

Worship-based Prayer 2020-09-27

Psalm 29:1-2

*Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

*2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.*

Psalms central message: Lord is King and reigning on his throne over all things.

- If want to learn how to pray, immerse yourself in the Psalms.....LEFC doing!
 - Psalms is called the prayer book of the covenant people.
 - Psalms teaches us how to pray worship-based prayers.

150 Holy Spirit-inspired poems/prayers set to music for worship.

- Psalms is ancient Israel's worship book.
 - musical instructions: choirmaster, stringed instruments, flute.

Hebrew meaning "praises" or sometimes "prayers"

- Longest book in Bible composed over a span of 1000 years
 - NOT arranged in chronological order
- Authors: Moses, most by David (73), Solomon (2) 50 Anonymous
- Most quoted Old Testament book in New Testament.

Psalms teach us many things: Luther, Piper quotes

- correct theology, live righteously, character of God, beauty of God's law, hope in Messiah, godly response to trials/suffering.
- Examples of how to delight in Lord and fellowship with Him.
- Encourage today: we same as saints of old
- Teach how to honestly and RESPECTFULLY offer full range of our emotions to God.....including our ugly thoughts/feelings. Calvin, info

Psalms give us a language to prayer borne out of people's experience.

- No matter feeling there is a Psalms to give expression to that mood.
 - great joy/happiness to deep sorrow/depression. Spurgeon

Are the Psalms that invoke judgment/calamity/curses on enemies of psalmist/God inconsistent with NT message to love our enemies?

- New Testament tells us Old Testament is for our instruction. 1 Corinthians 10:9-11

Reiterate desperate condition of humans/fallen world/us and God's holiness

- Teach us how must deal w/real enemies. Ephesians 6:12, Matthew. 15:11, 19-20
 - people may hurt us, but they not our true enemy.
 - Worst enemy internal not external.
 - Sin has no place in Christian's life.
- Vent honest feelings but leave vengeance in God's hands.
 - Give hope deliverer/redeemer will come to rescue.

- Beautifully reveal work and person of Jesus Christ. Luke 24:44-45, info
 - Psalms 2: (Jesus focal point of all history), Psalms 22 (Jesus' anguish on cross), Psalms 110 (Jesus' deity), Psalms 118 (Jesus stumbling block)
 - written hundreds of years before Jesus' birth.

Psalms teaches how pray worship-based prayers: language of prayer. Quotes

- If singing or sighing, can turn to Psalms to find those feelings translated into moving, Holy Spirit-inspired poetry and prayer.

Psalms you speak/pray spoken/prayed thousands/millions of times before. By Moses, David, Luther, Calvin, Piper, Jesus during corporate/private worship/prayer.

[The Psalms are] a Little Bible, wherein everything contained in the entire Bible is beautifully and briefly comprehended. Luther

“When we read the Psalms, we are meant to learn things about God and about human nature and about how life is to be lived. They are meant to be instructive about God and man and life.” John Piper

“There is not an emotion of which any one can be conscious that is not here (Psalms) represented as in a mirror.” John Calvin

- Express joy: Psalm 66 & 92
- Express thankfulness: Psalm 40
- Inexpressible praise and love for God: Psalm 84, 116
- Fear and dread: Psalm 23, 56, 91
- Loneliness: Psalm 62, 71
- Guilt and shame: Psalm 32, 51
- Doubt: Psalm 119
- Discouraged: Psalm 42
- Worried or anxious: Psalm 37, 73
- Angry: Psalm 13, 58
- Bitterness and resentment: Psalm 77, 94
- Doubts: Psalm 119
- Feel forsaken: Psalm 88

There is a subject for song even in the judgments of God toward us. For, first, the trial is not as difficult as it might have been; next, the trouble is not as severe as we deserved; and our affliction is not as crushing as the burden that others have to carry. Faith sees that in her deepest sorrow there is no punishment. There is not a drop of God's wrath in it; it is all sent in love. Faith sings of the sweet result of her sorrows, because they work for her spiritual good. Spurgeon

“In the psalms, we have a collection of 150 prayers that were inspired originally by the Holy Ghost. If you want to know how God is pleased and honored in

prayer, why not immerse yourself in the prayers that he himself has inspired?"
R.C. Sproul

Whenever I read the psalms, I feel like I am eavesdropping on a saint having a personal conversation with God." R.C. Sproul

The more deeply we grow into the psalms and the more often we pray them as our own, the more simple and rich will our prayer become. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prophetic psalms and their New Testament fulfillment

<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Messianic Prophecy</u>	<u>New Testament Fulfillment</u>
2:7	God declares Messiah as His Son	Matthew 3:17
8:6	All things placed under His feet	Hebrews 2:8
16:10	The resurrection	Mark 16:6–7
22:1	The Messiah forsaken	Matthew 27:46
22:7–8	The Messiah surrounded by mockers	Luke 23:35-36, Matthew 27:39, 41, 43
22:16	Messiah's hands and feet pierced on the cross	John 20:25, 27
22:18	Lots cast for His clothes	Matthew 27:35–36
34:20	Messiah's bones unbroken	John 19:32–33, 36
35:11	The Messiah accused by false witnesses	Mark 14:57
35:19	The Messiah hated and persecuted	John 15:25
40:7–8	He comes to do the will of God	Hebrews 10:7
41:9	The betrayal of the Messiah by a friend (Judas)	Luke 22:47
45:6	The throne of Messiah is forever	Hebrews 1:8
68:18	The Messiah ascends to God's right hand	Mark 16:19
69:9	His zeal for God's house (cleansing the temple)	John 2:17
69:21	Vinegar and gall upon the cross	Matthew 27:34
109:4	Messiah intercedes for His enemies	Luke 23:34
109:8	The betrayer's function	Acts 1:20

110:1	is given to another His enemies put in subjection to Him	Matthew 22:44
110:4	Messiah is a priest after the order of Melchizedek	Hebrews 5:6
118:22	Rejected stumbling block becomes the cornerstone	Matthew 21:42