



## AN INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL POETRY

### *Psalm 1 & 2*

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We will look at 8 different genres throughout this collection of books or units called Psalms. We will talk about patterns, repetitions and parallelism structures that give complete thought and interpretation that the poet is portraying. As Christians, we are to be careful to interpret God's Word according to the author's intent purpose. Here is one inductive study method I would like to give to you today.

*How to Study the Bible well?*

1. OBSERVATION — What does it say
  2. INTERPRETATION - What does it mean
  3. APPLICATION - What does it mean to us?
- The Purpose of the book of Psalms is to display the SOVEREIGNTY of God and to PRAISE Him for His PROVISION and PROTECTION in our lives.

### ***Psalm 1***

*"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; **2** but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. **3** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. **4** The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. **5** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; **6** for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish."*

*Psalms help us recognize:*

1. The KINGSHIP and SOVEREIGNTY of God
2. The DESTINY of the Righteous and Wicked
3. God's COMFORT and PROVISION in Times of Need
4. Importance of PRAISE

## Psalm 2

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? **2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, **3** "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

**4** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. **5** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, **6** "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." **7** I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. **8** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. **9** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." **10** Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. **11** Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

### 1. ROYAL Psalms focus on God's SOVEREIGNTY. (v. 1-7)

- God's Response: Establish the Messianic King.
- A PROMISE: Given through the DAVIDIC Covenant.

### 2. The DESTINY of the Righteous & Wicked. (v 8-12)

- The Result: the REBELLION is wrath.
- Our Response: SUBMIT to King Jesus.

Types of Psalms:

- Zion Psalm - Zion, the Dwelling Place of God
- Praise Psalm - give praise & adoration to God
- Thanksgiving Psalm - past distress/faithfulness
- Wisdom Psalm - for wise & responsible living
- Royal Psalm - focus on the King
- Lamenting Psalm - distress by crisis situations

### Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness. And identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.**