

Psalms: The Wisdom of Praise *A Survey of the Bible*

Introduction: An Invitation

Context: Who, Where, When, and Why?

- *Who composed the Psalms?*
- *Who compiled the Psalms?*
- *When were the Psalms assembled?*
- *Why do we have the Psalms?*

Content: How and What?

- *How are the Psalms organized?*
- Introductory Psalms
 - Align with the Torah ([Psalm 1](#))
 - Submit to the King ([Psalm 2](#))
- **Book 1** ([Psalms 3-41](#))
- **Book 2** ([Psalms 42-72](#))
- **Book 3** ([Psalms 73-89](#))
- **Book 4** ([Psalms 90-106](#))
- **Book 5** ([Psalms 107-145](#))
- Concluding Psalms ([Psalms 146-150](#))
- *What is the message of the Psalms?*

Conviction: So What?

- Where does this fit?
- The Hymnbook of God's people teaches us how to Praise God in all circumstances.
- A soulful/emotional connection of our life to the heart of God.
- A beautiful expression of a heart of worship throughout life.

- What should we believe?
 - God is great, and God is good.
 - God is active in our lives as He has been throughout history.
 - God can handle our hearts when we cry “out of the depths.”
- How should we behave?
 - **Descriptive Praise:** Praise God for Who He is.
 - **Declarative Praise:** Praise God for what He has done.
 - **Lament:** Praise God for what He will do even when you don’t see it.

Next Steps

- Orient yourself to who God is with Descriptive Praise.
- Honestly bring your heart to God with open hands with Proper Lament.
- Reorient yourself to what God has done with Declarative Praise.

This Week’s Growth Guide

God’s Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- **Monday** - [Psalm 1-2](#) (Torah and King)
- **Tuesday** - [Psalm 13](#) (A Classic Lament)
- **Wednesday** - [Psalm 15](#) (Liturgy at the Gate)
- **Thursday** - [Psalm 22](#) (A Cyclical Lament)
- **Friday** - [Psalm 73](#) (A Psalm of Trust)
- **Saturday** - [Psalm 103](#) (Declarative Praise)
- **Sunday** - [Psalm 146-150](#) (Hallelujah: A Call to Praise the Lord)

Finances

Weekly Budget	31,390
Giving For 05/21	32,243
Giving For 05/28	13,252
YTD Budget	1,506,707
Giving.	1,499,532
OVER/(UNDER)	(7,175)

Father's Day Slide Show

We will share a slide show of fellowship fathers during both services on June 18. Send one high-resolution photo (per family) to rmorrow@fellowshipconway.org by June 13.

New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you joined the Fellowship Family to worship this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the "Connect Card" and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium; we would love to say "hi" and give you a gift.

Fellowship Kids VBS

We're taking a journey back to ancient Babylon - where you'll talk to Daniel and find out what it was like to be a captive in a strange country. Join us Monday, July 17-Friday, July 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for (current) grades Kindergarten through 4th-grade students. Register at fellowshipconway.org/register. We are also looking for volunteers available for VBS to help point our kids to the Lord in various ways. Please email Heather at hmckinney@fellowshipconway.org if you are willing to serve.

Men's smoke off

Men, join us Saturday, June 10, 5-8:00 p.m. at Toad Suck Park to enjoy some amazing food and great fellowship. We're looking for 4-6 individuals or teams to bring their best pork or chicken (meat will be provided) to compete for the title of "King of Smoke." There will be time for fellowship, games, previewing upcoming Men's Ministry events, and of course, enjoying some great smoked meat! Register at fellowshipconway.org/register.

Automate the Important

Summer travel is here, and routines will be changed. Plan now to ensure your giving continues throughout the summer, even when you are away. Would you consider setting up recurring giving for the next few months to enable Fellowship to continue to have the resources needed to carry out its mission? Go to fellowshipconway.org/give and click on "Automate the Important" to get started.

Life choices Change for life

Fellowship, thanks for your participation in the Life Choices Baby Bottle Campaign. If you weren't able to bring your bottle today, please take them to Life Choices at 1330 S. Donaghey Ave.

Nine Months That Will Change Your Life - Downline

Apply now for next year's Downline class that starts on August 29th. The program equips individuals to know God's Word and make disciples where God has strategically placed you around the city. Space and time are limited, so visit DownlineConway.com for more information and to submit your application.

Questions? Contact Chris Kear at chris@downlineconway.com.