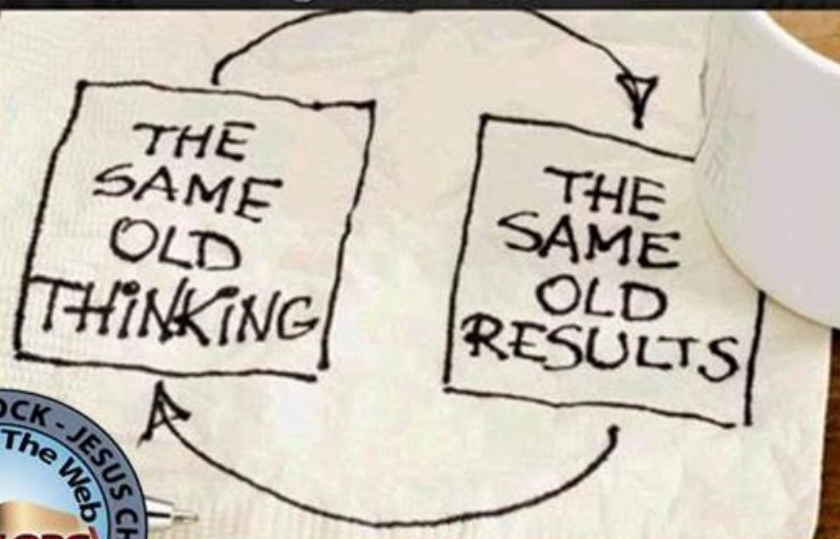


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REVIVING YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

Understanding the Bible: **Psalms**



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ca 1000 – 400 BC

The Songbook of Israel

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Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psalms 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.

Mark 12:35-36 And Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Spirit, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit Thou on My right hand, till I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.

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Psalms 41:13 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

Psalms 72:18-19 Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed *be* His glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* His glory; Amen, and Amen.

Psalms 89:52 Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

Psalms 106:48 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

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Psalms 72 is titled “of/for Solomon”

Book 3 – Psalms 73-89

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Book 4 – Psalms 90-106

Mostly untitled, except 90 “of Moses” & 101 and 103 “of David”

Book 5 – Psalms 107-150

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Psalms 72:1-20 *A Psalm for Solomon*. Give the king Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the king's son. He shall judge Thy people with righteousness, and Thy poor with judgment. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers *that* water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight. And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised. There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed. Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed *be* His glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* His glory; Amen, and Amen. **The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.**

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David & his royal family

Israel's downfall & exile

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HYMNS – Songs of praise and thanksgiving to God for who He is and what He has done

PENITENTIAL – Confess sorrow for sin, appeal to God for His grace

WISDOM – General observations on life, especially God and our relationship to Him

ROYAL – Focus on the king as son of David and as God's special instrument to rule His people

MESSIANIC – Describe some aspect of the Messiah's person or ministry

IMPRECATORY – Call for God's judgment against God's enemies and/or His people's enemies

LAMENT – Lament one's condition

HYMN

Psalms 136:1-26 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *He is* good: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. To Him who alone doeth great wonders: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. To Him that by wisdom made the heavens: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. To Him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. To Him that made great lights: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: The sun to rule by day: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. To Him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: And brought out Israel from among them: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. To Him which divided the Red sea into parts: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. To Him which led His people through the wilderness: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. To Him which smote great kings: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: And slew famous kings: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: Sihon king of the Amorites: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: And Og the king of Bashan: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: And gave their land for an heritage: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: *Even* an heritage unto Israel His servant: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. Who remembered us in our low estate: for His mercy *endureth* for ever: And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. Who giveth food to all flesh: for His mercy *endureth* for ever. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for His mercy *endureth* for ever.

PENITENTIAL

Psalms 51:1-19 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, *and* be clear when Thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* Thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* Thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me *with Thy* free spirit. *Then* will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness. O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth Thy praise. For Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: Thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

WISDOM

Psalms 14:1-7 To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David. The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God. They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD. There were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous. Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge. Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

ROYAL

Psalms 2:1-12 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against His anointed, *saying*, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* My Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of Me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in Him.

