

I. Psalms Part 2

- a. Purpose: We will have a closer look at the structure of the book of Psalms and key chapters from the Psalms so we would be more familiar with this part of the Bible and yearn to study it for ourselves.
- b. Closer look at the structure of the Psalms
  - i. Remember the book of Psalms is divided into five books
    1. Book I (Psalms 1–41)
    2. Book II (Psalms 42–72)
    3. Book III (Psalms 73– 89)
    4. Book IV (Psalms 90– 106)
    5. Book V (Psalms 107– 150)
  - ii. Book I (Psalms 1–41)
    1. Main theme: Establishing Messianic Kingship<sup>1</sup>
    2. A large group of Psalms written by David in this collection.
    3. David’s confrontation with various enemies are found here in Book I.<sup>2</sup>
    4. After Psalm 18:50 mention that God has given victory for the “Anointed” King (remember “Anointed in Hebrew is “Messiah”) there is a collection of 5 Psalms from Psalms 20-24 on the Messiah.<sup>3</sup>
      - a. Psalm 20 is a request and acknowledgement of the Lord saving His Anointed (see especially Psalm 20:6).
      - b. Psalm 21 is a praise to the Lord for saving His Anointed King.
      - c. Psalm 22 then shows the Anointed King as the Suffering Servant on the Cross.
      - d. Psalm 23 shows the Anointed King as a Shepherd.
      - e. Psalm 24 shows the Anointed King as a Ruling King.
  - iii. Book II (Psalms 42–72)
    1. Main theme: Messianic Worldwide Reign<sup>4</sup>
    2. Book II is divided as one third a collection of Psalms by the “Sons of Korah” (Psalms 42-49) and two thirds a collection of Psalms by David (Psalms 51-71).<sup>5</sup>
    3. In between these two collection is Psalm 50 which is a Psalm of Asaph.
    4. Psalms 45-48 celebrates God’s kingship and the Messiah’s Kingship over the nations.<sup>6</sup>
    5. Psalms 49 even is an address to the world (see v.1) to not trust in riches.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 262.

<sup>2</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 262.

<sup>3</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 429.

<sup>4</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 267.

<sup>5</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 1432-1433.

<sup>6</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 1437.

<sup>7</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 1437.

6. **Psalms 51-71** then presents Davidic Psalms that touch on nations such as enemies of the Anointed One (**Psalms 54-60**) and dialogues between kings in **Psalms 61-68**.<sup>8</sup>
- iv. Book III (**Psalms 73– 89**)
  1. Main theme: Challenges to the Messianic Reign<sup>9</sup>
  2. Here in Book III a realistic picture of challenges to Israel is presented.<sup>10</sup>
- v. Book IV (**Psalms 90– 106**)
  1. Main theme: A More Mature Perspective of the Coming Messianic Reign<sup>11</sup>
  2. After the first two verses of the opening Psalm for this book (**Psalm 90**) affirmed God is God we see a series of Psalms grouped together in book IV chanting “*The LORD is King*” in Psalm 93, 96, 97, 99.<sup>12</sup>
- vi. Book V (**Psalms 107– 150**)
  1. Main theme: Thanksgiving and Praise<sup>13</sup>
  2. After the first two verses of the opening Psalm for this book (**Psalm 90**) affirmed God is God we see a series of Psalms grouped together in book IV chanting “*The LORD is King*” in Psalm 93, 96, 97, 99.<sup>14</sup>
- c. Torah/Messianic Psalms Doublets
  - i. There are Psalms in the book of Psalms placed next to each other which one will be on God’s Written Word while another will be God’s Incarnate Word (the Messiah).
  - ii. **Psalm 1 and 2**
  - iii. **Psalm 18 and 19**
  - iv. **Psalm 118 and 119**
- d. Key chapters in the Psalms<sup>15</sup>
  - i. **1** Godly & Wicked Contrasted
  - ii. **2** Messiah's Reign
  - iii. **8** God's Glory/Man's Rule
  - iv. **15** Characteristics of the Godly
  - v. **16** Eternal Life for the Trusting
  - vi. **19** The Works and Word of God
  - vii. **22** Messiah's Sufferings
  - viii. **23** The Great Shepherd
  - ix. **32** Blessing of Forgiveness

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<sup>8</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 1443-1448.

<sup>9</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 267.

<sup>10</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 267.

<sup>11</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 267.

<sup>12</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 272.

<sup>13</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 272.

<sup>14</sup> O. Palmer Robertson, *The Flow of the Psalms* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing), Kindle Locations 272.

<sup>15</sup> Quoted verbatim from Richard Mayhue, *Ordination Practicum Syllabus* (Sun Valley, California: Self-Published for The Master’s Seminary), 71.

- x. 42 Thirsting for God
- xi. 51 Confession of Sin
- xii. 73 Apparent Prosperity of the Wicked
- xiii. 90 Man's Transitoriness
- xiv. 100 Call to Worship
- xv. 119 God's Word Exalted
- xvi. 127 God, the Giver of Blessings (children)
- xvii. 139 God's Omniscience and Omnipresence
- xviii. 150 "Praise the Lord"