

# MAPPING THE PSALMS

Lesson FOUR: Book 1, Part 1

Psalms 1 to 8

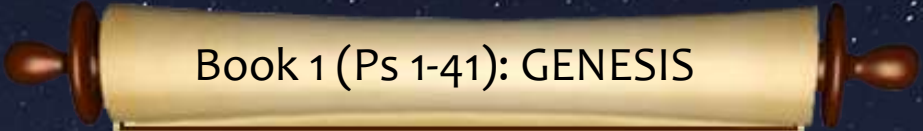
Look for the answers to these questions:

1. What are the three parts to Book One of the Psalms?
2. How many psalms are in Part One?
3. In Psalm 2:4, what is the LORD's reaction to the raging of the heathen?
4. Psalms 3 and 5 are prayers for the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Psalms 4 and 6 are prayers for the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What does "Selah" mean?
7. What is an "imprecatory" prayer?
8. In Psalm 7:15, what happens to the man who digs a pit to trap God's people?
9. Why was Jesus made "a little lower than the angels"?
10. How does Psalm 8 begin and end?



Book One: Psalm 1 to 41

39 written by David  
2 are anonymous (Ps 1 and 33)



Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

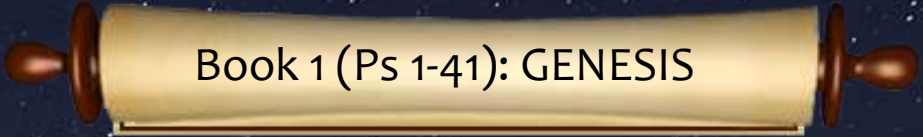
Book One is the “Genesis” book of Psalms.

Sin entered the world through Adam’s disobedience. As a result, God put enmity [strife] between his people [the woman and her seed] and the powers of darkness, [the devil and his seed]. God promised to send a man, born of the woman, who would crush the head of the serpent, and save man from his sins.

**Genesis 3:15**

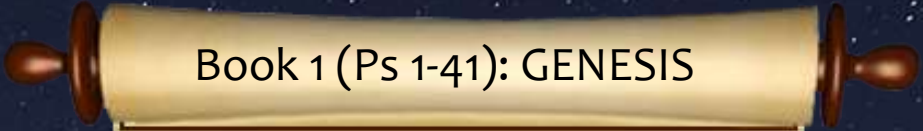
And I will put enmity between thee and the woman,  
and between thy seed and her seed;  
it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.





Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

The Genesis book of Psalms speaks of the troubles man faces in the world as he awaits his redemption.



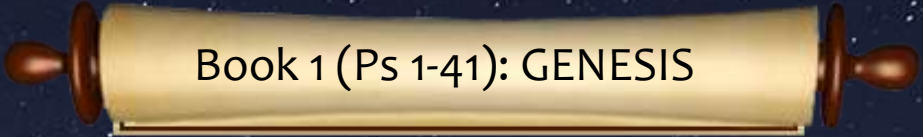
Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

The Man of the Earth  
(the Antichrist)  
Ps 9 to 15

The Man, Christ Jesus  
Ps 16 to 41

There are 3 divisions in Book One.

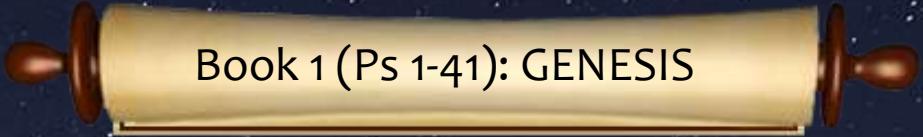


Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

These psalms look at the troubles  
God's people experience in this world.





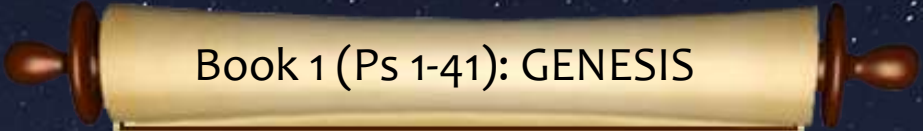
Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

The Man of the Earth  
Ps 9 to 15

These psalms look at the  
ways of the wicked.





