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Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 2008

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN WE WANT YOU TO KNOW . . .

We are excited that you have chosen to study *Psalms* with us. It will be such a blessing to your life because it is part of God’s Word, His self-revelation, each part of which is essential to understanding the whole purpose of God.

As a book of the Bible, *Psalms* holds a unique place. It’s a collection of poetry—prayer, praises, or songs—each psalm with its own message. They’re not chapters, each building on the previous, intended to be read sequentially. And unlike prose, with chapters divided into paragraphs, verses in poetry are collected into “stanzas,” each stanza within a poem separated from the previous one by a blank line.

To understand the psalms, it’s important to see the flow of thought between stanzas, namely how does one connect with the previous ones? For example:

- Does the stanza contrast with the previous one?
- Does it give the reason or result for what was said previously?
- Is it a request or a call to action due to the psalmist’s circumstances spoken previously?
- Is it praise in light of who God is or what He has done mentioned previously?

Unlike English poetry that often emphasizes rhyme and meter (or rhythm), Hebrew poetry’s most important element is parallelism, by which authors emphasize ideas. Sometimes that parallelism repeats a thought in other words. Other times, the parallelism adds new information to an original concept. A third type contrasts ideas, showing how they are different. A fourth uses analogies, likening one thing to another, the characteristics of which are similar.

David, who wrote many of the psalms, appointed Levites to serve in the house of the Lord. “They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem” (1 Chronicles 6:31-32).

We are invited to pour out our hearts to God, to come before Him and present our concerns. We were made to sing, to lift our voices in worship, to speak to God and to others “in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with [our] heart[s] to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:19).

So as you study the psalms with us, use them for prayer and praise of God . . . or as a springboard for your own songs or poetry of prayer and worship to God. Pour out your heart before Him and listen for His response. Grow your intimacy with God in your prayer and worship.

LESSON ONE

Psalms One through Five

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheets of Psalms 1–5
“Psalms 1–22 at a Glance”
“The Lord”
Word studies
Cross-references

Psalms—theology sung. Through Psalms we learn about God—His attributes, what pleases and displeases Him, His relationship to the righteous and the wicked, and His revelation of the future concerning Messiah, salvation, and judgment.

In this course, we’ll begin our journey into the Psalms with Psalms 1–22. What an adventure awaits us!

If you have not yet read the section titled “Before You Begin . . .,” do so before moving to Day One.

DAY ONE

Blessed. A word you may have heard many times, used in many ways. But what does it mean to be blessed by God? And who does He bless? We’ll look at this as we begin our study of Psalms this week.

1. Always start your time in God’s Word with prayer. As you study this week, ask Him to teach you by His Spirit and to show you who He blesses and how.
2. Today we’ll look together at Psalm 1. There are rich truths in this short psalm. Begin by simply reading this psalm using the Observation Worksheet in the Appendix. As you do, look for the main types of people. An easy way to begin observing a psalm is to ask who it’s about.
3. What two types of people are described in this psalm?

4. Now read your Observation Worksheet of Psalm 1 again and mark:
 - a. *righteous*, including pronouns and synonyms such as *man* if referring to a righteous man. You might underline these in blue.
 - b. *wicked*, including pronouns and synonyms such as *scoffers*. You might underline these in brown.
5. On the back of your workbook, you’ll see marking suggestions for some words often used in the Bible. An asterisk [*] shows words in this workbook with suggested markings.

Read Psalm 1 and this time mark:

- a. *Lord* (see *God*)* including pronouns
 - b. *law**
 - c. *blessed**
6. In the Appendix, you’ll find pages titled “The Lord.” List what you learn about Him from Psalm 1. Include scripture references. As we study each psalm, you’ll add to this list and discover rich truths about who He is and what He does.
 7. Now use your markings to see what God teaches us about the righteous and the wicked from this psalm. Look at each place you marked the righteous and the wicked and list what you learn.

Righteous

Wicked

8. Now, it's time to write a short theme for each stanza of this psalm. Look at each stanza. Who and what is it mostly about? As you evaluate these stanzas, consider how the second one relates to (compares, contrasts, or continues) the first. Then use words from the text to summarize the main thought in each.

Record the themes below or in the margin of your Observation Worksheet.

a. verses 1-3

b. verses 4-6

9. To conclude our observations we'll identify the theme for Psalm 1. We know the psalm is mostly about two types of people—the righteous and the wicked, so we'll include them in our theme.

Let's think together:

a. What word or phrase describes the righteous?

b. What word or phrase describes the wicked?

c. Using these words from the text, summarize the theme of Psalm 1 on the line for "Psalm theme" at the top of your Observation Worksheet. You may want to use a pencil so you can adjust your theme later if needed.

10. Now a few more things to help us think about this psalm.

a. You observed that the blessed or righteous man meditates on the law of the Lord.

- 1) Look up the definition of the Hebrew word translated "meditates." Record on the next page the definitions that best fit the context of verse 2.

