

WEEK 6: SPECIAL PSALMS
DAY 1: PSALMS ABOUT TRUE WORSHIP

1. Last week we learned many things from the Psalms. We learned that all followers of God should do the work of praying. We learned that Christians should love people, and hate evil. We learned that David confessed his sins and God never fails.

From Psalm 100 and other Psalms, what should we give to God when He does something for us? _____

2. We should give Him thanks. In the book of Psalms we find many verses about worship. We learn that true worship does not come from a special building. It does not come from outward obedience. It does not come from worshipping on certain days or in certain ways. Instead we learn that:

True worship comes
from a pure heart.

Take your Bible now and read about this in Psalm 24. Read verse 4 again. What kind of hands go together with a pure heart? _____

3. A pure heart and clean hands go together. Having clean hands means that you do not do sinful acts. A person with clean hands and a pure heart can worship God truly.

Early in the Old Testament we read that people made sacrifices to worship God. Adam, Cain and Abel made sacrifices. Later we read that Noah built an altar to the Lord. He put his sacrifice on the altar. This made a place of worship. We do not build such altars today, but we have places of worship. Some people meet in churches. Some meet in school buildings, and some meet in homes. Some people meet under the trees.

In what kind of place do you meet for worship? _____

4. While the people of Israel were in Egypt, they had no special places of worship. Then God led them out of Egypt into the desert. He told Moses that the people should make Him a tent or tabernacle.

Exodus 25:8-9, 22:

And let them make me a sanctuary (or house), that I may dwell in their midst. According to all that I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so shall you make it. There I will meet with you.

The people who lived in Canaan worshipped idols. The people of Israel should not worship those idols. Whom should they worship at the tabernacle? _____

5. They should worship God. The tabernacle was made of cloth, wood, skins, and costly metals. It was made in many pieces so it could be taken apart. When the people moved to a new place, they took the tabernacle with them. God's presence was in the tabernacle like a light.

The tabernacle was the place where the people of Israel did what? _____

6. It was the place where they worshipped. They made sacrifices and sang songs of praise. They prayed and praised God for answering their prayers.

Psalm 11:4:

The Lord is in his holy temple.

Habakkuk 2:20:

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Who worshipped God in the tabernacle or temple, and were told to worship with a pure heart? _____

7. These were the people of Israel. God gave many laws for their worship services. But doing these things was not enough. God wanted them to love Him and worship Him in their hearts. He began to teach them that true worship comes from a pure heart.

One day King Saul did not please God in what he did. The prophet Samuel came to Saul.

I Samuel 15:22:

And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams.

Samuel said there is something better than sacrifice. What is it? _____

8. Samuel said that to obey is better than sacrifice. To obey God is better than doing things which look good in the eyes of people. The sinful heart cannot truly worship God. Obeying God outwardly in things like sacrifices is not enough.

Psalm 50:16-17:

But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes, or take my covenant or your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.

Deuteronomy 8:5-6:

Know then in your heart that ... you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

True worship does not come from outward obedience to the law of God. Where does true worship come from? _____

9. True worship comes from the heart. David knew this when he said:

Psalm 15:1-2:

O Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tent? Who shall dwell on thy holy hill? He who walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks truth from his heart.

Psalm 93:5:

Thy decrees are very sure; holiness befits thy house, O Lord, for evermore.

To be holy means to be pure and set apart. God's nature is pure. His works are pure. His word is pure. His house is pure. Worship to Him must come from what kind of heart?

10. The hearts of people must be pure. Today we worship God in many different places. We have different ways to worship. Most people have some plan which they follow in worship. But we must be careful in this. We can follow a plan and forget to worship. For example, we can pray the Lord's Prayer very quickly. If we do not think of the meaning of the words, we are not praying. We are only saying words.

True worship comes from what? _____

11. True worship comes from a pure heart. It does not come from a certain way of worshipping. And it does not come from worshipping only on a certain day. The Psalm writer said we can worship God all the time.

Psalm 34:1:

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

A certain pastor felt led by the Holy Spirit to go to his church on Monday. There he found a woman crying. She told him her troubles and he showed her that she should repent. But she said, "I cannot repent now. Today is Monday." She thought people could receive Christ only on the Lord's day.

When can a sinner repent? Write Yes beside the words which are true. Write No beside the ones which are not true.

