

An Introduction to the Psalms

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V. Types of Psalms – Summary

1. Individual and communal lament psalms, or prayers for God's deliverance
2. Thanksgiving psalms
3. Enthronement psalms
4. Pilgrimage psalms
5. Royal psalms
6. Wisdom psalms
7. Imprecatory psalms
8. Messianic psalms

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1. Typical Messianic. The subject of the psalm is in some respects a type of Christ (34:20; 69:4,9).
2. Typical Prophetic. Language is used which describes the psalmist's present experience but which points beyond his own life and becomes historically true only in Christ (22).
3. Indirectly Messianic. At the time of the psalm's composition, it referred to a king or the house of David in general but it awaited final fulfillment in Christ (2; 45; 72).
4. Purely Prophetic. Refers solely to Christ without reference to any other son of David (110).
5. Enthronement. Anticipates the coming of God and the consummation of His kingdom in the person of Jesus Christ (96-99).

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