

Enchanted Forest of Psalms

June 1, 2025

1 Tree Planted by a Stream - George Pine's Deep Roots

119 God's Holy Word, Law, Wisdom
19 Heavens Declare God's Glory
96 Sing a New Song, Let Heavens Rejoice
132 Lord, Remember David
110 Sit at My Right Hand, Enemies a Footstool
18 Lord Is My Rock, His Way Perfect
105 Give Praise, Remember Wonders
38 Lord, Do Not Rebuke, Arrows Pierced Me
32 My Hiding Place
23 Lord is My Shepherd
139 Thou Has Searched Me, Lord
5 Hear My Cry, Lead Me
42 Deep Calls unto Deep

General Sherman Sequoia
Huge Oak of David
Red Maple Profuse Beauty
Liberty Trees of Early U.S.
Hanging Trees of Old West
Mighty Elms – Keel of Ship
Douglas Fir for Homes
Poisonous Driftwood
Nobel Pine, 126 Species
Nightengale of Psalms
Knightwood Oak – Queen of Forest
Hickory – American Wagon Wheel
Weeping Willow

Psalm 1:2

whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who *meditates* on
His Law Day & Night

The Enchanted Forest

Part 1 – Fly over 150 Psalms

Fly over the *Whole Forest*

Part 2 – Psalm 1, Georgia Pine



They say the Georgia Pine has
a long & deep huge tap root
Making the tree **Sturdy**,
Stable reaching 100'
Strong in the wind
Steadfast in weather

Meet in the Middle, 1991, by Diamond Rio

I'd start walking your way
You'd start walking mine
We'd meet in the middle
'Neath that old Georgia Pine

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Part 1 – Whole Forest of 150 Psalms

The Enchanted Forest

**Fly over Tyler County
see a few Highways
over a RAINFOREST
Heart of the Big Thicket**

Part 1 – 150 Psalms in Five Books

***then* Part 2 – Psalm 1**



Part 1 – Whole Forest of 150 Psalms

150 Psalms ~ Heart of the Old Testament

- ✓ Philosophical Heart
- ✓ Theological Heart
- ✓ Psychological Heart
- ✓ Spiritual Heart

