

June 4
Psalm 1

The Path

whose delight is in the law of the LORD

Great Psalms Scroll, c. A.D. 30-50
Found 1956, Qumran, Dead Sea

FBC Woodville
Sunday School Class
Michael G. Maness
see
PreciousHeart.net/SS



King David Playing the Harp, c. 1622
Gerard van Honthorst (1592-1656)

Psalms – Songs to or about God



1.	June 4	The Path	<u>1</u>	Tree Planted by Streams
2.	June 11	The Past	<u>78</u>	God was Their Rock
3.	June 18	The Shepherd	<u>23</u>	Lord is My Shepherd
4.	June 25	Our Response	<u>138</u>	Gratitude for Keeping Thy Word
5.	July 2	His Presence	<u>84</u>	How Lovely Your House
6.	July 9	The Creator	<u>95</u>	TODAY, if you Hear, Harden Not
7.	July 16	God Revealed	<u>19</u>	Heavens Declare God's Glory
8.	July 23	His Love	<u>136</u>	Love Endures Forever
9.	July 30	His Faithfulness	<u>146</u>	Whose Help is God
10.	Aug 6	The Confession	<u>51</u>	Create in Me a Clean Heart
11.	Aug 13	The Cleansing	<u>32</u>	My Hiding Place
12.	Aug 20	The Protector	<u>141</u>	Protect Me from the Trap
13.	Aug 27	The Longing	<u>42</u>	Deep Calls unto Deep

CLICK any # above to go to Spurgeon's Commentary on that Psalm
or go here for ALL: <http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php>



Theme

Believers should embrace godly wisdom because obedience to God's Word is the path of true life

Psalm 1

- verse* **1-3 Path of Life – Tree Planted by Streams**
- 4-5 Path of Death – Wicked like Chaff**
- 6 Conclusion – Lord Watches Way of Righteous**



Key Verse Psalm 1:2

**whose delight is in the law of
the LORD, and who meditates
on his law day and night.**



Alternate Title

Good Trees Have Deep Roots



Alternate Title 2

No Swamp Sitting in the Kingdom



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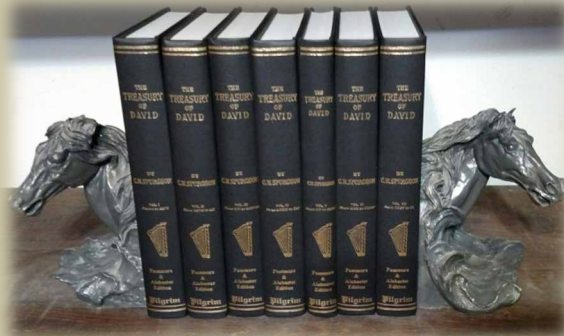
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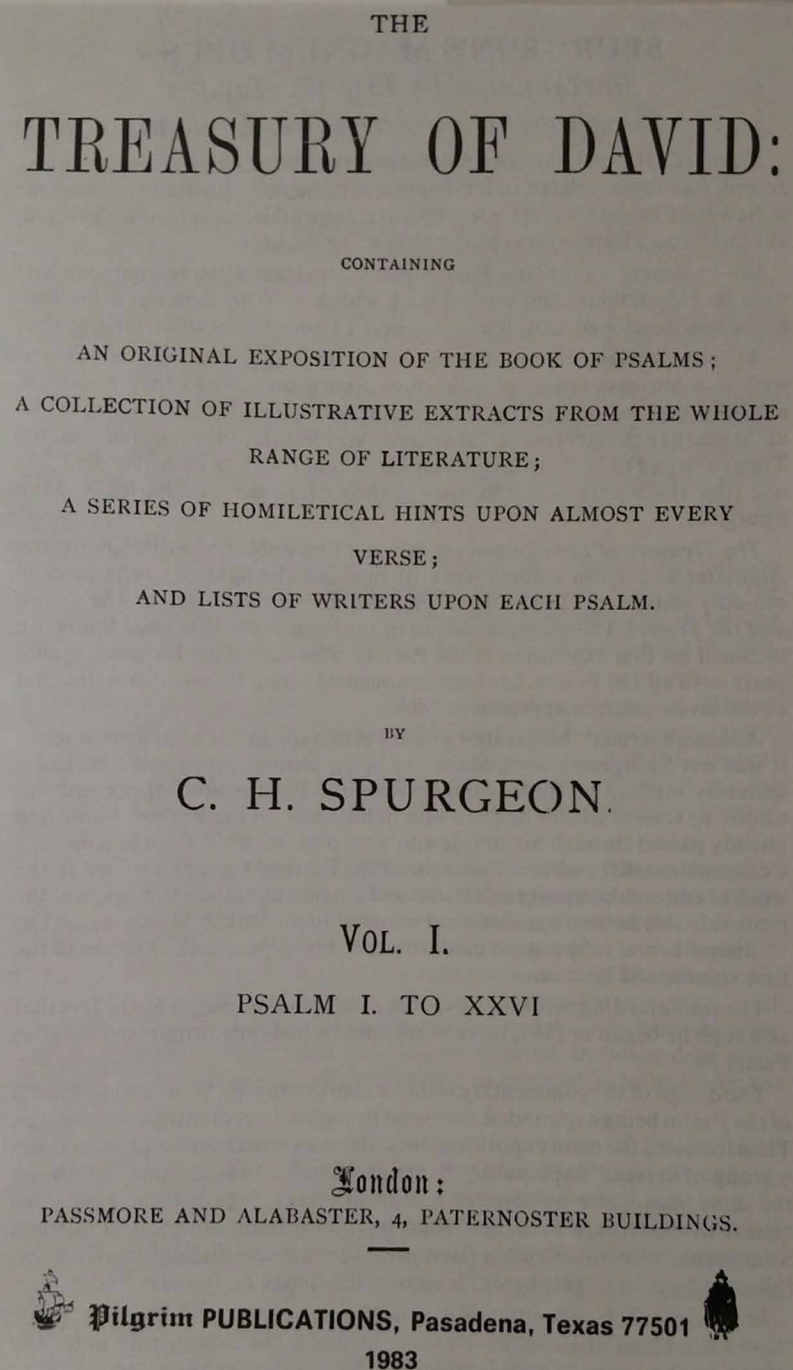
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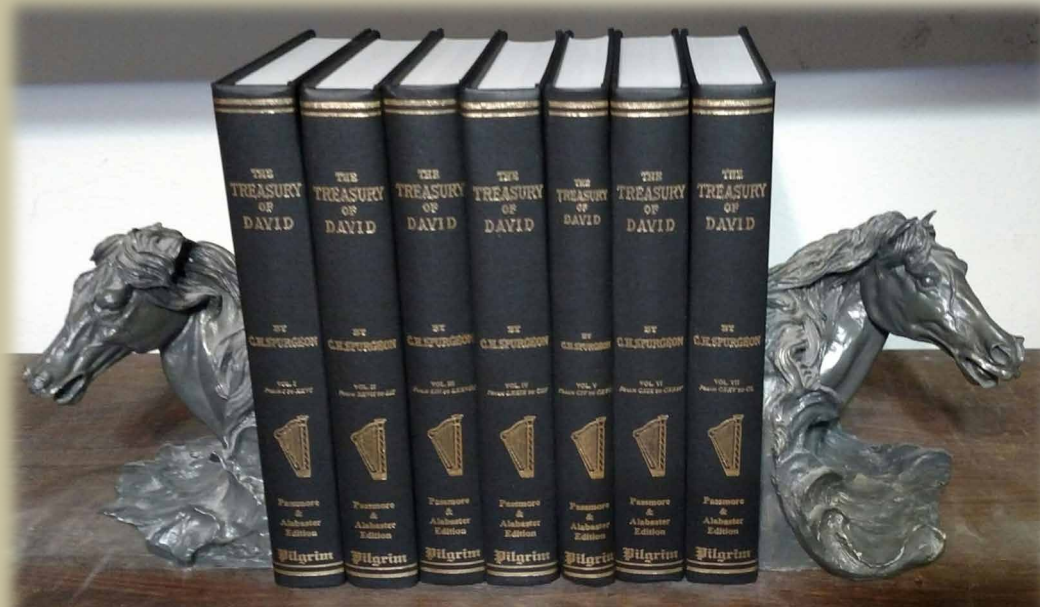
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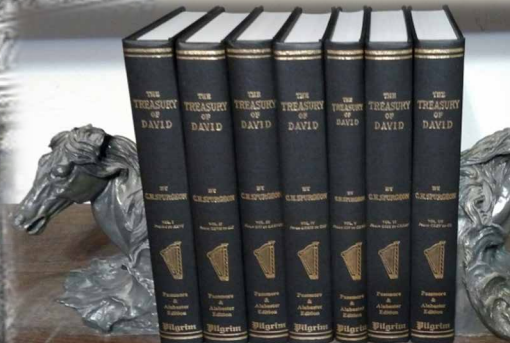
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written anything else
it would have been
a permanent
literary memorial.”**