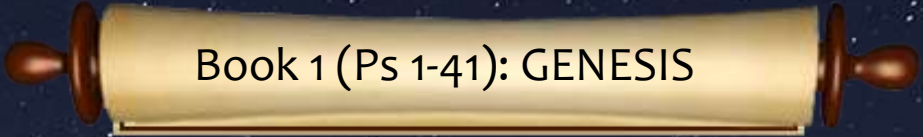
Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

The Man of the Earth  
Ps 9 to 15

The Man, Christ Jesus  
Ps 16 to 41

These psalms look at the  
sufferings of Christ.

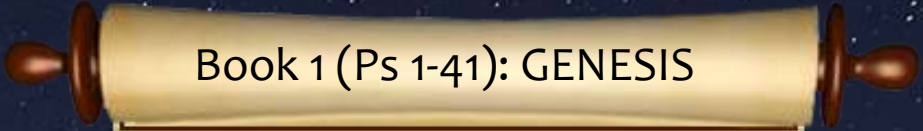


Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

PART ONE

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

In this lesson, we will look at the 8 psalms in Part One.



Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

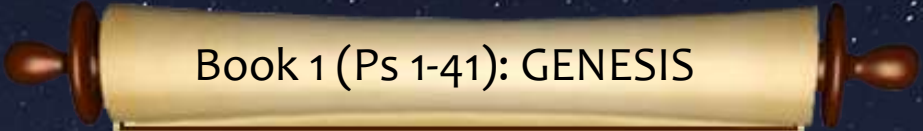
PART ONE

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

They are presented in an alternating pattern, **A – B – C – A – B**, centered around four prayers.

- A. The Righteous Man (Ps 1)
- B. The Heathen Raging (Ps 2)
- C. Four Prayers (Ps 3-6)
- A. The Righteous Man (Ps 7)
- B. The Heathen Silenced (Ps 8)





Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

PART ONE

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

Two psalms are about the righteous.

A. The Righteous Man (Ps 1)

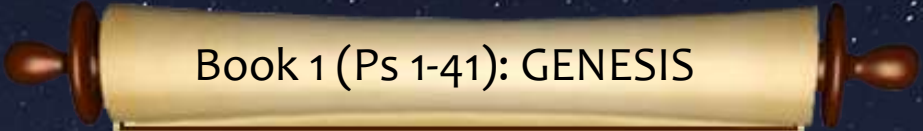
B. The Heathen Raging (Ps 2)

C. Four Prayers (Ps 3-6)

A. The Righteous Man (Ps 7)

B. The Heathen Silenced (Ps 8)





Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

PART ONE

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

Two psalms are about unbelievers.

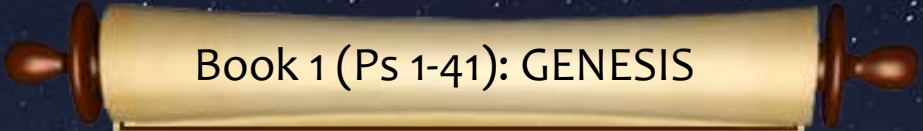
A. The Righteous Man (Ps 1)

B. The Heathen Raging (Ps 2)

C. Four Prayers (Ps 3-6)

A. The Righteous Man (Ps 7)

B. The Heathen Silenced (Ps 8)



Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

PART ONE

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

At the center of Part 1 are four prayers.

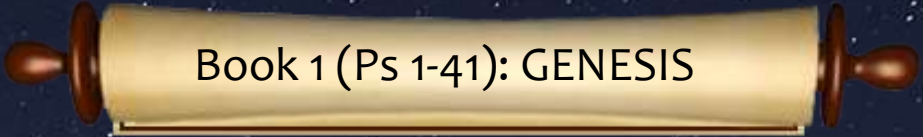
A. The Righteous Man (Ps 1)

B. The Heathen Raging (Ps 2)

C. Four Prayers (Ps 3-6)

A. The Righteous Man (Ps 7)

B. The Heathen Silenced (Ps 8)



Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

PART ONE

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8



A. The Righteous Man (Ps 1)

**Psalm 1** sets the theme of Book One, and ALL the psalms! That is why some people call Psalm 1 “the psalm of Psalms.”

## Ps 1: The Righteous Man

[A] The Righteous

[B] The Ungodly

[A] The Righteous

[B] The Ungodly

Psalm 1 contrasts the godly man and the ungodly man.  
It uses an **A – B – A – B** structure.



