

Student Make Up Work
December 1 - Lesson "Psalms"

Parents this make-up work should be done together with you and your student. There will be questions to discuss verbally and questions to answer in written format. Please sign the bottom of the sheet and return to the sermon note drop off box.

The Psalms:

The people of Israel wrote a lot of poems. They were written by kings, prophets and people of wisdom such as King David, King Solomon, and Moses. They were written over hundreds of years.

They were used in many different ways.

- Sung by choirs in Jerusalem in the temple
- Prayed by families in the home
- Some were compiled together to be read or sung on special occasions

How Many psalms are there in the Bible: _____

73 of them were written by King David.

King David

King David wrote 73 of the Psalms. The most famous of them is Psalm 23. King David experienced many hardships but trusted God with radical faith. In his writings he shares his fears (Lament), confesses his failures (Confession), and give thanks to God (Praise)

Structure of the Book of Psalms

- Introduction: Psalm 1 & 2 (Torah & Messiah)
 - Lay out the main theme of the whole book by reviewing the storyline of Creation
 - Prayer Book of God's people who are striving to be faithful to the Torah and waiting for the Messiah

- 5 Books
 - Book 1 (Psalm 3 - 41) & Book 2 (Psalm 42 - 72): These psalms are all about King David and his Family
 - Book 3 (Psalm 73 - 89): These psalms are about Israel's exile out of the promise land and the fall of King's David's family line
 - Book 4 (Psalm 90 - 106) & Book 5 (Psalm 107 - 145): These psalms rekindle hope for the coming Messiah, the new temple of Jerusalem, and God's kingdom
 - Conclusion: Psalm 146 - 150 (Faith & Hope): These psalms end with Hallelujah - Praising God for God's faithfulness

Psalms are divided into two parts: Lament & Praise

Lament: (Mostly Books 1 -3: Psalm 3 - 106)

- Prayers of pain, confusion, and anger
- How awful the world is
- How horrible things are that are happening to the poet
- Draws attention to what is wrong in the world
- Ask God to do something about it
- Teaches us that lament is an appropriate response to the evil we see in the world

Praise: (Mostly book 4 - 5: Psalm 90 - 145)

- Prayers of joy and celebration
- Draw attention to what's good in the world
- Retell the story of what God has done in our lives and thank God for it.

Read the following Psalms and write whether they are Psalms of Lament or Psalms of Praise

Psalm 138: _____

Psalm 150: _____

Psalm 32: _____

Psalm 42: _____

Psalm 69: _____

Your Own Psalm

Find a psalm that you connect with personally.

Rewrite it in your own words OR write a new psalm of your own.

Parent Signature: _____