_____ A sinner can repent at any time when he is truly sorry for sin.

_____ A sinner can repent only on Sunday when he is in church.

12. You should have put Yes for the first, and No for the second. What about the way we worship? Some people think we must make loud noises in worship. The book of Psalms says much about singing and praising God. But they had proper times for this.

Psalm 81:1:

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Psalm 95:1:

O come, let us sing to the Lord; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

A group of Christians in East Africa had a problem. They worked hard all day and needed to sleep well at night. But some of their neighbours sang, preached, prayed, shouted, and clapped their hands loudly until after mid-night.

Take your Bible and read what Paul wrote in I Corinthians 14:40. What do you think Paul would say to the noisy Christians in East Africa if he could talk to them?

13. We will talk about this together. True Christians are happy people. They try to bring others to Christ with love. They do not want to trouble them with their noisy meetings.

Sometimes we see people worshipping as they wear special uniforms and carry special things.

Is this sometimes good? _____ Is it sometimes bad? _____

Do we have to dress a certain way to worship God? _____

14. We will talk about these questions in class. We know that true worship does not come from a special building. It does not come from outward obedience, a certain day, or special ways of worship.

Psalm 15:1-2:

O Lord, who shall sojourn in thy tent? Who shall dwell on thy holy hill? He who walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks truth from his heart.

Psalm 24:3-4:

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

From these verses, true worship comes from what? _____

15. True worship comes from a pure heart. Some Psalms which tell especially about worship are: Psalm 14, 15, 24, 36, 50, 53, 81, 82, 85, 110, 126, 132, and 134.

The one who worships God truly also wants to help others worship Him. He sometimes cries, not for himself, but for lost people. When he brings them to Christ, he is reaping the harvest. He brings glory to God and worships God.

Psalm 126:6:

He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Prepare a sermon from today's lesson. On another paper write the big things you will say. Preach the sermon if you can. Bring your paper to class

16. The Psalms teach that true worship does not come from a special building, from outward obedience, from a certain day, or from special ways of worship. But true worship comes from what? _____

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DAY 2: LOOKING CAREFULLY AT PSALM 23.

1. We are learning so much from the Psalms. We have been looking at groups of Psalms. Now we want to look at two Psalms very carefully by themselves. We shall study one today and one tomorrow.

You love the Bible. There many chapters and verses which you like very much, I am sure.

Do you have one Psalm which you like more than others? _____

If so, which one is it? _____

In the Psalms, true worship comes from what?

2. As we learned yesterday, true worship comes from a pure heart. Perhaps the Psalm you love best is Psalm 1 or Psalm 100. Or perhaps you said Psalm 23. Many people have memorised Psalm 23. This is the Psalm we shall look at today. We shall learn:

The main thing we learn from Psalm 23 is that the Lord is the Shepherd of His people.

Can you say Psalm 23 from memory? _____ If you can, that is very good. If you cannot, it will be good for you to learn it. Perhaps you can do it on Sunday afternoons. You will not be asked to say it in these lessons. Take your Bible now and say or read Psalm 23.

3. Let us look at the first two verses.

Psalm 23:1-2:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

When David was young, he was a shepherd. He was an old man when he wrote this Psalm. He had served the Lord for many years. The Lord was his shepherd. Is the Lord the Shepherd of all people? No. Some people refuse to belong to Him. They do not want to be His.

The Lord is the Shepherd of whose people? _____

4. The Lord is the shepherd of His people. He is the Shepherd of those who repent of their sins and follow Him. David did not begin his song about the Shepherd by asking for something. He knew that the Shepherd was filling his needs.

Sometimes we worry. Most of our worries are about things which never happen. Think about the women who went to Christ's tomb early in the morning. They did not see the beauty of the morning. They were worrying about the stone over the tomb. But it had already been rolled away.

Who is the Shepherd of His people? _____

5. The Lord takes good care of His people. In the land of Israel there were many shepherds. Some were bad shepherds. They did not care well for the sheep. The sheep did not belong to them. Many shepherds were good. The sheep were theirs. They watched over them carefully. At mid-day when the sun was hot, the shepherd chose a green place and made the sheep rest. He led the sheep to drink where the water was still.

