

Understanding The Old Testament: Part 6

King David and the Psalms

- 1) David is chosen. (1 Samuel 16:7, 11b-13,18)
 - "...the Lord looks on the heart."
 - David was the least likely to be chosen; "the youngest" & "keeping the sheep"
 - The Lord was with David.
- 2) David was a picture of God's idea King. (1 Samuel 17:37,45-47)
 - David was impressed with God and displayed faith.
 - Saul was impressive and displayed self reliance.
(Taken from Mark Dever's book "The Message of the Old Testament", 2006)
- 3) David received the promises made earlier. (2 Samuel 7:8-19)
 - A great name. (v9)
 - Land. (v10)
 - Blessings and cursings. (v11)
 - Offspring. (vs 12) -see also Psalm 110:1 & Matthew 22:21-46
 - All nations blessed. (v19)
 - A kingdom that would reign forever. (v13, 16)
- 4) David's failures highlight the mercy of God. (1 Samuel 11-12)

The Psalms	
-Prayers and songs that <u>model</u> communication with God.	
-Express emotions in <u>honest</u> and <u>God</u> -centered ways.	
Categories	
Wisdom	<u>1</u> , 37, 49, 73, 112, 127, 128
Lament (Help!)	3-5, <u>6</u> -7, 12-14, 17, 22, 26-28, 35, 39, 41, 42/43, 44, 53-61, 63-64, 69, 70-71, 74, 77, 79-80, 82-83, 85-86, 88, 90, 94, 106, 108-109, 120, 123, 126, 130, 137, 140-143
Confession	6, 32, 38, 39, <u>51</u> , 102, 130, 143
Trust	11, 16, 23, 62, 91, 121, 125, 129, <u>131</u>
Thanksgiving	30, 66, <u>92</u> , 107, 116, 118, 124, 138
Praise	8, 29, 33, 46-48, 76, 84, 87, 93, 95-100, 100 <u>103</u> -105, 111, 113-114, 117, 122, 134-136, 145-150
Prophetic (Royal)	2, 18, 20, 21, 22, 45, 72, 89, 101, 110, 132, 144
Ways to Read Psalms	
1) Read 1 Psalm a day (5 months)	
2) Read 5 Psalms a day (ex. Jan. 1 st read 1,31,61,91,121)	