## Ps 1: The Righteous Man

[A] The Righteous

[B] The Ungodly

[A] The Righteous

[B] The Ungodly

### Psalm 1:1-3

- 1 Blessed *is* the man  
that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor standeth in the way of sinners,  
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD;  
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,  
that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;  
his leaf also shall not wither;  
and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

## Ps 1: The Righteous Man

[A] The Righteous

[B] The Ungodly

[A] The Righteous

[B] The Ungodly

### Psalm 1:4-5

- 4 The ungodly *are* not so:  
but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

## Ps 1: The Righteous Man

[A] The Righteous

### Psalm 1:6

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:

[B] The Ungodly

[A] The Righteous

[B] The Ungodly

## Ps 1: The Righteous Man

[A] The Righteous

[B] The Ungodly

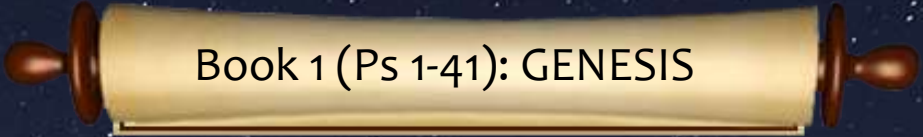
[A] The Righteous

(B) The Ungodly

### Psalm 1:6

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.





Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

PART ONE

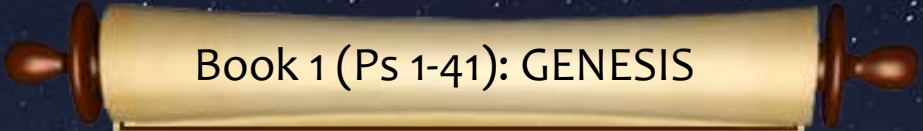
Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

A. The Righteous Man (Ps 1)



B. The Heathen Raging (Ps 2)

The *second* psalm of each book looks at the enemies of righteousness.



Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

PART ONE

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

A. The Righteous Man (Ps 1)



B. The Heathen Raging (Ps 2)

Genesis 3:15 talks about the “enmity” or hatred that separates the righteous from the wicked. The wicked hate God’s people because they hate God and his Son.

**John 15:18:**

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated you.*

This truth is seen in Psalm 2.

## Ps 2: The Heathen Raging

[A] The Heathen Raging

[B] The Lord's Derision

[B] The Lord's Decree

[A] The Heathen Warned

Psalm 2 has an **A – B – B – A** structure.

## Ps 2: The Heathen Raging

[A] The Heathen Raging

[B] The Lord's Derision

[B] The Lord's Decree

[A] The Heathen Warned

### Psalm 2:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> Why do the heathen rage,  
and the people imagine a vain thing?
- <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,
- <sup>3</sup> Let us break their bands asunder,  
and cast away their cords from us.



## Ps 2: The Heathen Raging

[A] The Heathen Raging

[B] The Lord's Derision

[B] The Lord's Decree

[A] The Heathen Warned

### Psalm 2:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> Why do the heathen rage,  
and the people imagine a vain thing?
- <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,
- <sup>3</sup> Let us break their bands asunder,  
and cast away their cords from us.

The wicked want to get rid of the laws of God so they can sin without restraint.

How do you think the LORD feels about this?

## Ps 2: The Heathen Raging

[A] The Heathen Raging

[B] The Lord's Derision

[B] The Lord's Decree

[A] The Heathen Warned

### Psalm 2:4-5

- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:  
the Lord shall have them in **derision**.
- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath,  
and vex them in his sore displeasure.

