



Psalms:

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→ Praise

Psalms do not manipulate our feelings as a mood-inducing drug might do; they do not give us a “high.” What they do is change our feelings by helping us grasp the facts.

*--Christopher Ash, *The Psalms**

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Book 2: We are shown the preservation of David's dynasty.

(Exp: Or, of David's people among the nations.)

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David Dickson said. . . *the second psalm giveth us God, in Christ, for a captain and leader to us, who is able to maintain his church, and all those who follow this rule, against all the opposition which can be made against them by the power and multitude of the wicked, who will not be bound by the bonds and cords (as they esteem) of this rule of the Lord's law. And the rest of the Psalms hold forth the examples of Christ and his followers, yoked in conflict with their persecutors for righteousness' sake; in all assaults making use of their covenant with God, and prevailing by his power, with upholdeth, directeth, comforteth them in all their troubles,*

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*them in all their troubles, and giveth victory and delivery unto them out of them all; **to the intent that every one who shall choose to be truly blessed in the way prescribed of God (who only can give and maintain felicity) may resolve and prepare themselves for such a life as the saints have had in all generations before them; that is, a life mixed with crosses and sweet comforts; a life wherein they shall be put to make use of their faith in God by prayers, and shall not want for their answer in due time, matter of joy and praises to God.***

(Psalms, introductory page)

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(Exp: 3 of Christ's 7 utterances from the cross were first given voice in psalms. Cry of forsakenness (Ps. 22:1). Cry of thirst (Ps. 69:21). Cry of committal (Ps. 31:5).)

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- II. **THE FUTURE: REIGN (45-50).**
 - A. The coming and wedding of the King (45).
 - B. God's violent conquest of the nations of the earth (46).
 - C. God will be King over all the earth (47).
 - D. The LORD will be greatly praised in His holy city (48).
 - E. Counsel to all peoples about death and Sheol (49).

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