

The Book Of Psalms Teague Bible Church October 2021

Intro: "Psalms are collections of passionate interactions with God. Usually, in that day, they were set to music. Many of the Psalms are considered poetry, yet we have in Psalms some of the finest doctrinal teachings and prophecy in all the Old Testament. We learn, by David's example, that we do not have to "stuff" our emotions away, but can express them openly before God. Especially those times we feel spiritually dry, and doubt if we will ever rise again to feel close to the Lord. We will find in Psalms the full and satisfying journey of expressing unrestrained joy and disappointments before God, and yet learn to **move beyond the emotions and the pain**. By the study of Psalms we find a deep resolve to trust God in the storm, and then out beyond the storm to refreshment of mind, heart, body and soul. There is a secret we all learn once we dive into the book. **We find out that Psalms has read us; long before we got to read it.** It is the book to read to change our atmosphere, so that we can breathe deeply into the other treasures of the Bible. Psalms can move the entire person into the fullness of worship and adoration of God." Jimmy Petty

Interesting Facts:

Jesus quotes more for Psalms (11 times) than any other book; then Deuteronomy, Isaiah, and Exodus. He quotes from 24 O.T. books overall.

73 Psalms are by David

12 by Asaph- a contemporary of David- David's worship leader- I Chronicles chapter. 6,15,16

12 by Sons of Korah- Levites, Gatekeepers, Musicians

15 Songs of ascents

38 Hallelujah Psalms

(Suggestion: Study the life of David as you read the Psalms/ I Samuel 16- I Kings 2:11)

New Bible Commentary- "The use of Psalms in centuries of Christian worship is sufficient evidence to show that, without discounting the problems involved, there is no part of the OT in which the Christian finds himself more easily and more completely at home. We readily see here the same God who has now been fully disclosed to us in Christ; we see men of the same flesh and blood as ourselves, wrestling with, and finding God sufficient for, situations which are in principle the same as ours. We are deeply challenged and frequently rebuked by recognizing that their love for God, their joy in knowing Him, and their willingness to suffer for their faith far outstrip ours, notwithstanding that to us God has shown His love, 'in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us' (Romans 5:8). Indeed, just as we soon learn in the NT that the era of

grace is not without law, so pre-eminently in the Psalms we learn that the era of the law was not without grace. Joy and peace in believing, as well as the tribulations by which we must enter the kingdom, have ever been the experience of the Israel of God." Leslie M'Caw/ J.A. Motyer.

Spurgeon: "More and more is the conviction forced upon my heart that every man must traverse the territory of the Psalms himself if he would know what a goodly land they are. They flow with milk and honey, but not to strangers; they are only fertile to lovers of their hills and vales. None but the Holy Spirit can give a man the key to the treasury of David; and even He gives it rather to experience than to study. Happy he who, for himself, knows the secrets of the Psalms.

Learning Psalms fulfills one of our goals as a church: "A personal devotional life"

To know God and walk with God in a personal relationship. **John 17:1-3**

Christians have used Psalms through the ages to engage completely with the Lord.

Ephesians 5:19/ Colossians 3:16/ James 5:13

The Apostles use Psalms to show the identity of Jesus as the Lord and The Christ and the One and Only who can fulfill the prophecies therein.

Luke 24:44-48 Jesus shows the importance of Psalms

(Law/Prophet/Writings- "Writings" called "Psalms" to designate the whole group)

Acts 2: 22-36 Peter's sermon depends on **Psalms 2 and 16**

TEXT TODAY: Psalms 2:1-12 *****

God has installed His king (Anointed One/ Messiah) to rule forever

New Bible Commentary: " So sure is this appointed climax that God does not hesitate to allow centuries to the rebellious nations so that all their plans may be voiced and every resistance attempted. In this He is governed by His own merciful desire to save (II Peter 3: 8,9) ,and by His absolute justice which judges none before his own deeds have made him ripe for judgement (Genesis 15:16). Then, in the fullness of time, He intervenes with anger and fury."

Acts 4: 23-31 (Ps. 2) Acts 13: 28-39 (Ps. 2/16)

Romans 1: 1-4 (Ps. 2) Proved the one unique Son of God by the resurrection!

Final Question: Where do you need to be when the Lord returns? **Psalms 1: 1-6**