

Psalms 80 – 115

Psalm 80: (possibly written in 722 BC at the destruction of the northern kingdom)

- Who had brought trouble and destruction on the people? Why?
- How only could they be restored?

Psalm 81: (a psalm for use on festivals, most likely Tabernacles)

- What does this psalm suggest about the style of worship that must have existed in Israel?
- What was Israel's great sin (v. 8, 13)?

Psalm 82:

- For what purpose had God established governments (v. 2-4)?
- What comfort does the psalmist give when a government is corrupt?

Psalm 83: (possible occasion, 2 Chronicles 20)

- Although the psalmist calls for the destruction of his enemies, what does he see as the ultimate reason for asking this?

Psalm 84:

- What was "pilgrimage" for the OT Jew? How might we define it for ourselves today?
- What alone can produce the kind of attitude the psalmist had toward being at the house of the Lord?

Psalm 85:

- How only can God's people be restored?
- After we are restored of what does the Psalmist remind us (v 8)?

Psalm 86:

- How did David view God?
- How only could David, can we, walk in God's truth and fear his name?

Psalm 87:

- What is significant about the list of those who acknowledge the Lord?
- What does it mean "this one was born in Zion?"

Psalm 88:

- Has this psalmist lost his faith in God? Explain
- What can we learn from this psalm and the fact that God chose to let it be a part of his word?

Psalm 89: (the final psalm of book 3)

- On what attributes of God does the psalmist focus?
- On what promise of God does the psalmist focus? (4, 29)
- What was the psalmist struggling to understand?
- What do we know was God's answer to his problem?

Psalm 90:

- What truth does Moses want to make sure we come to grips with?
- Once we recognize this truth, what does he encourage us to do? (v 12)
- How only can we be glad all our days?

Psalm 91:

- What blessings does God promise believers in this psalm?
- How does Satan's misuse of v. 11-12 help us understand what God is not promising in this psalm?

Psalm 92:

- What reasons does the psalmist give for praising the Lord?
- What fruit will the elderly righteous bear?

Psalm 93:

- Being reminded of God's power leads me to

Psalm 94:

- Why might the wicked be tempted to say, "The Lord does not see?"
- What is the psalmist's answer?
- Who does the psalmist say is blessed?

Psalm 95: (used in the Matins/Morning Praise service, quoted in Hebrews 3:7-11)

- What invitation does the psalmist give us?
- What warning does the psalmist give us?

Psalm 96: (similar to 1 Chronicles 16:23-33, when David brought the ark to Jerusalem)

- What important thing does David remind us to do? (v. 3, 10)
- What is an important component of ascribing the Lord the glory due his name? (v. 7-9)

Psalm 97:

- When we know that the Lord reigns, what do we do? Why?
- What does the psalmist encourage those who love the Lord to do? (v. 10) How can we carry out this encouragement today?

Psalm 98:

- What is the most marvelous thing the Lord has done?
- How only can anyone know about this?

Psalm 99:

- What does it mean that God is holy?
- What comforting truth is presented in v. 8?

Psalm 100:

- What reasons does the psalmist give us for offering God our thanks and praise?
- Is thanks giving primarily an attitude or an activity?

Psalm 101:

- David's desire was to live a blameless life. As hard as he may have tried, he couldn't. What should we conclude from this, it's a waste of time and effort to try?
- Someone once suggested hanging a banner or a plaque with v. 3 inscribed on it above the TV. Comment

Psalm 102: (the fifth penitential psalm; v. 25-27 applied to Jesus in Heb 1:10-12)

- What did the psalmist feel God had done?
- With what great truth about God does the psalmist conclude the psalm? What comfort does this give us?

Psalm 103:

- List the Lord's benefits that we are not to forget.
- What description of God's forgiveness is most meaningful to you?

Psalm 104:

- As the psalmist considers that God is the creator of all things, what is he moved to do?
- Why then is Satan so intent on promoting the teaching of evolution?

Psalm 105:

- What truth about God does the psalmist illustrate with examples from Israel's history?
- What was God's purpose in doing these things for his people? (v. 45; 1-4)

Psalm 106: (the last psalm in book IV)

- Despite their constant unfaithfulness why did God continue to forgive Israel?
- Why does he continue to forgive us?

Psalm 107:

- The psalmist gives a number of examples of people in distress, most often because of their own sins. When they realized this, what did they do? What did God do?
- What does the psalmist want us to learn from the examples he cites?

Psalm 108: (a joining of portions of Psalms 57 and 60)

- As the psalmist has God speak how does he indicate who is God's friend and who is God's enemy?
- Moab, Edom and Philistia were the enemies of God's people in David's day. Who are the enemies of God's people today?

Psalm 109: (v. 8 quoted by Peter regarding Judas; Acts 1:20)

- How did the psalmist respond when he was unjustly attacked? (V. 4)
- On what basis was he asking God to cause his enemies to suffer? (V. 21, 27)

Psalm 110: (a messianic psalm)

- Jesus challenged the Jewish leaders to interpret v. 1. Who is the Lord? Who is my Lord?
- How is Jesus a priest in the order of Melchizedek? (Hebrews 7:11ff)

Psalm 111: (the beginning of a series of Hallelujah psalms, acrostic)

- As the psalmist speaks of God remembering his covenant what do you think of?

Psalm 112: (a twin of 111, an acrostic)

- How does verse 1 define what it means to fear the Lord?

Psalm 113: (the beginning of the "Egyptian Hallel" sung at the great Jewish feasts)

- This is one of the psalms sung before the Passover meal. How are verses 4-5 especially fitting?

Psalm 114: (usually sung with 113 before the Passover meal was eaten)

- List verses which recall events that occurred during the Exodus and the wandering in the desert.
- What is the answer to the psalmist's question in v. 5-6?

Psalm 115: (usually sung after the Passover meal was eaten)

- Especially when do we need to remember v. 1?
- Comment: We don't have to worry about idolatry today.