

Reading the Bible – Psalms

Sunday June 3, 2012

Psalms 24

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Psalms - A Vocabulary of Praise

Psalms - A Vocabulary of Prayer

Poetry

- Poetry important in Oral Cultures
- Hebrew Poetry - Parallel Thoughts
- Emotional Language
- Metaphorical Language

Psalms

- Each Psalm a Literary Unit
- The Psalms were Used
- Some Psalms have “standardized” forms
- Many different types of Psalms

Types

- Laments – Largest Group
- Thanksgiving
- Praise
- Salvation History – Recounting God’s Actions
- Celebration – Used for Special Events
- Wisdom
- Trust
- Songs of Zion – Songs about Jerusalem

Reading the Bible

Over the next few weeks we will examine several kinds of literature that are found in the Bible. The hope is that we can learn some practical ways to read the Bible better.

In addition to the teachings on Sunday morning, there are some small groups that will meet during the week. These groups will provide an opportunity to practice what we are learning on Sundays in a supportive low pressure environment.

Here is an outline of the kinds of literature we will examine, and the Scripture passages we will use to “practice” in some of the groups that will be meeting.

Apr 23-27	Letter	1Co 11:17-34
Apr 30 – May 4	OT Narrative	Gen 15
May 7-11	Acts	Act 6:1-7
May 14-18	Gospel	Mar 8:27-9:1
May 21-25	Parable	Mat 13:1-23
May 28 – Jun 1	Law	Lev 19:1-18
Jun 4-8	Psalms	Psa 24
Jun 11-15	Prophet	Amo 5

For Further Reading

Gordon D. Fee, Douglas Stuart. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* [Third Edition]. Zondervan. 2003.