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The Prayers of the King

Pastor's Bible Study 2020

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Episode 1: David's Prayer Journal

Psalm 63, Psalm 3, Psalm 4

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Your Favorite Hymn

1. Name your favorite Hymn (Find one and read it).
 2. What background information do you know about it?
 3. How does your knowledge of the background information affect your appreciation of the hymn?
 4. What is an appropriate occasion for the hymn?
 5. In what type of worship situation would you use this hymn?

6. What do you learn from this hymn?
 - a. Does it tell us anything about God? (Theology?)
 - b. Does it tell us anything about people? (Anthropology?)
 - c. Does it tell us anything about the past? (History?)
 - d. Does it tell us anything about the present or future? (Prophecy?)
7. When would this hymn be helpful to you?
8. How does the “purpose” of poetry differ from the purpose of prose?

History of the Psalms

9. What is the origin of the word “Psalm?”

10. Which is the oldest of the Psalms, and who was its composer?

11. Who was the most prolific Psalm writer?

12. Name some other Psalm composers.

13. The Psalms were originally collected into _____ (#) "books," apparently according to the material found.

The Anatomy of a Psalm

14. What is Parallelism or “Thought Rhyme?” Question for the interpreter: How do these two lines (or thoughts) _____?

15. What is an “Acrostic?”

16. What does “personification” mean?

17. What is a “simile?”

18. What is a “metaphor?”

19. Describe these different types of Psalms and give examples:

a. *Laments* (Psalm 12, 13)

b. *Hymns of praise* (Psalm 145, 8)

c. *Hymns of thanksgiving* (Psalm 9, 30)

d. *Hymns celebrating God’s law* (Psalm 19, 119)

- e. *Wisdom psalms* (Psalm 1, 37)
- f. *Songs of confidence* (Psalm 23)
- g. *Royal psalms* (Psalm 2, 20-21, 72, 110)
- h. *Historical psalms* (Psalm 78)
- i. *Prophetic hymns* (Psalm 81)

Your Prayer Journal

20. Do you keep a Prayer Journal?

21. How does your journaling differ from other writing tasks?

22. Do you ever share your prayer journal with others?