

QUESTIONS

1. How is the reading the Psalms beneficial and helpful to believers?
2. What is the most important thing to remember in reading or interpreting psalms?
3. What does it mean by Psalms being functional songs?
4. What are the limits of Wisdom?
5. What is biblical wisdom?

ANSWERS

1. The Psalms are helpful to us because they provide how we can express joys and sorrow, successes and failures, hope and regrets from the biblical perspectives.
2. One important thing to remember in interpreting or reading the psalms is that they are musical poems.
3. Psalms served the critical function of making connection between the worshipper and God, teaching how we can worship God corporately.
4. While intensely practical, it doesn't cover all of life and lacks theological significance
5. Choices and behaviors that is accordance with God and that in which leads to Godly life.

TERMS

Synonymous parallelism: the second line repeats or reinforces the sense of the first line; two lines together express the poet's meaning; second line not something new or trying to say something different than first.

Laments: Expression deeply rooted in trust of Yahweh. the laments in the book of Psalms express with a deep, honest fervor the distress that people felt.

Proverb: a brief, particular expression of a truth. Something that points toward a truth.

SUMMARY

Psalms help reader process joy and sorry that comes in life of a believer. Most importantly, it helps the believer how we can worship God and make connection in a joyful, yet reverent manner and we praise God because he is God. The importance of wisdom cannot be overlooked because it provides how we might make godly choices in life. However, proverbs are often not a direct command or promise of God, it needs to be examined from more figurative and suggestive perspective.