

## WEEK 16 — PSALMS OF DAVID

**Date:** from the period 1020-970 BC

**The Story:** God has been the authority and power behind David's rise to the throne of Israel. This week we read many of David's undatable psalms and hear him acknowledge God as his own King (Psalm 5), cry out to him for help (Psalm 68), express trust in him (Psalm 23), and praise him as the God above all other gods (Psalm 95). In these psalms we glimpse David's deep devotion to God in every circumstance. And in these psalms God, through David, gives his people words with which to express to him their worship, hope, fear, prayers, lament, and joy. He even gives his people prophecy; some of David's psalms, most notably Psalm 22, come to be fulfilled in the life and suffering of Jesus.

\* Kids' readings may not align with the daily full readings. Parents, see the content ratings on the back page.

### APRIL 17 PSALMS 5-11

**Today's reading** draws us into David's heart for God as we begin nine days of reading just from his psalms, specifically psalms with no information that would help us date them to certain events in his life. These psalms are snapshots of David's love for God, his worship, his prayers, and even, on occasion, prophecy given through him. Psalms 5-7 are cries to God for help in hard circumstances. Psalm 8 praises God with a song of wonder. Psalms 9-11 again cry out to God for help in times of danger—a common theme in David's psalms as in his life. (Psalms 9 and 10 may have originally been a single psalm; they are one psalm in the ancient Greek translation of the book of Psalms.)

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**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Psalms 5-8 • Psalms 10-11

**Kids' Reading\*:** Psalm 8 • Psalms 15-16

### APRIL 18 PSALMS 12-17 • PSALMS 19-21

**Today's reading** features several psalms (12, 13, 17) that call on God for help against evil, dangerous people. Psalm 14 expresses confidence that God will, in fact, deal with such people. Psalm 15 is a teaching psalm, describing the righteous life. Psalm 16 includes a section (16:8-11) that the early church understood as a prophecy of Jesus (see Acts 2:25-28). Psalm 19 praises God for his creation and his laws, 20 prays for God's help for Israel, and 21 expresses King David's trust in God's help.

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**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Psalms 12-16 • Psalms 19-20

**Kids' Reading\*:** Psalms 19-20 • Psalms 23-24

### APRIL 19 PSALMS 22-27

**Today's reading** opens with Psalm 22, which (we find out later) predicts the sufferings of Jesus (compare Matthew 27:32-50). Psalm 23 is one of the most beloved of all the psalms. Psalms 24-27 each, in their own ways, call God's people to live godly lives, trusting in God.

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**In a hurry? 10-minute reading:** Psalms 22-25

**Kids' Reading\*:** Psalm 25 • Psalm 29

### APRIL 20 PSALMS 28-29 • PSALMS 31-32 • PSALMS 35-36

**Today's reading** features several calls for God to rescue David from the wicked and from the doom God will bring upon them (Psalms 28, 31, 32, 35, 36). Notice the links between Psalm 31 and the suffering of Jesus, who likely thought of this psalm as he was on the cross (see Luke 23:46). Psalm 29 praises God for his awesome power, by which he helps his people.

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**DAILY BIBLE READINGS — Summit View Church of Christ**

***In a hurry? 10-minute reading:*** Psalms 28-29 • Psalms 31-32

***Kids' Reading\*:*** Psalm 32 • Psalm 40

**APRIL 21 PSALMS 38-41 • PSALM 53 • PSALM 55**

***Today's reading*** includes a prayer of repentance (Psalm 38), two pleas for God's help (Psalms 39 and 55), two celebrations of God's help (Psalms 40-41), and a warning to the wicked (Psalm 53).

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***In a hurry? 10-minute reading:*** Psalms 38-41 • Psalm 53

***Kids' Reading\*:*** Psalm 41 • Psalms 61-62

**APRIL 22 PSALM 58 • PSALMS 61-62 • PSALMS 64-65 • PSALM 68**

***Today's reading*** brings us psalms on a theme: looking to God for help and trusting him in the face of wicked enemies. This was a recurring theme in David's life—and is important in the life of God's people in every generation. Only Psalm 65 varies from this theme; it is a psalm of praise to God for his goodness.

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***In a hurry? 10-minute reading:*** Psalm 58 • Psalms 61-62 • Psalms 64-65

***Kids' Reading\*:*** Psalm 65 • Psalm 70

**APRIL 23 PSALMS 69-70 • PSALM 86 • PSALM 95 • PSALM 101 • PSALM 103  
• PSALM 108**

***Today's reading*** shows the range of David's humble worship of God, covering urgent pleas for help (69-70, 86), beautiful songs of praise (95, 101), and songs of dependence on God (103, 108). (Psalm 95 is attributed to David in Hebrews 4:7.)

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***In a hurry? 10-minute reading:*** Psalms 69-70 • Psalm 95 • Psalm 101 • Psalm 103 • Psalm 108

***Kids' Reading\*:*** Psalm 86 • Psalm 95 • Psalm 103

**Parents' Guide**

***PG preview for young children***

**Ps 7:**2 (V), 5 (V)

**Ps 10:**7-10 (T, V), 15 (V)

**Ps 22:**12-21 (T, V)

**Ps 28:**3-5 (T)

**Ps 31:**9-13 (T), 17-18 (T)

**Ps 36:**12 (V)

**Ps 38:**2-19 (T), 2 (V), 12 (V)

**Ps 55:**3-15 (T), 20-21 (T), 23 (T)

**Ps 68:**23 (V)

**Ps 69:**2-4 (T), 19-29 (T)

***PG-13 preview for under age 13***

**Ps 17:**11-14 (T, V)

**Ps 58:**6-10 (T, V)

***R shocking, graphic, or disturbing***

none

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N = Nudity  
S = Sexuality  
T = Dark/Sensitive Themes  
V = Violence*