

Types of Psalms

God gave us different psalms for different reasons. Some psalms help us express our gratitude and praise. Other songs help us express our sorrow and fear, while still others help us express our hurt and rage against other people. The Psalms give us holy words to express real emotion and experience. The listing below can help us find just the right psalm to fit any moment in life.

Laments of an Individual

3,4,5,6,7,13,17,22,25,27,28,31,35,36,38,39,40,41,42,43,51,54,55,56,57,59,61,63,64,69,
70,71,77,86,88,94,102,109,120,123,130,139,140,142,143

Communal Laments

10,12,14,44,53,74,79,80,82,85,90,108,137

Thanksgiving Psalms/Praise Psalms/Fulfill the Vows of the Laments

10,12,14,44,53,74,79,80,82,85,90,108,137

Songs of Confidence

11,16,23,27,52,62,121,131

Hymns/ Songs of Pure Praise

8,19,29,47,65,67,93,95,96,97,98,99,100,103,104,134,145,111,112,113,114,114,116,117
135,146,147,148,149,150

Zion Songs

46,48,76,84,87,122,126,129,132,137

Royal Psalms

2,18,20,21,45,57,58,60,61,63,72,86,89,91,94,101,110,118,132,144

Wisdom and Teaching Psalms

1,32,37,49,73,78,105,112,127,128,133,34,62

Miscellaneous

15 – Entrance Torah
24 – Entrance Liturgy
50 – Call To Covenant Accounting
81 – Festival Summons
119 – Acrostic concerning Yahweh's Torah

Imprecatory Psalms (expressing rage against our enemies)

35, 55, 69, 83, 109, 140