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In Spurgeon's *Treasury of David*



He comments on each Psalm ...

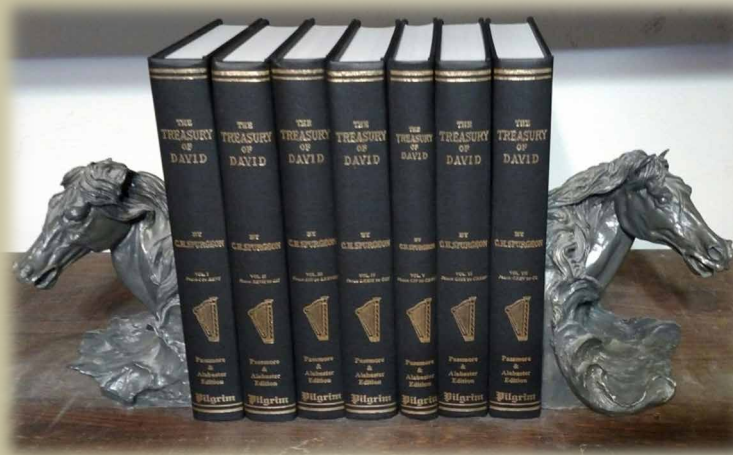
His words often JEWELS themselves ...

Yet, he includes quotes from OTHERS

From everywhere ... exquisite!



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C.H. Spurgeon

Psalm 1:1-6 – Tree Planted by Streams

¹ Blessed is the one ... *or Happy is the one* ...

From TOD*, Thomas Watson, *Saints Spiritual Delight* , 1660:

Whole Psalm ... may not unfitly be entitled, the Psalm of Psalms, for it contains in it the very pith and quintessence of Christianity.

What Jerome saith on St. Paul's epistles, the same may I say of this Psalm; it is short as to the composure, but full of length and strength as to the matter.

This Psalm carries *blessedness* in the frontpiece;
it begins where we all hope to end:

it may well be called a Christian's Guide, for it discovers the quicksands where the wicked sink down in perdition, and the firm ground on which the saints tread to glory.

* TOD: *Treasury of David*, <http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php>

Psalm 1:1-6 – Tree Planted by Streams

¹ Blessed is the one ...

The first verse seems to set the course for the whole

From TOD*, Sir Richard Baker (1568-1645), politician, historian, author of *Chronicle of the Kings of England*, said

Verse 1. **Where the word *blessed* is hung out as a sign, we may be sure that we shall find a godly man within.**

You know, like the Beatitudes, “**Blessed**” can be “**Happy**”

We Christians naturally add a tad more to mere “Happy”

Christians add that “Blessed” include God’s Blessing

If “Blessed”—you are happy because of God favor

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Psalm 1:1-6 - Tree Planted by Streams

On the whole Psalm 1 ...

From T.O.D.*, Puritan John Trapp (1601-69) said in 1660:



Verse 1. The psalmist saith more to the point about true happiness in this short Psalm than any one of the philosophers, or all of them put together;

they did but beat the bush,

God hath here put the bird into our hand.

More than just a contrast between the GOOD and the BAD

Psalm 1 ... places the **Meditator of God's Word** at the helm

and places the **evil as chaff** ... *next to dust* ...

Psalm 1 is short enough to view the whole at the start

* TOD: *Treasury of David*, <http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php>

Psalm 1:1-6 - Tree Planted by Streams

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.



