

LESSON FOUR – PSALMS 31-41

Day One (Psalms 31-32)

1. In Psalm 31, explain how verses 1-8 illustrate the New Testament principle of “*asking in faith*” (cf. James 1:6):
2. What should we consider to be in the hands of God?
3. What did David say in a moment of fear and haste that was not true?
4. Why does present distress cloud us from seeing previous deliverances?
5. In Psalm 32, what is the state of the man who confesses his sin?
6. What does God’s heavy hand feel like when we do not acknowledge our sin?
7. Who is speaking in Psalm 32:8-9?
Why is this important to know?

Day Two (Psalms 33-34)

1. The word and ways of God are characterized as _____ and _____ respectfully.
2. According to the title information, Psalm 34 was written in connection with what event in the life of David?
3. What does David focus upon in the Psalm that might be connected with that event?
4. How can we know that Jehovah is good?
5. What advice does David give us as parents in what we should teach our children?
6. Jehovah is close to whom?

Day Three (Psalms 35-36)

1. Why is Psalm 35 good to reflect upon when you feel powerless before the unrighteous?

2. What good had David done for those who are now his enemies?
3. David, describing his prayers as that which “*returned into mine own bosom*” refers to (a) his discouragement in his prayer not being heard; (b) his humble posture in prayer; or (c) his hope for personal blessings in prayer.
4. According to Psalm 36, who says that one does not have to have the fear of God?
5. How does this Psalm back up the belief that one can fall from being truly wise to becoming truly evil?
6. God is the source of what *two* essential blessings?

Day Four (Psalms 37-38)

1. What emotions should never be manifested in light of the actions of the unrighteous? Why?
2. Was dwelling in the land of promise conditional for the Jews?
3. Why is it that if we commit our way unto Jehovah, He will bring it to pass?
4. Why is it better to be righteous and poor instead of rich and wicked?
5. What is an unselfish characteristic of the righteous?
6. What had David observed in life from his youth and old age?
7. In Psalm 38, how does David describe the effect of his sin upon him? Is he speaking literally or figuratively?
8. Besides the recognition of his own sin, what other *two entities* were causing him pain?
9. What is a good way to react to hurtful speech against us?
10. Who do we need to have near when we are about to fall?

Day Five (Psalms 39-41)

1. What is a wise thing to do when we are in great anguish?
Why is this prudent?
2. When David finally must speak, what is his vocal request?
3. In what way is our life a “vain show”?
4. What does hope do for us?
5. For what does David hope?
6. In Psalm 40, what *two blessings* result from waiting patiently on the Lord?
7. How does David describe the “*greatness*” of God’s works?
8. How did Jesus manifest Psalm 40:6-7?
9. Express how David describes the “*number*” of evils upon him?
Did he consider himself responsible for these evils?
10. According to David, upon whom does God focus his thoughts?
11. Psalm 41 would be important to meditate upon when:

Class Study: Psalm 33 (Praise Jehovah)

- I. Exhortation for comely praise of Jehovah (v. 1-3)
- II. Reasons for Jehovah being praised (v. 4-19)
 - A. The character of His word and faithfulness
 - B. The power of His word in creation
 - C. The power of His counsel over that of the nations
 - D. The providential care of His people.
- III. Purpose to praise manifested (v. 20-22)

Class Discussion:

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1. Psalm 33 is a good example of praising God (a) with mechanical instruments of music; (b) with voices accompanied by mechanical instruments of music (c) with music for what God has done in the past.
2. What distinction of music do you see the Holy Spirit making in verses 1-3?
3. What do you see in verses 1-3 that indicate that we should offer God our “best” in our praise of Him?
4. How does Psalm 33 help us as we show others the kind of music God authorizes us today as Christians?
5. God spoke the heavens and stars into existence (T) (F).
6. How is God’s “strength” and “power” magnified by regarding the waters of the sea?
7. Recognizing God as Creator should create _____ in our hearts and lives. Why?
8. What does God do to the thoughts and plans of man?
9. The Psalmist’s hope for deliverance is in (a) great military might; (b) the wisdom and counsel of men; (c) the counsel and might of the Lord; (d) both a and c.
10. With God looking over us, are there any times “*too difficult*” to “*hope*” through?