

Winter Bible Study ~ January 2022

PSALMS: The Character of GOD

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Review...

Character, noun, means, the mental and moral qualities of an individual...
[personality, nature, disposition, temperament, temper, makeup, attributes, qualities, identity]

Character, noun, in Greek language, is *charakter* (khar-ak-tare') meaning, an impression, representation, exact reproduction.

Why Study the Book of Psalms?

It expresses the heart and soul of GOD and of humanity.

Key Verse to The Book of Psalms...

“Let every thing that hath breath praise **The LORD**. Praise ye **The LORD**.” (Psalm 150: 6)

Old Testament Books...

***Next 5** – Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon. [these are individual and experimental—dealing with human matters of the heart – **Poetry**]

OLD TESTAMENT – 39 Books		
17 Historical	5 Personal-Experimental	17 Prophetical
5—Law, Moses, Pentateuch	Poetry	5 Major
12— Historical		12 Minor

The Character of GOD described in PSALMS

Question? How did you notice and can describe GOD’S Character in your life today?

The Book of PSALMS is composed of 5 Books... [Divisions or separate parts]

Psalms 1-41 ... The Psalmists praises **GOD** for **HIS JUSTICE**, express confidence in **GOD’S COMpassion**, recount the depravity of man, plead for vindication, ask **GOD** to deliver them from their enemies, speaks of the blessedness of the forgiven sinner, and portray **GOD** as a **Shepherd**. We should worship **GOD** with the same sense of adoration found in these Psalms.

Authors of the Book of Psalm...

David— 73 (3-9, 11-32, 34-41, 51-65, 68-70, 86, 101, 103, 108-110, 122, 124, 131, 133, 138-145)

Chapter 1 – GOD reveals HIS Character through HIS SON – Psalms 22, 23, 24

From the Book, Dr. Jerry Rankin [pg. 10], during morning worship a particular Sunday, he tells of his thoughts about the Sunday School Teacher—*discouraged* and *frustration* with the lack of *vitality/relevance* in his life as a **CHRISTIAN**...

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In paragraph 1, the Author said, the Sunday School Teacher spoke of his not experiencing **The JOY of The LORD** during *problems* and *trials* in of his life.

The Sunday School teacher was *plagued by guilt* because his *thoughts* were more about worldly interest *than GOD*.

Then his *thoughts changed* the moment he heard the hymn [Handel’s **MESSIAH**] ...

(I thought) “How Great THOU Art” ...

O **LORD** my **GOD**, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds **THY Hands** have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
THY Power’ thru-out the universe displayed!

Then *sings* my soul, my **SAVIOR GOD**, to **THEE**’
How Great **THOU Art**, How Great **THOU Art**!
Then *sings* my soul, my **SAVIOR GOD**, to **THEE**’
How Great **THOU Art**, How Great **THOU Art**!

The *problem* he concluded about the Sunday School Teacher was he had a shallow understanding of Salvation—**The Character and Nature of GOD**... [Page 10]

Then the Author spoke of Salvation being an experience to “restore us to a Relationship with GOD—after the Fall of Man... Romans 3: 10; 3: 23, 6: 23

- Justification – Romans 5: 1
- Sanctification – II Corinthians 5: 17
- Glorification – Romans 8: 16, 17

3 Tenses (*time* and *continuation* toward *completion*) of Salvation...

1. Past – *saved* from the penalty of *sin* – Hebrews 9: 15-22
2. Present – *saved* from the power of *sin* – Hebrews 9: 24-26 – Galatians 2: 20
3. Future – *saved* from the presence of *sin* – Hebrews 9: 28

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*Psalm presents **CHRIST** in a Redemptive Light— [Page 12] – Psalms 22, 23, 24 reflecting 3 aspects of our Salvation