Psalm 23:2:

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

The people of the Lord call Him their what? _____

6. He is the shepherd of His people. He knows that they need quiet times. One Psalm writer wrote these words from God.

Psalm 46:10:

Be still, and know that I am God.

In I Kings 19 we read about Elijah. He did not find God in a strong wind or an earthquake. He found Him in a quiet small voice. Work is good, but we must also have quiet times. We must be still so God can talk to us and we can talk to Him. As a shepherd, he does not laugh at us when we are afraid. He never asks us to do more than we are able to do.

When we are tempted to lose our peace, who is able to give us a quiet spirit?

7. The Lord can give us a quiet spirit. From Psalm 23 we learn that He is the Shepherd of His people.

Psalm 23:3:

He restores (or makes new) my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Sometimes I have felt my soul slowly become empty. It is like a gourd without any milk in it. I have felt useless. Perhaps Satan brought such thoughts to me because I was very tired from working. Or perhaps sorrow had come, or illness, or I was discouraged.

Have such feelings ever come to you? _____

8. I think they have, because they come to all of us. Sometimes the sheep must pass through a narrow place or a place with thorns. A good shepherd leads them safely. In the land of Israel, a shepherd leads his sheep. He does not follow behind and drive them. He knows the way and goes first.

Our great Shepherd does not force us to go. He leads us when we are willing to follow. He forgives us as we repent. He refills us when we seem empty. He goes ahead and leads us in the right way. Then we praise Him for leading us.

Who is this great Shepherd? _____

9. This great Shepherd is the Lord.

He is the Shepherd of whom? _____

10. The Lord is the Shepherd of His people. This is the main thing we learn from Psalm 23.

Psalm 23:4:

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

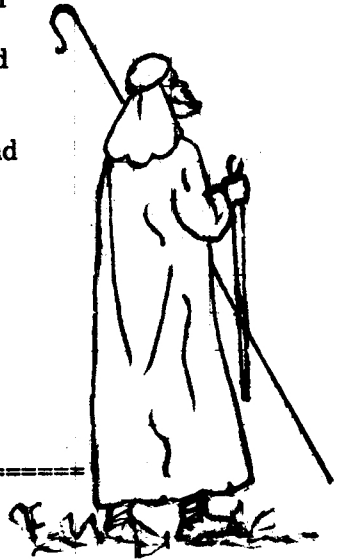
Those who are not the Lord's people cannot say these words. Only Christians have hope when death is near. Death brings Christians to a better life. Heaven is much better than this world, and Christians are not afraid to die. The Lord is with us. He comforts us.

Do David's words show that the Lord really loves us, His sheep? _____

11. The Lord really loves His sheep. This "valley of the shadow of death" also means dangers and troubles which come to us. A shepherd has a rod and a staff to help the sheep. The rod is a short strong stick to kill wild animals which want to harm the sheep. The staff is a long stick with a hook on the end to help guide the sheep.

Our Lord protects us from our enemy, Satan. He guides us when we lose the way.

What is the main thing we learn from Psalm 23?



12. We learn that the Lord is the Shepherd of His people.

In the land where David lived there were poisonous plants that could kill the sheep. The shepherd dug up such plants. Then the sheep could eat safely. Perhaps these are like the beer and bad books which tempt some people today. It is better to take such things away and not tempt ourselves with them. They are enemies to the Lord's sheep.

Psalm 23:5:

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

In what Psalm do we learn that the Lord is the Shepherd of His people? _____

13. We learn this in Psalm 23. The shepherd in the land of Israel also carried oil to heal the wounds of the sheep. The Lord, our Shepherd, also pours His healing oil on our wounds. Another Psalm speaks of this. The New Testament also speaks of His loving care. He knows each of us and cares about our troubles.

Psalm 147:3:

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

John 10:3:

He calls his own sheep by name.

Do you believe the Lord is able to heal every wounded heart? _____

14. I believe He will heal every wounded heart if we let Him. David finished his song with these words about his Shepherd.

Psalm 23:6:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

What is the main thing we learn from Psalm 23? _____

15. The main thing we learn is: The Lord is the Shepherd of His people. David says he will have goodness and mercy all his life. He does not say "Perhaps." He says it is sure to happen. Goodness and mercy take away fear and bring peace. Then David will have eternal life. He will be in heaven with his Shepherd forever.

