

MON) June 10**Psalm 49: The foolishness of those who pursue material things**

This psalm is God instruction to not be afraid of arrogant and powerful people who oppress the weak and commit evil. This instruction should be heard by everyone; low and high, rich and poor. (vv. 1-2)

What happens to such arrogant and evil people when they eventually die? (v. 17)

Psalm 50 God's Judgment Day and Judgment Standard

On the day of the final judgment, Almighty God summons the whole world as witnesses (vv. 1, 4). God comes with devouring fire and a mighty tempest. (v. 3); gathers his saints (those who have made a covenant with God). (v. 5). God is not concerned about their external religious life such as sacrifices and offerings (v. 8). Rather, what does God desire? (verses 14-15)

- 1) Did you offer the sacrifice of (.....)?
- 2) Did you perform your (.....) to God?
- 3) Did you call upon (.....) on the day of trouble?

Psalm 51: After Nathan the prophet came to David to rebuke him for sleeping with Bathsheba

After receiving God's rebuke from Nathan, David repents for sleeping with Bathsheba, What is the sacrifice that God desires (it is not an offering of an animal, a burnt offering)? (vv. 16-17)

Psalm 52 Doeg the Edomite came to Saul

As recorded in 1Sam. 22, Ahimelech, a priest, helped David flee from Saul. Doeg, an Edomite, told Saul that Ahimelech helped David. Saul then killed Ahimelech.

What does a person (who does not trust in God) trust?

TUE) June 11**Psalm 53: The end of an atheist who thinks there is no God**

This psalm is similar to Psalm 14. This psalm reminds us of the foolishness of atheists who think there is no God. What is not a characteristic of such foolish person?

- 1) They say there is no God
- 2) They are corrupt and commit abominable evil.
- 3) Gaining understanding and seeking God
- 4) They fear where there is no terror.

Psalm 54 When the Ziphites told on David to Saul

David went to the wilderness of Ziph to hide from Saul's pursuit. However, the people of that area, Ziphites, told Saul that David was hiding there. (1Sam. 23)

David felt betrayed and sorrow and realized that there is no one to rely on but God.

David begins this psalm by seeking God. (v. 1)
"For he has (.....) me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in (.....) on my enemies." (v. 7)

Psalm 55: When your heart breaks due to a friend's betrayal

Ahithophel, David's friend and trusted counselor, betrayed David and joined Absalom's rebellion. 2Sam. 15-17. David, in his sorrow, advises the saints:

"Cast your (.....) on the Lord, and he will (.....) you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

Psalm 56: When David was captured by the Philistines at Gath

Here, how does David overcome his fear of his enemies trying to destroy him?

WED) June 12**Psalm 57 When David fled from Saul, in a cave**

David was hiding in a cave in the Judean Desert to avoid Saul's pursuit. Even in this difficult situation, David repeatedly praises the great God. (vv. 5, 11) Write the phrase repeated in these verses.

Psalm 58: A warning to all judges and rulers

David warns the wicked rulers and unjust judges that God will judge them. Their injustice is compared to what? (Verses 4-5)

Psalm 59: Saul sent men to watch David's house

Saul sent people to watch David's house to eventually kill him. (1Sam. 19). Michal, Saul's daughter and David's wife, saved David. What is the common word in (.....) below?

- 1) O my Strength, I will watch for you, for you, O God, are my (.....).
- 2) O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my (.....), the God who shows me steadfast love.

Psalm 60 While David was fighting Aram, Joab returned and fought Edom in the Valley of Salt, killing 12,000 men.

The psalm refers to the events of 2Sam. 8:13 and 1Chron. 18:12. It appears that this psalm was written when David was victorious over many enemies in multiple directions. In v. 12, David confesses that the reason for his victories is what?

