



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



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