

Studies in the Psalms

Psalm 122

This is a Psalm of David.

This is a Psalm of Ascent. What is a Psalm of Ascent? _____

Theme: Be Glad To Go Worship!

- **The Joy of Worship. (1-2)**

- What was/is the house of the Lord? _____
- Define “glad”. _____
- Why is Jerusalem a significant city? _____

- **The Unity of Worship. (3-5)**

- The design of the city is used as a spiritual illustration.
- Why do the tribes go up? _____
- Whose thrones are there? _____

- **The Peace of Worship. (6-9)**

- How could they have peace? _____
- What is connected with peace? _____
- Notice WHY peace and good is sought. _____

What lessons can we learn today from the words of this psalm? _____

Dividing the Psalms

The Book of Psalms is divided into 5 sub-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)

Each book closes with a song of praise (doxology or benediction).

We don't really know why the Psalms are divided this way. The dead sea scrolls have them divided into these 5 books and in the order we have them today. Some think the dividing into 5 books is somehow connected symbolically to the first five books of the Bible (Pentateuch or Torah).

Groupings of Psalms.

- Written by David: 3-41
- Written by Sons of Korah: 42-49
- More Written by David: 51-65
- Written by Asaph: 73-83
- More written by the Sons of Korah: 84-88 (86)
- Hallelujah: 111-117
- Acrostic of the Hebrew Alphabet: 119
- Psalms of Ascent: 120-134
- More Written by David: 135-145