

THE WAYFARER'S COMPANION

SERMONS FROM THE PSALTER

HYMN 1

“THE WAY OF THE WORSHIPPER”

“The Particular Path of Blessing”

(Psalm 1)

THE PSALTER – THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

- The Book of Psalms, or the Psalter, is a collection of songs and poetry compiled for both _____ and _____ worship. They date from the time of Moses (Psalm 90) to the Captivity (Psalm 137). The book is a marvelous example of Hebrew poetry and served as the Temple hymn book in the Kingdom period.
- It is divided into Five Books or Groupings (1-41; 42-72; 73-89; 90-106; 107-150) with each closing with a doxology. These Five Books correspond to the five books of the Torah. As the Torah is God _____ Himself and His will to His people, the Psalms are His people's _____. It is properly called, _____.
- Consequently, the Psalter is not simply or primarily a book to be _____, but a _____ with which we _____, _____ and _____. It is the _____ book. It is the _____ book.
- The Psalms have been classified primarily through a thematic approach. The themes can be very general in nature, such as Thanksgiving (66), Praise (19) and Lament (28) Psalms, all of which can be personal or national in focus. The more specific themes include Royal Psalms (20; related to the king) or Enthronement Psalms (47; related to the God's Reign), Pilgrim Psalms (84; related to the people in traveling to festivals), Penitent Psalms (51; related to confession of sin) and Messianic Psalms (24; related to the coming Anointed One). There are also Psalms that are classified as Imprecatory (58), that call for divine judgment on one's enemies.
- The key characteristic of Hebrew Poetry is _____. There are 5 primary types:
 - _____ - Repetition of the same thought (i.e. Psalm 27:1)
 - _____ - Contrasting the previous thought (i.e. Psalm 1:6)
 - _____ - Building on the initial thought (i.e. Psalm 1:1)
 - _____ - Building on the same words (i.e. Psalm 29:1-2a; 96:1)
 - _____ - Use of a simile or metaphor (i.e. Psalm 1:3, 4; 42:1)

PSALM 1: THE WAY OF THE WORSHIPPER

1A. TWO WAYS _____ AND _____ : (V. 1-5)

1B. The _____ Man... (v. 1-3)

"How **blessed** is the man..."

1C. ... _____ from the _____ .

"...who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!"

2C. ... _____ in the _____ .

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night."

3C. ... _____ by the _____ . (Metaphor: _____)

"He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers."

2B. The _____ Man... (v. 4-5)

"The wicked are not so..."

1C. ... _____ no _____ . (Metaphor: _____)

"But they are like chaff which the wind drives away."

2C. ... _____ no _____ .

3C. ... _____ no _____ .

"Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous."

2A. TWO WAYS _____ : (V. 6)

"For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish."