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NT615 The Psalms: Israel's Prayers and Ours & Wisdom: Then and Now Chs. 11 & 12

QUESTIONS

1. Which type of Psalm expresses or presupposes deep trust in Yahweh and helps a person to express struggles, suffering, or disappointment to the Lord?
2. Identify the number of elements in a Lament, and a Thanksgiving Psalm.
3. Which Psalms guide or channel our anger to and through God verbally rather than to or at anyone else – verbally or physically?
4. Which book is considered the primary locus of “prudential wisdom” – that is memorable aphorisms (maxims) people can use to help themselves make responsible life choices?
5. _____ are worded to be memorable, not to be theoretically accurate.

ANSWERS

1. Lament
2. 6 and 5
3. Imprecatory
4. Proverbs
5. Proverbs

TERMS

Hyperbole: purposeful exaggeration of statements to express strongly and vividly, not meant to be taken literally

Wisdom: the ability to make godly choices in life by applying God's truth

Parabolic: figurative, pointing beyond themselves; symbolizes something or teaches a simple lesson

SUMMARY

The book of Psalms is a collection of inspired Hebrew prayers and hymns that are spoken to God by the Israelites. These Psalms serve us as worship guides, demonstrate how we can relate honestly to God without fear, and reminds us of the importance of reflection and meditation on all that God has done for us. Wisdom literature focuses on people and how successful they are at

making godly choices and whether or not they are learning how to apply God's truth to their daily experiences.