Sometimes things become difficult for Christians. But the best is still coming. Remember the words of Jesus.

John 11:26:

Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

Take a little time to think about this. Then explain what it means to you that the Lord is your shepherd.

16. What is the main thing we learn from Psalm 23? _____

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DAY 3: LOOKING CAREFULLY AT PSALM 119

1. We are looking closely at two Psalms. Yesterday we saw Psalm 23. Today we shall see Psalm 119. One Christian said that reading Psalm 119 is like sitting by the fire to warm oneself.

Do you like sitting by the fire on a cold evening talking with your friends? _____

What is the main thing we learn from Psalm 23? _____

2. From Psalm 23 we learn that the Lord is the Shepherd of His people. I enjoy sitting by the fire. I think you do too. Today let us warm our hearts by Psalm 119. It tells many blessings which come to those who follow God. We shall see four of these together with a verse number for each. At the end of the lesson you will write three blessings of those who follow God's word.

Psalm 119

(1) Happiness
Verse 1

(2) Fellowship
with God
Verse 11

(3) Light
Verse 105

(4) Peace
Verse 165

Take your Bible now and read Psalm 119:1 to 8. Keep your Bible open. Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the whole Bible. Look in your Bible and find the end of this chapter. How many verses are there in Psalm 119? _____

3. You are right if you said there are 176 verses. The first verse reminds us of Psalm 1. We saw that those people are happy who are right in faith and obedience. All their actions are ruled by the will of God.

Psalm 119:1:

Blessed (or happy) are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

Do you believe that God has a way which He wants you to follow? _____

What is the number of the verse in Psalm 119 which says people have happiness when they follow God's word? _____

4. We find this in verse 1. People have true happiness when their way is free from sin. God has a way which He wants everyone to follow. Everyone wants happiness. People have happiness when they love God with the whole heart. They obey Him.

Which people have happiness? Is it those who follow God's word or those who follow other people?

5. It is those who follow God's word. Now fill in the first thing from Psalm 119 which God gives those who follow God's word.

Psalm 119

(1) Happiness
Verse 1

(2) Fellowship
with God
Verse 11

(3) Light
Verse 105

(4) Peace
Verse 165

6. The first one is: Happiness, Verse 1. Now let us look at the second one.
(2) Fellowship with God, Verse 11.

If someone asks us where the word of God is, we usually say it is in the Bible. But if it only remains in the Bible, it does not help us. The Psalm writer said that it can be somewhere else.

Psalm 119:11:

I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Where did the Psalm writer say he had laid up God's word? _____

7. He had laid up God's word in his heart. This verse helps us remember how important God's word is. Find Psalm 119:11 in your Bible and read it again. Put a line under it if you like. Obeying God's word will keep us from sinning. Through His word in our hearts He will speak to us. In this way we always have fellowship with God.

What verse in Psalm 119 has just shown us that God's word in our hearts will help us keep from sinning?

8. This is verse 11. When we hide God's word in our hearts, we are kept from sinning. God speaks to us. We have something which is very good. This is the second thing we have.

From Psalm 119, what is the second blessing God gives those who follow God's word?
_____, Verse _____

9. We have fellowship with God. We are thinking about only one Psalm today. It is Psalm 119. We are learning four things God gives those who follow God's word.

What is the second one?

(1) Happiness.
Verse 1.

(3) Light,
Verse 105

(2) _____

Verse _____

(4) Peace,
Verse 165

10. The second blessing God gives in Psalm 119 is: Fellowship with God, Verse 11. Now look at the third one.

(3) Light, Verse 105

Psalm 119:105:

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

One morning two women arrived at Sunday School. They were talking outside the church so a teacher went out to greet them. After the greeting they explained, "We heard the bell so we came. We are members of a certain church but we want to come out of the darkness." They knew they still had the darkness of sin in their hearts.

We have seen in verse 1 that God's word brings happiness and in verse 11 that it brings fellowship with God. Now we see in verse 105 that God's word can take away darkness and bring what? _____

11. God's word brings light. That is the third thing God's word brings. In your Bible find Psalm 119:105 and read it again. If you like, draw a line under it so you can find it easily.

