

Through the Bible

Lesson 30

Old
Testament

Psalms 38 - 58

Key Verse:
Psalm 42:1-2

As a deer pants
for flowing
streams, so pants
my soul for you,
O God. My soul
thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I
come and appear
before God?

1. When you read 38:3-8, can you ever relate to how David is feeling? God called David a “man after his own heart”. From what we have read in Psalms so far, how do you think God wants us to be if we are to be more like David in how he shares his emotions?
2. In 40:6-8, what is more important to God than making offerings?
3. In 42:1-2, what does this tell us of the desire we should have for the Word of God.
4. In 45:17, what does this say about generations and how long we are to live?
5. What kind of songs did Israel have according to 47:1?
6. What does 49:16-20 say about the accumulation of wealth?
7. Notice that Psalm 51 was written after King David is confronted by the prophet Nathan after his adultery and murder of his general Uriah. What is his emotional and spiritual state?
8. He refers to the terms sin, transgression and iniquity. What do you think the difference is for each? Notice he is asking forgiveness for all three of these?
9. What is meant in 51:5? What does this tell us about when life begins?
10. As you focus on Psalm 51, what do we learn about confession and repentance?
11. What does 53:1-3 make clear?
12. In 56:11 we see a theme that is prevalent in our country. What wisdom to you see in this verse?

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Acts 23:12 -
28:15

Key Verse:
Acts 24:26

At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him.

1. What plot is set against Paul in chapter 23?
2. What Paul was on trial, how did he address his accusers and members of the court? What is his main message?
3. What was Felix hoping to get from Paul (24:26)? Do we see a pattern throughout history as to what happens when people have too much power?
4. Who did Paul appeal his case to? Why did he have authority to do this?
5. What king does Paul address in chapter 26? what is the main content of Paul's message to this king? Who is Paul trying to reach in his address and what purpose is he trying to accomplish?
6. According to King Agrippa, what could have happened to Paul if he had not appealed his case?
7. In chapter 27, why Paul is put aboard a ship to set sail, what can we conclude by the use of the word "we" in many situations?
8. what happened to them aboard the ship?
9. How does Paul come forward in the time of crisis in the mist of the storm? Considering that Paul is a prisoner, why did the people on the ship even listen to him? What do we learn from this in dealing with pressure situations?
10. Why did the people on the island of Malta come to believe that Paul was a god?