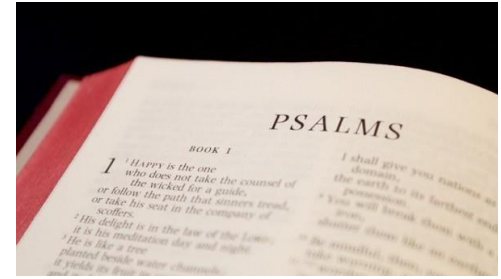


There's a Psalm for That!

Psalms are the hymns and prayers of God's people throughout the ages. In the Psalms, people bring the concerns of their heart to God. The Psalms span the full range of human emotion from great joy to deep lament. They address the relationship between God's people and God – from praise and thanksgiving to frustration and anger. They give us the words to say when we don't know what to pray – such as David's great prayer of confession following his sin with Bathsheba, as found in Psalm 51.



I encourage you to read the Psalms during your personal devotional time. Most of us are familiar with the 23rd Psalm and maybe a few others, but there are 150 of them! Should you read them in order, or where would you look to find Psalms that fit your prayer needs at a given time? When I was in seminary, I took a course on Psalms. One of the most useful things that came from that course was a listing, classifying the Psalms by type. I've made some adjustments to that list, and I share it with you today to guide your reading of the Psalms. May God's blessings be revealed to you as you dwell in these ancient prayers of God's people.

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Psalms for Healing

For General Remedy: 16, 32, 41, 42, 59, 77, 90, 105, 137, 150,
When praying for an individual who is ill: 20, 6, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37, 38, 39, 41, 49, 55, 56, 69, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 102, 103, 104, 107, 116, 118, 142, 143, and 148.
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Psalms for the Nation and World

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When Seeking God's Help and Guidance

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Psalms of Praise

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