If you've never done a word study, you may want to read the section "It's All Greek to Me!" in *How to Study Your Bible*.

2) From these definitions, what do you know about the blessed or righteous man?

b. Review verses 2 and 3.

1) How does verse 3 relate to verse 2.

2) So what kind of prosperity is the psalmist referring to?

11. Now for some application. How has the Spirit of God been speaking to your heart as you studied this psalm?

Use the lists you made about the righteous and the wicked to examine your life. Which one describes you? Think carefully, Beloved.

Examine your values, your focus, your conversation. Are they like those of the wicked or of the righteous? How?

How often do you meditate on God's Word? Are you like a tree planted firmly in the truths of God's Word? Be honest with yourself about where you are. Then go to God and talk with Him about it.

Your answer is a matter of life and death, a matter of eternal destiny. The righteous are blessed, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Record what the Lord shows you.

12. Now that you've studied Psalm 1 for yourself, you can read what commentaries say about it. Take notes if you want.

DAY
TWO

1. Begin today with prayer, again asking God to teach you, as well as the others in your discussion group. Then we'll begin our study of Psalm 2.
2. Read Psalm 2, looking for the main characters as you did with Psalm 1. This is always a good place to begin when studying a psalm.
3. List below the main characters you observed.

4. Read Psalm 2 again and mark *nations*,* *peoples*, *kings*, *rulers* all the same way, including pronouns and any synonyms for these.

Remember, an asterisk [*] shows words that have suggested markings on the back cover of your workbook.

5. Now read the psalm and mark:
 - a. *Lord*,* including pronouns
 - b. *Son* (see *Jesus**), including pronouns and synonyms

If you're not sure how to mark *King* and *Anointed*, that's OK. You'll see who they are as we continue our study.

c. 7-9

d. 10-12

10. Use words from the text to record the theme for Psalm 2 at the top of your Psalm 2 Observation Worksheet. Hint: What do the nations, the peoples, and rulers need to do, to know?
11. Now let's reason through our observations to be sure we've seen the flow of thought. Answer the following questions.
 - a. How does the second stanza continue from the first?
 - b. Who is "I" in the *first* line of verse 7? Did you mark Him the same as "Me" and "You"? What do you learn about Him in verses 7-9? What did the LORD decree about Him?
 - c. Based on what you learned from verses 7-9, who is the Lord's Anointed in verse 2 and His King in verse 6?
 - d. "Now therefore" what do the people of verses 10-12 need to do?

- e. In the last line of this psalm, what's the contrast to the kings, judges, and peoples?
12. As you continue to study Psalms, you'll find that some psalms like Psalm 2 contain prophecy(ies) of the first and/or second coming(s) of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Let's look at some examples of this by using cross-references.
- a. Acts 4:25-26 quotes Psalm 2:1-2. Read Acts 4:24-28, part of a prayer by believers after Peter and John were jailed for preaching the gospel, then released.
- 1) How do these verses help you understand Psalm 2:1-2?
- 2) By the way, according to verse 25, who wrote Psalm 2?
- b. Now compare Micah 4:1-3 and Zechariah 14:16 with Psalm 2:6. What do you learn?
- c. Acts 13:33 quotes Psalm 2:7. Read Acts 13:32-35. What is Psalm 2:7 referring to?
- d. Now read Revelation 19:11-16 for context. Then compare Revelation 19:15 with Psalm 2:9. When will the event described take place?

13. Finally, are there people today who live in rebellion against the Lord? What do they need to know from this psalm? How will they know it?

14. Now feel free to read about Psalm 2 in commentaries.

Good job! We realize Psalm 2 is not an easy one, but what rich truths! You might end your day by worshiping your King.

DAY THREE

1. Go to the Lord and ask Him to give you wisdom as you study Psalm 3. God's Spirit gives that wisdom.
2. Psalm 3 begins a little differently from Psalms 1 and 2. Just before verse 1 is a superscription. Superscriptions contain information such as the writer, the occasion, who it is for, and/or how it is to be sung. In the Hebrew Bible, the superscription is verse 1.

Sometimes marginal notes or footnotes give cross-references about the occasion (the historical context).

What does the superscription for Psalm 3 tell you?

3. There's a marginal note in the New American Standard Bible (NASB) for this superscription that gives 2 Samuel 15:13-17 as a cross-reference.¹ Read this passage to learn more about what was happening when David wrote this Psalm.
4. Begin observing Psalm 3 by identifying the main characters.

¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update, marginal note (Ps 3 title) (La Habra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1995).

5. Read this short psalm again and mark *David* and *Lord*, including pronouns and synonyms.

When you finish, read it again and mark David’s adversaries, including pronouns and synonyms (*enemies, wicked, etc.*).

