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THE BOOK OF PSALMS IS WORTH READING AND UNDERSTANDING HOW TO USE

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Did you know that the Book of Psalms was the hymn book for the people of Israel? We have lost the music that goes with the wonderful poetic words of the psalms but for that reason many are used over and over again. Take for instance the word “*selah*” we often see under a psalm. It refers to a musical direction like a pause. Some Psalms will have a prelude comment like “To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.” Another annotation is “*maskil*” which is also a musical inflection related differently to various psalms.

The Psalms impart different aspects to how God is worshipped from pleas to praise. Knowing how to use the psalms is important. Here is my research for use of the psalms:

- Acknowledgement of steadfast love...89, 107,108,118, 136
 - Blessing the King...2, 72,110, 132
 - Celebration of creation...8, 19, 29, 33, 104, 114
 - Concern for justice...11, 37, 50, 52, 73, 82, 96,101, 119 (the law)
 - Condemnation for the cynical and ungodly...14, 53,58
 - Confidence in God...23, 27, 28, 31, 36, 37, 46, 62, 63, 84, 85, 89,121
 - Deliverance from death...22, 23, 90
 - Deliverance from personal enemies...3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 20, 25
 - Deliverance from sin and forgiveness...25, 26, 77
 - Healing from severe illness...6
 - Healing in sickness...38, 39, 41, 42, 51, 88, 102
 - Old age...71, 90
 - Peace...120, 122, 133
 - Protection...61, 141
 - Praise...33, 66, 87, 92, 95, 96, 100, 146-150
 - Thanksgiving for deliverance from troubles...18, 21, 34, 40, 75, 92, 107, 119
 - Thanksgiving for forgiveness...32, 103
- God Bless, Pastor Ron*

