

Lessons from the Palms

What is a Psalm?

"Zamar" – to sing, to chant, or play an instrument

Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary

"Psalmos" – to strike, a sacred song

W.E. Vines Expository Dictionary



Recognizing the Genre

- Psalm 96- Praise
- Psalm 100 Praise
- Psalm 29 Worship
- Psalm 19 Wisdom

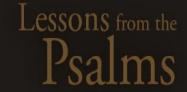
- Psalm 15 Wisdom
- Psalm 130 Lament
- Psalm 27 Trust



The Five Divisions

- Book 1: (Psalm 1-41)
- Book 2: (Psalm 42-72)
- Book 3: (Psalm 73-89)
- Book 4: (Psalm 90-106)
- Book 5: (Psalm 107-150)

Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen. (Psalms 41:13)



The Covenant With Israel

Psalm 89:1-7

- Parties involved: (vs.3)
- Obligations: (vs.1,17)
- God's faithfulness: (vs. 1,5,6)
- Intimacy: (vs. 1,6)

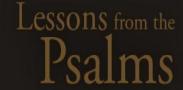
A "covenant" is an arrangement establishing a formal relationship between two parties.



Other Features of the Covenant

- God's Lovingkindness (Psalm 136: 1,10,11)
- God's Law to Guide (Psalm 19:7-11; Psalm 15:1-5)
- God's People (Psalm 1:1-6)
- God's Mercy (Psalm 51:1-19)

"I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David" (Psalms 89:3)



The Appeal of the Psalms

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (Colossians 3:16)

- Intellect: (Psalm 19:1-14)
- Emotions: *Psalm 27:1-14)*
- Will: (Psalm 1:1-6)





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