Psalms – Look at the Whole Forest

The Enchanted Forest

**Fly over Tyler County
see a couple of Hwys
over a RAINFOREST
Heart of the Big Thicket**

150 Psalms in Five Books

We are going look at the FOREST

Then we'll look at 1 Tree—Psalm 1



Psalms – Look at the Enchanted Forest

“Psalms” – means “Hymns of Praise”

Psalm 1

**Beautiful Entrance
to this often Elegant
Sometimes rough
even Enchanted**

FOREST

**P
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150 Psalms in Five Books ...

Lavish forest, rich with treasures

Oh ... LOOK! ... there is Psalm 1



Psalms – the Enchanted Forest

Psalm 1 ... entrance into Enchanted Forest

**Lot of mystery
Lot of Wildlife
a Lot of LIFE**

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See The PATH

Well Travelled ... many favorite TREES



Psalm 1 = Way of the Righteous—The Path

Way of Righteous
Want to Know?
Thru the Forest
150 Exquisite Psalms

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Look Down THE PATH

Psalm 1 starts down THE PATH



Psalms – the Enchanted Forest

“Psalms” – means “Hymns of Praise”

“Psalms” comes *from* Latin *from* Greek *translating* Hebrew

Book of Psalms is a Hymnbook ... a book of SONGS

Dates: Moses d. 1571 B.C. (or 1271) to Nehemiah c. 444 B.C. = 1,000 yrs

Chronologically, we see

Moses, 90

David, 2-41, 51-65, 68-70, 86,
101, 103, 108-110, 122, 124,
131, 133, 138-145

Asaph, 50, 73-83

Sons of Korah, 42-49,
84, 85, 87 (88? or Heman)

Heman, 88 ... **Ethan**, 89

Babylonian Captivity, 102

Unknown, 1, 66, 71, 91-100, 104-107, 111-
121, 123, 125, 126, 128-130, 134-137, 146-150

Songs of Degrees, Ascent, 120-134
(going up to Jerusalem during Nehemiah)

Most stats from New Analytical Bible, Dickson Pub., 1973
(1st 1931); Encyclopedia Judaica,
Easton Bible Dictionary

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Kinds of Psalms, or Songs ... or a Classification of Psalms

- A. Prayers**
- B. Didactic, Instructional**
- C. Thanksgiving Psalms**
- D. Psalms of Ascent**
- E. First Person Davidic**
- F. Trust in God Psalms**
- G. Penitential Psalms**
- H. Imprecatory Psalms**
- I. Psalms of Praise**
- J. Hallel or “Praise” Psalms**
- K. Songs of the Sanctuary
or of Public Worship**

NO OFFICIAL CLASSIFICATION
Several Ways ... Observations

- L. Royal Psalms**
- M. Songs of Nature**
- N. Historical Psalms**
- O. Messianic Psalms**

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Kinds of Songs ... or Classifications

A. Prayers

1. Penitential Psalms 6, 25, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143

As we look at these ... notice the Psalms

Many have distilled for us a load of insights

For instance, think about a STUDY of David's Psalms

Think about a STUDY of the Penitential Psalms

Comparing the treasure of each one WITH the other

Oh ... FIVE BOOKS are truly an Enchanted Forest

Rich with Treasures

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Kinds of Songs ... or Classifications

A. Prayers

1. Penitential Psalms 6, 25, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143
2. Under Affliction 6, 7, 10, 13, 17, 22, 31, 35, 39, 41-43, 54-57, 59, 64, 69-71, 77, 86, 88, 94, 102, 109, 120, 140-143
3. Persecuted Church 44, 60, 74, 79, 80, 83, 94, 102, 123, 137
4. Prayers of Trust, Assurance 3-5, 11, 12, 16, 20, 23, 27, 28, 31, 42, 43, 52, 54, 56, 57, 59, 61-74, 71, 77, 86, 108, 115, 118, 121, 125, 131, 138, 141

140-143 – Affliction
while being *PURSUED*



B. Didactic, Instructional

1. Dealing w Righteous & Unrighteous 1, 3-5, 7, 9-15, 17, 24, 32, 34, 36, 41, 50, 52, 53, 58, 62, 73, 75, 82-84, 91, 92, 94, 101, 112, 119, 121, 125, 127-129, 133, 149

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B. Didactic, Instructional – *continued*

2. **Magnifying Law of God** 19, 119
3. **Views of Life** 14, 39, 49, 53, 73, 90

C. Thanksgiving Psalms

1. **God's Goodness to Israel** 21, 46, 48, 66, 68, 76, 81, 85, 98, 105, 124, 126, 129, 135, 136, 149
2. **God's Goodness to Psalmist & others** 9, 18, 30, 32, 34, 40, 61, 63, 75, 103, 108, 116, 118, 138, 144

D. Psalms of Ascent 120-134, 127 of Solomon, rest of David as they ascended the road to Jerusalem

E. First Person Davidic 138-145, perhaps a commentary on the lengthy Messianic promise in 2 Samuel 7:1-29

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F. Trust in God Psalms 4, 11, 16, 23, 27, 62, 132

G. Penitential Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143 >>

H. Imprecatory Psalms 5, 6, 11, 12, 35, 37, 40, 52, 54,
56, 58, 69, 79, 83, 109, 137, 139, 143

51 Height of
**Penitential
Psalms**
after David
after Nathan

Whaaaattt? – Imprecatory?

Imprecatory asks for judgment, calamity, or curses on
one's enemies

Imprecatory asks for judgment, calamity, or curses on
the perceived enemies of God

As in Psalm 69:24,

**"Pour out Your indignation on them,
and let Your burning anger overtake them"**

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I. Imprecatory Psalms 5, 6, 11, 12, 35, 37, 40, 52, 54,
56, 58, 69, 79, 83, 109, 137, 139, 143

Ready for a perhaps WORST verse in the ENTIRE Bible?

Psalm 137:9, "Happy shall he be, that taketh
and dasheth thy little ones against the stones."

