

CSI WINTER ELECTIVES: LOVING THE LORD

ROMANCE OF WORSHIP

Experiencing the Presence of God through selected Psalms

2013 Church Theme: Moving Upward

“...The structure surrounding the temple was built in ascending stages, so that the rooms widened as one went upward”. Ezekiel 41:7 (NIV)

Class Schedule: Tues. & Wed. 2/12 & 13 - Tues. & Wed. 3/19 & 20

Note: No classes 3/12 & 13 due to Spring Revival

I. Introduction of Class Purpose and Goals:

- **To review how Ancient Israel used the Psalms in Worship**
- **Focus on how the Psalms can be used as a guide to our own Worship**
- **Draw us into a deeper and upward “love affair” with God**

II. What is your favorite Psalm and why?

III. What is a Psalm?

- **Meaning of Greek title of the book of Psalm is “*sacred songs*” sung to musical accompaniment**
- **Hebrew words translated *psalm* and *song* are both terms of *music*.**
- **Psalms are music without notes**
- **Psalms are the lyrics for the hymns of ancient Israel**
- **Psalms are poems**

- Psalms are prayers, but they are really about Praise
- Human responses to God's word and actions
- Definition: Read page 27.

IV. Types of Psalms

A. Praise Psalms

- Community (Ps. 124; 135)
- Individual (Ps. 9; 18; 30; 32; 40: 1-12)
- Descriptive (Exults in the person of God)
- Declarative (Emphasis on what God has done for his people) (Ps. 100; 8; 29; 33; 103 -104; 105; 113; 145-150)

B. Psalms of Lament (The Blues)

- Community (Ps. 44; 60; 74; 79)
- Individual (Ps. 3-17 (ex. 8;9;15);

C. Calls to Worship (Ps. (100)

D. Liturgical (worship) Psalms

- Sacrifice of praise & Psalm of praise (*todah*) (Ps. 66; 118; 107)
- Pilgrimage songs (Ps. 120 – 134)
- Songs of Zion (Ps. 46;48;76;84)
- Psalms of blessings (Ps. 121)
- Entrance Instructions (Ps. 24:3-6)

E.Others: Royal Psalms, Wisdom Psalms, Creation Psalms, Messianic Psalms & Enthronement Psalms