


READING OUR BIBLE
 Encouragement for a lifetime
 of rejoicing in Christ!
 Class 4 (Psalms, Proverbs)
 Winter 2025



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SORT THE PSALMS?

- Messianic**
2, 8, 22, 69, 110
- Testimonial**
30, 34
- Imprecatory**
58, 109
- Lament**
27, 26, 69
- Pilgrim "Ascent"**
120-134
- Wisdom**
37, 73
- Nature**
8, 19
- Penitential**
32, 51
- Historical**
78, 105, 106

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PSALMS ("TELLIHIM," PRAISES)

Psalms

Worship

Remember
Acknowledge
Praise

"Hymnal of the Old Testament"
 Praise & Thanksgiving & Submission

1 Chronicles 16:⁴ And he appointed some of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, to commemorate, to thank, and to praise the Lord God of Israel...

zakar, yadah, halel

Experience of worship
Object of worship

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HEBREW POETRY BASICS

- Rhythm of Thought -- **Parallelism**
 - Psalm 15:** ¹ Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?
Who may dwell in Your holy hill?
 - Psalm 49:** ¹ Hear this, all peoples;
Give ear, all inhabitants of the world
 - Psalm 3:** ⁴ I **cried** to the Lord with my voice,
And He **heard** me from His holy hill.
 - Psalm 1:** ⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.
 - Psalm 42:** ¹ As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So pants my soul for You, O God.

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HEBREW POETRY BASICS

- Rhythm of Sound
 - Acrostic (Ps. 9, 10, 24, 37, 111, 112, 119, 145)
 - Alliteration (122:6)
 - Assonance (119:29)
 - Onomatopoeia (81:7)
 - Inclusion (118:1,29)

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MESSIANIC PSALMS!

Christ's Ascension	Ps. 68:18	Eph 4:8	72, 102, 109, 106
Christ's Betrayal	Ps. 41:9	Luke 22:48	
Christ's Death	Ps. 22:1-21	Matt 27	
Christ's Deity	Ps. 45:6-7	Heb 1:8-9	
Christ's Exaltation	Ps. 8:5-6	Heb 2:6-9	
Christ's Kingship	Ps. 2:6; 89:18-19	Acts 5:31	
Christ's Lordship	Ps. 8:2; 110:1	Matt 21:15; 22:44	
Christ's Obedience	Ps. 40:6-8	Heb 10:5-7	
Christ's Priesthood	Ps. 110:4	Heb 5:6	
Christ's Resurrection	Ps. 2:7; 16:10	Acts 2:25; 13:33	
Christ's Sonship	Ps. 2:7	Matt 3:17; Heb 1:5	
Christ's Sufferings	Ps. 69:9; 69:4	Jn 2:17; 15:25	
Christ's Supremacy	Ps. 118:22-23	Mat 21:42	

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How do I read to “find Christ?”

Need for Christ	Pictures of Christ
Law (command)	Gospel (promise)
Failure & mercy	Rescue

God’s character, fully seen in Christ
Big Picture: Jesus planned, all along

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PROVERBS

Title Page: (1:1)
Preface: (1:2-7)
Body in three parts (1:8-29:27)
1. Discourse on value of wisdom (1-9)
2. Arranged wisdom of Solomon (10-24)
3. Collected wisdom of Solomon (25-29)
Appendix:
Specific wisdom of two other sages (30-31)

Foundation: Fear of the Lord
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction. (1:7)

Proverbs
Wisdom
Samuel
Agur
Lemuel

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THE BEST COUNSEL FOR YOUR LIFE

• **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

Not “live and learn”
But “learn and live”

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PROVERBS

- Promises, law, or maxims?
 - Reality of life on earth, skillful living, observational
- Read Straight Through? (no, read & ponder)
 - Shared experience from skillful observer
- Where Find Jesus?

1 Corinthians 1:30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption...

Colossians 2:3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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CHRIST AND PROVERBS

- Christ who lived in wisdom
- Christ who is wisdom itself
- Proverbs foreshadows two kinds of life: wise and foolish

Life in Society
Pointing to greater:
Life in Christ

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... PROVERBS TO RUTH

True Proverbs 31 woman

- How did SOLOMON do with this advice?
- Yet God would bless the childless ‘nobody’
- Key book: links David to the Abrahamic promises
- Jesus Christ, savior of all, through Ruth, childless Moabite

Excellent wife,
who can find?
God can,

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