

LIVING FAITH CHAPEL

How To Read the Psalms: A Christian Reading of the Psalms

Introduction

- Besides being the turning point of history, Jesus is the turning point of the Bible. His coming is the decisive event of both history and Scripture.
- The entire OT anticipates his suffering and his glorification. Jesus is the focus of the Bible as a whole, and he is the focus of the Psalms.
- Augustine said, “the New Testament is in the Old concealed; the Old is in the New revealed.”
- Let’s read Luke 24:44

The New Testament’s Use of the Psalms

- The Psalms are quoted more often than any other book in the New Testament
- The Psalms anticipated the Messiah who would suffer and be glorified.
- Examples: Acts 13:33,35; Ro. 15:1-4; Matt. 27:46

The Question of Messianic Psalms

- A general sense (i.e. anticipates the Messiah) or narrow sense (i.e. strictly prophetic)?
- Conclusion: All the Psalms look forward to Jesus in some way or another, yet still applied to the Old Testament audience.

Singing the Psalms to our Savior

There are 2 grounds for such an approach to the Psalms:

1. Jesus is the Son of God. The Psalms are offered to God
 2. Jesus’ relationship to the original singer. The Davidic king is often the focus of the psalm. Jesus is the Davidic king.
- Examples: Heb. 1:8,10-12