See The PATH

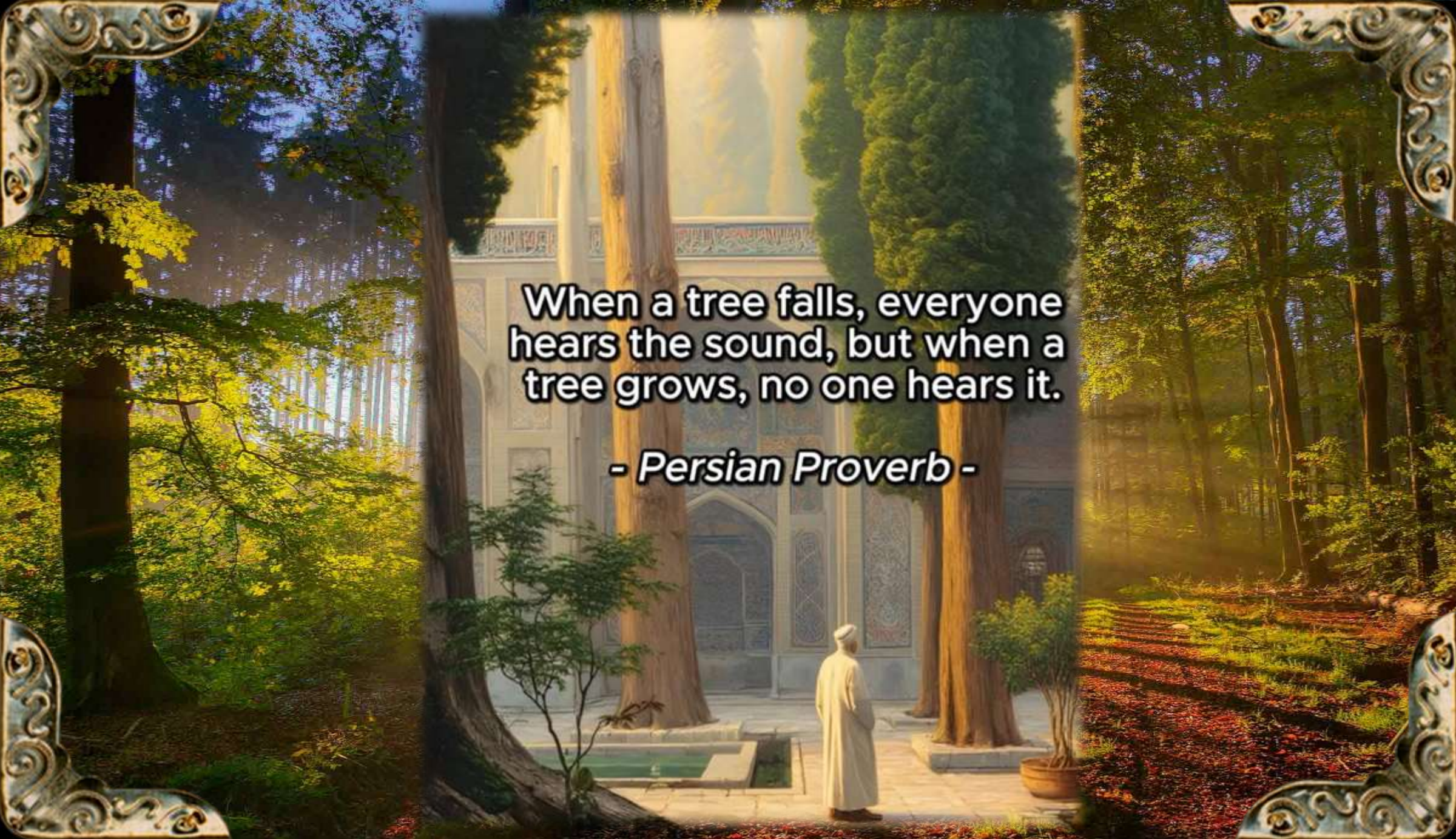
well travelled – many favorite TREES



Enchanted Forest of Psalms



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A Persian miniature painting depicting a man in a white robe and turban standing in a garden. He is looking towards a large, ornate building with a central arched entrance. A massive, ancient tree with thick branches stands to the left of the man. The garden is filled with various plants, including a small tree in a pot to the right. The scene is framed by decorative, ornate corner pieces in the top-left, top-right, bottom-left, and bottom-right corners. The overall style is characteristic of Persian miniature art, with vibrant colors and detailed architectural elements.

**When a tree falls, everyone
hears the sound, but when a
tree grows, no one hears it.**

- Persian Proverb -

Intriguing –

The Great Psalms Scroll

1946 scrolls found in Qumran, Dead Sea

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

Great Psalms Scroll praises King David's works

Astoundingly claims David authored 3,600 psalms

including 364 for each day, 52 weeklies,
30 sacrifices & 4 for the sick

Great Psalms Scroll 13.9 FEET

Dated circa A.D. 30-50



The Great Psalms Scroll

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364 for each day, 52 weeklies, 30 for sacrifices

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

Great Psalms Scroll 13.9 FEET



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Key Verse Psalm 1:2

**whose delight is in the
law of the LORD, and
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Alternate Title

Georgia Pine's Deep Roots

**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 #1**



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**



Alternate Title 2

No Swamp Sitting in the Kingdom



C.H. Spurgeon's *Treasury of David*

Premier website:

<http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php>



C. H. Spurgeon's *Treasury of David*

masterpiece without equal

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Kansas City, Missouri ... *resourcing*

