

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 June.....Psalm 1.....The Path
- 2) 11 June.....Psalm 78.....The Past
- 3) 18 June.....Psalm 23.....The Shepherd
- 4) 25 June.....Psalm 138.....Our Response
- 5) 02 July.....Psalm 84.....His Presence
- 6) 09 July.....Psalm 95.....The Creator
- 7) 16 July.....Psalm 19.....God Revealed
- 8) 23 July.....Psalm 136.....His Love
- 9) 30 July.....Psalm 146.....His Faithfulness
- 10) 06 Aug.....Psalm 51.....The Confession
- 11) 13 Aug.....Psalm 32.....The Cleansing
- 12) 20 Aug.....Psalm 141.....The Protector
- 13) 27 Aug.....Psalm 42.....The Longing

INTRODUCTION

Out of more than 230 Old Testament quotes found in the New Testament almost 25% of the quotes are from Psalms. Psalms (54 quotes) is second only to Isaiah (55 quotes) for being quoted the most in the New Testament. The Psalms are grouped into five books, each ending in a doxology (a hymn of praise):

- Book I. Psalms 1 - 41
- Book II. Psalms 42 - 72
- Book III. Psalms 73 - 89
- Book IV. Psalms 90 - 106
- Book V. Psalms 107 - 150

...and below, the Psalms are arranged categorically:

1. Didactic (Morally Instructive)

- A) Good and bad men: Psalms 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 24, 25, 32, 34, 36, 37, 50, 52, 53, 58, 73, 75, 84, 91, 92, 94, 112, 121, 125, 127, 128, 133
- B) God's law: Psalms 19, 119
- C) Human life is vain: Psalms 39, 49, 90
- D) Duty of rulers: Psalms 82, 101

2. Praise

- A) God's goodness, generally to Israel: Psalms 46, 48, 65, 66, 68, 76, 81, 85, 98, 105, 124, 126, 129, 135, 136, 149
- B) To good men: Psalms 23, 34, 36, 91, 100, 103, 107, 117, 121, 145, 146
- C) Mercies to individuals: Psalms 9, 18, 22, 30, 40, 75, 103, 108, 116, 118, 138, 144
- D) God's attributes, generally: Psalms 8, 19, 24, 29, 33, 47, 50, 65, 66, 76, 77, 93, 95, 96, 97, 99, 104, 111, 113, 114, 115, 134, 139, 147, 148, 150

3. Devotional—expressive of:

- A) Penitence: Psalms 6, 25, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143
- B) Trust in Troubled Times: Psalms 3, 16, 27, 31, 54, 56, 57, 61, 62, 71, 86
- C) Sorrow with Hope: Psalms 13, 22, 69, 77, 88
- D) Deep Distress: Psalms 4, 5, 11, 28, 41, 55, 59, 64, 70, 109, 120, 140, 141, 143
- E) Feelings when deprived of religious privileges: Psalms 42, 43, 63, 84
- F) Desire for help: Psalms 7, 17, 26, 35, 44, 60, 74, 79, 80, 83, 89, 94, 102, 129, 137
- G) Intercession: Psalms 20, 67, 122, 132, 144

4. Historical

- A) Psalms 78, 105, 106

5. Prophetic (of Christ)

- A) Psalms 2, 16, 22, 40, 45, 68, 69, 72, 97, 110, 118

Passage	Comments
Psalms 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the most popular Psalms, memorized by many, but it is not quoted once in the New Testament
1:1	<p>Blessed/Happy is the man who avoids 3 things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not WALK with, STAND next to, or SIT amongst sinners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What does this mean? ♦ Jesus hung around sinners, so was He in violation of this Psalm? Consider this → Jesus hung around REPENTANT sinners – those who cherished being around Him to learn about the things of God • In one perspective, the righteous man or woman avoids being tainted by sin – though they live and work among sinners (e.g., Jesus & you & me).....1Cor 5:9-13
1:2	<p>Blessed/Happy is the man who does 2 things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DELIGHTS and MEDITATES on God's word thru-out the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The right priority is to be close to God and His word throughout the day – but not be so Heavenly-minded we are no Earthly-good ♦ Is this balance achievable? How? (e.g., Jesus)
1:3	<p>We are here to bear fruit – and much fruit.....John 15:8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Such a blessed man or woman is fruitful for God's Kingdom, bearing fruit even thru tough times. What does this look like? • "...whatever he does, he prospers" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Do we have a contradiction? E.g., the widow with 2 mites probably died a poor widow, and the faithful widows in 1Timothy 5, who needed church support and who prayed night & day for relief did not prosper as one would think ♦ Consider this...in most cases, promises of prosperity has an eternal Heavenly focus & not a temporal earthly focus
What does spiritual fruit look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember – Fruit is not in material possessions.....Lk 12:15 • Fruit is accomplishments for the Kingdom of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Changed lives, holy character, righteous living ♦ Godly testimony & witness, love, joy, peace... ♦ "...against such things there is no law".....Gal 5:21-23
1:4-5	<p>In contrast, the wicked are a temporary nuisance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wicked are here only for a few short years, then they are out of the way for all eternity
1:6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ways of the righteous are not only known by the Lord, but are directed by the Lord.....Prov 3:6

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- Like Lot or even Jesus and the Apostles, we can be a light & retain our righteousness though we live amongst the vilest of sinners
- We need to be a witness in the world without losing our SALT or LIGHT – **But how do we avoid losing our effectiveness? And how do we get our Salt & Light back if we lost it?**
 - ♦ Consider this...it's in our loving obedience to biblical teachings

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 78. We look at the first of the Historical psalms, and learn that when God killed His people, then they sought Him.



Happy are those who don't listen to the wicked.. (Or stupid!) Ps. 1:1