

Psalms 1:1-3

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I. Review

Last time we met I gave you all the background material on Psalms. What we want to do, as with any book of the bible or anything we study in the bible, we want to establish a context for the book. Most of the time we think of “context” as a verse or a chapter, but even more than that every book in the bible has its own context. Once you establish the context, then that is a gateway for you to work your way through to see everything God has for you.

Psalms will follow the pre-millennial return of Christ. The pre-millennial return of Christ is the major doctrine in the bible that the whole bible is built around. We talked about how Psalms fits into the order of the books in your bible. The order of these books shows you the pre-millennial return of Christ.

In Isaiah 11:10-11 it tells you how God is going to **recover the nation of Israel two times**. He calls them a remnant. Before the first coming of Christ coming out of 606 BC, God took them into captivity and brings a remnant back because the Jew has to be in the land when Christ shows up at the first coming of Christ for all the bible prophecies to be fulfilled.

We know that Israel rejected Christ, they crucified him. Now we move into the church age. God is temporarily finished with the nation of Israel and now we see Titus the Roman Emperor come down in 70AD. He sacks Jerusalem, and takes the Jews into captivity burns the temple, kills hundreds of thousands of them and Israel is now back out in the world again. Just like she was after 606 BC when God recovers his people, the bible says in Isaiah 11 two times.

We saw in 1948 the nation of Israel is regathered the second time. The **first regathering** out of 606BC was for the first coming of Christ. The **second regathering** in 1948 for the second coming of Christ. The bible is the greatest book on the planet to show you what is happening in the future of your life and my life by showing you what he has done in history.

We see all the crazy things going on in the world today. The bible says as it was in the days of Lot, so shall it be at the coming of the son of man. What more do you need? What happened in the days of Lot? God’s judgment came. And God’s judgment is coming again.

.As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the son of man. You learn what is going to happen by what has already been. And the **premillennial doctrine of Christ** is the way it works.

All of this is recorded for you if you really want to get into the details from Ezekiel 36, 37,38,39 will be the second coming and moving into the millennium chapter 40,

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II. Issiah 40:31 the Eagle Eye

One of my favorite verses is over in Ish 40:31 it's a verse that we all know and it is used as a devotional verse all the time.

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint.

That obviously is a great devotional verse, but you see everything in the bible you got to look at from more than one perspective. We are told in Job 12:7-10 that all the animals in the bible will teach you something. If you miss a little obscure place in the bible, then all you get out of Isaiah 40:31 is the nice little inspirational stuff.

Do you realize in the bible that God is called the mother eagle in Deuteronomy 32:11, she is called the mother eagle that spreads her wings over the nation of Israel. You are going to find out of all the animals in God's creation, the eagle has the best eyesight. Our best eyesight is 20-20. The eagle's eyesight is estimated at 20-5. That means they see things five times at least clearer and closer and more understandable than we do. It tells us that when we build our relationship with the Lord and we get into the word of God, that in time a trained eye will lead to an eagle eye.

They say that an eagle can soar at 200 feet above the ground and yet can see a rabbit three miles away. They have something with their eyeballs, some kind of ultraviolet coating over their eyes that at nighttime they can actually see a small animal leave a urine trail. The eagles ultraviolet in their eyes picks up the ultraviolet in the urine and that is how they find their prey.

Our eyes see straight ahead, and we have a field of vision of 180 degrees. An eagle has eyes on the sides of his head; and his eyes weigh more than his brain does. The eagle can see 360 degrees. That is exactly what every child of God should strive to be, is the eagle that soars through the air.

When you look at that verse it says "*mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint*". The eagle saves his strength because he uses the drafts of the air and of the atmosphere. He may flap his wings to get up there, but he is up there soaring. He is using the thermals of the atmosphere and the air. And when I saw that years ago, I thought this is a picture of what we all should be because in the book of Ecclesiastes the Holy Spirit of God is a picture of the wind.

We work so hard flapping our wings to get somewhere, when we should just rest in the Lord and ride the thermals of the Holy Spirit of God. Having the **eye of the eagle**.

When you come to try and figure out what is going on in the world we live in today, it can be really scary and confusing unless you have the **eye of an eagle**. You see it coming long before it gets here. You don't have to be afraid of it because you are higher than it is and you are riding the thermals and it can't get up to where you are at. And that is exactly what every one of us should be.

