



“Psalms: Songs In The Key Of Life”

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I. Why are the Psalms so important to study and know?

A. We will learn more about _____ in this book than anywhere else in Scripture.

1. About God’s _____ nature.
2. About God’s _____ in history.
3. About God’s _____.

B. Reading the Psalms will enlarge my desire and ability to _____.

1. How has Psalms been used for worship in the past?
2. What will Psalms teach me about worshipping God?

“The book of Psalms is God’s prescription for a complacent church, because through it he reveals how great, wonderful, magnificent, wise, and utterly awe-inspiring he is. If God’s people before the Incarnation [of Christ] could have such a faith in the Lord, how much more should this be true [for us.] The book of Psalms can revolutionize our devotional life, our family patterns, and the fellowship and the witness of the church of Jesus Christ.” ~ Willem VanGemeren

C. The Psalms will teach me how to _____.

D. The Psalms will connect me to God no matter what _____.

II. Psalm 1 – It shows us 4 main elements of Hebrew poetry:

A. _____.

B. _____.

C. _____ or word-play.

1. What vivid image is at the heart of Psalm 1?

2. What is the essential moral question at the heart of this psalm?

D. _____, especially through a technique called _____.

What useful point is David trying to make about evil here?

III. The message of Psalm 1. “Blessed is the man...”

A. How is this blessedness deeper than happiness?

B. What problem gets in the way of having a blessed life?
All the evil people out there?

C. So how do I obtain a ‘blessed’ life’ – by being good?