Don't take 137 out of the context of Condemning Babylon
STILL – "Happy?" – "BLESSED?" – at *Killing Babies??*
You'll be "Happy" to know 137 is NOT in this series

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Kinds of Songs ... or Classifications

J. Psalms of Praise

- 1. Extoling Goodness of God** 3, 4, 16, 18, 30, 32, 40, 46, 65, 66, 68, 84, 85, 91, 99, 100, 103, 107, 111, 113, 116, 117, 121, 126, 145, 146
- 2. Praying God's Glory, Omnipotence, Majesty** 2, 3, 8, 18, 19, 24, 29, 33, 45, 46, 48, 50, 65-68, 76, 77, 89, 91-100, 104-108, 110, 111, 113-118, 135, 136, 139, 145-150

K. Hallel or “Praise” Psalms

113-18, sometimes 146-150, sometimes 136 called Great Hallel

- ## **L. Songs of the Sanctuary, of Public Worship**
- 15, 24, 26, 27, 30, 42, 63, 65, 84, 92, 95-100, 118, 122, 132, 133, 144-150

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M. Royal Psalms 2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 110, 132, 144

N. Songs of Nature 8, 19, 29, 65

O. Historical Psalms

1. **Time of Moses:** 106:6-33 wandering; 136:10-15 Exodus
2. **Judges:** 106:34-46 Idolatry, Oppression, Deliverance
3. **David the Outlaw:** 7 Saul's Jealousy; 11 David escapes;
24 Ark to Jerusalem; 34 David in Nob & Gath;
30 Dedication David's House; 60 Conquest Edom;
51 David Repents Bathsheba; 32 David's Pardon of 51
3, 55 Absalom's Rebellion; 18 Song of David
4. **Solomon** 72 (perhaps 120)
5. **Exile and After** 74, 79 Fall of Jerusalem;
80, 137 in Babylon; 85:1-6, 126 Restoration

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P. Messianic Psalms

- 1. Coming & Mission of Messiah 40:6-10**
- 2. Betrayal of Jesus 41, 109**
- 3. Crucifixion 22, 69**
- 4. Resurrection & Ascension 16:8-11, 68:18**
- 5. Kingship & Glory of Messiah 2, 72, 110, 118:19-23, 132:11,**



Psalms – the Enchanted Forest

Immediately ... you see 150 Psalms in FIVE BOOKS

Not so obvious ... “FIVE ” is arbitrary

i.e., No discernable reason for division into FIVE

FIVE divisions ... NOT by author, content or theme

Do take a look at www.FiveBooks.com ... monumental

Under a 100+ topics and reader driven, they are putting together LISTS of the Five Best Books on *everything*

Under the topic “Religion” ... 20+ lists of Five top choices

Five Best Christian Books, *which several of us would not*

5 on Christianity – 5 on Jesus – 5 on Atheism

5 on God – 5 on Islam ... *not the best choices*



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Though the “FIVE ” is arbitrary on content
There are “Psalms” in some of the Prophets
One reason for the “FIVE” is to MIRROR
the Pentateuch’s, or Torah’s Five Books



Toroah: Gen–Deut = God’s Revelation to His People

Psalm’s Five: Humankind’s Fivefold Response in Praise

FIVE BOOKS: Book 1 - Psalms 1–41

Book 2 - Psalms 42–72

Book 3 - Psalms 73–89

Book 4 - Psalms 90–106

Book 5 - Psalms 107–150

David wrote Psalms

2 to 41 ... perhaps Psalm 1 too

51 to 65, 68 to 70

86

101, 103

***108 to 110, 122, 124, 131,
133, and 138 to 145.***

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Intriguing ... how each BOOK ENDS

Book 1 - 1–41 41:13, **Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen & Amen.**

Book 2 - 42–72 72:18-19, **Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen & Amen.**

Book 2 ends, w 72:20

This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse.

Book 3 - 73–89 89:52, **Praise be to the LORD forever! Amen & Amen**

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Book 4 – 90-106 106:48, **Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting. Let all
the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD.**

Book 5 – 107–150 150:6, **Let everything that has breath praise
the LORD. Praise the LORD.**

First Four Books – Praise God to Everlasting

All Five End – Praise the Lord

**We are MIDWAY through our look at the Forest
Enchanted Forest of 150 Psalms**

FIVE BOOKS – Forest of 150 Trees?

**You KNOW 150 Trees
is no Forest
were a LOT more
Psalms in Israel**

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What beauty lay in the forest

Oh, something NEW every MORNING



Hallelujah

Hallelujah begins & ends

Psalms 146-150, all five psalms
Plus, it begins 106, 111-113, 135

Remember YHWH = LORD

Pronounced *Yah-Way*

“Hallelujah” is a contraction of

and **Hallu = Praise You**
Yah = YHWH

Hallu-Yah Hebrew yields English

Hallelujah = Praise YHWH

Hallelujah = *Praise You the LORD*



YHWH in Hebrew - *read R to L*

Hallelujah

Hallelujah begins & ends

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YHWH in Hebrew - read R to L

Hallu-Yah relates to *Hallelujah* in Greek

Greek *Alleluia* is found in Rev. 19:1, 3, 4, 6

LXX – for 70 – stands for Old Testament translated in Greek by 72 legendary Jewish scholars who translated the 5 books

Tradition says Ptolemy II (309–246 BC) sponsored

Over the next 100+ years, the rest of the O.T translated

By Augustine of Hippo (354–430 CE) ... called in Latin *Septuaginta*

then in English as *Septuagint* or simpler **LXX**

Hallelujah



YHWH in Hebrew - *read R to L*

What is interesting, intriguing even

The Septuagint or LXX ...

Added a title and authors ...

Haggai & Zechariah

Some think verse 3, **“Put not your trust in princes”** refers to Cyrus being persuaded to withdraw orders to rebuild temple

That Psalms 146 may have been written AFTER captivity ...

Israelites – on return from captivity, rebuilt 2nd Temple

under great duress, weeping over the loss of former glory

Judaism takes off and develops to N.T. times ...

Hallelujah

Intriguing how Septuagint or LXX ...
added Haggai & Zechariah

Psalms 146 was used AFTER captivity ...
by the time of the Septuagint or LXX

Sigmund Mowinkel
(1884–1965)



Norwegian biblical Professor Sigmund Mowinkel (1884–1965)
Taught at University of Oslo from 1917 to his retirement in 1954
in his unsurpassed *The Psalms in Israel's Worship* (Trans. 1962)

He noted that the **Book of Psalms** – our **Enchanted Forest of 150**
During 2nd Temple period, **ONLY these 150 were used, NO OTHERS**
Even when a new festival was added, an early psalm was reused
with a new meaning

Hallel Psalms

Hallel = Praise You

Psalms 113-118 are the “**Hallel Psalms**”

These are also called “**Egyptian Hallel**”

For they were chanted in 2nd Temple as
Passover Lamb was slain and other festivals

Psalms 113-118 chanted vs. by vs. as the people said, **Hallelujah**

Egyptian Hallel at Passover ... the hymn used in Matthew 26:30

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Hallel Psalms used during Passover some believe since 5th c. B.C.