III. Psalms-Tribulation, Second Coming, Millennial.

I showed you last week the different authors of the book of Psalms and showed you how each one will be an incredible study of some aspect of our Christian life. Some people just come to Psalms and they read it and they try to get something out of it that makes them feel better.

Psalms is so much more than that. The book of Psalms will break itself down around three key events in Gods plan for the nation of Israel but also for planet earth.

- 1.) Some of the Psalms are called “**Tribulation Psalms**” and they show us the nation of Israel going through the tribulation period.
- 2.) Another set of Psalms will be what we call the “**Second Coming Psalms**”. And they show you God answering their cry and coming down and delivering the nation of Israel.
- 3.) The third set of Psalms is what we call the “**Millennial Psalms**” and it shows the pre millennial doctrine Christ on the throne after the second coming and the tribulation.

Psalms is all based on David’s life, much of it as he walks with God historically. And then it also fits in inspirationally for you and for me as a Christian and in our walk with God. It has a wealth of material and I invite you on a weekly basis each week try to get everything in that I am saying and put it in a notebook and get it done when you get home. So that week by week together we can go through and explore the greatest book that was ever written to us for our relationship with God along with the book of Song of Solomon.

It’s going to be a long study. It’s going to be a great book that will give you and me a heart for God and show you how to have a walk with God through life.

In the Old Testament out of the five wisdom books, (they all are important) but the four that directly affect us as Christians will be:

- 1.) Song of Solomon, our relationship with Christ,
- 2.) Psalms, the heart of God,
- 3.) Ecclesiastes, the understanding where the eagle that soars thru the wind- Holy Spirit
- 4.) Proverbs, the mind of God in everything that he does.

Throw in the book of Job which shows the sufferings of Christ. You have just about everything that you need.

The book of Psalms has 150 chapters, 2,416 verses, 43,743 words and I have found that in every book of the bible there will be a key verse.

In Psalms the **key verse is found in Psalms 118:8**. It says “*It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man*”. That is the greatest piece of advice you will ever get. That fundamentally is what the book of Psalms is all about. Its about showing you that as far as your life is concerned and your ministry, and all the things God saved you for, you don’t trust man for those things.

In Psalms Christ will be typified as our blessed one and the whole book is written to that end

IV. Psalms 1 A Prelude to the Bible & Life

1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

1:2 But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

I read a book one time it was probably back in the 70's on Psalms by a pastor named Tom Malone. This book on Psalms was one of the very first books I got my hands on. It wasn't deep doctrinally, which I didn't need at that time, but it gave me a basic context of understanding of where Psalms was going to take me in life.

He said "It has been said that Psalms one is a prelude to the whole book of Psalms". I remember reading that and I thought I believe that to be true. But what he said next I have never forgotten. He said, "But in truth and reality, Psalms one will be a prelude to life on planet earth". No greater words were ever spoken about Psalms chapter one. Because the key to our relationship with God will be the blessings of God.

V. A Real Walk with God

A couple of weeks ago we talked about the benefits. The benefits of God are the blessings of God. In the book of Psalms if you are paying attention 67 times you will find a reference to the blessings of God in one form or another. The blessings of God in our lives will all be based on the walk we have with God. Today I want to start with verse one and show you what a real walk with God will consist of. Because it is the walk of God that determines if you have the blessings of God.

Now I will say this, we all like to manufacture blessings of God and I am not talking about that. You want to know when it is a real blessing from God? It's when you have a need and you tell nobody about it and God comes through. We all have a bit of manipulator in us. We tend to manufacture a lot of blessings today. Gods people operate under many misconceptions about God, about the bible and many times their walk and relationship with God.

The bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:7 that we walk by faith and not by sight. Most of God's people walk by sight and never by faith. When you walk by sight and you see the need and you put it out there for everybody to see, and you hope you are going to snag somebody. But when you walk by faith and not by sight, then you just let God deal with it.

Your faith and my faith in God comes from our walk with God and that comes from our relationship with the word of God. Rom 10:17 *So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

VI. Learning to Grow Spiritually

This church has a number of ways for you to grow. Years ago in 1977 and I began to look at ways to help my people in learning their bible and to develop a relationship with God that in time would turn into a walk with God.

