

# PSALMS

Old Testament Survey Series – Study # 23

Psalms – the \_\_\_\_\_ of ancient Israel  
\_\_\_\_\_ poems, songs and prayers from Hebrew  
religious life and worship

- The Psalms give us insight into Israelite \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Psalms deal with \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of Hebrew life.

## The Use of Parallelism

Parallelism – at least \_\_\_\_\_ parallel lines of verse, each complementing the other(s) in some way

1. Synonymous parallelism – the second line repeats the \_\_\_\_\_ idea as the first line using similar terminology – Psalm 19:1
2. Antithetic (contrastive) parallelism – the second lines stands in sharp \_\_\_\_\_ to the first – Psalm 1:6
3. Synthetic (developmental) parallelism – the second line \_\_\_\_\_ further the idea of the first – Psalm 1:3; Psalm 2:6

## Types of Psalms

1. Imprecatory Psalms  
Call on God to \_\_\_\_\_ His enemies or the enemies of God's people – Psalm 137  
Application: We can, and should, \_\_\_\_\_ our frustration, fear and anger to God.

Application: We should leave the \_\_\_\_\_ of injustice and evil in God's hands (or the hands of those God has put in authority). – Romans 12:18-21; Romans 13:1-5

## 2. Royal Psalms

Focus on the Israel's \_\_\_\_\_, especially as the son of David and as God's chosen man to rule His people – Psalm 2

## 3. Messianic Psalms

Describe the Messiah (“\_\_\_\_\_ one”) – Psalm 22

Application: We should \_\_\_\_\_ in God's plans for the future; He will make \_\_\_\_\_ right!

## 4. Wisdom Psalms

General observations about \_\_\_\_\_ and the way \_\_\_\_\_ intends it to be – Psalm 1, 73

Application: God knows what is \_\_\_\_\_ and we should \_\_\_\_\_ out His instruction and be thankful for His blessings.

## 5. Celebrations of God's law

Speaks of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Torah (the Law of Moses) and helps worshipers to aspire to \_\_\_\_\_ it more fully – Psalm 119

Application: God's word reveals His \_\_\_\_\_ and brings blessing to those who \_\_\_\_\_ by it.

6. Penitential Psalms

Individual or corporate confession and repentance to express sorrow for \_\_\_\_\_ and appeal to God for \_\_\_\_\_ – Psalm 38, 51

Application: God will forgive us of \_\_\_\_\_ sin if we repent and ask Him for forgiveness.

7. Lament Psalms

They lay a \_\_\_\_\_ situation before the Lord, asking Him for \_\_\_\_\_ – Psalm 3

- Statement of lament
- Statement of \_\_\_\_\_ in God
- Affirmation of \_\_\_\_\_ to God

Application: We can bring \_\_\_\_\_ to God in prayer.

Application: In the midst of difficulty, call out to God, putting your \_\_\_\_\_ in His desire and ability to help.

Application: Thank and praise God for His \_\_\_\_\_ and deliverance.

8. Hymns of praise or thanksgiving

Individual or corporate \_\_\_\_\_ to God – Psalm 150

- For Who He \_\_\_\_\_
- For what He has \_\_\_\_\_

Application: God deserves \_\_\_\_\_ praise for Who He is and what He has done.

Application: Praise and thank God \_\_\_\_\_!