

A Taste of Psalms II

Psalms 15, 19; 22–24, 27, 30, 42, 45, 63; 84; 96, 100, 104, 106, 113–118; look at 119; 122, 127, 146–150.

Yearning for God

- Psalm 42
 - “¹As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. ²My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?”
- Psalm 63
 - “¹God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; ²To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. ³Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.”

In Praise of God Hymns

- Psalm 19
 - “¹The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”
- Psalm 24
 - “¹The earth *is* the LORD’S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. ²For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods . . . ⁸Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle . . . ¹⁰Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.”
- Psalm 96
 - “¹O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. ²Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. ³Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. ⁴For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods. ⁵For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens. ⁶Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary. ⁷Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.”

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In Praise of God (cont.) Hymns

- Psalm 100
 - “¹Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ²Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ³Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. ⁵For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.”

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Praising God for His Graciousness

Thanksgiving Psalms

- Psalm 30
 - “¹I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. ²O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. ³O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. ⁴Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.”
- Psalm 104 (as a whole, in the form of a creation hymn)
 - “¹Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty . . . ⁵*Who* laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever. ⁶Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains . . . ³³*I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.* ³⁴My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD. ³⁵*Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more.* Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.
 - An imprecation at the end!

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In Praise of God's Law

Torah Psalms

- Psalm 19
 - “⁷The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple. ⁸The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.”

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In Praise of God's House

Temple Psalms

- Psalm 24
 - “³Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”
- Psalm 27
 - “⁴One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.”
- Psalm 84
 - “¹How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! ²My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. ³Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. ⁴Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.”

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The Hallel

Psalms 113–118

- Psalms traditionally sung at Passover
- Largely hymns and psalms of praise, also temple psalms
- Compare with songs of ascent or “Songs of degrees” sung when “going up to Jerusalem and the Mountain of the Lord’s House”

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Royal Psalms

- Psalm 45 (written in the style of a royal wedding ode)
 - “²Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. ³Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. ⁴And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. ⁵Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee . . . ⁹Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir. ¹⁴She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. ¹⁵With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.”
 - Exposition: Messiah = king and bridegroom, bride = God's people and church

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Clear Messianic Psalms

- Psalm 22
 - “¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. ¹⁶For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me. ¹⁸They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”

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Songs of Comfort

Trust Psalms

- Psalm 23 complete: The Lord is my shepherd!
- Psalm 30
 - “⁵For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.”

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Some Wisdom Psalms

- Psalm 15
 - “¹LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? ²He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. ³*He that* backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.”

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