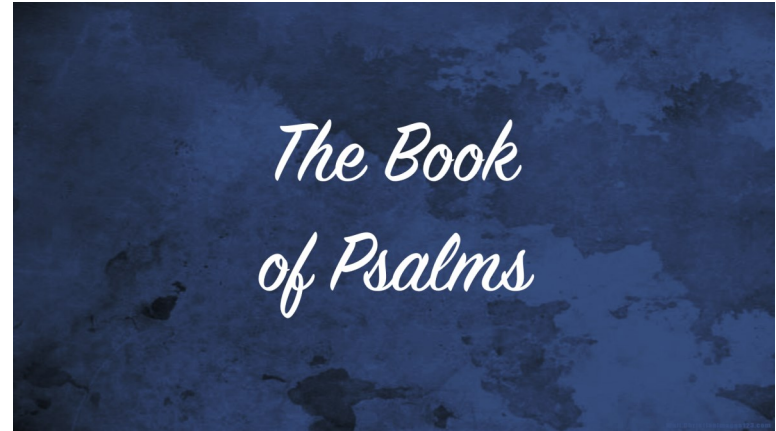


Read Psalm 137 and try to imagine yourself as one of the captives. How does that affect your understanding of the psalm?

Read Psalm 6 and Psalm 93. Which of these speaks more to your heart? Explain why.



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Scripture References

Psalm 24:1 • Psalms 10:1 • Psalms 13:1-2 Psalms 68:1-2
Leviticus 24:19-20 • Psalms 137:7-9 • Jeremiah 39:5-7
2 Samuel 11 • Luke 12:2-3 • Psalms 51:1-4 • Romans 3:23; 6:23
1 Peter 3:18

Prayer Requests

- 1) The book of Psalms is poetry, but the poems were originally set to _____.

- 2) The English word " _____ " comes from Greek and Latin words meaning "songs sung with musical accompaniment."

- 3) Poetry conveys _____ and _____ better than other forms of literature.

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- 4) Many Psalms are filled with praise and joy, but much of the Psalter is characterized by _____, confusion, and anger.
- 5) _____: to wish harm or misfortune on someone, especially an enemy.
- 6) The imprecatory psalms and other imprecatory passages are essentially prayers for _____.
- 7) If God is truly Just, then every wrongdoing must be punished. Every _____ requires an _____ in payment.
- 8) Ultimately, every sin is a sin against God and his laws, and Justice must be _____.
- 9) Human _____ has ruined this world, and God will not allow us to ruin his. Our _____ cannot enter the Kingdom of God.
- 10) When Jesus died on the cross, he satisfied the requirements of Justice, so that _____ could become a reality.



Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

Are you a fan of poetry? Explain why or why not. If you have a favorite poem, share it with the group.

How does the concept of justice in the Psalms compare to contemporary understandings of justice?

Do you agree that mercy can create injustice? Why or why not?