

Psalms as Instruction in Praise

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- **Ignored the Psalms**
- **“Deep Calls Unto Deep”**
- **In the midst of personal agony**
- **a personal conversation with himself in the mirror**
- **Every moment of life in our walk with God is occasion of praise!**

Introduction

- **Defines the congregation and its God**
- **Why the Psalms have survived as central texts to praise God**
- **Psalm 145:21 speaks to the last 3rd of the Psalmic collection of 150**
- **Entire anthology of 150 collection called *Tehellim***

**In the idiom of Praise,
100th Psalm**

- **Book 1 (Psalms 1–41) v. 13**
- **Book 2 (Psalms 42–72) vv. 18-20**
- **Book 3 (Psalms 73–89) v.52**
- **Book 4 (Psalms 90–106) v. 48**
- **Book 5 (Psalms 107–150) entire Psalm 150!**

5 Books of the Psalms

- **In the vocabulary of the Psalms**
- **Psalm 24 Who is the King of Glory**
- **Psalm 29 “Glory” is the ecstatic cry**
- **the response of those who know the truth about power**
- **subject of praise is God, and nothing else!**

**Voice of the Psalms
is doxological**

- Declares that God *is*.
- Hymns of the Psalter--Israel's confession of faith
- Songs and belief (Hymns and creeds) share the same relationship with respect to God!

**Psalm's praise is
confessional**

- **Know that the Lord is God, Psalm 100 again**
- **You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel! Psalm 22.**
- **confessional strategy**

**Psalms praise is
confessional**

- **Good news—Psalm 100 the whole earth joins in**
- **Psalm 97:1; Psalm 96:10, 13**
- **We invite the world**
- **God is involved and engaged in the world**
- **Adonai is God of the world. This is Good News!**

**Psalms praise is
evangelical**

- **Exuberance over faithful covenant love!**
- **Psalm 5:11**

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

**Psalmic Praise is
Joyful**



- **Psalm 16:11**

You will fill me with joy in your presence

- **Psalm 28:7**

My heart leaps for joy

- **Psalm 33:1**

Sing joyfully to the LORD

Psalms as instruction in Praise...(Torah, 5 sections to mimic?)

- **In the idiom of Praise, 100th Psalm**
- **Voice of the Psalms is doxological**
- **Psalms praise is confessional**
- **Psalms praise is evangelical**
- **Psalmic praise is joyful**

Conclusion