Which verse in Psalm 119 tells us that God's word brings us light? _____

12. This is verse 105. God's word is like a big light to show us which path to take. It is also like a candle to show our feet where to go step by step. This means that in every question which comes, God's word will help us. In every problem God's light will show us His will. We can know what He wants us to do, if we are willing to obey His word.

Write the first three things from Psalm 119 which God's word gives us.

(1) _____
Verse _____

(3) _____
Verse _____

(2) _____
Verse _____

(4) Peace
Verse 165

13. The blessings are: Happiness, Verse 1. Fellowship with God, Verse 11. Light, Verse 105. I hope you could write them without looking back. If you had to look back, take time now to learn them well. Then let us go on to number 4.

(4) Peace, Verse 165.

Some people seem to enjoy quarreling. They do not have peace. It makes them angry to see others who have peace. But God's word often speaks of peace.

Psalm 119:165:

Great peace have those who love thy law; nothing can make them stumble (or fall).

From this verse, which people have peace? _____

14. It is those who love God's law. Peace is not something which begins on the outside. It must first be in the heart. Then it shows on the outside too. Read Psalm 119:165 in your Bible. Draw lines under it if you like.

David often had troubles. There were many wars. His son Absalom was killed. His family did not get along well together. But we can be ruled by God in our hearts. If we love His law. Then we have great peace. Nothing will move us away from God.

Which verse says that the person who loves God's law will have great peace?

15. This is verse 165. When Psalm 119 was written, the people of Israel still had the Ark of God. This box had in it the stones on which God had written the Ten Commandments. It was the sign of God's presence. It was kept in the inside room of the temple. God's peace can be kept deep in our hearts as this box with the commandments was kept in the temple.

According to Psalm 119:165, what do people have in their hearts when they love God's law?

16. They have peace. Nothing can turn them away from God when they keep His word in their hearts.

From Psalm 119, what is the fourth blessing which God's word gives us?

(1) Happiness, Verse 1 (2) Fellowship with God, Verse 11 (3) Light, Verse 105

(4) _____, Verse _____

17. From Psalm 119, the fourth blessing God's word gives us is peace. This is told in verse 165. Those who do not have God's word deep in their hearts do not have these things. Sometimes they are unhappy. Sometimes they fight against God. Sometimes their way is dark. And sometimes they quarrel. They do not follow God faithfully.

Say to yourself the four blessings from Psalm 119 which God's word gives us. Tell the verse where each is found.

18. They are: Happiness, Verse 1. Fellowship, Verse 11. Light, Verse 105. Peace, Verse 165.

Perhaps you have sometimes seen a chameleon. It is something like a lizard, but it is always changing its colour. If it is on a green leaf, it becomes green. When it is on a dry stick, it becomes brown. If you put it on a yellow flower, it becomes yellow. It also changes when it is happy, angry, or frightened.

Some Christians are like chameleons. When they are at church, they are very good. But at other times and places they change. They do not really live by God's word.

Do you want to be a "chameleon Christian"? _____

Write some ways you can keep from being a Christian who changes all the time.

19. We will talk about this in class.

From Psalm 119, write three of the four blessings which God gives those who follow his word.

(1) _____, Verse _____ (2) _____, Verse _____

(3) _____, Verse _____ (4) _____, Verse _____

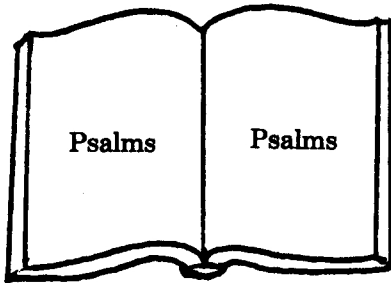
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DAY 4: THE PSALMS SHOW US JESUS CHRIST, THE MESSIAH

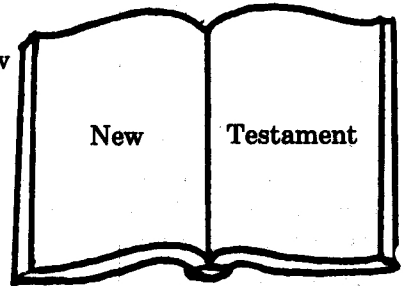
1. Write three of the four blessings in Psalm 119 which God gives to those who follow His word.