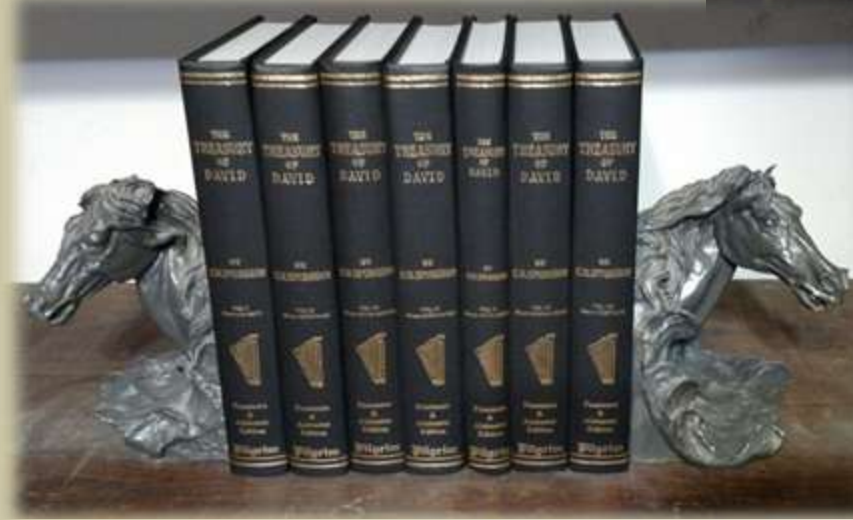
MANY sites host ALL of Spurgeon's works

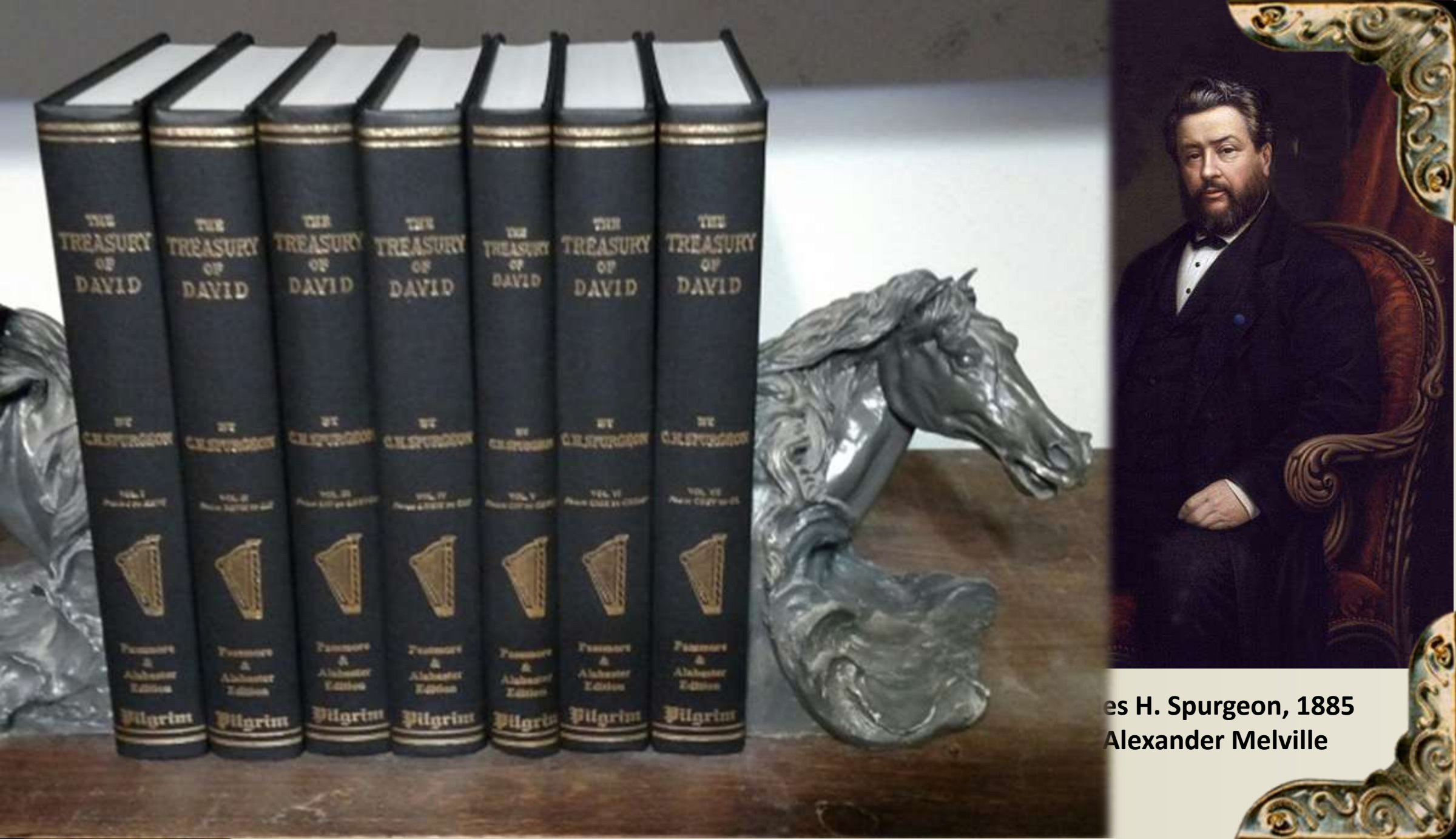
Charles Hadden Spurgeon 1834-92

Prince of Preachers



Charles H. Spurgeon, 1885
by Alexander Melville





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C.H. Spurgeon's *Treasury of David*

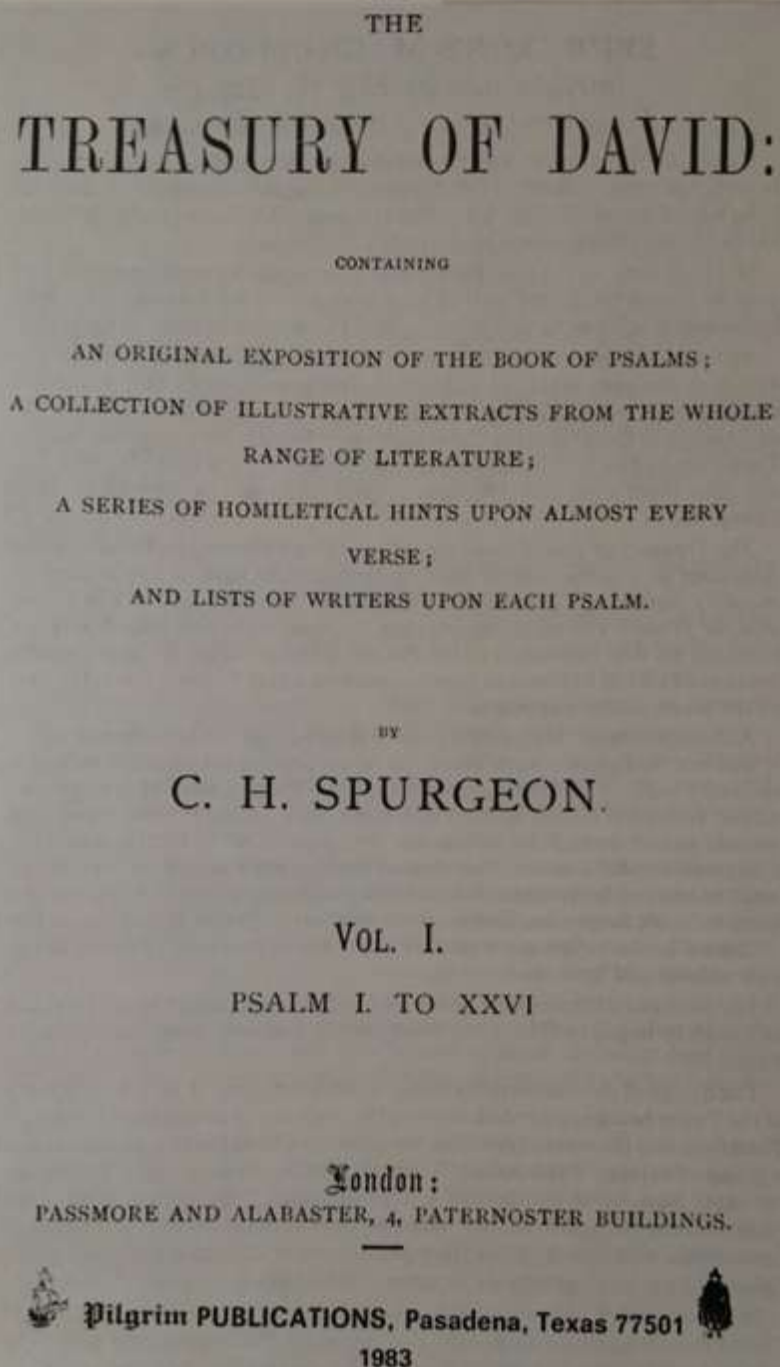
C. H. Spurgeon's *Treasury of David* was considered by many his *Magnum Opus*