“Great Hallel” – Psalm 113-136 – Evening of Passover Supper

Psalm 136 or 135-136 called the “Great Hallel”



YHWH in Hebrew - *read R to L*

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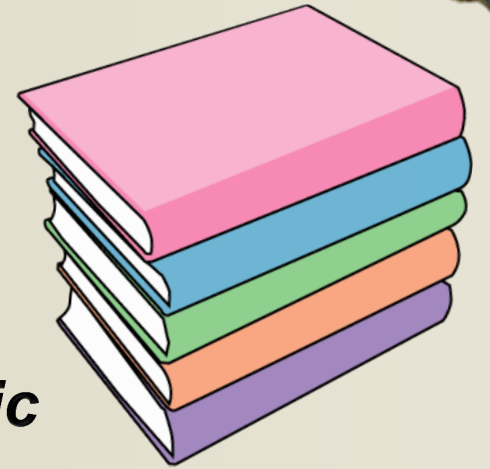
But these 150 were the PINNACLE of the Forest

Oh, something NEW every MORNING



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Though the “FIVE ” is arbitrary on content
They are not ALL of the Psalms, as some of
the Prophets include others ...



Book 1 ... Davidic Psalms, 3-41, *some see 2-41 Davidic*
Psalm 1 ... *could very well have been by David too ...*

Psalm 1 ... simplistic beauty similar to All-time-Favorite Psalm 23

Book 1 1-41 **Jehovah 272x ... Elohim 15x** **YHWH = Jehovah = LORD**

Book 2 42-72 **Jehovah 43x ... Elohim 200x**

Book 3 73-89 mostly time of Hezekiah

Book 4 90-106 mostly ritual, **Jehovah used exclusively**

Book 5 107-150 – 15 Davidic, **Jehovah ALMOST exclusively**

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Book of Psalms ... First Hymnbook – Book of Songs

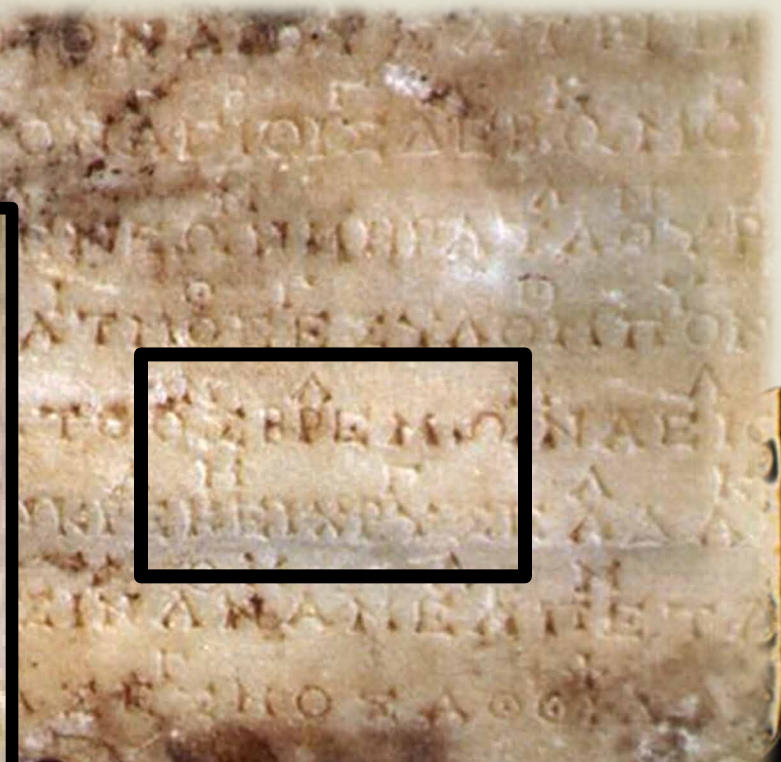
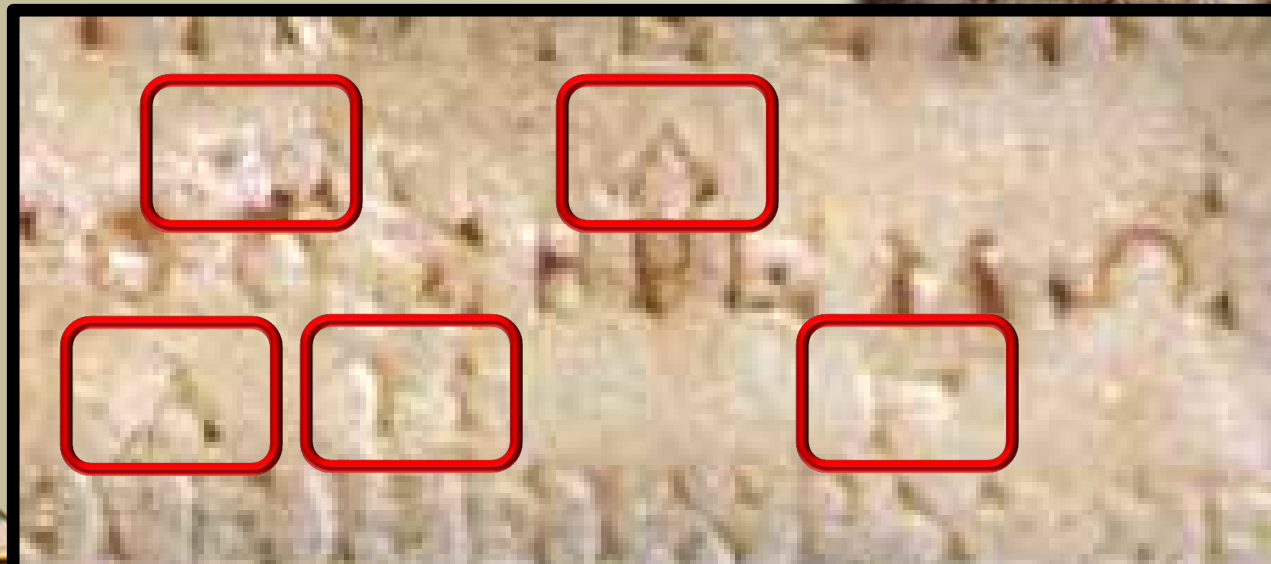
But what of the MUSICAL NOTES

We have some attempts in ancient Sumer 2000 B.C.