DERISION is ridicule or mockery. The tiger laughed with derision at the mouse who threatened to kill him.

## Ps 2: The Heathen Raging

[A] The Heathen Raging

[B] The Lord's Derision

[B] The Lord's Decree

[A] The Heathen Warned

### Psalm 2:6-9

<sup>6</sup> Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

<sup>7</sup> **I will declare the decree:**

the LORD hath said unto me,

Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

<sup>9</sup> Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;  
thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

A DECREE is a command from an authority.

## Ps 2: The Heathen Raging

[A] The Heathen Raging

[B] The Lord's Derision

[B] The Lord's Decree

[A] The Heathen Warned

### Psalm 2:10-12

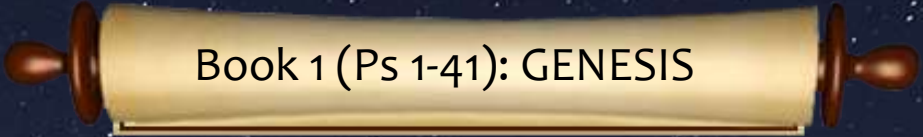
<sup>10</sup> Be wise now therefore, O ye kings:  
be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> **Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the  
way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.

Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

As Proverbs 1:7 says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge."



Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS


PART ONE

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

Psalms 3 to 6 are four prayers spoken because of the troubles we face in this world.

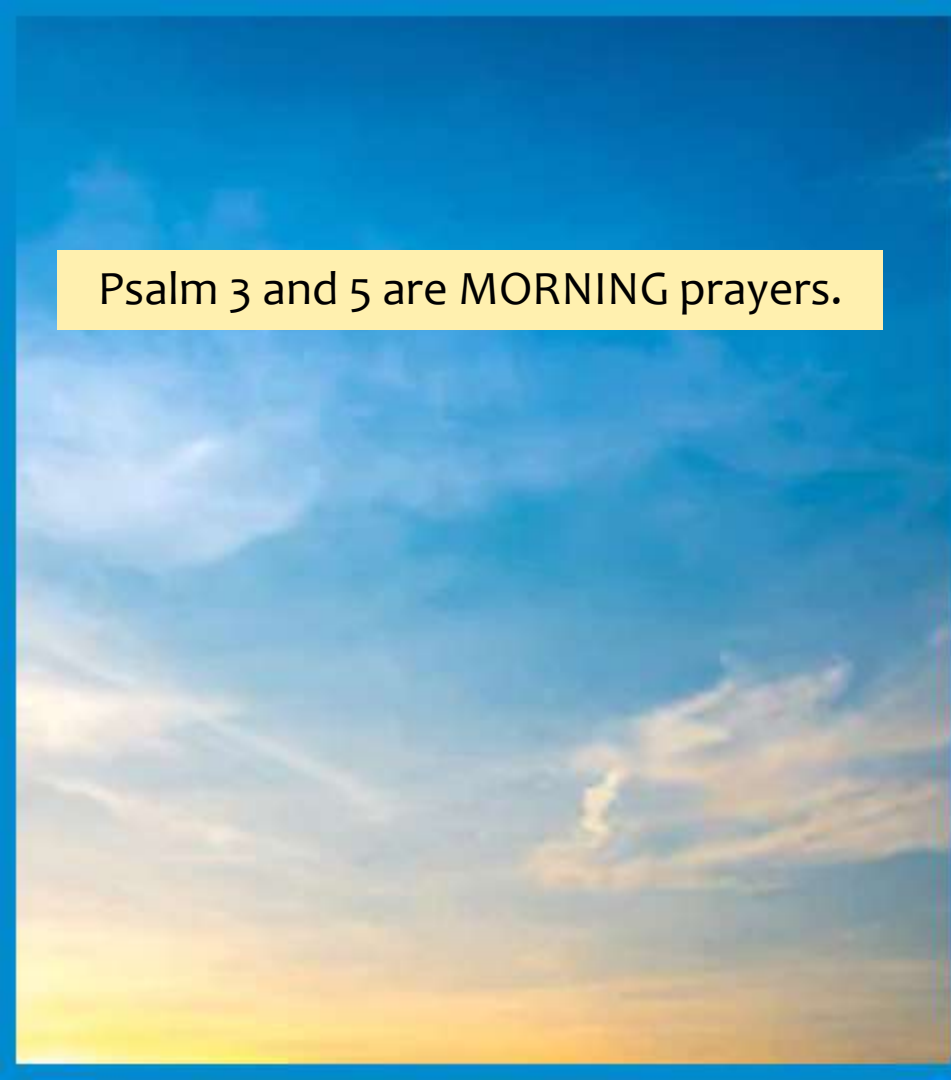
A. The Righteous Man (Ps 1)

