

Faithful Lament in the Psalms



Literary Types/Genre of Psalms

- Lament—2 types



- Thanksgiving
- Specialized Thanksgiving
- Hymnic Psalms

- Liturgical Psalms
--4 Categories
(for Public Assembly)
- Community Psalms

Lament Psalms



- **Community (12)**

- 1—no faithfulness
- 2—Everyone lies
- 3—May Lord silence
- 4—Lord over us?
- 5—Poor plundered
- 6—Words flawless
- 7—Keep & Protect
- 8—Freely strut about

- **Individual(142)**

- 1—I cry aloud
- 2—Pour out complaint
- 3—spirit grows faint
- 4—no one cares
- 5—my refuge
- 6—desperate need
- 7—set me free

Specialized Lament Psalms

Penitential (51)



- superscription
- Sorry for sin
- According to God's...
- Vocabulary for sin
- For cleansing
- Metaphors—5 & 6
- Bones have crushed
- Create & restore
- Do not cast

- Deliver me from guilt
- Open my lips
- You do not delight
- My sacrifice
- May it please You

Imprecatory

2 Weeks from tonight!

- **“Psalms of Ascent”** next week, 120-134
- Notice not recognized as such in handout