OUR GOD AND HIS CHILDREN

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF PSALMS

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**INTRODUCTION**

For the next several months we will be Preaching through the first 13 chapters of the Book of Psalms

As we enter into the Book of Psalms, we will be entering into the very heart of God

The Bible is a Book about God

Just as creation is His *visible* revelation of Himself

**Romans 1:20 – *“For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they (we) are without excuse:”***

The Bible is His *written* revelation of Himself to us

And no other Book in the Bible brings us nearer to God than the Book of Psalms

So as we enter into this glorious Book, we must enter in with prayer, praise and worship

We need to seek God for Himself, not what we can get

It will be in this Book that I believe we can truly meet God in His Word!

The Book of Psalms is a Blessed Book, a Book of Song

It is the Hymn Book of the Hebrews

Some attribute **Psalm 29:2** as the Key verse for the Book of Psalms

Here God says – ***“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”***

The Psalms are quoted more often in the New Testament than any other book from the Old Testament

Of the 150 Psalms, 1/3 are anonymous

73 of the Psalms are attributed to King David

12 to a man by the name of Asaph -

*Assembler,* a celebrated musician in David's time, and one of the leaders of the temple music

**I Chronicles 16:5; 25:1, 2**

11 to the Sons of Korah –

Who were somehow connected with the service of song in the Temple

**I Chronicles 6:31, 32**

2 to King Solomon

And 1 to Moses

The Psalm of Moses is **Psalm 90**

It is the oldest of the Psalms

The Psalms are Divided into 5 Divisions and each Division as a Theme

The last Psalm in each division closes with the blessings of and glory to God

The First Division is **Psalm 1-41** – God’s Council to Men

The Second is **Psalm 42-72** – The Nation of Israel

The Third is **Psalm 73-89** – The Temple Sanctuary

The Fourth is **Psalm 90-106** – The Rebellion in the Wilderness

The Fifth is **Psalm 107-150** – God’s Word

Consider the Psalms as one Book, but take the time to prayerfully read the concluding psalm to each division

Practical Value of the Book of Psalms

It is suited to the human heart

There is no experience of the human heart or life that does not find its counterpart in the Book of Psalms

It reflects every mood of man

It sets forth for us, models of devotion

It teaches truth in terms of human experience

And most importantly, it -

Reveals the Lord Jesus Christ

I’ve only given you a brief summary, by way of introduction to the Book of Psalms

My suggestion would be for you to be in your place every Sunday as we make an in -depth study of this book that we might know the Heart of our God!