6. Now add the following to your Key Word Bookmark. Then read Psalm 3 at least twice more and mark the words on your bookmark.
 - a. *deliverance, save, salvation* (see *redeem**)
 - b. *crying* when it refers to crying to the Lord (see *pray**)
 - c. *arise, O LORD*

7. Next in our observation process is to add to your list on the Lord in the Appendix. As you list what the psalm tells us about our Lord, be sure to prayerfully pay attention to each entry you list. These are truths about your God.

8. One more thing before we continue our observations. There is a musical term repeated in this psalm, the word “Selah” at the end of the second line in verses 2, 4, and 8.

The marginal note in the NASB says, “*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo* or *Musical interlude*.”² Whichever is correct, *Selah* is an attention-getter, either with a pause, a crescendo (a gradual increase in volume), or a musical interlude (music plays but no words are sung).

9. Use words from the text to summarize the stanzas below or in the margin of your Observation Worksheet. Who and what is each stanza about? Remember to think through the flow of thought from stanza to stanza or how each stanza continues from the others.
 - a. 1-2
 - b. 3-6

² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update, marginal note (Ps 3:2) (La Habra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1995).

c. 7-8 (You might include the repeated key word in this stanza.)

10. When you record a theme for one of the psalms, use words specific to that psalm—rather than something generic like, “Enemies against David”—so that you can distinguish it from the theme of another psalm.

For example: What do you learn about David’s circumstances in Psalm 3:1, and what does David say about God in verse 3? Pencil in a theme at the top of your Observation Worksheet. If you realize later you need to make it more specific, you can come back to it.

11. To make sure you didn’t miss it:

a. How do David’s words in the second stanza contrast with what the enemies are saying in the first stanza?

b. How did knowing these things about God affect David according to verses 5 and 6?

c. So what did David ask God to do and why in verses 7 and 8?

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12. In the midst of our circumstances there is always the Word of the Lord, the message of truth, for your life. Consider:
- a. In the first stanza, what are people saying? When someone tells you God is not going to help, what will your attitude be? What do you learn from David's attitude that will help you in similar situations?

 - b. Look carefully at what David knew about God according to verse 3. Do you know Him like David did?
 - 1) Is the Lord your shield, the One you go to for protection? He may use human sources, but ultimately is He the One you look to?

 - 2) Is He your glory or is your glory your job, your family, your status . . . ?

 - 3) And is He the One who lifts your head, or someone or something else?

 - c. Look at verse 5. When you're tired and weary or you're worrying or fearful concerning circumstances and can't sleep, what can you learn from this psalm that will help?

Shield, glory, lifter of my head, Savior. Beloved, He is what you need in any and every circumstance of life.

13. Now you can check out Psalm 3 in commentaries.

David wrote seventy-five of the psalms, so it's helpful to read about his life. Only a few psalms give the circumstances, but if you're familiar with David's life, you'll have a better understanding of those he wrote.

When you have time, you might read about David a chapter a day from 1 Samuel 15–1 Kings 2; and 1 Chronicles 11–29 and record the main event(s) for each. If you have the New Inductive Study Bible, above each chapter there's a place to record the theme or main event(s).

Or when you finish studying this course, you might consider studying Desiring God's Own Heart, a study of 1 and 2 Samuel/1 Chronicles, part of our New Inductive Study Series, or our Precept Upon Precept or In & Out courses on 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel/1 Chronicles.

DAY FOUR

Today we'll move to Psalm 4. As you pray, know that you've been prayed for, dear one. Even as we write this course, you are on our hearts.

Have you noticed that we're using a general pattern to study each psalm?

- Read the superscription for any background information about the psalm.
- Read the psalm to observe who the main characters are.
- Read again and mark the main characters. Always mark the Lord, even if His name is not mentioned often in the psalm.
- Read again and mark key words.
- List truths about the Lord.
- Summarize a theme for each stanza from what you've observed, thinking about the flow of thought from stanza to stanza.
- Review your stanza themes, then use a few words from the psalm to summarize the main theme.
- Reason through the psalm stanza by stanza.
- Now consider the following personal application: How does what you learned about God in this psalm impact your life and relationship with Him? What can you learn for your life from the people in this psalm?

As we study Psalm 4, notice the way we follow the pattern.

1. As it states in the first bullet, begin by reading the superscription. What do you learn about this psalm?
2. Now read the psalm to observe who the main characters are (second bullet), and then mark the references to each one (third bullet).
3. It's key word time (fourth bullet). Add the following words to your Psalms Key Word Bookmark. Then read Psalm 4 two or three times, marking a few words at a time from your bookmark. Reading several times will help you become more familiar with the psalm.
 - a. *call, prayer** the way you marked *crying*
 - b. *righteousness* (see *righteous**)
 - c. *heart*
 - d. *sin**
4. Add to your ongoing list about the Lord in the Appendix (fifth bullet).
5. Now we'll move from one stanza to the next; don't forget to think about the connection, the flow of thought.

Record the stanza themes (sixth bullet) below or in the margin of your Observation Worksheet. If a key word and its synonym are repeated in a stanza, you might use that word in your theme.