- 1.) **Discipleship 1.** Many, many years ago I wrote what we call Discipleship 1 today. It has gone thru several variations, but still it is in its same basic form. I wrote them because I saw the need for people that were in my ministry that got saved, or maybe they were already saved and came to church had no grounding in the bible. I needed to have something that would teach them the basic fundamentals of New Testament Christianity.
- 2.) **Discipleship 11.** As we did discipleship 1 for a number of years I saw that we needed the next level to keep their growth moving. That is when I wrote the Discipleship II lessons which are the **Seven Things that Changed about you the Day you got Saved.** After you have learned the basic fundamentals (Disp. 1) Discipleship 11 shows you what really changed about you.
- 3.) **Discipleship 111.** I am in the process right now of developing Discipleship III and when that is finished, it will complete the process, all three steps. Three being the number of completion. Discipleship III will be based on bringing you through in small segments that when you are done, you will have the whole bible down as far as what you are dealing with in a context.
- 4.) **Pre-Marital Class.** Along with that a while back, I saw marriages being destroyed and marriages going down the tubes so I wrote pre-marital material. Things you need to know before you get married.
- 5.) **Marriage Enrichment.** I also saw the need for marriage enrichment. People who are already married who struggle with issues and problems in the marriage.
- 6.) **Child Training.** I wrote material on how to raise their children thru biblical principals.
- 7.) **Bible Institute.** I also started Bible Institute the day we started our church. I wanted to take people who had been through Disp I and Disp II and pretty much had a good handle on things to take them to a higher level of getting into the word of God that would help you pull it all together.
- 8.) **Alpha-Bravo Teams.** It was out of the Bible Institute that I had the idea a year or so ago about my Alpha-Bravo teams that I talked to you about this morning. The great commodity of this church is the young singles we have in this church. They are incredible. I would put them up against anybody anywhere in this country. We have some of the best young men and ladies and they are actively involved. But you see that is not enough for me because I am not interested in just putting you to work somewhere I want you to understand by what you are doing how that fits in so you can better understand that wherever God takes you in life, you understand ministry.

So the last final years of my life are going to be spent on these kids giving them everything that I have learned. You see just sending them out and letting them figure it out themselves is never the right way to do it. This church is here to help you on whatever level you are at. Sunday morning, we layout a book of the bible. We do topical things sometimes, but the majority of it is laying the books like we have done Romans, Proverbs, John and now Psalms. That actually takes care of the last 22-23 years we've been a church.

Bible study on Thursday night I have always seen the value of not just giving you stuff but letting you have time to ask me questions. To give you a place to ask and to learn any area of your Christian life. I don't care what it is, this church is here to help you.

One on one, whatever time, my home is always open to you. You can layout what you need and get you anything that you need to get you wherever you want to go. In all that we do for you, my ultimate goal is to develop in your life, a walk with God. Because there will be no real blessings in your life without a walk with God. There will be no real relationship. You will go through life like most Christians and you will get caught up in it where you see something and you manufacture your own answer. And you will never give God a chance to come through for you.

As with all things our walk must be built on biblical patterns that God has given to us to walk with him based on his principles. That is why we have those other 8 areas here to get you up those levels

VII. How can Two Walk Together?

Amos 3:3 asks a great question and it is a question that most of Gods people never really answer or even know where it is at. But it is the **key** to your walk with God and the **key** to Psalms 1.

Amos 3 asks the question "*Can two walk together except they be agreed?*". In Christianity today we think we can. We think we can have the bible and absolute principles over here and what we want to do as a Christian over there and still believe we are walking with God. Do you realize in the Old Testament before God would come down and walk through the camp of the nation of Israel, everything that displeased God had to be removed. That has not changed. But we live in a Laodicean church period in a time when we can actually look at everything in the word of God, absolute principals that there is no negotiation on. Yet actually think we can forsake that and pick and choose out of it what we want to follow and do and still claim that we have a walk with God. That is the Laodicean mindset. That is the nation of Israel at the first coming of Christ. They thought they had a great relationship with God, but they didn't. Their false spirituality was so great that they wound up killing the very one who was going to bring them everything their hearts desired. It hasn't changed.

