

A Summary of The Psalms

There are three basic ways to study the Psalms: (A) by book division, (B) by authorship, and (C) by subject matter.

A. By book division, with key words (each ends with a doxology).

1. [Psalms 1–41](#) (corresponds to Genesis).

Key word is man (see [Pss 1:1; 8:4; 25:12; 34:8, 12; 37:23, 37; 40:4](#)).

2. [Psalms 42–72](#) (corresponds to Exodus).

Key word is deliverance (see [Pss 50:15; 54:7; 56:13; 59:1; 69:14; 71:2; 72:12](#)).

3. [Psalms 73–89](#) (corresponds to Leviticus).

Key word is sanctuary (see [Pss 73:17; 74:7; 77:13; 78:69](#)).

4. [Psalms 90–106](#) (corresponds to Numbers).

Key words are unrest, wanderings (see [Pss 90 and 106](#)).

5. [Psalms 107–150](#) (corresponds to Deuteronomy).

Key phrase is Word of God (see [Ps 119](#)).

B. By authorship.

1. David:

a. The Shepherd Psalms: [8, 19, 23, 29, 144](#).

b. The Sinner Psalms: [32, 38, 51](#).

c. The Suffering Psalms: [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 34, 35, 39, 40, 41, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 69, 70, 86, 109, 140, 141, 142, 143](#).

d. The Satisfied Psalms: [2, 9, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 24, 30, 36, 37, 52, 60, 65, 68, 72, 95, 101, 103, 105, 108, 110, 122, 124, 131, 133, 138, 139, 145](#).

2. The sons of Korah: [42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 84, 85, 87](#).

3. Asaph: [50, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83](#).

4. Heman: 88.
5. Ethan: 89.
6. Solomon: 127.
7. Moses: 90.
8. Hezekiah: 120, 121, 123, 125, 126, 128, 129, 130, 132, 134.
9. Anonymous: 1, 10, 33, 43, 66, 67, 71, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 102, 104, 106, 107, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 135, 136, 137, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150.

C. By subject matter.

1. The Devotional Psalms: 4, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 37, 40, 42, 43, 46, 50, 55, 56, 61, 62, 63, 66, 68, 69, 71, 73, 75, 76, 77, 80, 81, 84, 85, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, 100, 103, 106, 107, 111, 115, 116, 118, 119, 122, 123, 126, 133, 136, 138, 139, 141, 142, 144, 147, 148, 149, 150.
2. The Penitential Psalms: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143.
3. The Imprecatory Psalms: 35, 55, 58, 59, 69, 83, 109, 137, 140.
4. The Degree or Ascent Psalms: 120–134.
5. The Hallel (Hallelujah) Psalms: 113–118.
6. The Historical Psalms: 78, 105, 106.
7. The Acrostic Psalms: 9, 10, 25, 34, 37, 111, 112, 119, 145.
8. The Messianic Psalms: 2, 8, 16, 22, 23, 24, 31, 34, 40, 41, 45, 55, 68, 69, 72, 89, 102, 109, 110, 118, 129.

The Psalms Trilogy: A Comparison of [Psalms 22, 23, 24](#)

The Good Shepherd, [Psalm 22](#)

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. - [John 10:11](#)

The Savior
The Foundation
Christ dying
The Cross
He gives his life

Grace

The Great Shepherd Psalm 23

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant. [Hebrews 13:20](#)

The Satisfier
The manifestation
Christ living
The Comforter
He gives his love

Guidance

The Chief Shepherd, [Psalm 24](#)

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. [1 Peter 5:4](#)

The Sovereign
The expectation
Christ coming
The crown
He gives his light

Glory

Messianic Psalms

Foreshadowing Christ

Psalm	Feature Described	Fulfilled In New Testament
40:6-1	His Obedience	Hebrews 10:5-7
69:9	His Zeal	John 2:17
24:7, 8	His Entry into Glory	Matthew 21:1-11 Mark 11:1-11 Luke 19:28-44 John 12:12-19
118:22	His Rejection	Matthew 21:42
41:9; 55:12-14	His Betrayal	Matthew 26:14-16; 21-25
22:1, 6-8, 16, 18; 31:5; 34:20; 69:21; 129:3	His Sufferings	Matthew 27:34, 48 Luke 23:46 John 19:33-36
109:2-3	His False Accusers	Matthew 26:59-61; 27:39-44
109:4	His Prayer for His Enemies	Luke 23:34
16:10	His Resurrection	Acts 13:35
68:18	His Ascension	Ephesians 4:8
110:4	His High Priestly Work	Hebrews 5-7
45:2, 6, 8, 13, 15	His Marriage to the Church	Revelation 19:7-10
110:1, 6	His Destruction of the Heathen	Revelation 6-19
89:27; 102:16-21; 72:17	His Millennial Reign	Matthew 23:39 Revelation 11:15

Psalm 119: God's Instruction

The psalmist gives the Bible nine titles in this psalm and ascribes some twelve ministries to it.

The nine titles of the Word of God

His law ([Ps 119:1](#))

His testimonies ([Ps 119:2](#))

His ways ([Ps 119:3](#))

His precepts ([Ps 119:4](#))

His statutes ([Ps 119:5](#))

His commandments ([Ps 119:6](#))

His righteous judgments ([Ps 119:7](#))

His word ([Ps 119:9](#))

His ordinances ([Ps 119:91](#))

The twelve ministries of the Word of God

The Word cleanses ([Ps 119:9](#))

The Word quickens ([Ps 119:25](#))

The Word strengthens ([Ps 119:28](#))

The Word establishes ([Ps 119:38](#))

The Word defends ([Ps 119:42](#))

The Word comforts ([Ps 119:50](#))

The Word instructs ([Ps 119:98-99](#))

The Word enlightens ([Ps 119:105](#))

The Word assures ([Ps 119:114](#))

The Word upholds ([Ps 119:116](#))

The Word brings peace ([Ps 119:165](#))

The Word delivers ([Ps 119:170](#))