 Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!
8. Psalm 69:1 Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.
9. Psalm 136:26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.
10. Psalm 142:1 With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

Praise



Lament



Thanksgiving



1) Praise, 2) Lament, 3) Lament, 4) Lament, 5) Praise, 6) Thanksgiving, 7) Praise, 8) Lament, 9) Lament, 10) Lament



Fill in the blanks to complete the verse.

***I acknowledged my _____ to you, and I did not _____ my iniquity;
I said, "I will _____ my transgressions to the _____," and you
_____ the _____ of my sin. Psalm 32:5***

What You Heard *In the Word*

- The book of Psalms is a collection of prayers and songs, including psalms of praise, lament, and thanksgiving.
- God inspired many authors to write the psalms, including King David, Asaph, Solomon, and Moses. We can use the psalms to help us worship, praise, and pray to God.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if you heard someone say that he is so miserable he doesn't feel like praying anymore? **What would you say?**

Even when we feel lousy, God wants us to come to him. God has even made a way to help us pray when we can't find the words. In the book of Psalms in the Bible, you'll find many songs and prayers that were written by men who were often in trouble. If you're so miserable that you don't know what to pray, read the psalms out loud as a prayer. The psalms will help you remember that God cares about you and wants to help you.

HomeWord *For Parents*

Psalms is a book of prayers and hymns meant to draw our attention to our mighty God. The psalms teach us how to worship God with our words. The psalms made up the "hymnbook" for the Jews. To them, the title simply meant "praises," and that is what the psalms were used for—songs of praise. Most of the psalms emphasize man's position before the incomprehensible, holy God. This sets God in his rightful place—as ruler over the affairs of the world and all mankind. As the psalmist speaks, God and his attributes are exalted.

God's sovereignty is constantly affirmed by the psalmists as they offer him thanks and praise, as they cry out to him for help, or as they boldly claim their confidence in what he will do in the future. The psalms have been classified into various groupings, but today we looked at three common types of psalms: praise (Psalm 117, 150), lament (Psalm 3, 43), and thanksgiving (Psalm 136).

The different types of psalms show us how to offer worship to God. Whether we are praising and thanking him in the good times, recalling his faithfulness and love, or crying out to him in times of anguish, he alone is worthy of our praises.

