

DELVING INTO THE PSALMS

PSALM 149

150 Hebrew Poems

DAVID (73) HEMAN & ETHAN (2)
 ASAPH (12) SOLOMON & MOSES (3)
 SONS OF KORAH (11) ANONYMOUS (49)

MANY WRITTEN FOR CHOIR...
 ...BUT NOT A HYMNBOOK

(SEE 1 CHRONICLES 25
 & NEHEMIAH 11:22-23)

BOOK OF PSALMS

PSALMS

Torah & Messiah Lament & Praise Faith & Hope

LAMENT

• PRAYERS OF PAIN, CONFUSION, & ANGER
 • DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT'S WRONG IN THE WORLD
 • ASK GOD TO DO SOMETHING

How long, O Lord?

PRAISE

• PRAYERS OF JOY & CELEBRATION
 • DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT'S GOOD IN THE WORLD
 • RETELL THE STORY & THANK GOD

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD

LAMENT & PRAISE

BOOK 1 3-41

1 BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO MEDITATES ON THE TORAH
 PSALMS = A NEW TORAH ABOUT PRAYER

15 CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

16-18 DAVID'S PAST DELIVERANCE AND ELEVATION AS KING

PSALM 19 TORAH

20-23 FUTURE KING'S DELIVERANCE AND KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS

24 CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

THE NATIONS

41:13

BOOK 2 42-72

42-43 HOPE FOR A FUTURE RETURN TO THE TEMPLE IN ZION

72 FUTURE REIGN OF THE MESSIANIC KING

ECHOES THE PROPHETS: ISAIAH 11, 45, & 60; ZECHARIAH 9

FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (PS 72:17 = GEN 12:3 & 22:17)

72:18-19

BOOK 3 73-89

73-89 PROMISE OF A MESSIANIC KINGDOM

VERSUS EXILE & DOWNFALL OF DAVID'S KINGDOM

DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE

89:52

BOOK 4 90-106

90 MOSES HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SERVANTS!

93-99 THE LORD REIGNS AS KING

"LET THE TREES CLAP, LET THE MOUNTAINS & RIVERS SING"

106:48

BOOK 5 107-145

107-110 THE MESSIANIC KING DEFEATS EVIL & BRINGS GOD'S KINGDOM

113-118 THE HALLEL

118 MESSIANIC KINGDOM

SUSTAIN HOPE IN A FUTURE EXODUS WHEN GOD REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE

PSALM 119 TORAH

"GOD HAS RAISED UP A HORN FOR HIS PEOPLE" (118:11)

SEE 1 SAM 2:10 & PS 132:17

120-136 THE SONGS OF ASCENTS

132 MESSIANIC KINGDOM

HALLELU-YAH PRAISE + YAHWEH

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PSALMS: THE PRAYERBOOK OF GOD'S PEOPLE
 WHO ARE STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE TORAH,
 AND WAITING FOR THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

MAY THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL BE BLESSED FOREVER, AMEN AND AMEN

DELVING INTO THE PSALMS

The Psalms: a collection of ancient Hebrew poems, songs and prayers by various writers compiled by the people of Israel some time after their exile in Babylon

Deliberately and cleverly collated into five different yet overlapping sections and themes

Served as a form of temple worship for the temple-less people God

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(PS 72:17 = GEN 12:3 & 22:17)

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**Definitions****Summary****Synonyms**

delve

**in British English**

(dɛlv  )

verb (*mainly intr; often foll by in or into*)

1. to inquire or research deeply or intensively
(for information, etc)
he delved in the Bible for quotations
2. to search or rummage (in a drawer, the pockets, etc)

1 Praise the Lord.

**Sing to the Lord a new song, his
praise in the assembly of his
faithful people.**

**2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in
their King.**

3 Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

4 For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

**5 Let his faithful people rejoice
in this honour and sing for joy
on their beds.**

**6 May the praise of God be in
their mouths and a double-
edged sword in their hands,**

**7 to inflict vengeance on the
nations and punishment on the
peoples,
8 to bind their kings with
fettters, their nobles with
shackles of iron,**

**9 to carry out the sentence
written against them – this is
the glory of all his faithful
people.**

Praise the Lord.

PRAISE THE LORD

הָלַל

Transliteration: halal

***Definition: To praise, to boast, to shine, to
celebrate, to glory***

HALLELUJAH

**Halal, hallel, praise, celebrate, shine a light upon,
glory in and boast about Yhwh!**

**The final five Psalms all have no title but all begin
and end with this beautiful bookend!**

Praise the Lord!