- a. 1
- b. 2-3
- c. 4-5
- d. 6-8

6. What is this psalm mainly about? Record the theme at the top of your Observation Worksheet.
7. Now let's reason through the psalm.
 - a. What does David request of God in verse 1?
 - b. Verses 2-5.
 - 1) Who is David speaking to and what do you learn about them?
 - 2) What is David calling them to do?
 - c. What's the question asked in in verses 6-8 and how does David respond to it?
 - d. Why do you think David uses "Selah" where he does? If needed, review what you learned about "Selah" in Day 3.

8. God’s Word can be life-changing! “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

Review the last bullet of our Psalms pattern. As you look at the flow of thought in this psalm, think about how it relates to your life.

What did David ask the Lord to do for him? What was his situation? How did what he knew about the Lord change his perspective? Don’t skip this, Beloved. Time with God in His Word should make a difference in our lives!

9. Good job! You can finish your study time today by reading what commentaries say about Psalm 4.

DAY FIVE

Today we’ll observe our final psalm for the week: Psalm 5. As we do, we’ll learn more about the Lord’s blessing.

1. How is this superscription different from the one for Psalm 4?
2. Read Psalm 5 to see who the main characters are. Then read again and mark them.
3. Add the following to your Key Word Bookmark; then read Psalm 5 and mark key words.
 - a. *wickedness, evil, transgression, like sin**
 - b. *lovingkindness*
4. Now add what this psalm says about the Lord to your list in the Appendix.

Also, briefly list below what you learn about David's foes, those involved in various kinds of wickedness.

5. As you evaluate what you marked in each stanza, use the main characters and/or key repeated words to help you write a theme for each. Don't forget to pay attention to how each stanza relates to the others.
 - a. 1-3
 - b. 4-7
 - c. 8-10
 - d. 11-12
6. Record a theme for Psalm 5 at the top of your Observation Worksheet using a few words from the text.

11. In the Appendix is a page titled “Psalms 1–22 at a Glance.” Completing this chart will give you a visual overview of Psalms 1–22, and it is a helpful tool for future reference. Finish your week by recording the themes from your Psalms 1–5 Observation Worksheets on “Psalms 1–22 at a Glance.”

Do you have a *New Inductive Study Bible (NISB)*? There’s an **At a Glance** chart at the end of each book of the Bible where you can consolidate your themes in one place. If you have an NISB, you may want to record your theme for each psalm there also.

*But let all who take refuge in You be glad,
Let them ever sing for joy;
And may You shelter them,
That those who love Your name may exult in You.
For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD,
You surround him with favor as with a shield.*

—*Psalms 5:11-12*

O Beloved, do you exult in the Lord? Do you sing for joy to the one who is your refuge? Take time to exult in Him now for who He is. You’ve learned or been reminded of so much about Him this week!

APPENDIX

EXPLANATIONS OF THE NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE TEXT FORMAT

Italics are used in the text to indicate words which are not found in the original Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek but implied by it.

Stanzas are designated by bold face numbers or letters and each stanza is separated from the previous one by a blank line. These were determined by the translators.

PSALM 1
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

- H**OW blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
 Nor stand in the path of sinners,
 Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
 And in His law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water,
 Which yields its fruit in its season
 And its leaf does not wither;
 And in whatever he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
 But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
 But the way of the wicked will perish.

PSALM 2
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

WHY are the nations in an uproar

- And the peoples devising a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth take their stand
And the rulers take counsel together
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
- 3 “Let us tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from us!”
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.
- 5 Then He will speak to them in His anger
And terrify them in His fury, saying,
- 6 “But as for Me, I have installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”
- 7 “I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to Me, ‘You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
- 8 ‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the *very* ends of the earth as Your possession.
- 9 ‘You shall break them with a rod of iron,
You shall shatter them like earthenware.’ ”
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;
Take warning, O judges of the earth.
- 11 Worship the LORD with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.

- 12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish *in*
the way,
For His wrath may soon be kindled.
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

PSALM 3
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

A Psalm of David, when he ¹fled from Absalom his son.

O LORD, how my adversaries have increased!

Many are rising up against me.

2 Many are saying of my soul,

“There is no deliverance for him in God.”

²Selah.

3 But You, O LORD, are a shield about me,
My glory, and the One who lifts my head.

4 I was crying to the LORD with my voice,
And He answered me from His holy mountain.

Selah.

5 I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the LORD sustains me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people
Who have set themselves against me round about.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God!
For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek;
You have shattered the teeth of the wicked.

8 Salvation belongs to the LORD;
Your blessing *be* upon Your people!

Selah.

¹2 Samuel 15:13-17, 29

²*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo* or *Musical interlude*

PSALM 4
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

ANSWER me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have relieved me in my distress;
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

2 O sons of men, how long will my honor become a reproach?
How long will you love what is worthless and aim at deception? Selah.

