

WEEK SIX

PSALMS: A VOICE FOR ALL SEASONS



WEEKLY READING

The Imprecatory Psalms are listed below. Read each day's psalms in ESV or CSB. On two of the days, choose a second translation to read from. Highlight in your Bible the passages you would like to echo in prayer. Record the places you find song lyrics originating from these psalms.

Day 1: Psalms 11, 16, 23

Day 2: Psalms 35, 55, 59, 62

Day 3: Psalms 63, 69, 83, 88

Day 4: Psalms 91, 109, 115, 121

Day 5: Psalms 125, 131, 137, 140

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

IMPRECATORY PSALMS

Watch Session 6 and fill in the common traits of these psalms below.

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CROSS-REFERENCES

This week, as we explore the Imprecatory Psalms (psalms of trust), we will cross-reference four passages. Use these questions to unpack the references.

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

Psalm 16:8–11 // Acts 2:25–28

Psalm 62:12 // Matthew 16:27; Romans 2:6

Psalm 91:11, 12 // Matthew 4:6, Luke 4:10, 11

Psalm 140:3b // Romans 3:13

*As time allows, use your Bible to note or find other cross references within the Imprecatory Psalms.

READ, REFLECT, AND WRITE

As you seek to write an imprecatory psalm this week, examine your heart in why you might call down judgment or punishment on another. Is your petition rooted in justice or revenge? Thank God for being just, sovereign and trustworthy. Name how He has exhibited those attributes in your life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are your initial thoughts or feelings about the Imprecatory Psalms? Have you ever prayed a prayer similar to an imprecatory psalm?
- Why do you think it's important to bring raw emotions, even anger, before God? How might it help you grow spiritually?
- How does the idea of trusting God as the One who brings justice help you avoid responding to others out of anger or retaliation?

FOCAL VERSE

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
Psalm 16:1