

So Many Problems but Only Two Paths
Psalm 1, Psalm 103: 8-13
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- Forthright - honest or direct in expressing one's thoughts or feelings:
 - We have the responsibility and blessing to be 100% forthright before our God.
 - BE 100% FORTHRIGHT BEFORE THE FATHER.
- The ways of God should be the pinnacle of all our gratification and satisfaction.
- The ways of God bring strength, stability, and are a continual source of life.
- The Lord takes delight in and watches over the ways and lives of his righteous children.

"There cannot be a relationship where there cannot be truth." – Mike Winger

Genres in the Psalms

- Praise (extolling God for his character and actions): 23, 24, 34, 46, 67, 76, 95, 103, 111, 117, 139, 145-150.
- Historical (recalling God's interactions with his people): 78, 81, 89, 105, 106, 114, 132, 135, 136.
- Torah (poems about the books of Moses and obedience): 1, 19, 112, 119.
- Creation (songs about God's wonder in creating all things): 8, 19, 65, 104, 148.
- Royal (poems about the king of Israel and the messiah): 2, 20, 21, 45, 61, 72, 101, 110, 144, 149.
- Enthronement (songs about God ruling from his throne): 9, 24, 29, 33, 47, 50, 93, 96-99, 102, 113, 145, 146.
- Wisdom (extolling wisdom from God and detesting foolishness): 1, 14, 15, 37, 49, 52, 53, 73, 90, 101, 110, 112, 127, 128.
- Prophecy (words spoken to the people from God): 2, 50, 81, 82, 91, 108, 110, 132.
- Trust (praising God and being confident in his goodness): 57, 61-63, 68, 69, 71, 73, 77, 82, 85, 91, 94, 102, 115, 121, 125, 131.
- Petition (asking God for deliverance): 3, 6, 7, 17, 22, 25-27, 31, 36, 40, 41, 54, 56, 59, 60, 69, 70, 79, 86, 108, 123, 141-144.
- Complaint ("how long?" "Why?" "Where are you God?"): 13, 39, 42-44, 60, 74, 80, 88, 89, 120.
- Repentance (begging God for forgiveness and atonement): 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143.
- Imprecatory (asking God to deal with one's enemies): 5, 10-12, 28, 35, 55, 58, 69, 70, 79, 83, 109, 129, 137, 140.
- Thanksgiving (4, 16, 18, 30, 40, 64-66, 75, 92, 107, 116, 118, 124, 138).
- Zion/Ascents (Song about Jerusalem and/or journeying there): 48, 84, 87, 122, 125, 126, 128, 129, 133, 134, 147.