3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself;
The LORD hears when I call to Him.

4 Tremble, and do not sin;
Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, "Who will show us *any* good?"
Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O LORD!

7 You have put gladness in my heart,
More than when their grain and new wine abound.

8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
For You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety.

PSALM 5
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director; for flute accompaniment. A Psalm of David.

GIVE ear to my words, O LORD,

Consider my groaning.

2 Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God,
For to You I pray.

3 In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;
In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and *eagerly* watch.

4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness;
No evil dwells with You.

5 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;
You hate all who do iniquity.

6 You destroy those who speak falsehood;
The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

7 But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house,
At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.

8 O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes;
Make Your way straight before me.

9 There is nothing reliable in what they say;
Their inward part is destruction *itself*.
Their throat is an open grave;
They flatter with their tongue.

- 10 Hold them guilty, O God;
By their own devices let them fall!
In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out,
For they are rebellious against You.
- 11 But let all who take refuge in You be glad,
Let them ever sing for joy;
And may You shelter them,
That those who love Your name may exult in You.
- 12 For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD,
You surround him with favor as with a shield.

PSALM 6
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director; with stringed instruments, upon an eight-string lyre. A Psalm of David.

- O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger,
Nor chasten me in Your wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I *am* pining away;
Heal me, O LORD, for my bones are dismayed.
- 3 And my soul is greatly dismayed;
But You, O LORD—how long?
- 4 Return, O LORD, rescue my soul;
Save me because of Your lovingkindness.
- 5 For there is no mention of You in death;
In Sheol who will give You thanks?
- 6 I am weary with my sighing;
Every night I make my bed swim,
I dissolve my couch with my tears.
- 7 My eye has wasted away with grief;
It has become old because of all my adversaries.
- 8 Depart from me, all you who do iniquity,
For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD has heard my supplication,
The LORD receives my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly dismayed;
They shall turn back, they will suddenly be ashamed.

PSALM 7
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

A Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the LORD
concerning Cush, a Benjamite.

- LORD my God, in You I have taken refuge;
Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me,
- 2 Or he will tear my soul like a lion,
Dragging me away, while there is none to deliver.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done this,
If there is injustice in my hands,
- 4 If I have rewarded evil to my friend,
Or have plundered him who without cause was my adversary,
- 5 Let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake *it*;
And let him trample my life down to the ground
And lay my glory in the dust. Selah.
- 6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger;
Lift up Yourself against the rage of my adversaries,
And arouse Yourself for me; You have appointed judgment.
- 7 Let the assembly of the peoples encompass You,
And over them return on high.
- 8 The LORD judges the peoples;
Vindicate me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and my integrity
that is in me.
- 9 O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous;
For the righteous God tries the hearts and minds.

- 10 My shield is with God,
Who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a righteous judge,
And a God who has indignation every day.
- 12 If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword;
He has bent His bow and made it ready.
- 13 He has also prepared for Himself deadly weapons;
He makes His arrows fiery shafts.
- 14 Behold, he travails with wickedness,
And he conceives mischief and brings forth falsehood.
- 15 He has dug a pit and hollowed it out,
And has fallen into the hole which he made.
- 16 His mischief will return upon his own head,
And his violence will descend upon his own pate.
- 17 I will give thanks to the LORD according to His righteousness
And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

PSALM 8
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director; on the Gittith. A Psalm of David.

- O LORD, our Lord,
 How majestic is Your name in all the earth,
 Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!
- 2 From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established
 strength
 Because of Your adversaries,
 To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.
- 3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
 The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;
- 4 What is man that You take thought of him,
 And the son of man that You care for him?
- 5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
 And You crown him with glory and majesty!
- 6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;
 You have put all things under his feet,
- 7 All sheep and oxen,
 And also the beasts of the field,
- 8 The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,
 Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD, our Lord,
 How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

PSALM 9
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director; on Muth-labben. A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart;
I will tell of all Your wonders.
- 2 I will be glad and exult in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies turn back,
They stumble and perish before You.
- 4 For You have maintained my just cause;
You have sat on the throne judging righteously.
- 5 You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked;
You have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- 6 The enemy has come to an end in perpetual ruins,
And You have uprooted the cities;
The very memory of them has perished.
- 7 But the LORD abides forever;
He has established His throne for judgment,
- 8 And He will judge the world in righteousness;
He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.
- 9 The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed,
A stronghold in times of trouble;
- 10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You,
For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

PSALM 10
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

WHY do You stand afar off, O LORD?

