

Psalms 102–The Divine Experiences in Psalms

Course Description:

The book of Psalms is a book of poetry. As long as people have had hearts, they have written poetry—using words to convey the depths of their experiences, sentiments, and thoughts. The psalms compiled in the book of Psalms are the same; they express a multitude of feelings from many people arising from their real walks with God. They speak out praise to God, accusation of the enemy, resentment of evil ones, blessings to the righteous, criticism of man, and evaluations of themselves. But the Psalms are also different; expressing not just human feelings, but also God's speaking. There is one Psalmist writing the Psalms—God Himself. The voice of this Psalmist rings out through the praises of David, the sighing of Moses, the prayers of Solomon, the yearning of the sons of Korah, and the aspirations of many anonymous writers.

The first part of this course will cover Book 2 (Psalms 42–72). The theme of Book 2 is “The Church Life.” The church life is so rich! In God's authority, the psalmist wrote thirty-one psalms from Psalm 42 to 72 to show us the different aspects of the church life in different localities. These psalms portray the church life, the experience we must have, in a natural, detailed, and sensational way. Since they are experiences, the psalms are an active process, like a song, a story, an aspiration, or a cry that only God knows. Every phase of the process is moving and flowing and cannot be stopped.

The second part of this course will cover Book 3 (Psalms 73–89). The theme of Book 3 is “The Building Up of the Church.” Book 3 reveals the experiences of everyone living in the church life, both positive and negative. Through the experiences in Book 3 God gains the built up church through those who are pure.

Instructors: Kurt Sheu & Jeff Brown

Time: Thursdays 8:30–9:30 PM ET

Class Size: No limit

Goal: To help find keys to our growth and building revealed by the psalmists.

Course structure: Each week we will all read 3–5 Psalms before the class. During each class will be 20–25 minutes of instruction by the teachers and 20–25 minutes of discussion.

Recommended Text: The Divine Experiences in Psalms, Books Two and Three: The Growth of Life by Titus Chu. Available through Amazon