His Greatest Work

In his Preface, Spurgeon said,

That I have nothing better of my own to offer upon this peerless book is to me a matter of deepest regret....

I have done my best, but, conscious of many defects, I heartily wish I could have done far better.



C.H. Spurgeon's *Treasury of David*

Portions pub. in the Metropolitan Tabernacle's weekly, *The Sword and the Trowel*, for 20 years!

Volumes were published successively, until the final Seventh Volume was released in 1885.

120,000 sets sold before he passed in 1892



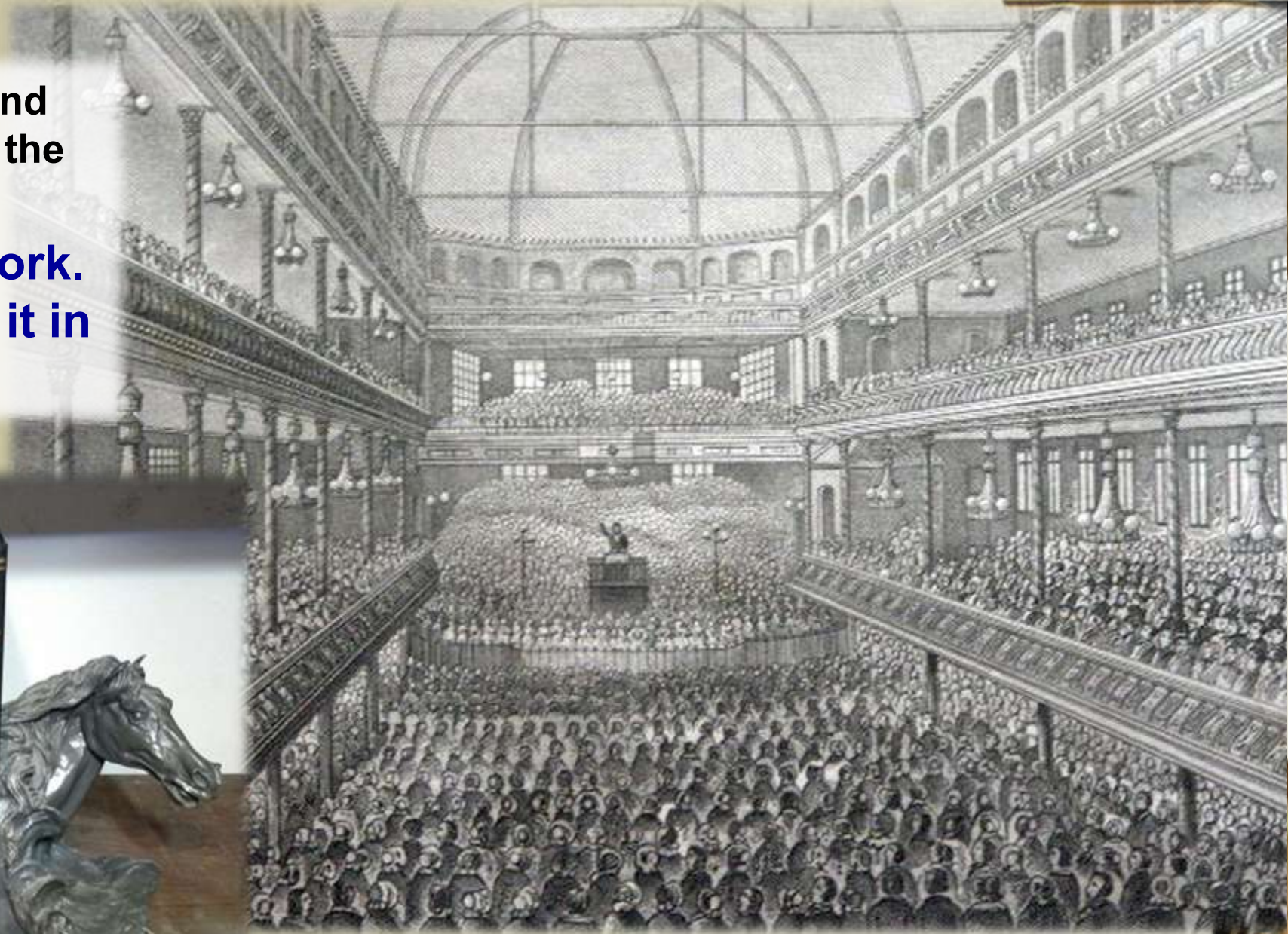
Charles H. Spurgeon, 1885
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C.H. Spurgeon

