

詩篇研讀參考問題

Questions for Studying a Psalm

1. 描述詩篇：
 - 長還是短？
 - 誰在說話？個人？會眾？神？敵人？
 - 如果有對話，它是如何進行的？
 - 如果詩篇講的是某個故事，那個故事是什麼？
 - 看到哪些段落、模式、重複的術語、副歌、或其他結構？
 - 看到詩中哪些語句重複或對比？
 - 發現什麼主題？
 2. 在聖經詞典或索引中查找不熟悉的詞、地名或事件。你的發現如何改變你對這篇詩篇的理解？
 3. 描述詩篇作者似乎正面臨的外在和內在情況：
 - 揭示或暗示了哪些生活處境？
 - 作者當時似乎感受到什麼情緒？
 - 作者似乎認為什麼導致這些事情發生？
 - 作者的情感或處境在詩篇中如何變化？
 4. 描述詩篇作者對神的陳述或想法：
 - 描述了神的哪些行動？這意味著神是怎樣的？
 - 如何描述神的品格或個性？
 - 你認為作者與神的關係有何特徵？
 - 作者希望從神那裡得到什麼樣的回應？
1. Begin by describing the psalm.
 - Is it short or long?
 - Who is speaking? An individual? A congregation? God? An enemy?
 - If there is a sense of dialogue, how does it flow?
 - If the psalm tells a story of some kind, what is it?
 - What sections, patterns, repeated terms, refrains or other structure do you see?
 - What do you see in the poetry? Which lines repeat or contrast?
 - What subject, topic or theme do you find?
 2. Look up unfamiliar words, places or events in a Bible dictionary or concordance. How does what you find change your understanding of the psalm?
 3. Describe the outer and inner situation the writer of the psalm seems to be facing.
 - What life circumstances are described or implied?
 - What emotions does the psalmist seem to be feeling?
 - What does the psalmist seem to think are the causes of these things?
 - How do the writer's emotions or circumstances change in the psalm?
 4. Describe what the writer of the psalm says, or seems to think, about God.
 - What actions of God are described? What does this imply about what God is like?
 - How is God's character or personality described?
 - How would you characterize the psalmist's relationship to God?
 - What kind of response does the writer hope to get from God?

5. 描述詩篇作者對人的陳述或想法：
 - 作者對他人的行為和動機有何陳述？
 - 作者對人有什麼概括性的結論？
 - 作者對自己的動機和行為有何陳述？

6. 你的發現與你所知道的聖經其它經文有何相關？
 - 有何經文肯定了同樣的事情？
 - 有何經文指向相反方向？
 - 你在舊約中找到與這篇詩篇有共鳴的嗎？新約呢？
 - 你看到這篇詩篇和耶穌的生活及教導有何關聯？

7. 總結這篇詩篇在如下方面教了你什麼：
 - 關於禱告中允許的話題，它顯明了什麼？
 - 關於如何讚美神，它顯明了什麼？
 - 關於神希望我們如何生活，它顯明了什麼？
 - 關於有信心的人如何處理困難，它顯明了什麼？
 - 關於信仰生活的本質，它顯明了什麼？

注意：不必回答所有問題。並非每個問題都與每篇詩篇有關，而且有些問題彼此重疊。但如果在每組問題中選一個問題來尋找答案，並花時間將其寫下來，你可能會對這篇詩篇有新的領受、比以往更好的（或不同的）理解。但請注意，此過程中不要閱讀已發表的聖經評論。評論是有用的，但依賴它們會讓這個過程太容易 – 意味著讓別人來替你研讀。這裡的任務是做自己的研讀，並寫自己的評論。

5. Describe what the writer of the psalm says, or seems to think, about people.
 - What does the writer say about other people's actions and motives?
 - What generalizations does the writer make about what people are like?
 - What does the writer have to say about his or her own motives and actions?

6. How do your discoveries here relate to what you know from elsewhere in Scripture?
 - What other passages affirm the same things?
 - What passages point in the opposite direction?
 - What echoes of this psalm do you find in the Old Testament? The New?
 - Describe any connections you see between the psalm and Jesus' life and teaching.

7. Summarize what this psalm teaches you about one of the following:
 - What does it show about the kinds of topics allowed in prayer?
 - What does it show about how to praise God?
 - What does it show about how God wants us to live?
 - What does it show about how people of faith handle hardships?
 - What does it show about the nature of the life of faith?

There is no need to work through all these questions. Not all of them are relevant to every psalm, and some overlap each other. But if you look for an answer to one from each category and make the effort to write it down, you may hear the psalm with new ears, understanding it better—or differently—than ever before. Notice, though, this process does not include reading published Bible commentaries. Commentaries are useful, but depending on them makes the process too easy—it can mean letting someone else study for you. Here the task is to do your own study and to write your own commentary.