

There are various sites which set the Psalms to music today. Here are two you may want to check out:

<https://www.thepsalmsproject.com/>

<https://www.everypsalm.com/>

Reflection Questions: Do I find myself drawn to the psalms? Why or why not? What psalm am I meditating on today? What psalm am I singing today?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

In the Psalms, God gives us the words to give to Him.

Bob Martin

The more deeply we grow into the Psalms and the more often we pray them as our own, the more simple and rich will our prayer become.

The Psalter filled the life of early Christianity. But more important than all of this is that Jesus died on the cross with words from the Psalms on His lips.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

It has been said...that in those periods of Christian history where renewal, revival, and awakening took place and the church was at its strongest, that coincidental with those periods in church history, there was a strong focus on the psalms in the life of God's people.

R. C. Sproul

The book of Psalms is God's prescription for a complacent church, because through it He reveals how great, wonderful, magnificent, wise, and utterly awe-inspiring He is!

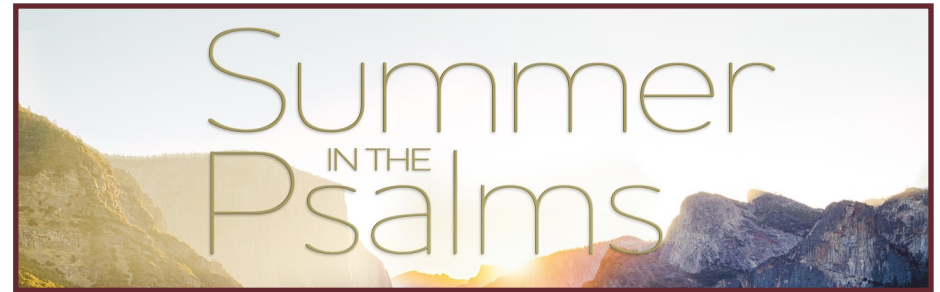
Arvid S. Kapelrud

I think I was never so low that I could not find that David was lower, and I never climbed so high that I could not find that David was up above me, ready to sing a song upon his string instrument, even as I could see mine.

Charles Spurgeon

The Psalter is a book to be read rather than to be performed; to be meditated over rather than to be recited from.

Gerald H. Wilson



Introduction to the Psalms

Sermon
Notes

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What are your favorite Psalms? Why?

3. What does the word *Psalm* mean?

4. What is a *Psalm*?

5. What might be the theme verse of Psalms? Why?

6. Who wrote Psalms? When?

7. How are the Psalms arranged? How does each book end?

8. What is the purpose of the Psalms?

9. What types of poetry do you find in the Psalms? Examples?

10. How are we to read biblical poetry?

11. What were the Psalms used for in biblical times?

12. Some churches emphasize doctrine and down play emotions; others tend toward feelings at the expense of doctrine. Where is the biblical balance?

13. Is praise optional to the Christian? Back up your answer from Scripture.

How can we develop more of an attitude of praise to God?

14. Why should we study the Psalms according to the following Scriptures?

Luke 24:44-45 —

Ephesians 5:19-20 —

Acts 2:25-35 —

Colossians 3:16 —

Romans 15:4 —

James 5:13 —

15. What is the longest book in the Bible?