

DELVING INTO THE PSALMS

PSALM 130

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

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

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

HOW LONG, O LORD?

LAMENT & PRAISE

BOOK 1

3-41

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

2 POETIC REFLECTION ON 2 SAMUEL 7
 MESSIANIC KING
 BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN THE KING

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

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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

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PROMISE OF A MESSIANIC KINGDOM
 VERSUS
 EXILE & DOWNFALL OF DAVID'S KINGDOM
 DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE
 89:52

BOOK 4

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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

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

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118 MESSIANIC KINGDOM

SUSTAIN HOPE IN A FUTURE EXODUS WHEN GOD REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE

120-136 THE SONGS OF ASCENTS

132 MESSIANIC KINGDOM

"GOD HAS RAISED UP A HORN FOR HIS PEOPLE" (118:11)
 SEE 1 SAM 2:10 & PS 132:17

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HALLELU-YAH PRAISE + YAHWEH

PRAISE & LAMENT

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

41:13

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

72:18-19

89:52

106:48

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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)

PSALM 130
“A SONG OF ASCENTS”

The Songs of Ascent are a collection of fifteen psalms (Psalms 120-134) found in the Book of Psalms. The term “ascent” renders the Hebrew word often associated with “going up,” connecting these psalms to journeys toward Jerusalem, which sits at a higher elevation geographically. They are sometimes called “Pilgrim Psalms” because many believe they were sung by faithful worshippers traveling up to the Temple during the feasts (e.g., Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles).



A PILGRIM'S PSALM

We do not have to ascend the hill to Jerusalem in order to experience the presence of God

Wherever we are at on our journey through life, we can be pilgrims making progress

This is a psalm that can help us journey toward the presence of The Lord

**1 Out of the depths I cry to
you, Lord;**

FROM THE DEEP

The Hebrew for 'call' here can be translated in past or past tense: call, called or have called

The Hebrew word for 'the depths' carries the connotation of profundity - we've all been there

The main word in this sentence is YHWH

**NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU FEEL YOU MAY HAVE
FALLEN, PLEASE CRY OUT TO THE LORD**

**2 Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.**

HE HEARS

The overwhelming message of scripture is that God sees, knows and hears it all

God hears the good, the bad and the ugly of all we do and say

We can be sure that when we call out to Him, God is listening (Psalm 34:17)

MERCY ME

Plea, call for mercy, earnest prayer - like a cry for salvation and deliverance

We all have moments in our lives where we might call out to God to rescue us

Our greatest need is to be rescued from our sin and its consequences

**3 If you, Lord, kept a record of
sins,
Lord, who could stand?**

***Lord if You marked our transgressions
who would stand
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed
by the blood of the Lamb***

LYRICS OF 'ONLY BY GRACE CAN WE ENTER' WRITTEN AND COMPOSED BY GERRIT GUSTAFSON

**NOT ONE OF US COULD STAND BEFORE THE THRONE
OF GOD, BUT FOR THE MERCY THAT IS OURS
THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**

RECORD KEEPING

We have all sinned and fallen short of the standard required to stand in the glory of God (Romans 3:23)

This is what we need His mercy

But God... has granted us the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23)

**4 But with you there is
forgiveness,
so that we can, with
reverence, serve you.**

THERE IS FORGIVENESS!

FORGIVENESS

This was written prior to the cross!

God has been seeking to pour His mercy out and to forgive humankind ever since we've been sinning!

And here we find a key difference between the religions of the world relationship with God

**WE CANNOT EARN GOD'S MERCY THROUGH OUR
OWN GOOD WORKS, WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS AS A
GIFT OF GRACE THROUGH THE WORK OF CHRIST**

LIVING FROM FORGIVENESS

There is a world of difference between working for forgiveness and walking in forgiveness

His grace and mercy should be all the motivation we need to serve God with all our hearts

But this is not 'free for all' or frivolous flaunting of grace - we serve with reverent fear

**5 I wait for the Lord, my whole
being waits, and in his word I
put my hope.**

**WE ALL PUT OUT HOPE IN SOMETHING - WE PUT
OUR HOPE IN THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**6 I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait
for the morning,
more than watchmen wait
for the morning.**



In ancient Israel, cities were often fortified with walls, and watchmen were stationed on these walls or in towers to keep an eye out for approaching enemies or any potential threats. Their primary duty was to sound the alarm to alert the inhabitants of impending danger. This role required constant vigilance and a keen sense of awareness, as the safety of the city depended on their ability to detect and announce threats promptly.

WAITING ON THE WALLS

The imagery of the watchmen is about eager anticipation and hope of coming relief

This carries an intense sense of desperation, urgency and determination... times two!

Is our desire for the Lord as strong as our desire for anything else we are looking for?

**THE WATCHMAN WAS KNOWN FOR LOOKING OUT
FOR ENEMY ATTACKS, BUT IMAGINE THEIR
EXCITEMENT AT SEEING THEIR OWN KING AND ARMY
RETURNING FROM BATTLE OR EXPEDITION!**

**7 Israel, put your hope in the
Lord, for with the Lord is
unfailing love and with him is
full redemption.**

FULL GOSPEL

Here again we are able to ensure we are looking at the Old Testament through the lenses of Christ

The Lord is, by very nature and in all His interaction with humankind throughout history, love

The greatest evidence and expression of His love is in The Lord Jesus laying down His life for us

**8 He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

**LITTLE DID THE PSALMIST KNOW HOW HE HIMSELF
WOULD REDEEM ISRAEL, AND ALL WHO PUT THEIR
HOPE IN HIM, FROM THEIR SINS**

This redemption is redemption from all sin. Jesus Christ saves his people from their sins, both from the condemning and from the commanding power of sin. It is plenteous redemption; there is an all-sufficient fulness in the Redeemer, enough for all, enough for each; therefore enough for me, says the believer. Redemption from sin includes redemption from all other evils, therefore it is a plenteous redemption, through the atoning blood of Jesus, who shall redeem his people from all their sins. All that wait on God for mercy and grace, are sure to have peace.

**FROM THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR OR WHILST WATCHING
FROM THE WALLS, LET US HOPE IN THE LORD, KNOW
HIS FORGIVENESS AND REDEMPTION AND SERVE HIM
WITH ALL THAT WE HAVE**