

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Sermon Points

Week 1 - 7.2.23 | Terrell Spears

Title: Thanksgiving

Scripture: Psalm 34

Main Point: Because we have tasted and seen the goodness of Christ in the gospel, we can joyfully give thanks to God in all seasons and circumstances for He is faithful.

[The Psalms are] a complete armory for life's battles, and a perfect supply for life's needs. Here we have both delight and usefulness, consolation and instruction. For every condition there is a psalm, suitable and elevating.

-Charles Spurgeon

He is supreme beauty. He has given us these gorgeous poems to pray to lift us up into beauty—to change us, to glorify us, and lift us up in deeper glory. He wants us not to be drawn down in the way that sin is pulling us down in the gutter of this world. He wants to lift us up.

-Dane Ortlund

The book is designed to achieve the following: give expression to the emotional and reflective side of religious experience; expressed truth by means of images and figures of speech; package the content in highly artistic poetry so that the beauty of expression is an important part of the total effect; do things with words that we do not ordinarily do (seen chiefly in the use of figurative language but also the parallelism); be truthful to human experience and portrayed its nuances accurately; exalt God and his creation provide the materials for private and public worship including worship and song; record human responses to God in the experience of life; and showcase literary beauty.

-Leland Ryken

7 Prayers for the Psalms Sermon Series:

1. Behold the glory of His truth, beauty, and goodness
2. See Him as a safe place for every human emotion

3. Embrace The Psalms as a helpful guide to lead our hearts in prayer when our own words may fail
4. Encompass the various types of psalms in our prayer life
5. Treasure Jesus as better as we grow more intimately in our walk with Christ as we spend more time with Him
6. Increase faith as He meets us in and responds to our prayers
7. Experience a vibrancy in our prayer life as we pray more often, more quickly, more richly, and with greater transparency and trust in Him

Types of Psalms, and upcoming sermons:

- I. THANKSGIVING
- II. CONFESSION
- III. LAMENT
- IV. PETITION
- V. PRAISE