



Lessons from the Psalms

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

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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)

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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 (*Psalms 136: 1,10,11*)
- God's Law to Guide (*Psalms 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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