- Why do You hide *Yourself* in times of trouble?
- 2 In pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted;
Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.
- 3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire,
And the greedy man curses *and* spurns the LORD.
- 4 The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek *Him*.
All his thoughts are, "There is no God."
- 5 His ways prosper at all times;
Your judgments are on high, out of his sight;
As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them.
- 6 He says to himself, "I will not be moved;
Throughout all generations I will not be in adversity."
- 7 His mouth is full of curses and deceit and oppression;
Under his tongue is mischief and wickedness.
- 8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages;
In the hiding places he kills the innocent;
His eyes stealthily watch for the unfortunate.
- 9 He lurks in a hiding place as a lion in his lair;
He lurks to catch the afflicted;
He catches the afflicted when he draws him into his net.
- 10 He crouches, he bows down,
And the unfortunate fall by his mighty ones.
- 11 He says to himself, "God has forgotten;
He has hidden His face; He will never see it."

- 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand.
Do not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why has the wicked spurned God?
He has said to himself, “You will not require *it*.”
- 14 You have seen *it*, for You have beheld mischief and vexation to take
it into Your hand.
The unfortunate commits *himself* to You;
You have been the helper of the orphan.
- 15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer,
Seek out his wickedness until You find none.
- 16 The LORD is King forever and ever;
Nations have perished from His land.
- 17 O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble;
You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear
- 18 To vindicate the orphan and the oppressed,
So that man who is of the earth will no longer cause terror.

PSALM 11
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director. *A Psalm of David.*

IN the LORD I take refuge;

- How can you say to my soul, “Flee *as* a bird to your mountain;
 2 For, behold, the wicked bend the bow,
 They make ready their arrow upon the string
 To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.
 3 If the foundations are destroyed,
 What can the righteous do?”
- 4 The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD’S throne is in heaven;
 His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.
 5 The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked,
 And the one who loves violence His soul hates.
 6 Upon the wicked He will rain snares;
 Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup.
 7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness;
 The upright will behold His face.

PSALM 12
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director; upon an eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm of David.

HELP, LORD, for the godly man ceases to be,

For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

2 They speak falsehood to one another;
With flattering lips and with a double heart they speak.

3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
The tongue that speaks great things;

4 Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail;
Our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"

5 "Because of the devastation of the afflicted, because of the groaning of
the needy,

Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for
which he longs."

6 The words of the LORD are pure words;
As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

7 You, O LORD, will keep them;
You will preserve him from this generation forever.

8 The wicked strut about on every side
When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

PSALM 13
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

HOW long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?

How long will You hide Your face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,

Having sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider *and* answer me, O LORD my God;

Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the *sleep of* death,

4 And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"

And my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken.

5 But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness;

My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

6 I will sing to the LORD,

Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director. *A Psalm* of David.

THE fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds;
There is no one who does good.

2 The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men
To see if there are any who understand,
Who seek after God.

3 They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt;
There is no one who does good, not even one.

4 Do all the workers of wickedness not know,
Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,
And do not call upon the Lord?

5 There they are in great dread,
For God is with the righteous generation.

6 You would put to shame the counsel of the afflicted,
But the LORD is his refuge.

7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores His captive people,
Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

PSALM 15
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

A Psalm of David.

O LORD, who may abide in Your tent?

- Who may dwell on Your holy hill?
- 2 He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness,
And speaks truth in his heart.
 - 3 He does not slander with his tongue,
Nor does evil to his neighbor,
Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
 - 4 In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,
But who honors those who fear the LORD;
He swears to his own hurt and does not change;
 - 5 He does not put out his money at interest,
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things will never be shaken.

PSALM 16
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

A Mikhtam of David.

PRESERVE me, O God, for I take refuge in You.

- 2 I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good besides You.”
- 3 As for the saints who are in the earth,
They are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight.
- 4 The sorrows of those who have bartered for another *god* will be multiplied;
I shall not pour out their drink offerings of blood,
Nor will I take their names upon my lips.
- 5 The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;
You support my lot.
- 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;
Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who has counseled me;
Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.
- 8 I have set the LORD continually before me;
Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will dwell securely.
- 10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
- 11 You will make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

PSALM 17
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

A Prayer of David.

- HEAR a just cause, O LORD, give heed to my cry;
 Give ear to my prayer, which is not from deceitful lips.
- 2 Let my judgment come forth from Your presence;
 Let Your eyes look with equity.
- 3 You have tried my heart;
 You have visited *me* by night;
 You have tested me and You find nothing;
 I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.
- 4 As for the deeds of men, by the word of Your lips
 I have kept from the paths of the violent.
- 5 My steps have held fast to Your paths.
 My feet have not slipped.
- 6 I have called upon You, for You will answer me, O God;
 Incline Your ear to me, hear my speech.
- 7 Wondrously show Your lovingkindness,
 O Savior of those who take refuge at Your right hand
 From those who rise up *against them*.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye;
 Hide me in the shadow of Your wings
- 9 From the wicked who despoil me,
 My deadly enemies who surround me.
- 10 They have closed their unfeeling *heart*,
 With their mouth they speak proudly.