Dr. W. Y. Fullerson, his friend
& early biographer said of the
Treasury of David, said,

**“It is a monumental work.
There is nothing like it in
the literature.”**



Spurgeon preaching Surrey Music Hall, 1858

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

NO OFFICIAL CLASSIFICATION

Several KINDS of Observations

these 15 are NOT all the ways to classify the 150

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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 another

Oh, FIVE BOOKS of Psalms 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. Oppressed by God** 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

Whaaaaattt? – *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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H. 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” or BLESSED to know
137 is NOT in this series

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Kinds of Songs ... or Classifications

I. 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

J. Hallel or "Praise" Psalms

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

- ## **K. 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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L. Royal Psalms 2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 110, 132, 144

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

N. 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 & After** 74, 79 with Fall of Jerusalem;
80, 137 in Babylon; 85:1-6, 126 Restoration

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O. 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**



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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 ... intriguing

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 these 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 of the five BOOKS END

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|-----------------------|---|
| 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



Meet in the Middle, 1991, by Diamond Rio

Sometimes it was raining ...
sometimes it would shine
We wore out that gravel road
between your house & mine

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Psalms – the Enchanted Forest

Though “FIVE ” is arbitrary –
These are NOT ALL of the Psalms

Noteworthy, too ...

Book 1 1-41 Jehovah 272x ~ Elohim 15x

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



YHWH = Jehovah = LORD

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

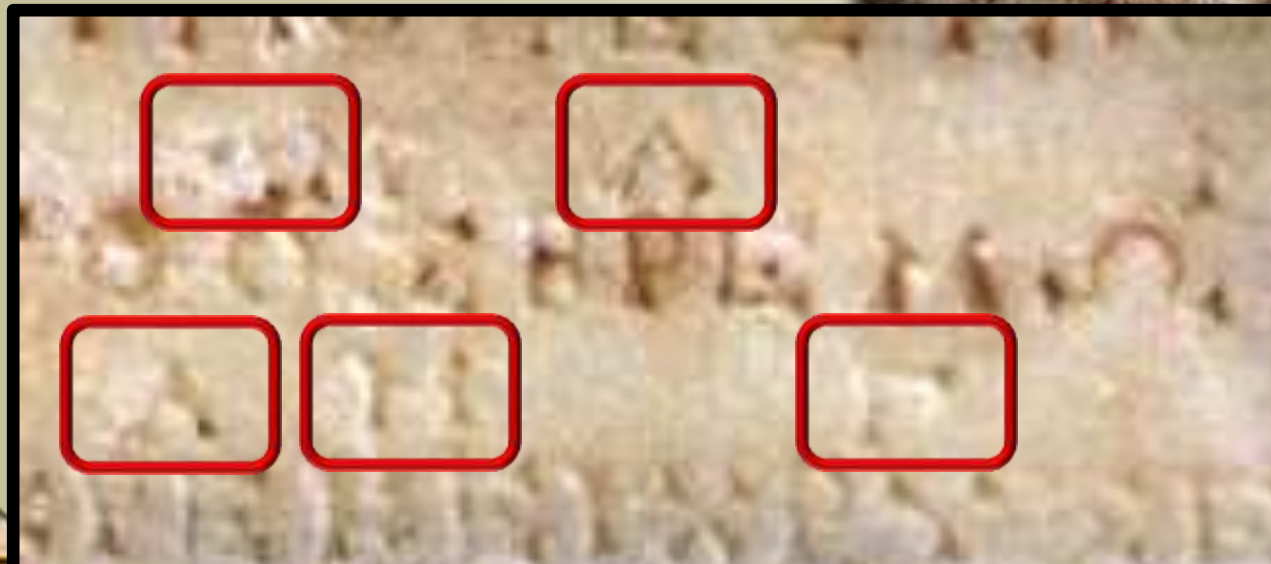
But what of the MUSICAL NOTES

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 ...**

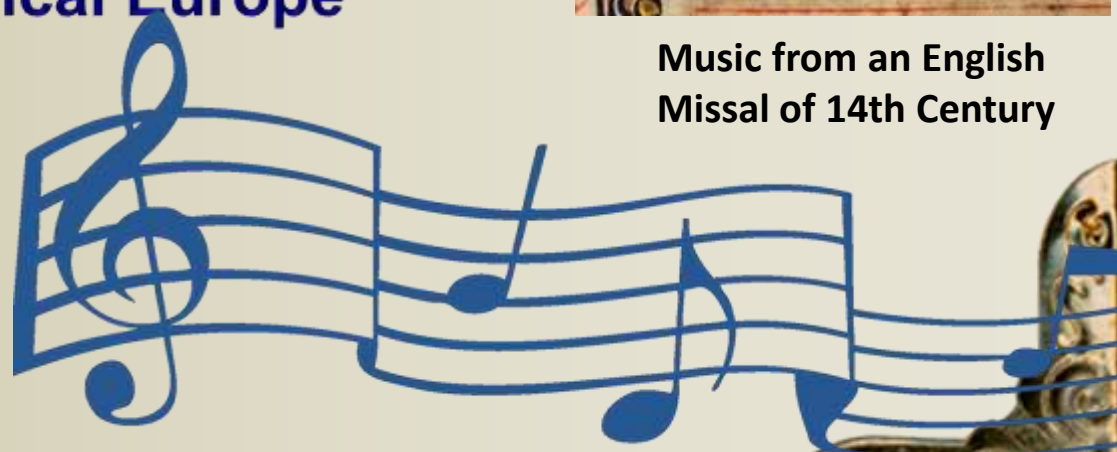
**In Asia and India ... they had some crude notation
not any better or worse than the West**

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

**Modern Staff Notation today is the
Universal Language of Music**



Music from an English
Missal of 14th Century



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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 1:34, Music used in crowning kings

Shophar is often translated as trumpet

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



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In the Book of Psalms

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



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116 Psalms with superscriptions

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

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

While all 73 *might* have been authored by David

Could have been “TO” or “FOR” David or “by him”

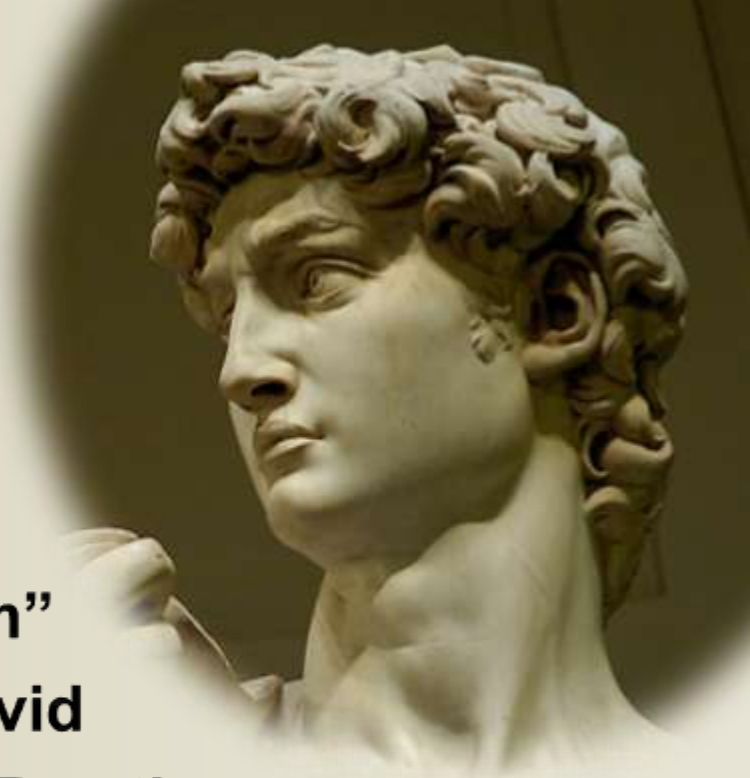
Likewise, OTHER Psalms could have been by David

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.

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



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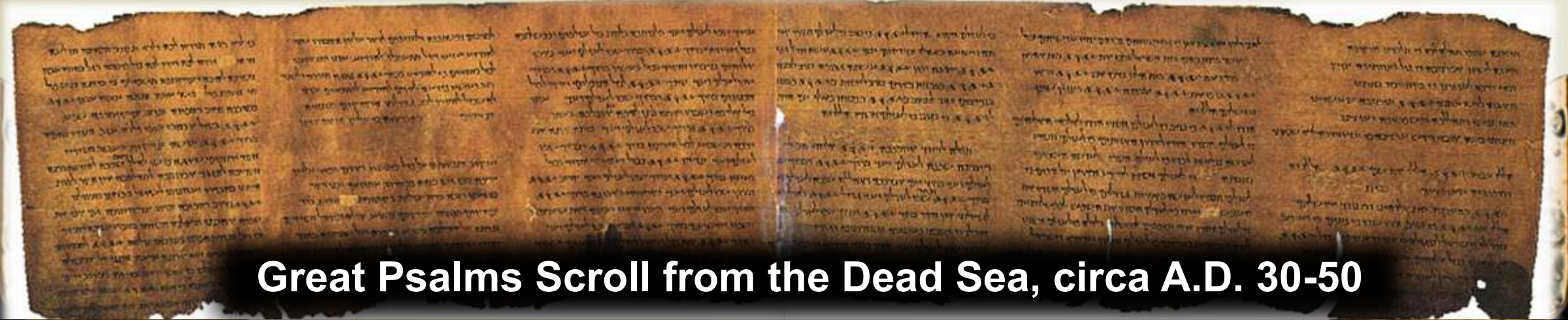
**Intriguing – No Surprise then
David – means “*Beloved*”**

