

INTRODUCTION

PSALMS: A VOICE FOR ALL SEASONS



WALKING INTO THE PSALMS

Though we will not study all 150 psalms in depth, we will seek to grow in knowledge and strengthen our personal relationship with the Lord through engagement in the psalms.

Watch the Intro Teaching Session and fill in the information below:

- Who:
- What:
- When:
- Where:
- Why:

Bible study is not a class you take but a rhythm you keep as a believer.

CROSS-REFERENCES

As we observe the psalms referenced other places in Scripture, specifically the New Testament, we will make it our practice to ask these two questions:

- Who is referencing the psalm?
- What circumstances surround the reference?

Though all the psalms were penned before the birth of Christ, we will see at least 18 supernatural references to the coming Messiah. We've included these references for you. Take time this week to read these passages. As the psalmists of old looked to the arrival of Jesus, we, too, anticipate His return. How might these passages inform us as we look ahead to the Second Coming of Christ?

PSALM = SONG

In their most basic, original format, the psalms were meant to be sung or chanted. They are songs. As we read through the book of Psalms, you will find we still sing the psalms today. We've included a page for you to keep a running list of places you find the lyrics of a psalm in a modern-day worship hymn. You'll likely be surprised at the length of this list. Additionally, we've included space for you to keep track of any cross-references you encounter as you study. Take the time to record what you learn – it will be worth it!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever studied the psalms? In what context?
- Has a psalm ever helped you during a difficult time? If so, which one and how?
- What type of psalm are you most drawn to reading? Why?
- How does reading poetry differ from reading narrative literature in the Bible? How does the genre of a passage influence the application it has on your life?

FOCAL VERSE

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

PSALM	REFERENCE TO CHRIST	FULFILLMENT IN THE NT
2:7	The Messiah will be God's Son	Hebrews 1:5-6
16:8-10	He will rise from the dead	Luke 24:5-7
22:1-21	He will experience agony on the cross	Matthew 27:32-56
22:15	He will thirst while on the cross	John 19:28
22:18	Evil men will throw dice for His clothing	Matthew 27:35; John 19:23-24
22:22	He will declare God's name	Hebrews 2:12
34:20	His bones will not be broken	John 19:36-37
40:6-8	He will do God's will	Hebrews 10:5-7
41:9	His close friend will betray Him	Luke 22:48
45:6-7	His throne will last forever	Hebrews 1:8-9
68:18	He will ascent into heaven	Ephesians 4:8-10
69:9	He will be zealous for God	John 2:17
69:21	He will be offered vinegar for His thirst on the cross	Matthew 27:48
89:3-4, 35-36	He will be a descendant of David	Luke 1:31-33
96:13	He will return to judge the world	1 Thessalonians 1:10
110:1	He is David's son and David's Lord	Matthew 22:44
110:4	He is the eternal priest-king	Hebrews 6:20
118:22	He will be rejected by many but accepted by God	1 Peter 2:7-8