B. The Heathen Raging (Ps 2)



C. Four Prayers (Ps 3-6)





Psalm 3 and 5 are MORNING prayers.

**Psalm 3:5**

I laid me down and slept;  
I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

**Psalm 5:3**

My voice shalt thou hear in the  
morning, O LORD;  
in the morning will I direct *my prayer*  
unto thee, and will look up.



Psalm 4 and 6 are EVENING prayers.

**Psalm 4:8**

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

**Psalm 6:6**

I am weary with my groaning;  
all the night make I my bed to swim;  
I water my couch with my tears.

## Ps 3: A Morning Prayer for Deliverance

Psalm 3 teaches us about our deliverance from our enemies.



## Ps 3: A Morning Prayer for Deliverance

His Complaint

His Awakening

His Revival

It tells a story in three parts.

## Ps 3: A Morning Prayer for Deliverance

His Complaint

His Awakening

His Revival

### Psalm 3:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, how are they increased that trouble me!  
many *are* they that rise up against me.
- <sup>2</sup> Many *there be* which say of my soul,  
*There is* no help for him in God. Selah.

He begins by talking about the people who bring trouble to his life.



## Ps 3: A Morning Prayer for Deliverance

His Complaint

His Awakening

His Revival

### Psalm 3:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, how are they increased that trouble me!  
many *are* they that rise up against me.
- <sup>2</sup> Many *there be* which say of my soul,  
*There is no help for him in God. Selah.*

***Selah*** is a musical mark indicating a pause in the singing during which only the instruments are heard. This word is found 71 times in Psalms, and 3 times in Habakkuk.

## Ps 3: A Morning Prayer for Deliverance

His Complaint

His Awakening

His Revival

### Psalm 3:3-4

- <sup>3</sup> But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me;  
my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
- <sup>4</sup> I cried unto the LORD with my voice,  
and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

Things start to change for this man when he takes his eyes off of his enemies, and turns his eyes toward God.

## Ps 3: A Morning Prayer for Deliverance

His Complaint

His Awakening

His Revival

### Psalm 3:5-8

- <sup>5</sup> I laid me down and slept;  
I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.
- <sup>6</sup> I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set  
*themselves* against me round about.
- <sup>7</sup> Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God:  
for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone;  
thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
- <sup>8</sup> Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD:  
thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

Now he does not care if his enemies MULTIPLY.  
He knows God is on his side!

## Ps 4: An Evening Prayer

Psalm 4 is a prayer for the evening. This psalm also tells the story of a man's journey from fear to confidence.



## Ps 4: An Evening Prayer

His Supplication

His Answer

His Praise

Again, we see three parts.  
Look for the changes that take place in his heart.



## Ps 4: An Evening Prayer

### His Supplication

#### Psalm 4:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:  
thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress;  
**have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.**
- <sup>2</sup> O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame?  
*how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after leasing [lies]?  
Selah.

### His Answer

### His Praise

## Ps 4: An Evening Prayer

His Supplication

### Psalm 4:3-4

<sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself:

the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

<sup>4</sup> Stand in awe, and sin not:

commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.  
Selah.

His Answer

His Praise

## Ps 4: An Evening Prayer

His Supplication

### Psalm 4:5-8

<sup>5</sup> Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> *There be many that say, Who will shew us any good?*  
LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

<sup>7</sup> Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that*  
their corn and their wine increased.

