

THE PSALMS (~~These notes cover Books I and II, Psalms 1-41, 42-72.~~)

The Psalms, probably more than any book of the Bible, teach us how to pray. We have many examples of different kinds of prayer, such as:

- 1) Teaching Psalms - 1, 11, 14, 15, 19, 23, 27 (see notes), 29, 33 (with praise), 34, 36 (with petitions), 37 (with exhortations), 49, 50, 52, 53, 73, 76, 78, 82, 87, 91, 94, 103-106 (praise + teaching), 114, 121, 125, 127, 128, 133, 139
  - 2) Messianic Psalms: 2 - millennial, 16, - resurrection, 22 - the Cross, 24 - the Second Coming, 34:20 - the Cross, 45 - millennial, 50, 69, 72, 110, 118
  - 3) Prayer Psalms. Most of them fall into this category.
    - a) Worship - 8, 91, 93, 94-100 (worship + exhortation)
    - b) Praise - 9, 18, 21, 30, 32, 33, 75, 92, 107, 108, 111, 112, 113, 115, 116, 117, 124, 134, 135, 136, 138, 145-150.
    - c) Doctrinal prayers - 5, 9, 16, 17.
    - d) Congregational hymns - 20, 44, 60.
    - e) Confession of sin - 25, 38, 40:12, 51, 85, 130
    - f) Ministering to others - 34, 37.
    - g) Desire for the Lord, fellowship with Him - 27, 42, 63, 84, 90, 101
    - h) Silence of God - 10, 13, 22, 24, 42; 44:23 (contrasting 46), 50, 77, 79, 83, 88, 99
- Note: Contrasting Psalms: 25 and 26, 30 and 31, 25 and 32.
- Related Psalms: 42 and 43, 49 and 50 and 52, 68 and 69.
- i) Supplication: 74, 80, 86, 102, 109, 120, 125, 126, 140-142
- j) Intercession: 122, 129, 131, 132, 137  
(esp. for Israel)

PECULIAR PSALMS

- ① 81 - GOD SPEAKING
- ② 119 - LONGEST - PSALM OF THE WORD.      SHORTEST - 117
- ③ Primarily for the Lord's people. Very little evangelistic emphasis (cf. 67).

How do Books end?

- I. Petitioning God, confess., praise 38-41
- II. Millennial 67-72 (with possible exception of 71).
- III. Silence of God (88, 89 - representation of many Psalms).
- IV. Teading + praise - (103-106).
- V. Praise (145-150).