



PSALMS

Psalm 1

“Blessed or Perish”

Why Psalms?

- *Devotional Guidebook*
- *Mirror of the Soul – Tool of the Soul*
- *Christ and the Psalms*



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accustomed to call this book, I think not
y, “An Anatomy of all the Parts of the Soul;”
t an emotion of which any one can be
is not here represented as in a mirror. Or
y Spirit has here drawn to life all the griefs,
sorrows, fears, doubts, hopes, cares, perplexities, in short,
all the distracting emotions with which the minds of men
are wont to be agitated.”

– Calvin

“If the psalm prays, you pray. If the psalm laments, you lament. If the psalm exalts, you rejoice. If it hopes, you hope. If it fears, you fear. Everything written here is a mirror for us.”

– Augustine

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“Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.””

– Luke 24:44

“It is one Savior of His Body, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who both prays for us, and prays in us, and is prayed to by us. He prays for us, as our Priest; He prays in us, as our Head; He is prayed to by us, as our God. Let us therefore recognize in Him our words, and His words in us... Therefore we pray to Him, through Him, in Him; and we speak with Him, and He speaks with us...”

– Augustine

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Who is the Good Guy / Bad Guys?

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places.”

– Ephesians 1:3

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“The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.”

– Psalm 14:2-3

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Negatively and Positively

“But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” - Matthew 4:4, quoting Deuteronomy 8:3

“More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.”

– Psalm 19:10-11

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– angeloaktree.com

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3. The Commendation or Condemnation

“In all that he does he prospers ... the way of the wicked will perish”

““I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.””

– Matthew 3:11-12

“The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.”

– Psalm 34:22

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