Musical Notation was used in 6th century B.C. in Greece

Delphic Hymns date to 2nd Century B.C.

See “notes” above the words



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Musical Notation developed throughout the Dark Ages

Primarily through the church ...

Charting Melody but not rhythm

**Mostly, the only one who could read it
was someone already knew it ...**

**In Asia and India ... they had some crude notation
not any better or worse than the West**

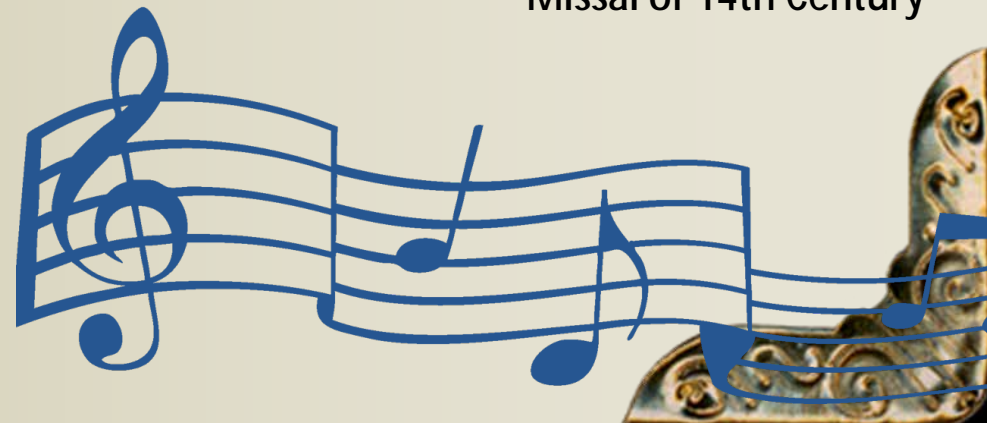
**Modern Staff Notation arose in Classical Europe
circa A.D. 1600 and following**

Modern Staff Notation today ...

Universal Language of Music ...



Music from an English
Missal of 14th Century



Psalms – the Enchanted Forest

Music in the Bible?

Gen. 4, Jubal, son of Lamech was what?

Inventor of Musical Instruments

After the Flood, first mention is

Gen. 31:27, Laban to Jacob ...

Why did you run off secretly and deceive me? Why didn't you tell me, so I could send you away with joy and singing to the **MUSIC** of timbrels and harps?

1 Kings 1, Music used in crowning kings

Shophar is often translated as trumpet

See also the cymbal, 10-string harp, timbrel, pipe



Psalms – the Enchanted Forest

In the Book of Psalms ... 150 in all

116 Psalms superscriptions, or special descriptions

Many Psalms have musical notations:

Selah – 71 times, likely a pause

Higgaion – 92:3, perhaps a plaintive tone

Mahalath, Maschil, Leannath – obscure, in titles of 53, 88

Michtam – in titles of 16, 56, 57-60, perhaps plaintive

Neginah – in titles of 4, 54, 55, 61, 67,
perhaps to note use w stringed instruments



Psalms – the Enchanted Forest

In the Book of Psalms ... 150 in all

116 Psalms superscriptions, or special descriptions

In those 116, 100 have names, like “David”

73 Psalms have “David” ... yet, *hear ye, hear ye*

While all 73 *might* have been authored by David

Many may have been “TO” or “FOR” David – or ALL by him

Likewise, many OTHER Psalms could have been written by David

FACT: “to, for, by David” ... could have been OTHER authors too

2 Sam. 23:1 – David, “Sweet psalmist of Israel**”**

73 Davidic Psalms 3 to 9, 11 to 32, 34 to 41, 68 to 70, 51 to 65,
101, 86, 103, 108 to 110, 124, 122, 133, 131 and 138 to 145.



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Intriguing – The Great Psalms Scroll

1946 the first of 972 Dead Sea Scrolls in Qumran

1956, 10 yrs later, Great Psalms Scroll in Cave 11

Great Psalms Scroll praises King David's works

Astounding—David authored 3,600 psalms

plus 364 for each day, 52 weeklies, 30 for sacrifices

Boldly claiming David authored upward of **4,050!**

Great Psalms Scroll 13.9 FEET

Dated circa A.D. 30-50



Psalms – the Enchanted Forest

Intriguing – No Surprise then

David – means “Beloved”

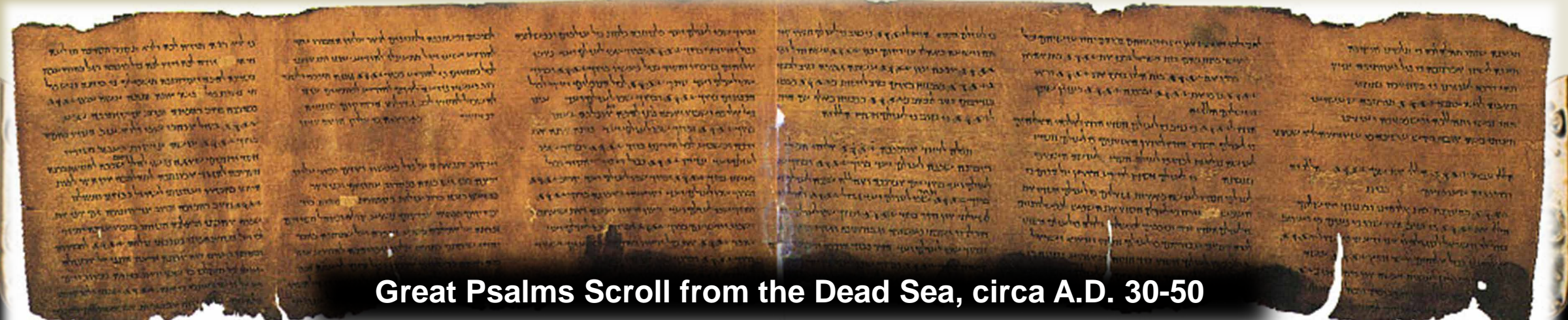
There is only one David in the Bible

The shepherd, slayer of Goliath, King David

No other person in the Bible is named David

Only one “Beloved” in the Bible ...

Great Psalmist of Israel—David



Great Psalms Scroll from the Dead Sea, circa A.D. 30-50

Psalms – the Enchanted Forest

One last observation of the Whole Forest ...