**There is only one David in the Bible
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

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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.**

150 Psalms cover a load of Religious Experience

Penitence 25, 38, 51, 130 *Pardon* 32 *Conversion* 40 *Home* 127

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

Prayer ~ Praise ~ Divine Attributes ~ Affliction

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Book of Psalms, all FIVE BOOKS have another Grand Distinction
They were INCLUDED in the *Hagiographa* = Jewish **Holy Writings**
Holy Writings of the Jews centuries **BEFORE** our Bible

Luke 24, after Jesus appeared at Emmaus, TWO go to Jerusalem.
IN JERUSALEM, Jesus appears to the Disciples & explains Scripture
Luke implies a lonnnng 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 & the PSALMS.**”

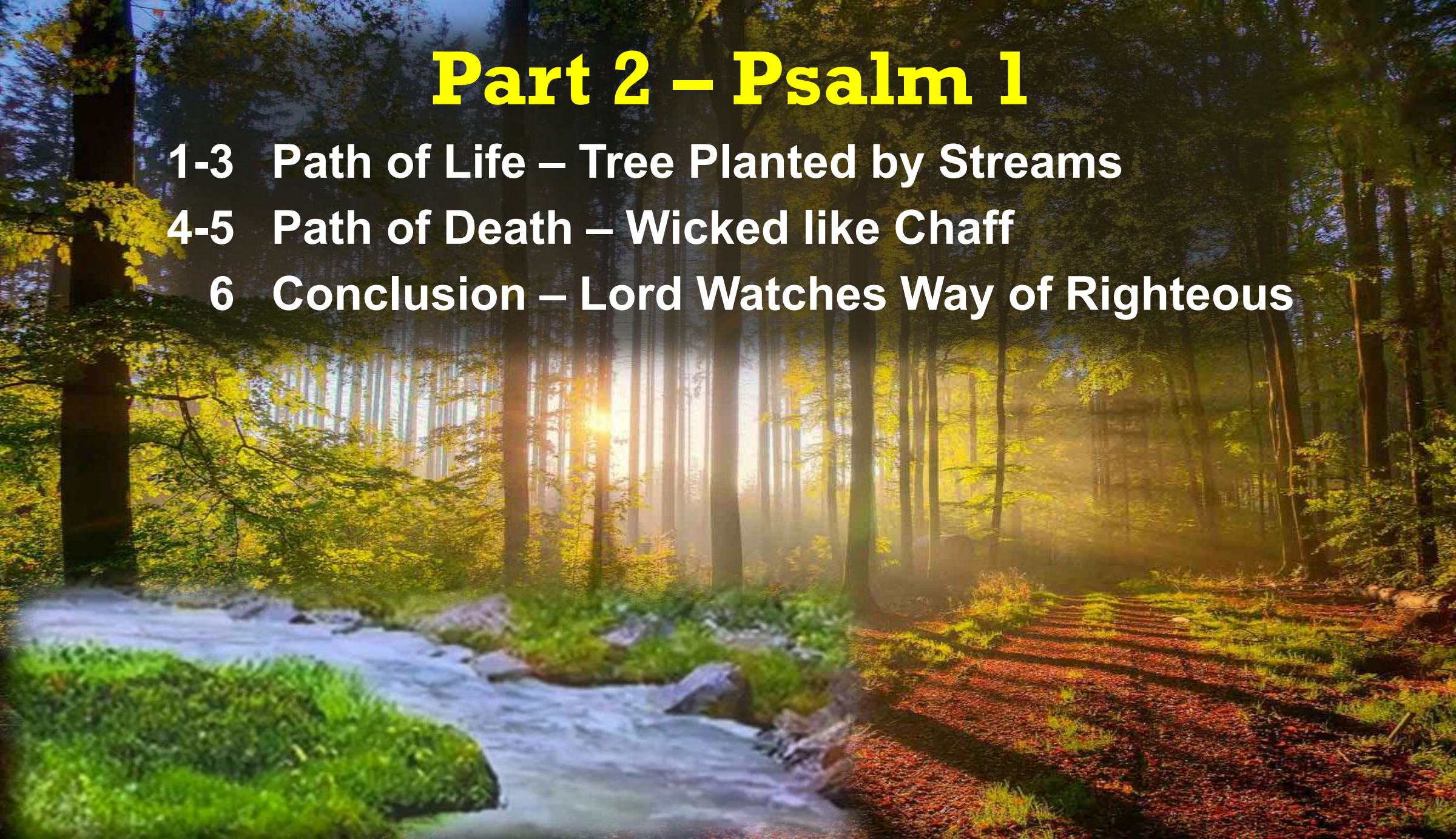
Book of Psalms was Scripture
***BEFORE* our Bible**

Part 2 – Psalm 1

1-3 Path of Life – Tree Planted by Streams

4-5 Path of Death – Wicked like Chaff

6 Conclusion – Lord Watches Way of Righteous



Psalm 1 = Way of the Righteous—The Path

Each Tree Unique

Some Taller

Some Broader

Each Unique

from the Enchanted Forest

Opening the gate to Five Books

Psalm 1 ... 1st of 150 Trees

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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.**



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.

