

A Christian reading of the Psalms, the Messianic Psalms
(Part 3 of Psalms study)

I. A Christian Reading of the Psalms – Luke 24:44

A. What to learn from the Psalms:

1. How does understanding these “types” of psalms help us in our worship?
 - a) **The Hymn:** We should always seek to offer up praise to our God – Hebrews 13:15
 - b) **The Lament:** We should always turn to God for help in time of need – Hebrews 4:16
 - c) **Psalm of Thanksgiving:** We should always seek to give God thanks when he answers our prayers. We should also be aware of the great blessings He gives us – Col. 3:17
 - d) **Psalm of Confidence:** We should always be aware of what God can and will do for us – II Timothy 1:12
 - e) **Psalm of Remembrance:** We should always remember what wonderful things God has done for us, such as sending His Son to die – I Cor. 11:24-25, II Tim. 2:8
 - f) **Wisdom Psalms:** We should always be considering the greatness of God’s wisdom, and exalting His word which teaches us how to be wise – Romans 11:33, II Peter 1:3-4
 - g) **Kingship Psalms:** We should always be mindful of who our King is, and why we serve Him – I Tim. 6:15
2. While the Psalms were written by “prophets” (See Acts 2:29-32), notice who is accredited as being the author, or source – Heb. 3:7-11 (Psa. 95:7-11). The Holy Spirit is credited as “saying” ...

II. Messianic Psalms – Luke 24:44 (again, not a full list of every psalm)

A. The Nature of Christ

- a) His throne is forever – Psa. 45:6-7; Heb. 1:8-9
- b) He is the Son of God – Psa. 2:7; Heb. 1:6; Acts 13:33
- c) He is worthy of praise – Psa. 97:7; Heb. 1:6
- d) He was made human – Psa. 8:4-6; Heb. 2:6-9
- e) Endured hardship as a servant – Psa. 69:9; Romans 15:3

B. Christ’s Work

- a) He came to do the Father’s will – Psa. 40:7-8; Heb. 10:5-7
- b) He would serve as Priest – Psa. 110:4; Heb. 5:6, 6:20, 7:17, 21
- c) He would serve as King – Psa. 45:6-7; Heb. 1:8-9
- d) He would reign until all enemies are destroyed – Psa. 110:1-2; Matt. 22:43-44, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42-43, Acts 2:34-35, I Cor. 15:25, Heb. 1:13, 10:12-13

C. The Rejection of Christ

- a) Christ would be rejected by the “builders” – Psa. 118:22-23; Matt. 21:42, Mark 12:10-11, Luke 20:17, Acts 4:11, Eph. 2:20, I Pet. 2:7
- b) Christ was aware of His betrayal...and betrayer – Psa. 41:9; John 13:18
 - (1) Note that Jesus did not quote that He “trusted him”, because Jesus knew in advance who would betray Him, John 6:64. The Psalm illustrates the circumstance that applied to Christ. It applied to David exactly, and also applied similarly (if not exactly) to Christ

- c) The nations would gather against the Lord – Psalm 2; Acts 4:23-28
- D. **His Suffering and Death**
 - a) Christ would cry unto the Father – Psalm 22; Matt. 27:46, Mark 15:34
 - b) Christ would be mocked – Psalm 22:8; Matt. 27:43
 - c) He would be crucified – Psalm 22:16; John 20:25
 - d) His garments would be parted – Psalm 22:18; Matt. 27:35, Luke 23:34, John 19:24
- E. **His Resurrection**
 - a) Christ would not see corruption – Psalm 16:8-10; Acts 2:29-31, Acts 13:35-37
- F. **His Ascension**
 - a) Christ would ascend above the heavens – Psalm 68:18; Eph. 4:7-10
- G. **Salvation in the Lord...reference to Christ?**
 - a) Psalm 2:7, 10-12