- (1) _____, Verse _____ (2) _____, Verse _____
(3) _____, Verse _____ (4) _____, Verse _____

2. The four things are: Happiness, Verse 1. Fellowship with God, Verse 11. Light, Verse 105. Peace, Verse 165. Today we have a special good lesson. We will see the place where the Psalms and the New Testament meet. We will learn:



The Psalms show us Jesus Christ, the Messiah.



Which do you read more often -- the Old Testament, or the New Testament?

3. Whatever you answered is good. Many people read the New Testament more than the Old. But we must remember that the Old Testament prepares the way for the New. One writer who helped to prepare the way for the New Testament was David. He was a king who led the people well in many ways. God said that someone from his family would rule forever. In many ways David pointed forward to Christ before Christ came.

Is the book of Psalms in the Old Testament or the New Testament? _____

4. We have been studying the book of Psalms for almost three weeks. I am sure you said it is in the Old Testament. But you will be surprised how close the Psalms are to the New Testament. They say many things which the New Testament also says. Jesus said that He had come to fulfill the things written about Him.

Luke 24:44:

... that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.

In this verse, Jesus said that he had come to fulfill what, besides the law of Moses and the prophets?

5. Jesus came to fulfill the law of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms.

What writer in the book of Psalms pointed forward to Jesus? _____

6. David pointed forward to Jesus. He not only wrote about the things Jesus would do. By his life, David showed some of the things Jesus would do. We see David's life and his writings in the book of Psalms. In this way, the Psalms show us Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The Psalms were written many years before the New Testament. But they gave many truths of the New Testament.

The writers of the Psalms did not write in their own wisdom. Who gave the writers of the Bible wisdom so that all the books go together? _____

7. As we learned before, God gave them wisdom. David was a prophet, priest, and king. In this position he showed what Jesus would do. Jesus later came as Prophet, Priest, and King. The Psalms show us that Jesus was truly the Son of God, the Messiah. Then we see this repeated in the New Testament. Look at these verses from the Psalms and the New Testament.

Psalm 2:7:

He (the Lord) said to me, "You are my son, today I have begotten you.

Hebrews 1:5:

"Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee."

In many Psalms David pointed forward to whom? Give two names. _____

8. David pointed forward to Jesus, or the Christ, or the Messiah. All of these names are good. In this lesson we want to use all three. Look at these verses from the Psalms and the New Testament. They show the work of prophet which Jesus Christ, the Messiah would do.

Psalm 22:22:

I will tell of thy name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee.

Hebrews 2:12:

I will proclaim thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee.

Psalm 118:22-23:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Matthew 21:42:

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

Which book in the Old Testament, partly written by David, shows us Jesus Christ, the Messiah in the New Testament? _____

9. This is the book of Psalms. Now let us see Jesus as Priest in both the Psalms and the New Testament. Look how the verses go together.

Psalm 40:6-7:

Sacrifice and offering thou dost not desire; but thou hast given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering thou hast not required. Then I said, "Lo, I come; in the roll of the book it is written of me."

Hebrews 10:9:

Then he added, "Lo I have come to do thy will."

Psalm 110:4:

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

Hebrews 7:17:

For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

We see that the Psalms are closely joined with the New Testament. Whom do they show us? Give three names.

10. They show us Jesus Christ, the Messiah. We also see Jesus as King.

Psalm 45:6-7:

Your divine throne endures for ever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity (or you rule justly); you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hebrews 1:8-9:

But of the Son he says, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever, the righteous scepter is the scepter of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, thy God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness beyond thy comrades."

The Old Testament kings were anointed by the priests. Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the greatest of all kings. The Psalms shows us Jesus Christ, the Messiah. This is the most important way in which they are joined with the New Testament.

Who in the book of Psalms pointed forward to Jesus Christ, the Messiah? _____

11. It was David who pointed forward to Jesus. But many verses in the Psalms were not understood until Jesus came. Many verses in the Psalms told how the Messiah would suffer. Jesus repeated some of these in the New Testament.

Psalm 22:1:

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Matthew 27:46:

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

Psalm 22:16:

They have pierced my hands and feet.

John 20:27:

Then he (Christ) said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands.