<sup>8</sup> I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep:  
for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

His Praise



## Ps 4: An Evening Prayer

### His Supplication

<sup>1</sup> ...have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

### His Answer

<sup>3</sup> ... the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

### His Praise

<sup>8</sup> I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep:  
for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

When you KNOW that God is merciful, and you KNOW that he has heard your prayer, you can sleep in peace.

## Ps 5: A Morning Prayer

Psalm 5 is another morning prayer. But this is an *imprecatory* prayer. To *imprecate* is to curse. The writer wants to see the wrath of God come down on his enemies.



## Ps 5: A Morning Prayer

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

He asks God to act FOR the righteous,  
and AGAINST the wicked.

## Ps 5: A Morning Prayer

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

### Psalm 5:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> Give ear to my words, O LORD,  
consider my meditation.
- <sup>2</sup> Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God:  
for unto thee will I pray.
- <sup>3</sup> My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD;  
in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee,  
and will look up.

## Ps 5: A Morning Prayer

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

### Psalm 5:4-6

- 4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:  
neither shall evil dwell with thee.
- 5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight:  
thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
- 6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing [lies]:  
the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

## Ps 5: A Morning Prayer

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

### Psalm 5:7-8

- <sup>7</sup> But as for me,  
I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy:  
*and* in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
- <sup>8</sup> Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness  
because of mine enemies;  
make thy way straight before my face.

## Ps 5: A Morning Prayer

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

### Psalm 5:9-10

<sup>9</sup> For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth;  
their inward part *is* very wickedness;  
their throat *is* an open sepulchre;  
they flatter with their tongue.

<sup>10</sup> Destroy thou them, O God;  
let them fall by their own counsels;  
cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions;  
for they have rebelled against thee.



## Ps 5: A Morning Prayer

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

Against the Wicked

For the Righteous

### Psalm 5:11-12

- <sup>11</sup> But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice:  
let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them:  
let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.
- <sup>12</sup> For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous;  
with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

Verse 10 says:

“Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels.”

How does this fit with Matthew 5:44?

“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”

There is nothing wrong with the desire for justice, but we must leave this in God’s hands:

“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” (Romans 12:19).

## Ps 6: An Evening Prayer



Psalm 6 is another evening prayer.  
We read of a man who is vexed by his enemies and feeling abandoned by the Lord.

## Ps 6: An Evening Prayer

Psalm 6 is another evening prayer. We read of a man who is vexed by his enemies and feeling abandoned by the Lord.

The word “vexed” appears 3 times in Psalm 3. It is a feeling of extreme irritation and distress. Abraham’s nephew Lot was “vexed” by what he saw in Sodom and Gomorrah (2 Pet 2:7).

## Ps 6: An Evening Prayer

His Supplication

### Psalm 6:1-5

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger,  
neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak:  
O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.
- 3 My soul is also sore vexed:  
but thou, O LORD, how long?
- 4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul:  
oh save me for thy mercies' sake.
- 5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee:  
in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

His Weariness

His Answer

## Ps 6: An Evening Prayer

His Supplication

### Psalm 6:6-7

- <sup>6</sup> I am weary with my groaning;  
all the night make I my bed to swim;  
I water my couch with my tears.
- <sup>7</sup> Mine eye is consumed because of grief;  
it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

His Weariness

His Answer



## Ps 6: An Evening Prayer

His Supplication

### Psalm 6:8-10

- <sup>8</sup> Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity;  
for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD hath heard my supplication;  
the LORD will receive my prayer.
- <sup>10</sup> Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed:  
let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

His Weariness

His Answer

## Ps 6: An Evening Prayer

His Supplication

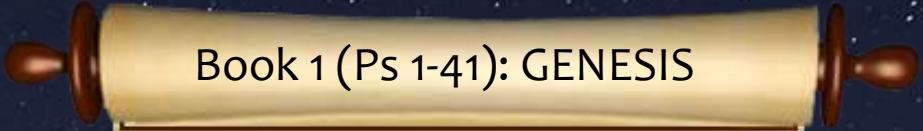
### Psalm 6:8-10

- <sup>8</sup> Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity;  
for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD hath heard my supplication;  
the LORD will receive my prayer.
- <sup>10</sup> **Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed:**  
let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

His Weariness

His Answer

At first, it was the psalmist who was feeling “vexed”. But when he turned to God, he realized that it was his enemies who will be ashamed and “sore vexed”. This is something we need to remember in our times of trouble.



Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

PART ONE

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

Psalm 7 tells of the blessing that comes to the man who trusts in the LORD's plan of deliverance.

A. The Righteous Man (Ps 1)

B. The Heathen Raging (Ps 2)

C. Four Prayers (Ps 3-6)



A. The Righteous Man (Ps 7)

## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

The pattern is

A  
B  
C  
B  
C  
B  
A.

## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

### Psalm 7:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust:  
save me from all them that persecute me,  
and deliver me:
- <sup>2</sup> Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in  
pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.

## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

### Psalm 7:3-5

- <sup>3</sup> O LORD my God, if I have done this;  
if there be iniquity in my hands;
- <sup>4</sup> If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at  
peace with me;  
(yea, I have delivered him that without cause is  
mine enemy:)
- <sup>5</sup> Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*;  
yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth,  
and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.



## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

### Psalm 7:3-5

- <sup>3</sup> O LORD my God, if I have done this;  
if there be iniquity in my hands;
- <sup>4</sup> If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at  
peace with me;  
(yea, I have delivered him that without cause is  
mine enemy:)
- <sup>5</sup> Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*;  
yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth,  
and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

Most people want JUDGMENT on their enemies but  
MERCY for themselves! He wanted justice **for all**.

## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

### Psalm 7:6-9

- <sup>6</sup> Arise, O LORD, in thine anger,  
lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies:  
and awake for me to the judgment *that* thou hast  
commanded.
- <sup>7</sup> So shall the congregation of the people compass  
thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on  
high.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD shall judge the people:  
judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness,  
and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.
- <sup>9</sup> Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an  
end; but establish the just:  
for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

### Psalm 7:10-11

<sup>10</sup> My defence *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

<sup>11</sup> God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

### Psalm 7:12-13

- <sup>12</sup> If he turn not,  
he will whet his sword;  
he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
- <sup>13</sup> He hath also prepared for him the instruments  
of death;  
he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

If the wicked do not repent,  
God will sharpen his sword.

## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

### Psalm 7:14

<sup>14</sup> Behold, he travaileth with iniquity,  
and hath conceived mischief,  
and brought forth falsehood.

The wicked have sex with Iniquity,  
Mischief is formed in their womb,  
and they give birth to Falsehood.

## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

### Psalm 7:15-16

- <sup>15</sup> He made a pit, and digged it,  
and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.
- <sup>16</sup> His mischief shall return upon his own head,  
and his violent dealing shall come down upon  
his own pate.

He digs a hole to trap others,  
but he falls into it himself.



## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

### Psalm 7:15-16

- <sup>15</sup> He made a pit, and digged it,  
and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.
- <sup>16</sup> His mischief shall return upon his own head,  
and his violent dealing shall come down upon  
**his own pate.**

The “pate” is the top of the head.

## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

### Psalm 7:17

<sup>17</sup> I will praise the LORD  
according to his righteousness:  
and will sing praise  
to the name of the LORD most high.

## Ps 7: The Righteous Man's Desire for Judgment

[A] Prayer for deliverance

[B] Prayer for justice

[C] Prayer for the LORD to arise

[B] Trust that justice will be done

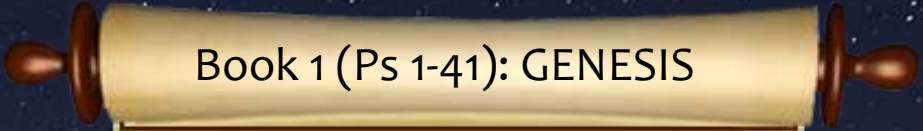
[C] The LORD arises

[B] Justice fulfilled

[A] Praise for deliverance to come

The psalmist is able to endure these difficult times because he knows there will be justice when the LORD judges the earth.