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’s favor



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

Psalm 1:1-6 - Tree Planted by Streams

On the whole of 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* ...



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

He does not **WALK** ... **STAND** ... **SIT**

A progress from bad, to worse,

to Swamp **SITTING**

Good, powerful point



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



Meet in the Middle, 1991, by Diamond Rio

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

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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**,

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

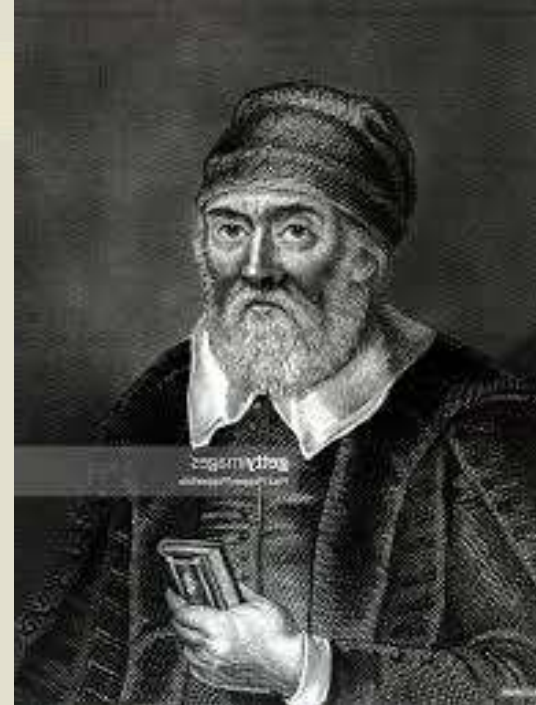
This **DELIGHT** which the prophet here speaks of is the **ONLY DELIGHT** that neither blushes nor looks pale;

the **ONLY DELIGHT** that gives a repast [food] without an after reckoning [indigestion];

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

All Tenses as for All Times

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like Aeneas, carries his parents upon his back.



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



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 Greeks sack Troy

Aeneas grabs his father Anchises & son Ascanius

Aeneas **CARRIES** his father & son on his back

Carries **them** on his BACK as they **flee** (c. 1184 B.C.)

Aeneas is a Trojan Hero, related to King Priam

ancestor of Remus & Romulus, founders of Rome

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

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Chronicle of the Kings of England, said

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 – cause **LOVE** carries **ALL**

Taxing limbs – rather **DIE** than leave it behind



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

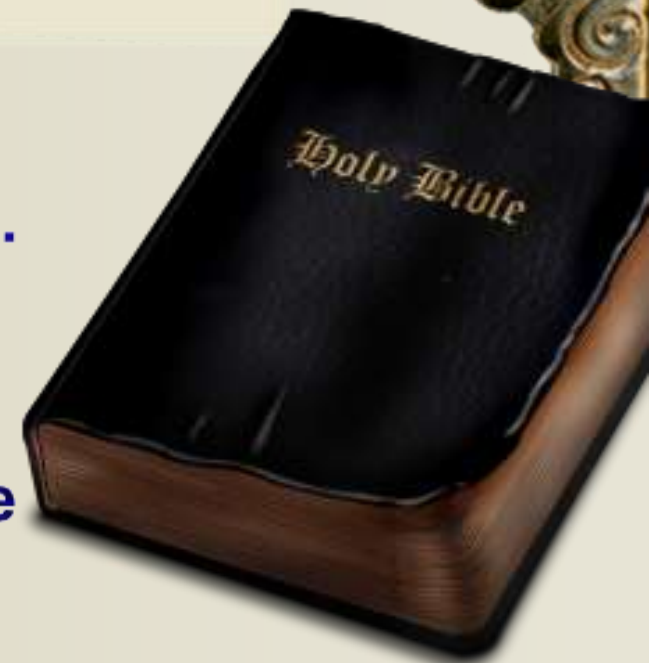
Truly not that hard to conceive ... for a Christian
Spurgeon said,

He ... carries it with him ALL DAY LONG; and in the
night-watches, when sleep forsakes his eyelids,
he muses 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 1 Kings 18:44

"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” - too broad for mere metaphor
Earthy, simple, *NO ONE FAILS HERE*

Would you LIVE WELL?

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



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

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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, HE LOOKS, HE SEES*
Spurgeon said,

**“Though it may be often in mist & darkness,
yet the Lord knoweth it.**

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

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

Does mean God Sees & God Watches

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.

The RIGHTEOUS – *not* the perfect

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

“They that *endeavor* righteous living in themselves
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



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

Spurgeon exquisitely said,

**“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.**



Charles H. Spurgeon, 1885
by Alexander Melville

Ending as we began ...

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk ... stand ... or ...

SIT IN THE SWAMP ...

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

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

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

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

Knowing that 150 Psalms were collected ...

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

How was Psalm 1 SUNG?



**I'd start walking your way
You'd start walking mine
We'd meet in the middle
'Neath that old Georgia Pine**

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NOT meeting God in the middle ...

We ARE talking about **STAYING** on **THE PATH**
talking about **NOT** veering off **THE PATH**

Because? – Why?

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



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