Today you have God's people that think and claim they have a walk with God but they couldn't list the areas that they should be in agreement with God if their life depended on it.

There are so many misconceptions today about Christianity. The devil has done his work in the world. But he has also done his work among God's people. God's people today think erroneously they have a walk with God when they couldn't even say what Amos 3:3 says "*How can two walk together except they be agreed?*". What do you have to be in agreement on with God? . You are going to see in the weeks to come what we need to be in agreement on.

The Devil has done his work. While we all slumbered and slept the devil changed the value system on everything. And now what we think means something, means nothing. He said in Isaiah 5:20 that the evil things are going to be called good and the good things are going to be called evil. The Old Testament prophets told us that the great things of God are going to become the strange things. He told us that the sacrifices of God are going to become polluted. Now when the sacrifices of God and the church become polluted so does your walk.

And when in this church we try to build you for the Lord, we try to build the right things in your life the right way, for you to have the right walk. Because other than that you are going to be wound up in this rat maze called Christianity of confusion where everybody just bumps into everybody else and doesn't know what they are doing!

VIII. Enoch walked with God...

Now a complete and proper study in the bible of how to have a walk with God are things you have to learn. These things are found primarily in the lives of two men because there are only two men in the bible that the bible directly tells us walked with God. I understand that there are many examples of men and women that certainly had a walk with God in the bible.

When you come to your bible one of the keys is when God gives you a direct reference to something even though there may be other things out there. When he focuses on two men and focuses on them having a walk that is where you want to start. If you can go home today with that in your back pocket today, you just grew six months spiritually.

One of the things you will see about these guys will be what did they have in agreement with God that you and I don't have yet?

You will want to get these two men down as a base line for a walk with God.

1.) Genesis 5:18-24 Enoch

Gen 5:18 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died. 21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: 22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him.

Enoch is the only man in the bible that never dies. You might think Elijah was taken to heaven and didn't die, but Elijah comes back in the tribulation and gets killed. Enoch is a perfect picture of what yours and my life should be. He is a perfect picture of us the NT Christian that gets taken in the rapture of the church.

In verse 18 Enoch is born, then verse 21 tells us that Enoch lived sixty and five years and had Methuselah his son. Verse 22 says that Enoch walked with God three hundred years AFTER he has his son Methuselah.

There is something about Enoch's life that he saw when his son came into his world. He saw the responsibility he had, in a world that is totally wicked. And that changed Enoch's attitude toward God. Because the bible said that he walked with God AFTER Methuselah NOT before.

The name of his son, Methuselah means "when he is gone, judgement will come". Enoch saw something or something happened that caused him to name his son around the coming judgment of God. And it changed his life so that he walked with God for the next three hundred years.

When the flood came and God's judgement finally came to this earth, you can take the years from verse 18 and up and find out that the flood Gods judgement, came on the exact day Methuselah died. Methuselah was a living prophecy on the coming judgment of God just as your life and my life should be. He was a living testimony.

Nobody accepts the bible today except for a few and your life may be the only bible they get to read that is real.

Verse 23 says "*And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years. And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him*". Did you ever notice he is 365 years old when God raptures him out. That is how many days we have in our year. In my life to be a prophecy of God's judgement I have 365 days a year.

This taught me three things:

- 1.) I need to take care of and prepare my family
- 2.) Learn how to have a walk with God
- 3.) Walk with God everyday

Psalms 90:10 & 12 The days of our years [are] threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength [they be] fourscore years, yet [is] their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.(rapture) 12 So teach [us] to number our days, that we may apply [our] hearts unto wisdom.

We only have 365 days a year. We don't know what we may have next year. As far as this year, God has given you 365 days to have a walk with him. Just like Enoch, one of these 365 days God is going to take us out.

IX. Noah walked with God

When God points out something directly like this, that is your baseline. You get that down first and everything else you build on it.

Genesis 6:9 *These [are] the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man [and] perfect in his generations, [and] Noah walked with God.*

When you study these two men in the bible and their walk with God, they illustrate the two people groups found in the word of God.

1.) Enoch represents the church, the body of Christ. John chapter 1 and 1 John 3:7 tells us that we are Gods son.

