

The Enduring Psalmist

As we wrap up our study through the life of David as depicted in his psalms, take a few moments to reflect on the enduring quality of these poems and prayers exposing the most intimate feelings of his heart.

The Life

We looked at 5 stages of David's life.

1. **The Early Days** of family life, including David's anointing by Samuel and his time in Saul's court.
2. **The Exile**, self-imposed while he flees for his life from Saul's anger and hatred
3. **The King**, following the death of Saul and David's eventual assumption of leadership over a united Israel.
4. **The Penitent and the Chastised**, where David's sin with Bathsheba exposes spiritual blind spots during David middle years, both with his God and his family.
5. **The Fugitive**, again running from a dangerous man, his son Absalom, seeking to overthrow God's truly anointed

Is there a phase of David's experience that most resonates with you? Although we followed David's experiences chronologically, his psalms are relevant for all of us throughout our lives.

The Poetry and the Prayers

Here are the Psalms we looked at within each stage of life

1. **The Early Days** - Psalms 19, 8, 23
2. **The Exile** - Psalms 59, 52, 27, 31, 22
3. **The King** - Psalms 18, 110, 60
4. **The Penitent and the Chastised** - Psalm 51, 32, 39
5. **The Fugitive** - Psalms 3, 4, 63

Choose a couple of psalms that you recall being particularly meaningful to just read again. ***How is God using these prayers to direct your thoughts toward Him and encourage a life of devotion to His will?***

As we gather this Sunday to conclude our time together in the Psalms, bring some encouraging thoughts from these studies to share.