

Introduction to the Psalms

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Psalms means to	or to sing praise
Psalms is a	for God's people
Psalms is a book of	that uses

- Terseness being concise (Psalm 25:4 vs Genesis 12:10)
- Parallelism that is...
 - Synonymous Similarity between the lines in the poem (*Psalm 19:8*)
 - Developmental the 2nd line develops on the 1st line (Psalm 121:3)
 - Illustrative The 2nd line illustrates the idea of the 1st line (*Psalm 140:7*)
 - Contrastive The 2nd line contrasts the 1st line (Psalm 1:6)
- Figurative Imagery language that uses words or expressions with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation (Psalm 22:13, 42:1)

A closer look at Psalm 1:

Theme: ___ ____, and ultimate destination

Jeremiah 17:5-8

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked. nor stands in the way of sinners. nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so. but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1:1-6 ESV







Memory Verse

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Psalm 1:1-2 ESV

Recommended Resources:

Online Notes

ESV Scripture Journal: Psalms

<u>Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible</u> by J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays

Book of Psalms Summary: A Complete Animated Overview by Bible Project Psalms Summer Reading Plan

My next step today is to...

- o Memorize Psalm 1:1-2
- o Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time!
- o Read a psalm a day this summer
- o Read the entire Book of Psalms this summer (see reading plan)
- o Consider where I'm walking, standing, and sitting
- o Attend the rest of the Summer in the Psalms series when I'm in town

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Additional Notes:	