We also must be “patient in tribulation” (Rom. 12:12), knowing “it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you” (2 Thess. 1:6).



Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

PART ONE

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

Part One of Book One ends by looking forward to the day the Lord shuts the mouth of his enemies.

A. The Righteous Man (Ps 1)

B. The Heathen Raging (Ps 2)

C. Four Prayers (Ps 3-6)

A. The Righteous Man (Ps 7)



B. The Heathen Silenced (Ps 8)

## Ps 8: The Heathen Silenced

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

This psalm celebrates the God of Creation, and his plan of redemption for man.

## Ps 8: The Heathen Silenced

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

### Psalm 8:1

<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!  
who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

## Ps 8: The Heathen Silenced

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

### Psalm 8:2

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still [quiet] the enemy and the avenger.



## Ps 8: The Heathen Silenced

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

### Psalm 8:3-5

- 3 When I consider thy heavens,  
the work of thy fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him?  
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,  
and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

The Psalmist wonders why man, who is so small,  
deserves attention from God, who is so mighty.

## Ps 8: The Heathen Silenced

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

### Psalm 8:3-5

- <sup>3</sup> When I consider thy heavens,  
the work of thy fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- <sup>4</sup> What is man, that thou art mindful of him?  
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- <sup>5</sup> For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,  
and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

God “visited” his people when he sent Jesus to us.

## Ps 8: The Heathen Silenced

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

### Psalm 8:3-5

- 3 When I consider thy heavens,  
the work of thy fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him?  
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,  
and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Verse 5 is quoted – and explained – in the book of Hebrews.

Jesus was made “a little lower than the angels” so he could die for our sins.

**Hebrews 2:9**

But we see Jesus,  
who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death,  
crowned with glory and honour;  
that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

## Ps 8: The Heathen Silenced

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

### Psalm 8:6-8

- <sup>6</sup> Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;  
thou hast put all *things* under his feet:
- <sup>7</sup> All sheep and oxen,  
yea, and the beasts of the field;
- <sup>8</sup> The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
*and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

## Ps 8: The Heathen Silenced

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

This psalm ends the same way it began:

### Psalm 8:9

<sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord,  
how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

## Ps 8: The Heathen Silenced

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

The Excellency of God

His Goodness to man

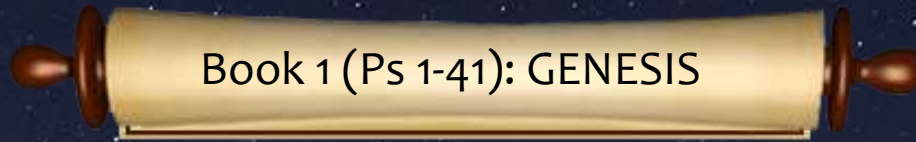
The Excellency of God

### Psalm 8:9

<sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord,  
how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

And this ends Part One of Book One of the Psalms.





Book 1 (Ps 1-41): GENESIS

PART TWO

Man and the Sons of Man  
Ps 1 to 8

**UP NEXT**

The Man of the Earth  
(the Antichrist)  
Ps 9 to 15

The Man, Christ Jesus  
Ps 16 to 41.

In the next lesson we will look at Part 2 of the Genesis Book.

## Questions to test your understanding:

1. What are the three parts to Book One of the Psalms?
2. How many psalms are in Part One?
3. In Psalm 2:4, what is the LORD's reaction to the raging of the heathen?
4. Psalms 3 and 5 are prayers for the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Psalms 4 and 6 are prayers for the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What does "Selah" mean?
7. What is an "imprecatory" prayer?
8. In Psalm 7:15, what happens to the man who digs a pit to trap God's people?
9. Why was Jesus made "a little lower than the angels"?
10. How does Psalm 8 begin and end?

Each question is worth 20 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.



**WTWH.org**