



General Information

- First book in the Writings, one of three major divisions in the Hebrew Old Testament (the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings).
- Psalms is a collection of worship songs divinely inspired over an extended period of time and penned by several authors. The writer is often identified.
- Major Themes: God's presence with His people and God's Word as the fountain of worship.
- Divided into five books.
 - Book I — Psalms 1-41
 - Book II — Psalms 42-72
 - Book III — Psalms 73-89
 - Book IV — Psalms 90-106
 - Book V — Psalms 107-150
- Each book ends with a doxology of praise to the Lord. Psalm 150 functions as both a doxology to Book V but also as a conclusion to the entire book of Psalms.

Types of Psalms

Praise

- A declaration of and/or call to praise God
- The recounting of what God has done in creation and/or redemption
- Descriptions of God's acts of deliverance or His greatness and compassion

Thanksgiving

- An expression of gratitude to God for deliverance
- A joyful tone
- A description of God's acts of deliverance or of His greatness and compassion

Enthronement

- An emphasis on divine kingship and sovereignty
- The celebration of significant events in the life of a king
- The overall praise of Yahweh as King

Laments

- Cries for deliverance in the face of danger
- The expression of need and a sense of helplessness
- The transition from issuing complaints to giving expressions of confidence and praise
- The exhibition of faith in the midst of real-life experiences

Penitence

- In the early church, these were traditionally sung on Ash Wednesday
- The admission of moral failure, of having broken the covenant
- A prayer for forgiveness of sin

Imprecatory Requests

- A plea for God's righteous judgment to be executed against evildoers
- The pronouncement of curses upon enemies by God and/or the psalmist

Wisdom

- Advice for successful living
- A contrast between the righteous and the wicked
- A reflection on the brevity of life
- The presentation of instructions or lessons

JULY READING PLAN

<u>Day</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Type</u>
1	Psalm 1 Psalm 2 Psalm 3		17	Psalm 31 Psalm 32	
2	Psalm 4 Psalm 5 Psalm 6		18	Psalm 33 Psalm 34	
3	Psalm 7 Psalm 8		19	Psalm 35 Psalm 36	
4	Psalm 9 Psalm 10		22	Psalm 37	
5	Psalm 11 Psalm 12 Psalm 13		23	Psalm 38 Psalm 39	
8	Psalm 15 Psalm 16 Psalm 17		24	Psalm 40 Psalm 41	
9	Psalm 18		25	Psalm 42 Psalm 43	
10	Psalm 19 Psalm 20		26	Psalm 44 Psalm 45 Psalm 46	
11	Psalm 21 Psalm 22		29	Psalm 47 Psalm 48 Psalm 49	
12	Psalm 23 Psalm 24 Psalm 25		30	Psalm 50 Psalm 51 Psalm 52	
15	Psalm 26 Psalm 27 Psalm 28		31	Psalm 53 Psalm 54 Psalm 55	
16	Psalm 29 Psalm 30				

AUGUST READING PLAN

<u>Day</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Type</u>
1	Psalm 56 Psalm 57 Psalm 58		20	Psalm 84 Psalm 85 Psalm 86	
2	Psalm 59 Psalm 60		21	Psalm 87 Psalm 88	
5	Psalm 61 Psalm 62 Psalm 63		22	Psalm 89	
6	Psalm 64 Psalm 65 Psalm 66		23	Psalm 90 Psalm 91 Psalm 92	
7	Psalm 67 Psalm 68		26	Psalm 93 Psalm 94 Psalm 95	
8	Psalm 69		27	Psalm 96 Psalm 97 Psalm 98	
9	Psalm 70 Psalm 71		28	Psalm 99 Psalm 100 Psalm 101 Psalm 102	
12	Psalm 72 Psalm 73		29	Psalm 103 Psalm 104	
13	Psalm 74 Psalm 75		30	Psalm 105 Psalm 106	
14	Psalm 76 Psalm 77				
15	Psalm 78				
16	Psalm 79 Psalm 80				
19	Psalm 81 Psalm 82 Psalm 83				

SEPTEMBER READING PLAN

<u>Day</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Type</u>
			18	Psalms 129 Psalm 130 Psalm 131	
2	Psalms 107 Psalm 108 Psalm 109		19	Psalms 132 Psalm 133 Psalm 134	
3	Psalms 110 Psalm 111 Psalm 112		20	Psalms 135 Psalm 136	
4	Psalms 113 Psalm 114 Psalm 116		23	Psalms 137 Psalm 138 Psalm 139	
5	Psalms 117 Psalm 118		24	Psalms 140 Psalm 141 Psalm 142	
6	Psalms 119:1-40		25	Psalms 143 Psalm 144 Psalm 145	
9	Psalms 119:41-72		26	Psalms 146 Psalm 147	
10	Psalms 119:73-112		27	Psalms 148 Psalm 149 Psalm 150	
11	Psalms 119:113-144		30	YOU DID IT!!!	
12	Psalms 119:145-176				
13	Psalms 120 Psalm 121 Psalm 122				
16	Psalms 123 Psalm 124 Psalm 125				
17	Psalms 126 Psalm 127 Psalm 128				
19	Psalms 81 Psalm 82 Psalm 83				