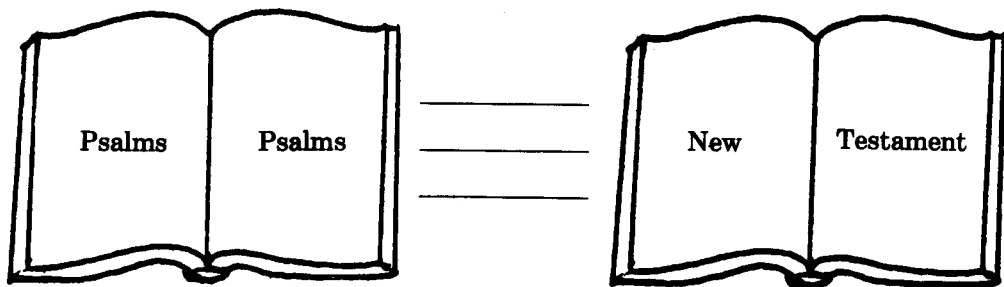
Psalm 22:18:

They divided my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.

Matthew 27:35:

they divided his garments among them by casting lots.

What is the most important way in which the Psalms are joined to the New Testament?



12. The Psalms show us Jesus Christ, the Messiah. We read of His resurrection in these verses.

Psalm 16:10:

For thou dost not give me up to Sheol (or death).

Acts 2:31:

He (David) foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades (or death).

I said in the beginning that we would be surprised to find so many verses in Psalms that show us Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Are you surprised? _____

13. Let us see one more prophecy that was fulfilled.

Psalm 68:18:

Thou didst ascend the high mount, leading captives in thy train, and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there.

Ephesians 4:7-8:

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

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14. The Psalms show us Jesus Christ, the Messiah. We have seen many verses that were later repeated and fulfilled. But there are many more. When you have time read these:

Psalm 132:17 and Luke 1:68-69

Psalm 69:9 and John 2:17

Psalm 22:8 and Matthew 27:43

Psalm 69:21 and Matthew 27:34

Psalm 22:24 and Hebrews 5:7

Psalm 110:1 and Matthew 22:43-44

Psalm 35:19 and John 15:25

Psalm 118:26 and Matthew 21:9

Psalm 8:6 and Hebrews 2:6-10

Psalm 40:8 and John 4:34

The people of Israel knew their songs very well. When Jesus came, the songs helped them to know that He was the Messiah. Do our songs today teach us, or do they just make us feel good?

15. Be ready to talk about this in class.

What is the most important way in which the Psalms are joined with the New Testament?

WEEK 6: SPECIAL PSALMS
DAY 5: REVISION

We have now finished our study of the Psalms. We have looked at only a few of them. They have much more to teach us. Read the Psalms often. Study them for yourself. Use them as songs, prayers, and lessons.

Today we want to go over all that we have learned about the five books of songs. Write an answer for every question. Then go back and look at the answers.

Questions from Week 4.

1. Who wrote more than 75 of the Psalms? _____
2. Most of the time, the people of Israel used the Psalms for what? _____

3. What are the four great subjects in the book of Psalms?
(1) _____ (3) _____
(2) _____ (4) _____
4. From the teaching of the Psalms, what does the wise person have for the word of God?

5. For what three things did the Psalm writers praise the Lord?
(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
6. From the Psalms, what two things can we believers do in times of trouble?
(1) _____
(2) _____

Questions from Week 5.

7. From the way in which the people of Israel prayed in the Psalms, who should do the work of praying? _____
8. From the teaching of the Psalms and of Christ, whom should the Christian love, besides God?

What should the Christian hate? _____

9. What four things did David do after he sinned?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

10. What did the Psalm writers believe about God's faithfulness? _____

11. From Psalm 100 and other Psalms, what should we give to God when he does something for us? _____

Questions from Week 6.

12. The Psalms teach that true worship does not come from a special building, from outward obedience, from a certain day, or from special ways of worship. But true worship comes from what? _____

13. What is the main thing we learn from Psalm 23? _____

14. From Psalm 119, write three of the four blessings which God gives those who follow His word.

(1) _____, Verse _____ (2) _____, Verse _____

(3) _____, Verse _____ (4) _____, Verse _____

15. What is the most important way in which the Psalms are joined with the New Testament?

Now look back at the answers to these questions. If you missed one, cross it out. Write the correct answer above it. When you know all these questions, go back to page 67. Hide the answers you have written. Try to answer all the questions.