

Women's Bible Study
"The Piety of the Psalms"

Week 9

I. Love for God

1. God's Works

- A. **Omniscient and Omnipresent** – Psalm 139
- B. **Eternal** – Psalm 90
- C. **Immutable** – Psalm 102
- D. **Holy** – Psalm 99
- E. **Steadfast love/mercy/grace/goodness/compassion/love** – Psalm 136
- F. **Faithful and true** – Psalm 89
- G. **Power/strength/might**
- H. **Greatness**

1. *Seek truth*

Psalm 25:5; cf vv 6, 7

When penitent:

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

Psalm 43:3; cf vv 2, 5

When cast down:

Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!

Psalm 86:11; cf 14, 15

When needy:

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.

¹⁴O God, insolent men have risen up against me;
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

2. *Trust His faithfulness*

Psalm 31:5

When at death's door:

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Psalm 40:11

When surrounded by evil:

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!

Psalm 54:5

When betrayed:

He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.

Psalm 57:3

When desperate:

He will send from heaven and save me;
he will put to shame him who tramples on me. *Selah*
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

Psalm 69:13

When sinking in a deep mire:

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.

At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.

Psalm 91:4

When in battle:

He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Psalm 143:1

When attacked by enemies:

Hear my prayer, O LORD;

give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

3. *Celebrate His faithfulness and truth*

Psalm 40:10; cf 92:2; 115:1

With the congregation:

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

Psalm 89:1, 5, 8

With the generations:

¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

With the assembly:

⁵Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,

your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

⁸ O LORD God of hosts,
who is mighty as you are, O LORD,
with your faithfulness all around you?
Psalm 89:24, 33, 34; cf 71:27

For honoring His covenant:

²⁴ My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

³³ but I will not remove from him my steadfast love
or be false to my faithfulness.

³⁴ I will not violate my covenant
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

Psalm 89:38, 49

When facing the “failure” of the covenant:

³⁸ But now you have cast off and rejected;
you are full of wrath against your anointed.

⁴⁹ Lord, where *are* Your former lovingkindnesses,
Which You swore to David in Your truth?