

WORKSHEET 5

- 1) List the three psalms that are called Torah Psalms [3]  
**Psalm 1**  
**Psalm 19**  
**Psalm 119**
- 2) According to Futato, why are categories important [2]
  - a. **Categories are important because they guide our expectation as we have an idea of how the style and content are going to look like. Additionally, according to Futato, categories provide another level of context which influences the meaning of the literature.**
- 3) According to Futato, were Hymns ever written in times of trouble [1]
  - a. **No, they were not because Hymns were for good times celebrating God.**
- 4) What is the difference between a Royal Psalm and an Enthronement Psalm [2]

**Royal Psalms need to have some type of relation to the King which thus, makes them royal while the Enthronement Psalms talk about God as King which is meant as praise for His glory and being grateful for what He had done. For lastly, they assume that the community of followers of Christ worship God and praise His glory.**

- 5) Describe one of the weaknesses of Gunkel's categorization of psalms [2]
  - a. **Some Psalms might only fulfill some of the characteristics for the genre and thus, one has to decide if the Psalm even fits into this certain category which has to be determined on an individual basis for each Psalm. There may be Psalms that present mixed characteristics and do not simply belong to one genre.**
- 6) Write down, in full, one verse from Psalm 118 (below) that contains a simile [1]
  - a. <sup>12</sup> They surrounded me **like** bees; they went out **like** a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 7) According to Futato, in Laments, a psalmist's confession may go in one of two directions. What are they [2]

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- a. **According to Futato, in Laments, one direction a psalmist's confession may go is that sin is actually confessed as one may see in Psalm 38:3-5 as Futato highlights in his text.**
  - b. **According to Futato, in Laments, the second direction a psalmist's confession may go to is innocence in a sense that one confesses to not being guilty and this can be seen in Psalm 26:1-3 as Futato brings that as an example where David stresses his innocence.**
- 8) What is the genre of Psalm 118 (below) [2]
  - a. **Thanksgiving (Todah) Psalms Individual**
- 9) What 3 characteristics of that genre can you identify (be specific!) [6]
  - a. **Being grateful for the acts of deliverance from enemies is the overall theme. One characteristic is that Psalm 118 was used in worship which can be seen in Psalm 118:1-4 as well as that verses 118:19-29 assume procession in form of a ceremony which leads to the temple area. This gives an exemplifying of how to praise and worship God for what He does for us.**
  - b. **Another characteristic would be 'giving thanks' which can be seen in verses 118:1,19,21,28, and 29 in literal form. Giving thanks for the blessings from God or His deliverance is very common in the numerous psalms because it shows the appreciation for His workings in people's lives.**
  - c. **The story of deliverance can be seen in 118:10-18 where one was crying out to God and praising Him resulted in deliverance from Him and movement for the I in this instance. This shows that God's love is great, and He can be trusted as he helps and heal when needed.**
- 10) Write down 4 characteristics of a Wisdom psalm [4]
  - a. **Wisdom Psalms are usually not addressed to God.**
  - b. **Wisdom Psalms allow oneself to reflect on life before God and how possible struggles or opportunities might define that life and often, they are filled with advice regarding that topic.**
  - c. **Wisdom Psalm stands in connection with other Biblical literature that includes Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes.**
  - d. **Within a Wisdom Psalm, there may be subjective genitive, an objective genitive or a pregnant expression. Jesus Christ lived out wisdom for us and is now working on filling the people with wisdom.**
- 11) What is the Genre of Psalm 99 and what evidence do you have to prove it [3]

**Psalm 99 would be considered an Enthronement psalm which can be seen in many different ways. Firstly, God is described as King (99:4) which is the main criteria of the Enthronement Psalms and additionally, they show praise for His glory where it says, “Let them praise your great and awesome name – he is holy.” (99:3). Another evidence that is present in the Psalm 99 is that people are being grateful for what God had done which can be seen in the verse “Lord our God, you answered them” (99:8) and it shows that followers of Christ worship God as evident in verse 9 “Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain”.**

12) What is the Genre of Psalm 105? Name the genre, and provide 3 pieces of evidence that support your argument [4]

**Psalm 105 belongs to the genre ‘thanksgiving psalms’ and one piece of evidence is right at the beginning where it says, “give praise to the Lord” (105:1) it becomes apparent that this psalm is about praising God and thanking Him for his “wonderful acts” (105:2). This passage from 105:1-6 is written in the imperative plural which expresses a need for action and shows the importance of doing as implied. Another piece of evidence is that in Psalm 105 is that there is an emphasis on the meaningfulness of God’s working in history concerning Israel. Finally, there is the piece of evidence that shows the gratefulness that there is present in Psalm 105 for example in the last stanza it is expressed how He keeps His promises to the people and shows love for them which they are grateful for and thus, it ends with the expression “Praise the Lord” (105:45) as an acknowledgment of the things God did for the people.**

## **PSALM 118**

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>5</sup> Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

<sup>7</sup> The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

<sup>8</sup> It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

<sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

<sup>10</sup> All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

<sup>11</sup> They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

<sup>12</sup> They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

<sup>13</sup> I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"

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- <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>  
This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
- <sup>29</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (Ps. 118:1 ESV)