

Psalms I
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In 2000, we did an 8 week study about the life of David.

The Bible describes David as a person who truly sought out God's will.

Acts 13.22 = David "a man after my own will"

Kingdom Dynamics: Only one man in the Bible enjoys the designation of being a man after God's own heart - David.....

1 Sam 13.14

From the Bible, we also found that David was a:

- Warrior
- Musician
- Saint
- Sinner
- Prophet
- Type of Christ

The Bible also honored him with titles:

- City of David
- Star of David
- Son of David

Characteristics we found applied to David:

- confident - had faith = had no backup plan for fighting Goliath
- humble = 'why me' when Saul gave his daughter(s)
- calm = did not try to avenge himself when Saul threw spears at him
- obedient = did not seek the positions he was given
- patient = did not try to unseat Saul by himself according to his own timetable
- prudent/non-confrontational = ran off rather than fight Saul
- handsome - repeatedly stated for emphasis
- praiseful - always gave God credit
- grateful - gave thanks

If David was so revered, I thought we should begin looking at what he said. This will not be a contiguous study. It will be inserted a week at a time – from time to time.

There are 150 Psalms. The authorship is generally attributed to David, but many are accepted as being written by Moses, Solomon and many others – including many from unknown sources called "orphan psalms". They were apparently written between 1000 and 300 BC and pulled together to form a singular "book". The collection process resulted in some being included twice such as 14 and 53.

Hebrew poetry does not necessarily rhyme sounds as does recent age poetry. Hebrew poetry rhymes thoughts

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Approximately half of the Old Testament references to the Messiah quoted by New Testament writers are from the Book of Psalms.

Psalm 1:

- 1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
 - blessed = happy
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
 - Law = Torah
 - Meditates = to moan or to ponder – to repeat them softly
 - Very different from the mental exercise that the English word indicates
- 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.
- 4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 2:

- 1 Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
 - His Anointed = the Messiah
- 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."
- 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.
- 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:
- 6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."
- 7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.
- 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."
- 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

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- 1 LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me.
- 2 Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." Selah
 - Selah may have been a musical notation
 - The meaning of it is not clear
- 3 But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.
 - Shield often used as God's protection
- 4 I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. Selah
- 5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around.
- 7 Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.
- 8 Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah

Psalm 4

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood? Selah
- 3 But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him.
- 4 Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah
 - be still = maintain trust in God
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.
- 8 I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.