- 11 They have now surrounded us in our steps;
They set their eyes to cast *us* down to the ground.
- 12 He is like a lion that is eager to tear,
And as a young lion lurking in hiding places.
- 13** Arise, O LORD, confront him, bring him low;
Deliver my soul from the wicked with Your sword,
- 14 From men with Your hand, O LORD,
From men of the world, whose portion is in *this* life,
And whose belly You fill with Your treasure;
They are satisfied with children,
And leave their abundance to their babes.
- 15 As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness;
I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake.

PSALM 18
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director. A *Psalm* of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.
And he said,

“I love You, O LORD, my strength.”

- 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- 3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
And I am saved from my enemies.
- 4 The cords of death encompassed me,
And the torrents of ungodliness terrified me.
- 5 The cords of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried to my God for help;
He heard my voice out of His temple,
And my cry for help before Him came into His ears.
- 7 Then the earth shook and quaked;
And the foundations of the mountains were trembling
And were shaken, because He was angry.
- 8 Smoke went up out of His nostrils,
And fire from His mouth devoured;
Coals were kindled by it.
- 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down
With thick darkness under His feet.

- 10 He rode upon a cherub and flew;
And He sped upon the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made darkness His hiding place, His canopy around Him,
Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 From the brightness before Him passed His thick clouds,
Hailstones and coals of fire.
- 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
And the Most High uttered His voice,
Hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 He sent out His arrows, and scattered them,
And lightning flashes in abundance, and routed them.
- 15 Then the channels of water appeared,
And the foundations of the world were laid bare
At Your rebuke, O LORD,
At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.
- 16 He sent from on high, He took me;
He drew me out of many waters.
- 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
- 18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
But the LORD was my stay.
- 19 He brought me forth also into a broad place;
He rescued me, because He delighted in me.
- 20 The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.
- 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
- 22 For all His ordinances were before me,
And I did not put away His statutes from me.
- 23 I was also blameless with Him,
And I kept myself from my iniquity.

- 24 Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.
- 25 With the kind You show Yourself kind;
With the blameless You show Yourself blameless;
- 26 With the pure You show Yourself pure,
And with the crooked You show Yourself astute.
- 27 For You save an afflicted people,
But haughty eyes You abase.
- 28 For You light my lamp;
The LORD my God illumines my darkness.
- 29 For by You I can run upon a troop;
And by my God I can leap over a wall.
- 30 As for God, His way is blameless;
The word of the LORD is tried;
He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
- 31 For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God,
- 32 The God who girds me with strength
And makes my way blameless?
- 33 He makes my feet like hinds' *feet*,
And sets me upon my high places.
- 34 He trains my hands for battle,
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- 35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation,
And Your right hand upholds me;
And Your gentleness makes me great.
- 36 You enlarge my steps under me,
And my feet have not slipped.

- 37 I pursued my enemies and overtook them,
And I did not turn back until they were consumed.
- 38 I shattered them, so that they were not able to rise;
They fell under my feet.
- 39 For You have girded me with strength for battle;
You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.
- 40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me,
And I destroyed those who hated me.
- 41 They cried for help, but there was none to save,
Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them.
- 42 Then I beat them fine as the dust before the wind;
I emptied them out as the mire of the streets.
- 43 You have delivered me from the contentions of the people;
You have placed me as head of the nations;
A people whom I have not known serve me.
- 44 As soon as they hear, they obey me;
Foreigners submit to me.
- 45 Foreigners fade away,
And come trembling out of their fortresses.
- 46 The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock;
And exalted be the God of my salvation,
- 47 The God who executes vengeance for me,
And subdues peoples under me.
- 48 He delivers me from my enemies;
Surely You lift me above those who rise up against me;
You rescue me from the violent man.
- 49 Therefore I will give thanks to You among the nations, O LORD,
And I will sing praises to Your name.
- 50 He gives great deliverance to His king,
And shows lovingkindness to His anointed,
To David and his descendants forever.

PSALM 19
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

THE heavens are telling of the glory of God;
 And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.
 2 Day to day pours forth speech,
 And night to night reveals knowledge.
 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
 Their voice is not heard.
 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth,
 And their utterances to the end of the world.
 In them He has placed a tent for the sun,
 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;
 It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.
 6 Its rising is from one end of the heavens,
 And its circuit to the other end of them;
 And there is nothing hidden from its heat.
 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;
 The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
 The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
 The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.
 10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
 Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

- 11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;
In keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can discern *his* errors? Acquit me of hidden *faults*.
- 13 Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous *sins*;
Let them not rule over me;
Then I will be blameless,
And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

PSALM 20
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

MAY the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

- May the name of the God of Jacob set you *securely* on high!
- 2 May He send you help from the sanctuary
And support you from Zion!
- 3 May He remember all your meal offerings
And find your burnt offering acceptable! Selah.
- 4 May He grant you your heart's desire
And fulfill all your counsel!
- 5 We will sing for joy over your victory,
And in the name of our God we will set up our banners.
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.
- 6 Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed;
He will answer him from His holy heaven
With the saving strength of His right hand.
- 7 Some *boast* in chariots and some in horses,
But we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.
- 8 They have bowed down and fallen,
But we have risen and stood upright.
- 9 Save, O LORD;
May the King answer us in the day we call.

