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Learning From David

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The Resume of King David:

- David's family tree
- David was a tough shepherd
- David defeated Goliath
- David was mentored by the prophets
- David served King Saul
- David unified Israel
- David conquered his enemies
- David was a fierce warrior
- David planned to build the temple
- David reigned for 40 years

The Importance of the Psalms:

- David loved to sing psalms and write psalms.
- Psalms is the 3rd largest book in the Bible with 30, 147 words.
- Psalms has 150 chapters, 2,461 verses, and 137 title headings.
- The book of Psalms is quoted more than any other Old Testament book (68x).
- Jesus quotes from Psalms (11x) more than Deuteronomy (10x), Isaiah (8x) or Exodus (7x).
- At least 8 people, probably dozens more including David, penned these psalms.

Authors of the Psalms:

- King David wrote 73 psalms (**Psalms 3-9, 11-32, 34-41, 51-66, 68-70, 86, 101, 103, 108-110, 122, 124, 131, 138-145**).
- There are 50 anonymous writers (**Psalms 1, 2, 10, 33, 43, 66-67, 71, 91-94, 96-100, 102, 104-107, 111-121, 123, 125-126, 128-130, 132, 134-137, 146-150**).
- Asaph and/or his sons can be credited with 12 psalms (**Psalms 50, 73-83**).
- Korah and/or his sons can be credited with 10 psalms (**Psalms 42, 44-49, 84-85, 87-88**).
- King Solomon is recognized as the author of two psalms (**Psalms 72, 127**).
- Heman wrote one psalm (**Psalms 88**), Ethan wrote a psalm (**Psalms 89**), and so did Moses (**Psalms 90**).

Themes of the Psalms:

- **Didactic** - Psalms of teaching and instruction (**Psalms 1**).
- **Messianic** - Psalms pertaining to the coming Messiah (**Psalms 2, 110**).
- **Ethical** - Psalms that teach moral principles (**Psalms 15**).
- **Repentant** - Psalms expressing sorrow for sins that have been committed (**Psalms 51**).
- **Imprecatory** - Psalms that invoke God to bring judgment upon enemies (**Psalms 69**).
- **Thanksgiving** - Psalms of grateful praise to Jehovah for blessings (**Psalms 100**).
- **Suffering** - Psalms that express cries of suffering in affliction (**Psalms 102**).
- **Hallelujah** - Psalms of praise, beginning and/or ending with "hallelujah" (**Psalms 103**).
- **Historical** - Psalms that review the history of God and His people (**Psalms 106**).
- **Celebratory** - Psalms to be sung during festivals and feasts (**Psalms 113-118**).
- **Meditation** - Psalms of spiritual expression (**Psalms 119**).
- **Alphabetic or Acrostic** - Psalms of the Hebrew alphabet, i.e. ABC's (**Psalms 119**).
- **Songs of Ascent (or Degrees)** - Psalms sung by pilgrims on the way to worship (**Psalms 120-134**).
- **Worship** - Psalms to be sung during the worship assembly (**Psalms 136**).
- **Praise and Devotion** - Psalms of joyful praise to God (**Psalms 148**).

Division of the Psalms:

- Book #1: The Genesis Book = Psalms Concerning Man (**Psalms 1-41**).
- Book #2: The Exodus Book = Psalms Concerning Israel (**Psalms 42-72**).
- Book #3: The Leviticus Book = Psalms Concerning Worship (**Psalms 73-89**).
- Book #4: The Numbers Book = Psalms Concerning The Nations & The Earth (**Psalms 90-106**).
- Book #5: The Deuteronomy Book = Psalms Concerning the Word of God (**Psalms 107-150**).

Consider Some of the Psalms of David:

- **Psalm 3 – II Samuel 15-16** David is on the run from Absalom.
- **Psalm 7 – I Samuel 24** David is on the run from Saul.
- **Psalm 8** David is in awe of the God of wonders.
- **Psalm 9 – I Samuel 24** David is dealing with his own grief.
- **Psalm 18 – I Samuel 22** David is thankful for deliverance.
- **Psalm 23** David recognizes God as His Shepherd.
- **Psalm 30 – I Chronicles 22** David writes a hymn of dedication.
- **Psalm 32 – II Samuel 11-12** David repents of his sin with Bathsheba.
- **Psalm 34 – I Samuel 21** David is delivered after faking his insanity.
- **Psalm 51 – II Samuel 11-12** David repents of his sin with Bathsheba.
- **Psalm 52 – I Samuel 21** David is on the run from Saul, again.
- **Psalm 54 – I Samuel 23** David barely escapes King Saul.
- **Psalm 56 – I Samuel 21** David is delivered after faking his insanity.
- **Psalm 57 – I Samuel 22** David escapes King Saul at the cave.
- **Psalm 59 – I Samuel 19** David escapes King Saul at his home.
- **Psalm 60 – II Samuel 8** David & Joab are successful in battle.
- **Psalm 63 – I Samuel 22** David is thankful for deliverance in the wilderness.
- **Psalm 86** David verbalizes his doubts & lack of faith.
- **Psalm 101** David writes a psalm about keeping vows.
- **Psalm 103** David offers a psalm of thanksgiving.
- **Psalm 108** David is focused on victory.
- **Psalm 109** David is focused on the judgment of God.
- **Psalm 142 – I Samuel 22** David is thankful for deliverance.

Other Psalms of the Bible:

- **PSALMS OF MOSES = Exodus 15:1-15, Deuteronomy 32-33, Psalm 90**
- **PSALM OF MIRIAM = Exodus 15:20-21**
- **PSALM OF DEBORAH = Judges 5**
- **PSALM OF HANNAH = I Samuel 2:1-10**
- **PSALMS OF DAVID = II Samuel 22:1-4, 23:2-7, I Chronicles 16:7-36, 29:10-19**
- **PSALMS OF ISAIAH = Isaiah 12:1-3, Isaiah 25-26**
- **PSALMS OF HEZEKIAH = Isaiah 38:9-20**
- **PSALM OF ELIZABETH = Luke 1:42-45**
- **PSALM OF MARY = Luke 1:46-55**
- **PSALM OF ZECHARIAH = Luke 1:68-79**

David Understood the Necessity of Being a Witness. We Need To Be Witnesses:

"Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." (Luke 22:46-49)

"It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:7-8)

"You are a letter from Christ...written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts..." (II Corinthians 3:3)

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16)

*Be a witness. Express yourself. Be genuine. Share your struggles. Don't let fear keep you from being real.
We need to be #keepinitreal when #thestruggleisreal!*