2.) Noah will represent the nation of Israel and their walk and relationship with God. In Exodus chapter 4 you will see Israel is called God's son as a nation.

What you see in the bible is the pre-millennial format and two key components to lay it all out. Enoch represents the church walking with the Lord, he gets raptured out and after the rapture takes place the judgement of God falls on this planet. Tribulation period. Enoch is a type of the church in a world of sin, he gets raptured out (Genesis 5:24) and up pops Noah (Genesis 6:9) picture of Israel going through the flood which is a picture of the judgement of God and a representation picture of the tribulation period.

If you would go to Isaiah 54:9 (eagle eye) you would find hidden that it tells you the time that Noah is on the ark in the flood is related to the time that Israel will go through the tribulation.

If that is not enough in Matthew 24:37 *But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

When Noah goes through that judgement it's a picture of the tribulation period after the rapture. The flood is a picture of Gods judgement falling on a sinful earth. Remember the bible says that the imagination of man was altogether sinful in Noah's time. Just like it is today.

Noah comes out of the flood and the ark lands on the top of Mt Ararat in Turkey. Where the land grant is given the Abraham, a picture of the millennium. He comes off the ark in Genesis 9, the earth is clean, grass is green all the sin is gone it is a perfect picture of the millennium and the second coming. And the rainbow in the sky. You find a rainbow two times in your bible. One with Noah and the second time in Revelation 10 at the second coming of Christ going into the millennium. Again, all built around the key doctrine of the bible, the pre-millennialism and built around a walk with God.

X. Summary

You are going to have to grow into a walk, and as you grow spiritually it will be what you get in agreement with God. Cause how can two walk together except they be agreed?

When you study these two men's lives you will find the key aspects of being in agreement with God and walking with him. And that agreement with God can only come with our walk with him through the word of God. *1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

Plain and simple, there is no fellowship with God without a walk with God. And there is no fellowship or walk with God without you walking in the light of God as he is.

One of my favorite personal verses on a walk with God is in *Psalms 56:13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: [wilt] not [thou deliver] my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?*

What a verse for the child of God, "*For thou hast delivered my soul from death*" That's your salvation. That is exactly what God did the day you got saved. You no longer have to fear spiritual death cause death has no more sting in your life.

Look at the second part. "...*wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling*", there is your walk with God. He did not save you so you could fall, he saved you so you could continue to grow and walk with him. But you got to put those levels in your life for you to get to that point.

If someone put a gun to your head and a piece of paper and said write down seven things you need to be in agreement on what would you write?

Look at the last part of this verse "*that I may walk before God in the light of the living*". The light of the word of God.

Psalms 89:15 Blessed [is] the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. We have it in our hymnals. We have heard the joyful sound, Jesus saves, Jesus saves! That's the joyful sound. That is where that song came from.

You cannot have the true blessings of God without Psalms 1, without a walk with him through the word of God. Because as you walk Psalms 119:105. *Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

But the horrible truth today is most of Gods people are very confused. How do we allow confusion to come into our lives but still say I have a great relationship with God? Wait a minute in 1 Corinthians 14:33 says God is not the author of your confusion. Its because in many cases our walk with God is on a dead-end street going nowhere.

God wants to make Psalms 1:1-3 a prelude to our lives. Luke 21:8-9 when Jesus was dealing with the nation of Israel and they were going through their tuff times he tells them that the times they live in "be not deceived". So much deception in Christianity today. The problem is when we get deceived then you get disarmed. They take your bible from you. Today you see the end

result of Christianity that led to a deception that led to a disarming and this is why Gods people are so discouraged.

Be not deceived

Be not disarmed

Be not discouraged

This is where most of Christianity is today. They are as confused and fearful as ever. Noah lived for 120 years before the flood and never hid from anybody on anything. Enoch named his son after the coming judgement of God. That is where we should be.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Salvation comes into your head, then when you let the holy spirit of God take it comes into your heart. Once you get it into your head, it gets into your heart then it needs to get into your feet and your walk with God. The blessings of God only flow through a walk with God.

Amos 3:3 How can two walk together except they be agreed?

In Christianity today, you never lose sight of your walk with God. The moment you do you will be walking with the ungodly, sitting in the seat of the scornful, taking counsel from the sinners.