PSALM 21
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- O LORD, in Your strength the king will be glad,
 And in Your salvation how greatly he will rejoice!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire,
 And You have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.
- 3 For You meet him with the blessings of good things;
 You set a crown of fine gold on his head.
- 4 He asked life of You,
 You gave it to him,
 Length of days forever and ever.
- 5 His glory is great through Your salvation,
 Splendor and majesty You place upon him.
- 6 For You make him most blessed forever;
 You make him joyful with gladness in Your presence.
- 7 For the king trusts in the LORD,
 And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he will not be
 shaken.
- 8 Your hand will find out all your enemies;
 Your right hand will find out those who hate you.
- 9 You will make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger;
 The LORD will swallow them up in His wrath,
 And fire will devour them.
- 10 Their offspring You will destroy from the earth,
 And their descendants from among the sons of men.

- 11 Though they intended evil against You
 And devised a plot,
 They will not succeed.
- 12 For You will make them turn their back;
 You will aim with Your bowstrings at their faces.
- 13 Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength;
 We will sing and praise Your power.

PSALM 22
Observation Worksheet

Psalm Theme _____

For the choir director; upon Aijeleth Hashshahar. A Psalm of David.

MY God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

2 O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer;
And by night, but I have no rest.

3 Yet You are holy,
O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 In You our fathers trusted;
They trusted and You delivered them.

5 To You they cried out and were delivered;
In You they trusted and were not disappointed.

6 But I am a worm and not a man,
A reproach of men and despised by the people.

7 All who see me sneer at me;
They separate with the lip, they wag the head, *saying*,

8 “Commit *yourself* to the LORD; let Him deliver him;
Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.”

9 Yet You are He who brought me forth from the womb;
You made me trust *when* upon my mother’s breasts.

10 Upon You I was cast from birth;
You have been my God from my mother’s womb.

- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near;
For there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls have surrounded me;
Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled me.
- 13 They open wide their mouth at me,
As a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax;
It is melted within me.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
And my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
And You lay me in the dust of death.
- 16 For dogs have surrounded me;
A band of evildoers has encompassed me;
They pierced my hands and my feet.
- 17 I can count all my bones.
They look, they stare at me;
- 18 They divide my garments among them,
And for my clothing they cast lots.
- 19 But You, O LORD, be not far off;
O You my help, hasten to my assistance.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
My only *life* from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth;
From the horns of the wild oxen You answer me.
- 22 I will tell of Your name to my brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
- 23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him;
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.

- 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Nor has He hidden His face from him;
But when he cried to Him for help, He heard.
- 25 From You *comes* my praise in the great assembly;
I shall pay my vows before those who fear Him.
- 26 The afflicted will eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.
Let your heart live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD,
And all the families of the nations will worship before You.
- 28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S
And He rules over the nations.
- 29 All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship,
All those who go down to the dust will bow before Him,
Even he who cannot keep his soul alive.
- 30 Posterity will serve Him;
It will be told of the Lord to the *coming* generation.
- 31 They will come and will declare His righteousness
To a people who will be born, that He has performed *it*.

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ABOUT PRECEPT

PRECEPT was raised up by God for the sole purpose of establishing people in God's Word to produce reverence for Him. It serves as an arm of the church without respect to denomination. God has enabled Precept to reach across denominational lines without compromising the truths of His inerrant Word. We believe every word of the Bible was inspired and given to man as all that is necessary for him to become mature and thoroughly equipped for every good work of life. This ministry does not seek to impose its doctrines on others, but rather to direct people to the Master Himself, who leads and guides by His Spirit into all truth through a systematic study of His Word. The ministry produces a variety of Bible studies and holds conferences and intensive Training Workshops designed to establish attendees in the Word through Inductive Bible Study.

Jack Arthur and his wife, Kay, founded Precept in 1970. Kay and the ministry staff of writers produce *Precept Upon Precept* studies, *In & Out* studies, *Lord* series studies, the *New Inductive Study Series* studies, *40-Minute* studies, and *Discover 4 Yourself Inductive Bible Studies for Kids*. From years of diligent study and teaching experience, Kay and the staff have developed these unique, inductive courses that are now used in nearly 185 countries and 70 languages.

ANSWERING THE CALL

Now that you've studied and prayerfully considered the scriptures, is there something new for you to believe or do, or did it move you to make a change in your life? It's one of the many amazing and supernatural results of being in His life-changing Word—God speaks to us. At Precept South Africa, we believe that we have heard God speak about our part in the Great Commission. He has told us in His Word to make disciples by teaching people how to study His Word. If you share our passion for establishing people in God's Word, we invite you to join us! Will you prayerfully consider giving monthly to the ministry? To do so, you can make a payment online at <https://precept.org.za/get-involved/support-us> or make a direct deposit into our account:

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