Psalm 1:1 OPENS w: ¹ **Blessed is the one who does not walk**

Psalm 150:6 CLOSES w: ⁶ **Praise the LORD.**

The 150 Psalms cover a load of Religious Experience

Penitence 25, 38, 51, 130; **Pardon** 32; **Conversion** 40;

Consecration 116; **Trust** 3, 16, 20, 27, 31, 34, 42, 61, 62, 91

Teachableness 25; **Aspiration** 42, 63, 143; **Word of God** 19, 119

Old Age 71; **Fleeting Life** 39, 49, 90; **Home** 127; **Homeless** 137

Prayer ... Praise ... Divine Attributes ... Affliction

Psalms – the Enchanted Forest

Book of Psalms, all FIVE BOOKS ... have another Grand Distinction
They were INCLUDED in the *Hagiographa* = Jewish Holy Writings

In the Holy Writings of the Jews centuries BEFORE our Bible

Luke 24, after Jesus appeared at Emmaus ... two go to Jerusalem.
Luke leaves out the appearance at Galilee seashore.

In Jerusalem, Jesus appears to the Disciples ... explains Scripture

Luke implies long teaching before the Ascension in Bethany

Luke 24:44, He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the LAW OF MOSES, the PROPHETS and the PSALMS."

Book of Psalms - Scripture BEFORE our Scriptures

Psalm 1 = Way of the Righteous—The Path

Each Tree Unique

Some Taller

Some Broader

Each Tree Unique

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from the Enchanted Forest

Opening the gate to Five Books

Psalm 1 ... 1st of 150 Trees



1-3 Path of Life – Tree Planted by Streams

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

First off ... we are in the land of metaphor

Simile is something “like” ... bright *as the star* < *simile*

Metaphor *IS* the thing ... His *star rose high* < metaphor

Some show this at the start ... look see

does not **WALK** ... **STAND** ... or **SIT**

A progress from bad, to worse,

to Swamp **SITTING**

Good, powerful point ...

part of the intent



1-3 Path of Life – Tree Planted by Streams

At the beginning

POSITIVE is

Set off in Negative

We OFTEN respond best
to DANGER

Do NOT be a

Swamp SITTER

No FUTURE in the SWAMP

BLESSED is he or she who

does NOT sit

in the Swamp



So we must remember

No Swamp Sitting in the Kingdom

Hazardous to your
LIVING



1-3 Path of Life – Tree Planted by Streams

- ¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
- ² but whose DELIGHT is in the law of the LORD, and who MEDITATES on his law day and night.

ANYONE not know what this verse means?

Spurgeon said,

He is not *under* the law as a curse and condemnation, but he is *in* it, and he delights to be in it as his rule of life



1-3 Path of Life – Tree Planted by Streams

² but whose DELIGHT is in the law of the LORD,

In Virgil's *Aeneid* (c. 20 B.C.), after the Greeks sack Troy

Aeneas grabs his father Anchises & son Ascanius

Aeneas CARRIES his father & son

Carries them on his BACK

Aeneas is a Trojan Hero

An ancestor of Remus & Romulus

Aeneas, his father & son, and a few others are among
a small number escaping the Greek slaughter of Troy

Aeneas and entourage flee in a boat ...

have a time finding a place to settle



Aeneas, Anchises Sculpture, c. 1718
by Gian Lorenzo Bernini
in Galleria Borghese, Rome

**Aeneas Flees
Burning Troy**
c. 1598
by Federico Barocci



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From TOD*, Sir Richard Baker (1568-1645), author of *Chronicle of the Kings of England*, said

This *delight* which the prophet here speaks of is the **ONLY DELIGHT** that neither blushes nor looks pale;

the **ONLY DELIGHT** that gives a repast without an after reckoning;

the **ONLY DELIGHT** that stands in construction with all tenses; and like AENEAS, carries his parents upon his back.

All Tenses as for All Times

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and like Aeneas, carries his parents upon his back.

You know what this means too ... you *certainly* do

There are burdens ... that are *heavy* burdens ...

But we would rather *DIE* than leave them *behind*

Blessed – who *DELIGHTS* is in the Law of the Lord

Burden *NOT* too heavy ... because *LOVE* carries all

Taxing limbs, but rather *DIE* than leave it behind



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and who MEDITATES on his law day and night.

Truly not that hard to conceive ... for a Christian
Spurgeon said,

He ... carries it with him all day long; and in the
night-watches, when sleep forsakes his eyelids,
he museth upon the Word of God.

In the *day* of his prosperity he sings *psalms*
out of the Word of God,
and in the *night* of his affliction

he comforts himself with *promises*
out of the same book.



1-3 Path of Life – Tree Planted by Streams

² and who **MEDITATES** on his law day and night.

In TOD*, Joseph Caryl (1602-73), English minister ejected from church, went independent, said in 1647,

It may be ... at once reading ... we see little ...
as Elijah's servant went once, and saw nothing;
therefore he was commanded to look seven times.
“What now?” says the prophet,

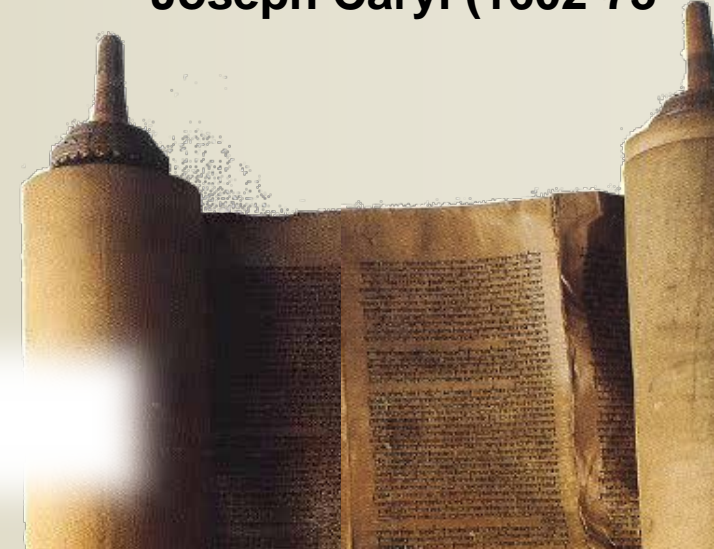
"I see a cloud rising, like a man's hand;" and ...
surface of the heavens was covered with clouds.

So you may look lightly upon a Scripture and see
nothing; meditate often upon it, and there you

shall see a light, like the light of the sun.