MESSIANIC

Psalms 16:1-11 Michtam of David. Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. *O my soul*, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my Lord: my goodness *extendeth* not to Thee; *But* to the saints that *are* in the earth, and *to* the excellent, in whom *is* all my delight. Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* hasten *after* another *god*: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips. The LORD *is* the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: Thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. I have set the LORD always before me: because *He is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at Thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

IMPRECATORY

Psalms 35:1-28 *A Psalm of David. Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them. For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul. Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall. And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation. All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him? False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother. But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not: With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth. Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions. I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people. Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause. For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land. Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it. This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me. Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord. Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me. Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up. Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me. Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.*

LAMENT

Psalms 3:1-8 A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son. LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me. Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Selah. But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about. Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

Ephesians 5:19-20 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Colossians 3:16 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.

James 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

**Times Of Troubles Offer Opportunities Of Trusting And Proving
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- For Victory**
- For Guidance**
- For Healing**
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- For Restoration**

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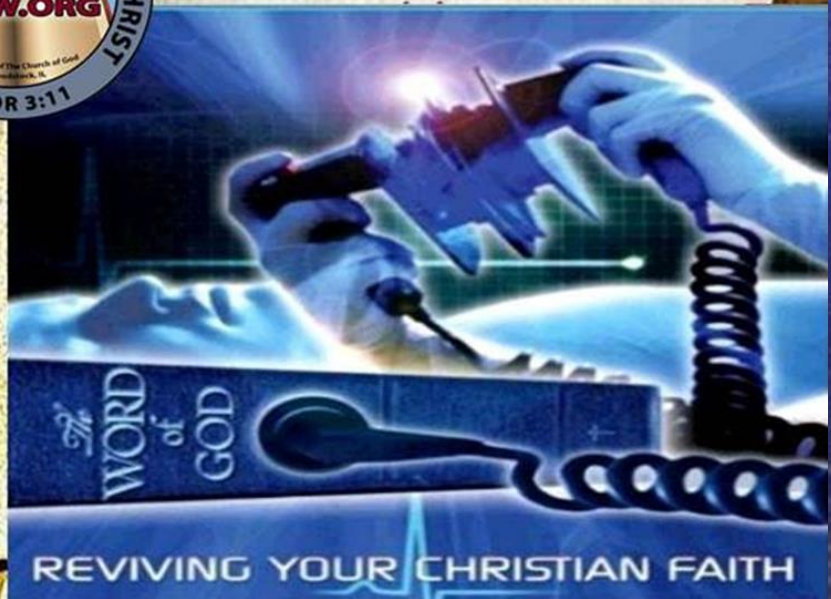
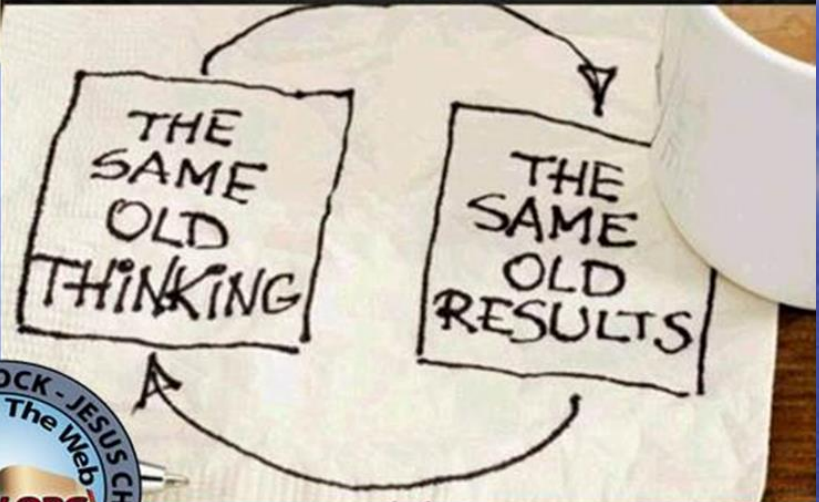
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