

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel  
of the wicked,  
Nor stands in the way of sinners,  
Nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

The man who stays away  
from evil people will be  
blessed.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And on  
his law he meditates day and night.

He loves God's word and  
spends a lot of time thinking  
about it.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that  
yields its fruit in its season,  
And its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

He is diligent and consistent  
and tends to be successful at  
whatever he does.

4 The wicked are not so,  
But are like the chaff that the wind drives away.

Evil people are the opposite  
of him. They are fickle.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

They will be judged  
unworthy and have no  
place with the good.

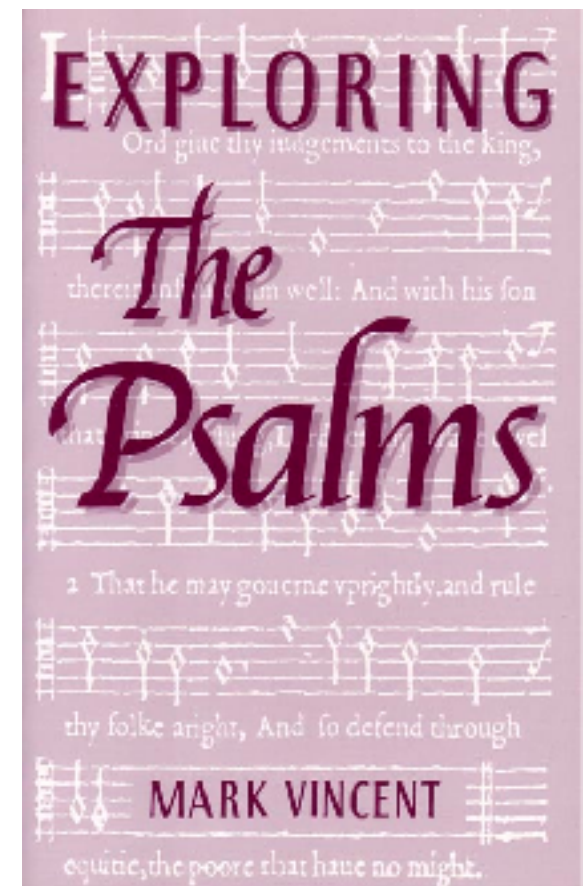
6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the wicked will perish.

God respects the good people  
but the evil people will die.

“With many Psalms we simply cannot know with any degree of certainty what was the historical background, and nor does this matter. Expositors disagree on the supposed ‘historical background’ in example after example:”

*Mark Vincent*

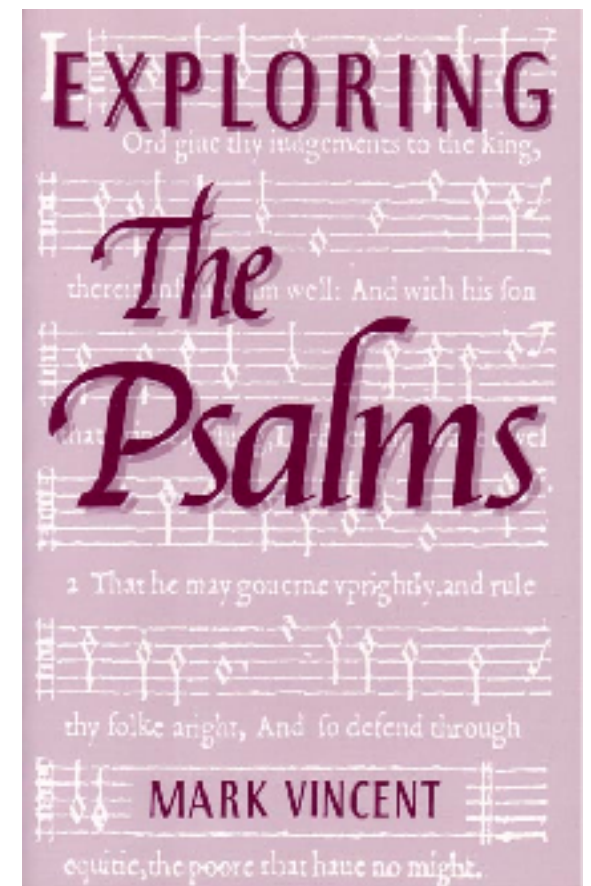
*Exploring the Psalms, Birmingham,  
The Christadelphian, 2001, p.132*



“...if we approach certain Psalms looking for David we shall probably find him; if we approach looking for Hezekiah we shall probably find *him*, and so we could go on.”

