
QUESTIONS

All questions are based on the New King James Version of the Bible.

Day One: Read all notes and references.

1. a. What new wisdom did you gain from studying the “wisdom psalms?”

b. Will this cause anything in your life to change? What?

c. What encouraged you most from the lecture?
2. a. How was Asaph, the writer of Psalm 73, an example of what the psalmist wrote about in Psalm 49?

b. Are you ever like Asaph? In what ways?

Day Two: Read Psalm 30.

3. What was David’s reason for giving thanks to God in vs. 1-3 of this psalm?
4. For what reason did David call others to give thanks to God in vs. 4-5?
5. a. Why did David make the appeal to God found in vs. 7-12?

b. Some connect Psalm 30 with 1 Chronicles 21. If the connection is correct, what was David’s specific sin?

c. How did God show His anger concerning David’s sin found in 1 Chronicles 21:9-15?

d. How did God respond to David taking full responsibility for his own sin found in 1 Chronicles 21:18-28?
6. a. According to Psalm 30:11-12, contrast the condition of David’s heart before he was forgiven to after he was forgiven.

b. (Personal Question) Has there ever been a time in your life when God’s forgiveness turned your heart from wailing to dancing, from sackcloth to joy, from silence to singing? Describe it.

Day Three: Read Psalm 34.

7. a. What does David, who is the psalmist, call his listeners to do in verse 3?

b. What does David call his listeners to do in verse 8? Why?

c. What does David call his listeners to do in verse 9? Why?

d. What does David call his listeners to do in verse 11? Why?

e. (Personal Question) Explain how you have “tasted and seen that the Lord is good”. Be specific.
8. a. ? (Thought Question) Using Judges 6:11-16, 22 and Zechariah 3:1-4, who is *the angel of the Lord* in Psalm 34:7?

b. From Psalm 34, list some things that *the angel of the Lord* does for those who fear Him.

c. What principle is being taught in vs. 17-20? Be prepared to discuss your answer with your discussion group.

Day Four: Read Psalm 66.

9. a. Who is called to praise God in this psalm?

b. List some reasons given for offering praise to Him.
10. a. From verses 10-12, how had God dealt with Israel?

b. ? (Thought Question) What does it mean to be “tested and refined” by God? (see Hebrews 12:7-11)

c. (Personal Question) Describe a time in your life when you were “tested or refined” by God.

11. a. From verses 13-15, what did the psalmist say he would do?
- b. From verses 16-20, what was the psalmist's personal testimony?
12. (Personal Question) Make a list of some things that God has done for you that cause you to want to praise Him.

Day Five: Read Psalm 75.

13. a. What one thing do the people thank God for in verse 1?
- b. What do you think it means that God's name is near?
14. What warnings do you find in Psalm 75?
15. a. According to verse 7, what prerogative does God exercise?
- b. (Personal Question) When circumstances are difficult to understand, how have you responded to God's sovereign right pass judgment?
- c. (Personal Question) Does it bother you that God has the authority to judge mankind by "bringing one down and exalting another? Do you think this is fair of God?
- d. In the judgment, who will be exalted and who will be put down (or *cut off*)? Give verse.
16. ? (Thought Question) Verse 8 is a picture of the wrath of God poured out upon the wicked. One day God will bring justice for all His people. Can you think of an Old Testament example of God's wrath being poured out upon the wicked? (Note: If you are not familiar with the Old Testament, do not fret. Your leader will ask for volunteers to answer this question in your discussion group.)

Day Six: Read Psalm 124.

17. a. *If it had not been the Lord who was on our (Israel's) side, what things would then have happened?*
18. Why does David, the psalmist, bless the Lord in v. 6?
19. a. Where did Israel find help in v. 8?
- b. (Personal Question) Where do you look for help when you face trouble?
- c. How does the fact that God *made heaven and earth* (124:8) encourage you to look to Him for help?
20. What encouragement do you receive from Psalm 121?