

THE DIVINE EXPERIENCES IN PSALMS—

The Testimony of Life in Psalms 90-106 & The Psalmist's Understanding in Psalm 119

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Time: Mondays 8:30-9:30 PM ET

Class Size: No limit

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 4 (Psalms 90-106). The theme of Book 4 is "The Testimony of Life." These Psalms are poems concerning four figures: men, the dwelling place, the King and the earth. The details of these four figures are like a jigsaw puzzle. Once they are put together, there is a beautiful picture of the church as "The Testimony of Life."

The second part of this course will cover Psalm 119. The psalmist of Psalm 119 loved the Lord and the Lord's being. The psalmist really knew who the Lord is. This is the depth of his understanding. In Psalm 119, he spoke a lot. In appearance, it is simply an utterance, but in fact, it is a testimony or a proclamation from his understanding. Dear brothers and sisters, if we have this deep understanding, we have the assurance for ourselves, our existence, our labor, the Lord we believe, the Lord's achievements, and the Lord's work.

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 Texts: The Divine Experiences in Psalms, Book Four by Titus Chu. Available through Amazon