*Mark Vincent*

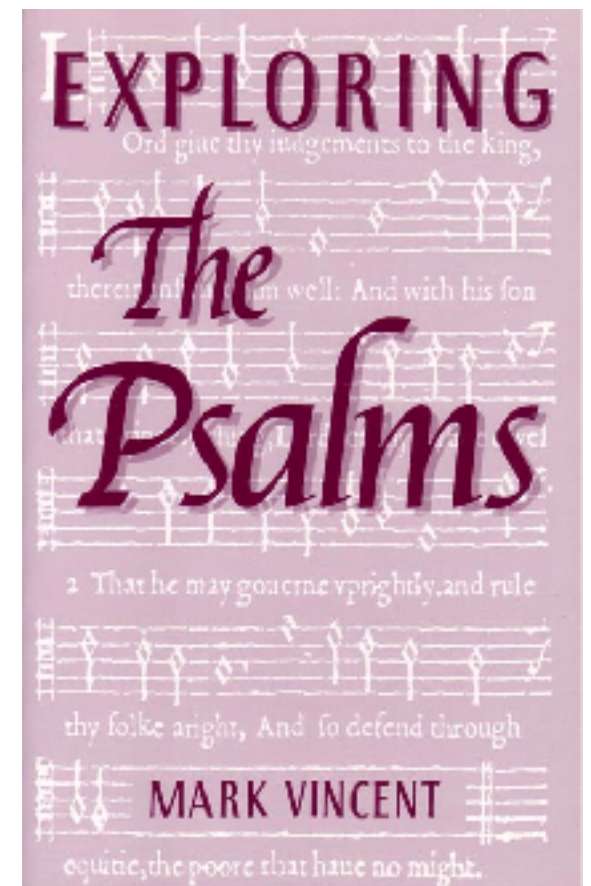
*Exploring the Psalms, Birmingham,  
The Christadelphian, 2001, p.132*



“In many cases the most we can say is ‘this might have been the type of thing that David felt when...’. We do not *have* to know, nor *can* we, the historical background to every Psalm.”

*Mark Vincent*

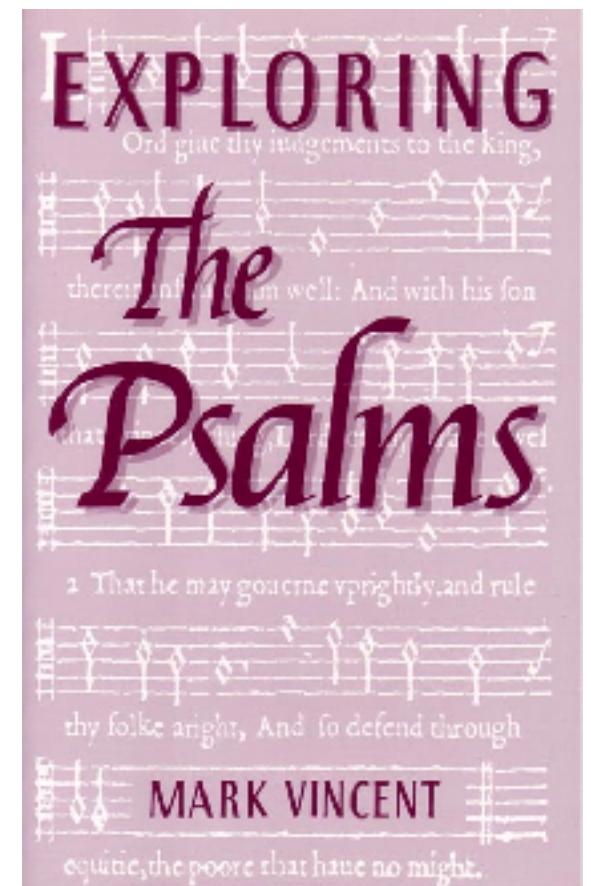
*Exploring the Psalms, Birmingham,  
The Christadelphian, 2001, p.132*



“It is not true to say that one *needs* to know the historical background to a Psalm in order to appreciate it. Our first task is to understand the Psalms, not to try to bend them to fit history. It is just as important to think what the Psalms can teach *us* in *our* own situation.”

*Mark Vincent*

*Exploring the Psalms, Birmingham,  
The Christadelphian, 2001, p.132*



“This, after all, is one of the greatest beauties of the Psalter. In every generation, believers have been able to see themselves and their own circumstances within it and have been helped to draw nearer to God in prayers before Him as a result.”

*Mark Vincent*

*Exploring the Psalms, Birmingham,  
The Christadelphian, 2001, p.132*