**4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I
will say it again: rejoice!**

AGAIN I SAY REJOICE

The Apostle Paul doubly implored the church in Philippi to rejoice - defeat anxiety and know peace

The psalmist implored the people of God to Hallel in a multiplicity of ways in these few verses!

Sing a new song, praise in the assembly, rejoice: dance & make music, sing for joy in your beds!

SING A NEW SONG

A new song... a testimony to what God has done in your life or His truth revealed to your heart

Do we want to bring God a 'hallmark greeting' or a handwritten message?

Express your unique relationship with Him, your unique words, your unique story

**NOBODY ELSE CAN SING YOUR SONG OF PRAISE TO
THE LORD**

PRAISE IN THE ASSEMBLY

It is fantastic to sing your songs to The Lord in your own time and space but it is not enough

To know a fuller expression and experience of praise we need to do it together

Never underestimate the power of a praising and worshipping community

**THERE IS LITTLE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE SOUND
OF YAHWEH'S PRAISE EMANATING FROM A
SUFFERING SISTER OR A BRUISED BROTHER**

23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**I NEED TO HEAR YOUR SONG OF PRAISE, PLEASE
DON'T DEPRIVE ME!**

REJOICE: DANCE & MAKE MUSIC

Don't let anyone tell you that we should not have joyous music, dancing and celebration in church!

I call our meetings 'Sunday Celebrations' for a reason - even when we are fighting or grieving

The word 'service' not wrong but is ambiguous and the reason we gather is to encourage one another

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Transliteration: machowl (maw-khole')

Definition: Dance

From chuwl; a (round) dance

STRONGS CONCORDANCE



**DANCING MAY NOT BE YOUR THING, BUT TRY
JOINING IN AND KEEPING THE SMILE OFF YOUR FACE!**

SING FOR JOY IN YOUR BEDS!

When we know the joy of The Lord our singing cannot be confined to the assembly or the car

Our beds are often a place of contemplation and meditation - 'sleep on it'

Too often we dwell on worries and fears - what if we can turn them into songs of joy?

**TAMBOURINES & HARPS WERE THE INSTRUMENTS OF
THE DAY - DON'T BELIEVE ONLY ORGANS ARE VITAL!**

THE WHY...

The Lord takes delight in His people (v4) and we sing, shout and dance because we are His joy

God default perspective toward us is not grumpy, angry and vindictive

Our delight in life flows from the fact that our creator delights in us - His people

HE CROWNS THE HUMBLE

God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble - Proverbs 3:34, Psalm 138:6 and James 4:6

Christ is our ultimate picture of humility - the Lord of creation who to serve sacrifice His own life

He is The Father's delight and in Him we delight too

**6 May the praise of God be in
their mouths and a double-
edged sword in their hands,
7 to inflict vengeance on the
nations and punishment on the
peoples,**

PRAISE IS A WEAPON

In the day of the psalmist, the battle was against the nations and their idols and abhorrent practices

We know according to the NT that our battle is spiritual and through the ministry of Christ that love is our answer to our enemies

The word of God is the sharpest weapon we can fight with!

**8 to bind their kings with
fettters, their nobles with
shackles of iron, 9 to carry out
the sentence written against
them – this is the glory of all
his faithful people.**

THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD

Last week in Psalm 7 we were to remind ourselves that the Lord is just and we can trust His justice

From Psalm 2 we noted that there is 'no point standing against the Lord' and that He is our refuge

We are to stand and fight against injustice with the truth of God's word AND trust in His righteousness

THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD

Christ is the judge

Whether in this life or in eternity we will be absolutely satisfied in the righteousness of God and that the justice has been carried out

Paul, 1 Corinthians 6, introduces to the curious matter that we will be privileged to judge with Him

2 Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

“Whatever that will look like, Paul's point here is that the Corinthian Christians are living as if this was not their destiny. They are acting as if they are incompetent to judge the smallest issue!”

**LIVING AS THOSE WHO ARE TRANSFORMED BY AND
WHO BELONG TO CHRIST HITS DIFFERENT!**

RAISE A HALLELUJAH

**We want our lives to be increasingly shaped by The
sprit and the Living Word of The Lord**

**We are not going to be perfect but we are on a
journey by grace upon grace from glory to glory**

Which brings us back to bringing our Hallels to Yah!