READ, PRAY, SING

THROUGH THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Introduction

For centuries, the Book of Psalms has served believers as a guide in meditation and worship. The Psalms have been sung, memorized, meditated upon, preached, and written about. Perhaps no other book in the Bible has played such a central role in Christian worship. This is not surprising since the Psalms invite us to reflect deeply on the love of God, to ponder on His nature, to celebrate our redemption and rescue, and to poetically verbalize the triumphs and heartaches of life. The Psalms can also serve as our guide in one more very important way: by praying them. By using the Psalms as our guide and language in prayer, we can orient our minds, hearts, and words to a deeper experience with God.

The Psalms are a deep well from which we are invited to drink.

⇒ "Overview of the Book of Psalms" by The Bible Project



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Read & Pray

1. Begin With Prayer

Ask God to reveal himself to you as you read. Ask him to teach you by his Holy Spirit.

2. Read Through The Psalm

Read through the entire Psalm so that you can better understand the author's emotions and thoughts. Use the **SOAP** method to read through the scriptures.

Scriptures | Read the scriptures slowly; ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate the word for you

Observation / Interpretation | Who are the key characters? What are the key events? What are the key verses? What is the writer of the book wanting to communicate to the readers of that day? (context). What about God do I learn from these verses?

Application | What is the Holy Spirit saying to me personally and my situation. Is there a sin to confess? Are there things I need to act on? Is there an encouragement for me or others?

Prayer | Pray to God about the things you are convicted of and want to act on.

3. Personalize The Verses As You Pray Them Back To God

You can thank God for his character and attributes that are revealed in the Psalm. You can pray for yourself and may find that you share many of the same emotions that the Psalmist had. Pray for others who you know are going through similar situations.

Personalize and pray according to the will of God as you grow in your knowledge of who He is and what His purposes are for you. Pray for the help of the Holy Spirit to live out the convictions formed in your heart.

3 Benefits Of Praying The Psalms

First, the Psalms require worship, thanksgiving, and gratitude to be ever-present in our prayers. The love and goodness of God are on full display throughout the Book of Psalms. The Psalms remind us that God is the masterful Creator and the sustainer of life. As we pray the Psalms, our thoughts are God-centered and full of gratitude for who He is.

Second, we are directed to approach God for who He is and not as we want Him to be. Do your prayers sometimes sound only like a wish list of desires you want God to answer? If we aren't careful our prayers can also lead to construct and create God into who we want Him to be. Praying the Psalms, however, helps us to pray to God as He is since we are using His words, delivered through His people, to communicate with Him in prayer.

Third, the Psalms can verbalize feelings, emotions, pains, and triumphs we can't put into our own words. Have you ever had a hard time finding the right words to express those high or low moments to God in your prayer life? Have you ever felt the words you said to God didn't match what you really wanted to say to God in prayer? The Psalms can be an unmistakably honest and direct way of praying to God when we struggle to find words to express our own feelings.

Sing

- 1. Ask the Holy Spirit to drop a tune into your mind as you read a Psalm.
- 2. Don't try too hard to get every word of the verse you are looking at to be included in the lyrics. Don't get caught up with being technically right that you miss the joy of worshipping God with these songs.
- 3. Where appropriate, share these songs with your friends, in your LGs and with your pastors. Enjoy creating songs with the help of the Holy Spirit.

150 DAYS PSALMS READING PLAN

Name			Begin Date	Ţ7	Finish Date
1	O Psalm 1	31	O Psalm 31	61	O Psalm 61
2	○ Psalm 2	32	O Psalm 32	62	O Psalm 62
3	O Psalm 3	33	O Psalm 33	63	O Psalm 63
4	O Psalm 4	34	O Psalm 34	64	O Psalm 64
5	O Psalm 5	35	O Psalm 35	65	O Psalm 65
6	O Psalm 6	36	O Psalm 36	66	O Psalm 66
7	O Psalm 7	37	O Psalm 37	67	O Psalm 67
8	O Psalm 8	38	O Psalm 38	68	O Psalm 68
9	O Psalm 9	39	O Psalm 39	69	O Psalm 69
10	O Psalm 10	40	O Psalm 40	70	O Psalm 70
11	O Psalm 11	41	O Psalm 41	71	O Psalm 71
12	O Psalm 12	42	O Psalm 42	72	O Psalm 72
13	O Psalm 13	43	O Psalm 43	73	O Psalm 73
14	O Psalm 14	44	O Psalm 44	74	O Psalm 74
15	O Psalm 15	45	O Psalm 45	75	O Psalm 75
16	O Psalm 16	46	O Psalm 46	76	O Psalm 76
17	O Psalm 17	47	O Psalm 47	77	O Psalm 77
18	O Psalm 18	48	O Psalm 48	78	O Psalm 78
19	O Psalm 19	49	O Psalm 49	79	O Psalm 79
20	O Psalm 20	50	O Psalm 50	80	O Psalm 80
21	O Psalm 21	51	O Psalm 51	81	O Psalm 81
22	O Psalm 22	52	O Psalm 52	82	O Psalm 82
23	O Psalm 23	53	O Psalm 53	83	O Psalm 83
24	O Psalm 24	54	O Psalm 54	84	O Psalm 84
25	O Psalm 25	55	O Psalm 55	85	O Psalm 85
26	O Psalm 26	56	○ Psalm 56	86	O Psalm 86
27	O Psalm 27	57	O Psalm 57	87	O Psalm 87
28	O Psalm 28	58	○ Psalm 58	88	O Psalm 88
29	O Psalm 29	59	O Psalm 59	89	O Psalm 89
30	O Psalm 30	60	O Psalm 60	90	O Psalm 90

91	O Psalm 91	121	O Psalm 121
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115	O Psalm 115	145	O Psalm 145
116	O Psalm 116	146	O Psalm 146
117	O Psalm 117	147	O Psalm 147
118	O Psalm 118	148	O Psalm 148
119	O Psalm 119	149	O Psalm 149
120	O Psalm 120	150	O Psalm 150