Joseph Caryl (1602-73)



1-3 Path of Life – Tree Planted by Streams

² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams
of water, which yields its fruit in season and
whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

We move from metaphor to simile ...

He is “Like a Tree” ... because this
is broader ... too broad for mere metaphor

Earthy, simple ... ***NO ONE FAILS HERE***

Would LIVE well?

Would LIVE well, long, prosperous in SOUL & SPIRIT?



4-5 Path of Death – Wicked like Chaff

⁴ Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Like CHAFF says the sweet Psalmist ... waste

To be BLOWN away by the wind ... useless to the LIVING

And because CHAFF is useless to LIFE ... useless to nourish

**⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

After sublime images ... a brutal prophecy

6 Conclusion – Lord Watches Way of Righteous

**⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Notice the Present Tense, ***WATCHES*** or ***IS KNOWING*** .:

Spurgeon said, “Though it may be often in mist and darkness,
yet the Lord knoweth it.

If it be in the clouds and tempest of affliction, he understandeth it.”

Does not mean you are perfect ... you without blemish ...

Does mean ... God Knows ... God Watches

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The RIGHTEOUS ... not the perfect

**In TOD*, Presbyterian Puritan Thomas Wilcocks said in 1586
on the Psalm 1:6 “the RIGHTEOUS”:**

**“They that endeavour righteous living in themselves
and have Christ's righteousness imputed to them.”**

Those striving to be good Christians ...

WAY of the RIGHTEOUS ... those striving to be good ...

WAY of the WICKED ... certain doom ...

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**Exquisite Spurgeon said, “The righteous carves his name upon
the rock, but the wicked writes his remembrance in the sand.**

**The righteous man ploughs the furrows of earth, and sows a
harvest here, which shall never be fully reaped till he enters the
enjoyments of eternity;**

**the wicked, he ploughs the sea, and though there may seem to be
a shining trail behind his keel,**

**yet the waves shall pass over it, and the
place that knew him shall know him no more for ever.**

6 Conclusion – Lord Watches Way of Righteous

Having just touched Psalm 1 ...

Having briefly gazed on this single TREE in the Enchanted Forest

Having merely pulled the shades back and peaked

Wishing we knew how Psalm 1 was sung ...

Can I add a tune of another era ... ,

Likely a Psalm of David too ... the Sweet Psalmist of Israel

Knowing that 150 Psalms were collected ...

yet—not so different from us—Israel had 1,000+ SONGS

How was Psalm 1 SUNG?

6 Conclusion – Lord Watches Way of Righteous

Ending as we began ...

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk ... stand ... or ...
SIT IN THE SWAMP ...

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Now ... *HOW in heaven's name* ...

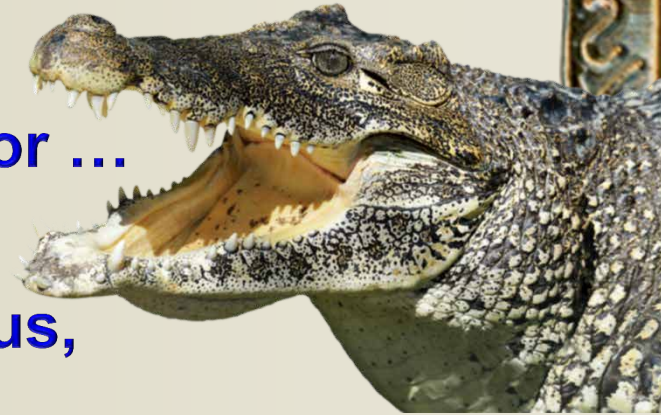
Now ... *HOW* in the wide world was Psalm 1 SUNG?

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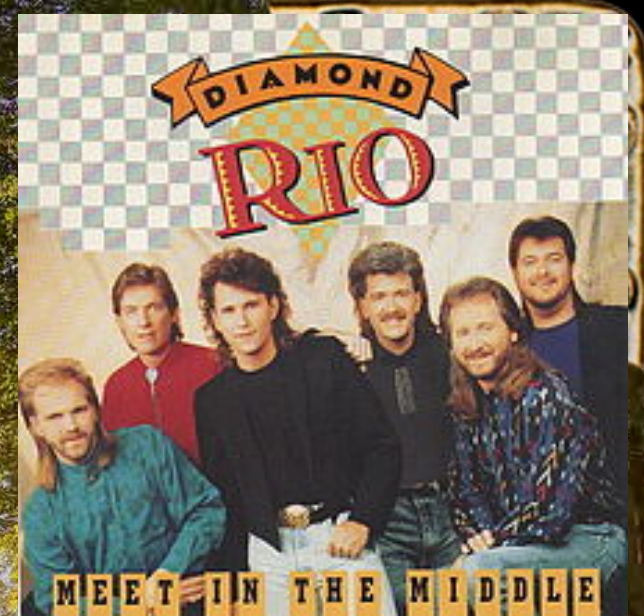
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How was Psalm 1 SUNG?



Country Music band Diamond Rio
put together a grand nostalgic song
"Meet in the Middle," a 1991 debut single
Reached #1 on the U.S. & Canada Charts
"Meet in the Middle" was such a hit
it made Country music history—it was
1st debut single to reach Number One



Meet in the Middle, 1991, by Diamond Rio

It was 700 fence posts ... from your place to ours

Neither one of us was old enough to drive a car

Sometimes it was raining ... sometimes it would shine

We wore out that gravel road ... between your house & mine

I'd start walking your way ... You'd start walking mine

We'd meet in the middle ... 'Neath that old Georgia pine

We'd gain a lot of ground

'Cause we'd both give a little

And their ain't no road too long

When you meet in the middle



Meet in the Middle, 1991, by Diamond Rio

It's been seven years tomorrow ... since we said our vows
Under that old pine tree ... you ought to see it now

Standing in the back yard ... reminding me and you
That if we don't see eye to eye ... there's something we can do

We'd gain a lot of ground
'Cause we'd both give a little

And their ain't no road too long
When you meet in the middle



NOT talking about meeting God in the middle
We ARE talking about **STAYING** on **THE PATH**
ARE talking about **NOT** veering to the Right or Left

Because? – Why?

You will **STAY** on **THE PATH** to
the One You **LOVE**

**Way of the Righteous is
not sitting in the Swamp
but on The Path
by the River Streams
Delighting & Meditating
on God's Word**



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