

The Psalms

(Lesson 35)

Introduction:

1. The book of Psalms is a collection of 150 poems, songs, and prayers [with numerous prophecies] that were composed over a long period of time by a number of writers.
2. Jesus indicated in Luke 24:44 that the Psalms are part of the Old Testament Scriptures.
3. Consequently, the Psalms "*were written for our learning*" (Romans 15:4).
4. Studying the Psalms will enable us to gain knowledge on a wide variety of subjects.
5. "Giving thanks" is a subject that is addressed throughout the Psalms.
6. In our lesson we are examining a number of verses in the Psalms that reveal several important principles concerning "thanksgiving."
7. The first principle we are considering is that . . .

Discussion:

- I. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO BE THANKFUL TO HIM
 - A. God's people will thank Him continually (79:13).
 - B. Giving thanks to God is "*a good thing*" (92:1).
 - C. "*The righteous*" will surely give thanks to God (140:13). [What does this imply about those who are not thankful?]
 - D. The Psalms also reveal many reasons why God's people are to be thankful to Him.
- II. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO BE THANKFUL TO HIM BECAUSE OF:
 - A. His "*holiness*" (97:12)
 - B. His "*works*" (107:21-22)
 - C. His "*righteous judgments*" (119:62)
 - D. His "*deliverance*"
 1. 18:47-50
 2. 30:10-12
 3. 50:14-15
 4. 106:43-47
 - E. His "*mercy*"
 1. 106:1
 2. 107:1
 3. 118:1-3, 29
 4. 136:1-3, 26
 - F. There are many reasons why gratitude is to be expressed to God at all times; however, . . .
- III. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO BE THANKFUL TO HIM IN WORSHIP
 - A. The Psalms mention thanks being given to God:
 1. at His "*altar*" (26:6-7)
 2. "*in the great congregation*" (35:18)
 3. in His "*gates*" and "*courts*" (100:4)
 4. in "*the house of the Lord*" (122:1-4).
 - B. More specifically, thanksgiving is associated with "singing."
 1. 30:4
 2. 69:30
 3. 95:1-3
 4. 105:1-2