

Song of God's Praises

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Psalm 46:1

- Mahalath refers to sickness/sorrow while Miktam refers to permanent/foundational.
- Praising God is a powerful act of worship that acknowledges His greatness, expresses gratitude for His goodness, and declares God-centered confidence for obedience.
- Fools refuse to praise God because He does not align with their will, wants, or wickedness.

Psalm 53:1

1. God's greatness: All of creation recognizes His power and majesty

- *Psalm 55:23* - "But you O God will cast them down"
- *Psalm 56:4* - "In God I trust"
- *Psalm 57:1* - "in the shadow of your wings"
- *Psalm 67:4-5* - "guide the nations upon the earth"
- *Psalm 68:34-35* - "Awesome is God from his sanctuary"
- *Psalm 70:4* - "God is great"

2. Gratitude of God's Goodness: A heart of thanksgiving reflects His goodness

- *Psalm 54:6-7* - "A freewill offering I will sacrifice to you"
- *Psalm 57:9-11* - "I will give thanks to you"
- *Psalm 63:3-4* - "I will lift my hands"
- *Psalm 65:4-5* - "We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house"
- *Psalm 68:4-5* - "Father of the fatherless and protector of widows"

3. God-centered Confidence for Obedience: Confidence without obedience is PRIDE

- *Psalm 56:12-13* - "I may walk before God in the light of life"
- *Psalm 59:16-17* - "But I will sing of your strength"
- *Psalm 62:1-2* - "For God alone"
- *Psalm 64:9-10* - "Rejoice In the LORD"
- *Psalm 71:17-18* - "until I proclaim your might to another generation"

Summary: *Psalm 66:1-5* - "Come and see what God has done"

Conclusion: *Psalm 72:18-20* - Doxology

1. Read Psalm 53-55; Psalm 14; I Samuel 23; II Samuel 15:30-31.

David writes these Psalms from a place of sorrow/sickness due to the actions of others on him. Notice the similarities between Psalm 53 and Psalm 14. Why would David repeat the theme of 14 to 53? What are the differences? How did the Ziphites betray David? Ahithophel? When people let you down and your circumstances seem to overwhelm you, how do you respond? Do you act like the devil or do you seek the deliverance of your God?

2. Read Psalms 56-60.

They are referred to as Miktam (permanent) and the Do Not Destroy Psalms. What periods of David's life did the enemy try to destroy him? Read John 10:10. The enemy's goal is ALWAYS to kill, steal, and DESTROY. When you are in Jesus, the enemy can NEVER destroy you. What confidence does that bring to you? How does II Corinthians 5:8 support your confidence?

3. Read Psalm 61-68.

These Psalms are often referred to as the Confidence Psalms. All of David's trials and testings had strengthened his confidence in His God. Write five confident verses from this section and describe a period of your life where God proved that confidence to you. Now read Psalm 62. It is called the ONLY/ALONE Psalm. Compare this Psalm to Psalm 39. What problems do we encounter when we try to mix God with other "helps?" Read Hebrews 10:35-36; Philippians 1:6; 4:13; Ephesians 3:12. What does it provide when we have confidence in Jesus?

4. Read Psalm 69 and 22.

These are two of the Messianic Psalms that talk about the coming Messiah, Jesus. They are the most quoted Psalms in the NT. What truths do these chapters reveal about Jesus? How do these verses provide confidence that the suffering of the Messiah did not take God by surprise?

5. Read Psalm 70 and 40.

Notice that 70 is simple the last five verses of 40. Is this a mistake/contradiction? If not, then what is the significance of repeating these verses?

6. Read Psalm 72; Exodus 40; I Kings 8.

What is the significance of Exodus ending with the tent of meeting and the second book of Psalms ending with a psalm about Solomon? Now read Psalm 127. God's presence among His people has always been a taste of His power, promises, and purity. Think about what the apostle John witnessed in Revelation of Jesus in His glory! How do these Psalms elevate our view of God?

7. Conclusion:

Write your own Psalm that declares God's glory, gratitude for His goodness, and your God-centered confidence. Singing a song of God's praises WILL change your attitude and the effect of circumstances on you...God proves it!