

Psalm Types

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Afflictions (Lament)	3-5, 7, 11, 13, 16, 17, 22, 26-28, 31, 35, 41-44, 54-57, 59-64, 69-71, 74, 77, 79, 80, 83, 84, 86, 88, 89, 94, 102, 109, 120, 123, 129, 137, 140-143	Prayers for God's deliverance and for comfort when everything seems to be going wrong.
Didactic	1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 24, 25, 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 49, 50, 52, 53, 58, 73, 75, 82, 84, 90, 91, 92, 94, 101, 112, 119, 121, 125, 127, 128, 131, 133	Psalms intended to teach.
Imprecatory	5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 25, 28, 31, 35, 40, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 68, 69, 70, 71, 79, 83, 94, 109, 119, 129, 137, 139, 140, 143, 144	Prayers of a man for vengeance on his enemies.
Intercessional	20, 67, 112, 122, 132, 134, 144	Prayers requesting favor for another.
Messianic	2, 16, 67, 68, 69, 72, 93, 96, 97, 98, 99, 110, 118	Psalms that contain references to Christ.
Penitential	6, 25, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143	Psalms that deal with sin and forgiveness.
Praise	8, 19, 24, 29, 33, 47, 50, 65, 66, 76, 77, 93, 95, 96, 97, 99, 104, 111, 113, 114, 115, 134, 139, 147, 148, 150	Psalms of Praise to God.
Prophetic	2, 16, 22, 40, 45, 68, 69, 72, 87, 97, 110, 118	Psalms regarding the coming Messiah.
Thanksgiving	8, 9, 18, 19, 21, 23, 29, 30, 32, 34, 36, 40, 41, 46, 48, 65, 66, 68, 75, 76, 81, 85, 91, 98, 100, 103-108, 111, 116, 117, 118, 121, 124, 126, 129, 135, 136, 138, 144, 145, 146, 149	Praise God for His graciousness and show gratitude for the blessings He gives.
Pilgrimage & Ascent	43, 46, 48, 76, 84, 87, 120, 134	Songs of worship for pilgrims. They express celebration and reverence.
Royal	2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 101, 110, 132, 144	Proclaims the reign of the earthly king and the heavenly King. Illustrates the need to make the Lord the master in our daily lives.
Enthronement	47, 93, 96,99	Describes God's sovereign rule and affirms His position as a powerful Creator and sovereign Lord.
Wisdom	1, 37, 119	Guides us to the path of righteousness. Shows us to seek God's will and direction.