



The Psalms

Closer to Our God

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**Making the Most
of the Psalms**

‘men of my counsel’

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Outline of Studies:

1 - *'men of my counsel'*

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2 - *'I pour out my complaint before Him'*

Lamenting to God

3 - *'Hallelujah'*

Praising God

4 - *'his heart is steadfast'*

Responding to God

5 - *'my heart is overflowing with a good theme'*

Majesty of the King

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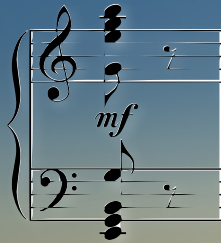
Authorship of Psalms

- David (73 ascribed + Psalm 2 and 95 in NT)
- Asaph (12 ascribed)
- Sons of Korah (10 ascribed)
- Solomon
- Jeduthan
- Heman
- Ethan
- Moses (earliest - Psalm 90)
- 50 anonymous (Ezra?)



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'Book of Psalms'



traditional Hebrew title

tehillim (praises)

Psalm 145

תְּהִלָּה (*tehillawh*, 8416)

- a *psalm* (namely, a hymn of praise)

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Types of Psalms

- Praise/Confidence (1/3)
- Creation [8,19,104]
- Lament (1/2) [6,14,22,88]
- History [57, 76,105]
- Instructional/Teaching
- Communal('we') vs. Personal ('I')
- Imprecatory ('judge them...')

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The Final Compilation

The 5 Books:

**Psa 1-2 (Torah + Messiah)*

- I. Psa 3-41 **41:13*
- II. Psa 42-72 **72:18-19*
- III. Psa 73-89 **89:52*
- IV. Psa 90-106 **106:48*
- V. Psa 107-145 **145:21*

cf. Acts 13:33 - 'second psalm'

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Purposeful Order

Structure of Book 5:

- 107 anonymous
- 108-110 David
- 111-119 anonymous
- 120-134* *Songs of Ascents*
- 135-137 anonymous
- 138-145 David
- 146-150 anonymous

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Book 5 & The Exiles

1. Psalm 107 - redeemed; gathered (cf. 106:44-47)
2. Psalm 137 - by the rivers of Babylon (latest Psalm)
3. Psalms of Ascents (120-134) - temple focus
4. 'made heaven and earth'
(115:15; 121:2; 124:8; 134:3; 146:6)
cf. Nehemiah 9:6
5. Psalms 145:13 - Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 4:3, 34)



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Getting the most from the Psalms

Our attitude?

Psalm 119:6 – 'when I have **respect** unto all thy commandments' (KJV)

- H5027 – pr. to scan, look intently at, regard with favour, consider

Psalm 119:9 – 'by taking **heed**...'

- H8104 – pr. to hedge about, protect, observe

Psalm 119:11 – 'Thy word have I **hid** in my heart...'

- H6845 – pr. to hide, to hoard

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Getting the most from the Psalms

Our attitude?

Psalm 119:15 – 'I will **meditate** in the precepts'

- H7878 – pr. to ponder, converse with oneself, utter, pray

Psalm 119:16 – 'I will **delight** myself in thy statutes'

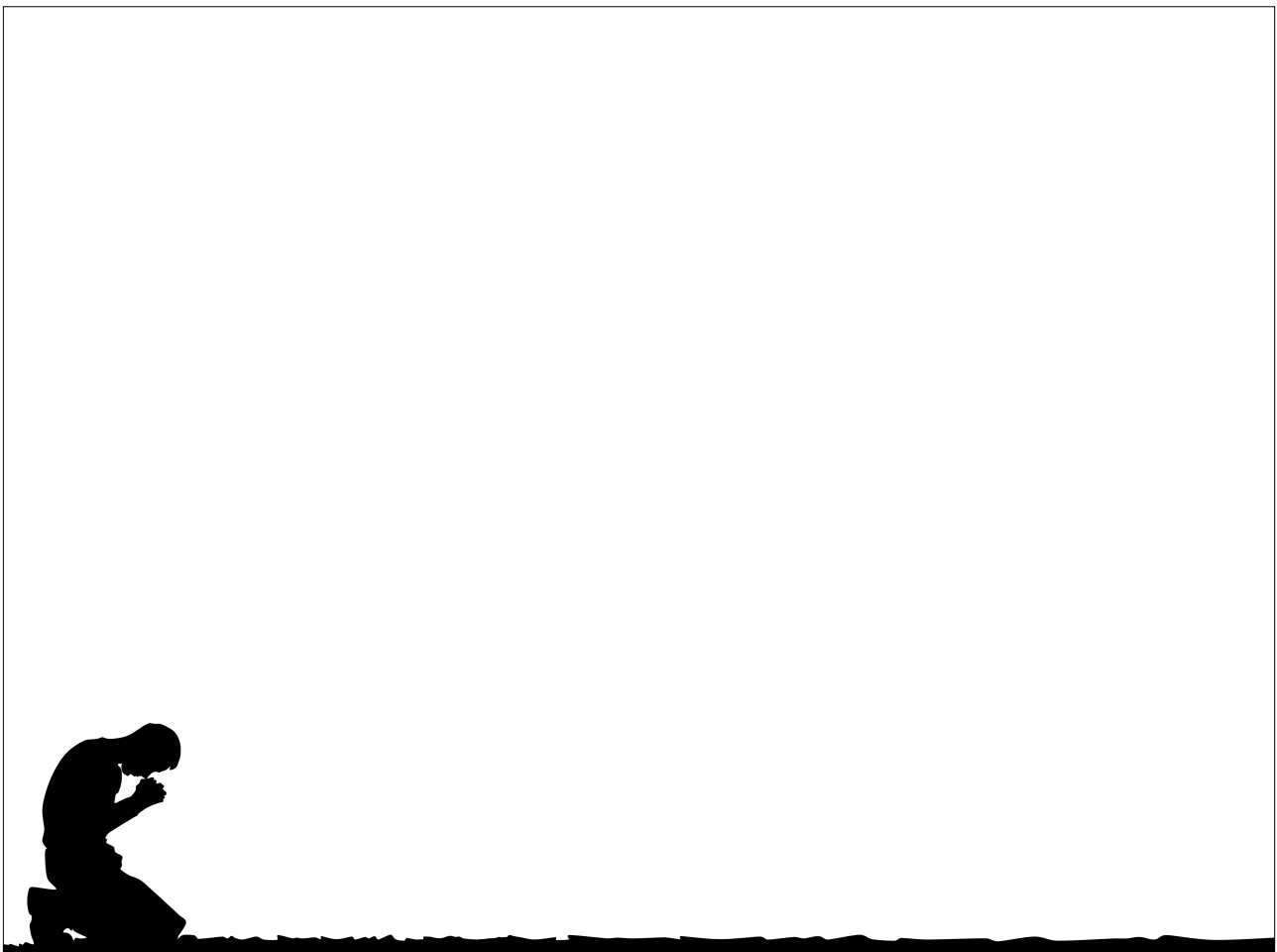
- H8173 – pr. to look up, fondle, please (self)

Psalm 119:18 – '**Open my eyes**, that I may see wondrous things from Your law'

Psalm 119:24 – 'Your testimonies also are my delight and my **counsellors**'

- Heb = '...and *men of my counsel*'

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The Age of the King

Psalms 44-48



Psalm 44 - The King will Deliver

Psalm 45 - The King's Preparations and Marriage

Psalm 46 - God with His People to Save

Psalm 47 - The King Over all the Earth

Psalm 48 - The King is Worshipped in Glory

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