

Life-Study of Psalms Review

Book One (Psa. 1-41)

Book One indicates that **God's intention is to turn the seeking saints from the law to Christ that they may enjoy the house of God—the church.** Book One of Psalms include four major stations of Christ—Psalms 2, 8, 16, and 22-24. These tell us that Christ is God's anointed One, reveals Christ as the incarnated and crowned One, reveals Christ in His human living, and Christ crucified and resurrected to produce His brothers to constitute His Body, the church. These usher us into the enjoyment of God in God's house. Today God is located in Christ and in the church! If we want to see God, find God, meet God, and visit God, we need to go to Christ, the church, and the New Jerusalem!

Book Two (Psa. 42-72)

Book two indicates that **the saints experience God and His house and city through the suffering, exalted, and reigning Christ.** Book Two begins in a very good way with the psalmist's desire and aspiration being sensed. Where Book One has turned the psalmist from the law to Christ, and Christ has brought them to the enjoyment of God in His house and His city. Book Two begins with the direct enjoyment of God. Book Two unveils the psalmists' intensified enjoyment of God in His house, and even more in His city, through the suffering, exalted, and reigning Christ. Such a Christ is the way for us sinners to enter into God. Now we enjoy God as our God in Christ as the home and in the church as the city.

Book Three (Psa. 73-89)

Book Three indicates that **the saints, in their experiences, realize that the house and the city of God with all the enjoyments thereof can be preserved and maintained only with Christ properly appreciated and exalted by God's people.** The way of restoration from desolation is to exalt Christ. The more Christ is exalted, the more restoration there will be. If a church is somewhat cold and old and desires revival, the church should give Christ the preeminence, recognizing Him as the One who is at the right and of God. If He is exalted in every aspect of our living, there will be restoration everywhere.

Book Four (Psa. 90-106)

Book Four indicates that **the saints, being joined to Christ, are one with God so that He can recover His title over the earth through Christ in His house and city.** This indicates that our experience of dwelling in God paves the way for Christ to come to possess the earth that God may recover His title and right over the earth. Title refers to ownership, and right refers to all God's rights over the earth. Without the saints' deeper experience of God, God has no way to recover this title and right. This means that if we drink Christ, eat Christ, and breathe Christ without taking Christ as our habitation, God has no way to recover the earth.

Book Five (Psa. 107-150)

Book Five indicates that **the house and the city of God become the praise, safety, and desire of the saints, and that Christ comes to reign over the whole earth through the house and the city of God—the church.**

God desires to have an organic habitation on earth, and this habitation is the aggregate of the living saints gained by God through the terminating death and germinating resurrection of the all-inclusive Christ. They will be the eternal manifestation and expression of the processed and consummated Triune God, and He will be everything to them in His all-inclusive Christ. The Triune God will reign on the new earth through such an organism in the new universe. This is the spirit, the extract, of the book of Psalms.

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