Clips from Psalms

Psalms 105:16-19

Jehovah's Wonderful Works in Behalf of Israel

"God called for a famine upon the land; he brake the whole staff of bread. He sent a man before them; Joseph was sold for a servant: his feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in chains of iron, until the time that his word came to pass, the word of Jehovah tried him."

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Thoughts on the First Fifty Psalms

One comes to a point in life where they realize that if a detailed study of Psalms is not began now then time may run out to achieve it. That time, for the Floral Heights church of Christ, is now. We have spent the past two years studying the first fifty chapters of Psalms and we have one hundred more chapters to go. If these two years were never began we would never have learned from the treasure trove that is in this most excellent book of the Bible.

A study of the Psalms will leave you a better person. Your character, approach to life, and faith will all be enriched. We learn more about God and his providential work in our lives by studying the Psalms. We gain greater fear of our heavenly Father as we acknowledge his "heavy hand" of chastisement and punishment when we sin (see Psalms 32). We see the value of forgiveness through a meek spirit. We are at times left loathing ourselves due to our dark characteristics past and present. We are made to bow our heads in lowliness before Jehovah God because we see what wretched creatures we are in relationship to his divine expectations (Leviticus 11:44 and 1 Peter 1:15-16). We are, at times, left feeling unworthy of God's mercy and love (Psalms 38:6-9).

Studying the Psalms awakens our self awareness. We see ourselves for what we really are or what we are not. We are humbled at what we find. Our senses are sharpened so that we identify character flaws and purge them with a passion. We are challenged to be more Christ like. We find that we have never been alone in seeking out God in life. Our inner thoughts as a child are confirmed to be shared with others like David. When we were afraid we had always looked and prayed to God. When things were troublesome...
Welcome to all Our Visitors. It is our prayer that you will be edified by our worship service today. If you have any questions regarding what we teach or practice please be our friend and talk with us.

Toline Witherspoon fell and bruised herself up last Wednesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Gospel Meeting!
This year we will have a fall Gospel meeting with Larry Tomlin of Orange Texas. Larry will be preaching to us during the week of October 3 through 6.

Wanda James’ cataract surgery went very well. She can actually see vivid colors now and is very excited about her eyesight. She will be having the other eye done in about three months.

Continue to pray for Daryl Lewis
Shut ins Stella Davidson 696-1030

we turned to God. When the world around us was collapsing we had always turned to God. As we study the Psalms we gain a friend in David and learn that life can be made into an everyday pleasant experience as long as God is on our side.

A well known commentary writer once said, after completing a first edition to the Psalms, that they must now go back and redo the entire study. The lessons learned had occurred not from the beginning but through time and wading through chapter after chapter. At the start of the study we don’t have the wisdom that we have at the end. It seems to me; however, that if one starts over intending to be more wise from the beginning then those studying chronologically will be robbed of coming to the same conclusions through time and study.

If we were to fully explain the meaning of all the Psalms in one introductory paragraph the reader may feel compelled to walk away from the study. One may not feel the driving need to look into each verse and chapter of the book because the summary gives a satisfying overview. The objective of this introduction to Psalms is, therefore, not to inform you about the overall content of the book but rather to excite you about the content you are about to study. If one takes a casual approach to the Psalms you will miss out on a treasure trove of wisdom. We can make summary statements only when we have studied the whole. I can write the significance of the Psalms only by hard study yet it is I alone who have come to understand the deep meaning of the Psalms. It is like one writing the correct answer to a test because it is what someone told them the answer was. The answer to the question was right yet the one who copied it has little understanding as to how that answer was obtained. If there is little understanding to the answers to life’s questions then one remains simple and unaffected by the guidance of truth. Guidance occurs as you and I look and study truth and apply it to our lives. Never let others do the studying for you. Study yourself and come to the conclusions God intends for you. Wisdom and understanding will be the result of your hard work. Take the time now, if you have not already, to do more than reading the Psalms. Study them to show yourself approved of God!

Things that should not be Named among Christians
A Study of Ephesians 5:3

Introduction
A very real problem among Christians of every age is backsliding. The Apostle Peter warned those of Asia about this dreaded spiritual disease at 1 Peter 1:13-13. Paul warned these same brethren of the consequences of sliding back into old habits of sin too (Ephesians). If one’s hope of heaven was to remain alive and well then we must all imitate God in our words and actions. Consider some of the sins the Ephesians had gone back to:

Fornication
Foolish talking
Jesting
Unclean
Covetous
Idolatry
False Teaching

Though the Ephesians had once participated in these things they were not to go back (Ephesians 5:8).

Conclusion
A grave error in judgment occurs when one fellowships sin and sinners. The Apostle Paul said "be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what communion has light with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1).