THU) June 13**Psalm 61: Prayer of those who Lament**

This psalm expresses the hearts of people who are so tired and oppressed that it is difficult to even pray. David's heart is faint and feels he is at the end of the earth. (v. 2) Yet, even in such a hopeless situation, when even a prayer is difficult, what does David do?

(Even when we feel we are at the precipice of a cliff, overwhelmed with life, even when prayer feels impossible, seek God and cry to Him.)

Psalm 62 In the midst of heartbreaking situations, look to God

David is being attacked and feels that his wall is leaning and his fence tottering. (v. 3). Yet he declares that he will not be greatly shaken (vv. 2, 6). Why?

"He alone is my (.....) and my (.....); I shall not be greatly shaken."

Psalm 63: While in the Desert of Judah

The psalm was written by David while he was in the wilderness of Judah, chased by his rebellious son Absalom. The wilderness often signifies hardships in life. Even there, David longed for and sought God.

"O God, you are my God; earnestly I (.....) you; my soul (.....) for you; my flesh (.....) for you."

Psalm 64: A psalm seeking God's punishment against those who oppose Him

This psalm was written based on David's experiences of fighting numerous wars against many enemies.

1) What do evil people say when they secretly set snares and traps?

2) What do evil people say when plotting sin and search out injustices?

(They take counsel among themselves and do evil, but God's judgment on them will make them fear God)

FRI) June 14**Psalm 65: Praise to God, the ruler of the universe**

The psalm appears to have been written during a time of peace and rest. In particular, verses 9-13 record the harvest that God has blessed and given to his people.

"You water its furrows (.....), settling its (.....), softening it with showers, and blessing its (.....)."

(Natural laws describe but not explain natural events (such as four seasons and the day and night cycles). These are managed by God. It is God who allows the ground to grow and gives us our food. Remember that we do not live by our own strength, but by His grace.)

Psalm 66 Praise God's salvation in the Exodus

Here, David praises God while meditating on what God has done in the past. Sometimes, God allows us to get caught in a net; allows us to carry burdens; and allows us to pass through fire and water. But, in the end, where does God lead us to? (verses 10-12)

Psalm 67: Missionary Song

Here, the writer desires every people and all the nations to praise God. This missionary zeal should fill the hearts of the church and believers. This desire is repeated in verses 3 and 5.

"Let the (.....) praise you, O God; let all the (.....) praise you!"

Psalm 68: Longing for God's Presence

This psalm may have been written by David when he brought the Ark of the Covenant from the house of Obed-Edom to Jerusalem. The psalm sings of God's presence through the Ark of the Covenant.

"Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over (.....), and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives (.....) and (.....) to his people. Blessed be God!"

SAT) June 15**Psalm 69: A psalm written while being chased by King Saul**

The psalm is David's cry out to God in the depths of despair. It is difficult to know the exact situation he is in, but his prayer to "blot out" his enemies from the book of life shows the seriousness of the situation (verse 28). Here, David prays for God's help and salvation (verses 13-18), going beyond prayer to praising God. Are you experiencing groundless slander and misunderstanding?

"You who seek God, let your (.....) revive. For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners."

Psalm 70: Asking God for help in a desperate situation

This psalm is similar to Psalm 40:13-17. We pray for our church with David's prayer in verse 4.

"May all (Life church members) who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

May those who (Life church members) love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

Psalm 71: A Psalm of Old Age

In this psalm, the writer confesses that the Lord had chosen him and protected him from birth. He seeks God's protection until when?

(Just as we make a retirement plan for our old age, we must pray for God's grace and protection in our old age)

Psalm 72: Solomon's Psalm

The superscription of this psalm states that this is a psalm of Solomon. However, the last verse (verse 20) states that this is a "prayer of David." Accordingly, it appears that this psalm is Solomon's recording of the prayer David made at his deathbed.

In this psalm, David blesses the throne of his son Solomon, while at the same time looking and praising the glory of the righteous reign of Christ, the King of kings. How long will the reign of King Jesus Christ reign? (Verses 17, 19)