

Psalms of Trust

Remember

- ▶ Psalms can be poetry
 - ▶ Addressing the mind through the heart
 - ▶ Musical Poems
 - ▶ They are often Metaphorical
- ▶ Psalms as Literature
 - ▶ Different types Lament, Celebration, Thanksgiving, Trust, Praise
 - ▶ Treated as a whole, formal structures, Themes, For different functions or settings.
- ▶ Psalms as songs
 - ▶ connecting worshipper to God
 - ▶ Individual or Corporate

Five Key Themes

- ▶ Psalms of Lament
 - ▶ Reflects on all his problems and difficulties often ranting at God why things are not going so well but always finishes with a declaration of Trust in God
- ▶ Psalms of Celebration or Royal Psalms
 - ▶ Renewal of our covenant relations to God
 - ▶ God is King, celebrating King of Kings, include declaration of Trust in God
- ▶ Psalms of Thanksgiving
 - ▶ Mostly focusing on the fact we are forgiven, God is faithful, God has done it all for us. Declaration of Trust in God
- ▶ Psalms of Trust “God can be Trusted even in times of despair and disappointment”
- ▶ Psalms of Praise for who he is. Declaration of Trust in God

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- ▶ Mostly songs 10 in all Psalm 11,16,23,27,62,63,91,121,125,131
 - ▶ Centre on the fact God can be trusted even in difficult times of despair.
 - ▶ Psalms to help us express our trust
 - ▶ These can be seen as declarations of truth even in the midst of tragedy and disappointment.
 - ▶ Even in Laments Psalms we find David making an enthusiastic declaration of trust in God
 - ▶ They use words, metaphors, pictures, emotions, poetry to express this trust.



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Different types of Trust

- ▶ Blind trust.....trusting everyone whether trustworthy or not
- ▶ Passive mistrust.....avoid conflict, withdraw and play safe
- ▶ Aggressive mistrust.....intimidating, dominating, controlling
- ▶ Perceptive trust.....wise, honest, strong yet kind

The Language of Psalms

- ▶ Hebrew poetry was addressed to the mind via the heart using emotive language
- ▶ Psalms are musical poems and not intended for doctrinal exposition
- ▶ Metaphors are word pictures
- ▶ Vocabulary is purposefully metaphorical and need to look at the intent of the metaphor and listen to what they are pointing to

Psalms 91 v 1-7

Trust



1. Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty
2. I will say of the Lord “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust”
3. Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.
4. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
5. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day
6. Nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday
7. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

God as a Rock



God is a safe Fortress



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God is my Light and Salvation



He covers me with His Feathers



The Good Shepherd



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 - ▶ But our Father is in the long game to win. 3 Stories

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- ▶ Lazarus Jesus friend “whom he loved”
 - ▶ John 11v6 “So when Jesus heard Lazarus was sick stayed where he was two more days”



It is well with my soul

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