

***Slow Food***  
***Bible Studies for Teachers***

**Psalms 16-30 (16 studies)**

The Psalms are universal in their application to the human condition. But they are not only about David, or about us all these years later: they are about Christ. Cf. John 5:39, 'It is they (the scriptures of the OT) that bear witness about me.' If I find I can't honestly own eg Ps 16:8, 'I have set the Lord always before me,' yet it is true of Christ. So because I am in Christ, I can ask him to make it true of me. If I stop short of that, I put myself in the position of the Pharisees: 'You refuse to come to me that you may have life' (John 5:40).

- Psalm 16**            What are my sources of joy? *Ps 73:25; Acts 13:35; 1 Cor 3:9.*
- Psalm 17**            What are my sources of satisfaction? *Deut 32:10-14; Job 19:25-27; 1 Jn 1:8-10.*
- Psalm 18:1-27**      'Our enemies are too much for us, but God is too much for our enemies.' Discuss and apply. *2 Chr 20:12; Rom 16:20; 1 Pet 5:8-9.*
- Psalm 18:28-50**     What do I need strength for currently? Where can I get it? *Gen 49:23-24; Zech 4:6; 2 Cor 10:4.*
- Psalm 19**            Is the God who reveals himself through the created order the same as the God who reveals himself in the Bible and in Christ? *Ps 119:9, 11; Rom 1:18-2; Isa 40:12ff.*
- Psalm 20**            If I am involved in an important venture, where do I place my trust? *Gen 24:12; Dan 2:20-22; Mt 28:18.*
- Psalm 21**            What can I learn here about leadership that is successful in God's eyes? vv 8-12 may refer either to the nation's king or to the LORD. *1 Sam 12:30; Ps 62:6-7; Rom 13:4.*
- Psalm 22**            Compare and contrast the experiences of the Psalmist with those of Jesus on the Cross. *Mt 27:46; Jn 19:24; Heb 2:12.*
- Psalm 23**            Is my faith basically escapist and comfort-seeking? *Ps 121; Lk 1:79; Phil 4:11-13.*
- Psalm 24**            Who can enter God's presence? *Heb 12:14b; 10:19-22; 12:18-24.*
- Psalm 25**            If my life isn't exactly perfect just at present, can I expect the Lord's guidance and grace? *Dan 9:18; Lk 5:31-32; Rom 3:22-25.*
- Psalm 26**            What is David's 'integrity'? Can I be as confident as he claims to be? *Lk 18:9-14; 1 Cor 4:4; 1 Jn 3:21.*
- Psalm 27**            If I am experiencing strong opposition, how would David have faced it if he had been in my place? *2 Ki 6:16; 2 Tim 2:1; Josh 1:5-6.*
- Psalm 28**            How much difference would it make to my life today if God didn't answer my prayers? *Isa 46:3-4; Lk 11:9-10, 18:7.*
- Psalm 29**            Is this just a poetic description of a storm, or does it have implications for my life today? Lebanon and Sirion (Mt. Hermon) are in the N; Kadesh is in the S. *Isa 6:3; Isa 45:7; 1 Cor 3:16-17.*

**Psalm 30**

Is David simply at the mercy of his own mood-swings? 2 *Cor* 12:7-9; *Jn* 16:20-22; *Ps* 126:5-6.