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**Historical Context:** Faithful Job lived in the land of Uz, east of Canaan (2200-1800 BC). The Book of Psalms can be divided up into 5 smaller books called the Psalter that were used by the nation of Israel in the time of the kings to memorize and recite their key theological teachings. They were composed by various writers between 1000 and 600BC.

### Law & Gospel Themes:

Although Elihu may hold the same view as the first three friends, he does wisely remind Job that it is not right for any man to tell God how or when He must act. Elihu gives Job a good reminder of God's justice,

greatness and divine majesty. God backs this with His own rebuke of Job, reminding him of how holy He truly is. Job repents in sincere faith and is forgiven. Out of total grace, God restores Job's fortunes two-fold. Similarly, the Psalms are filled with God's people lamenting, repenting, receiving forgiveness and praising the Lord.

### Life Application Starters:

How has God used others to point out your sin, even when they clearly have sins of their own? What does this say about the ministry of Christian pastors? Should we expect anything from God if

we're sincerely penitent? Why does God forgive and bless us even though the most faithful are still sinful? Most people have a favorite Psalm. Which one is yours and why? Have you ever shared your favorite Psalm with others?

**Prayer Starters:** To heed the rebuke of God, no matter its source. To always submit to the divine majesty and goodness of God. For sincere humility and repentance of all sin. To recognize God's grace and daily thank and praise Him for His gifts to us. Pray the Psalms, seeking to see ourselves in them?

### Daily Readings and notes:

Monday: Job 32:1-34:37

Tuesday: Job 35:1-37:24

Wednesday: Job 38:1-41:34

Thursday: Job 42:1-17

Friday: Psalm 1:1-6:10

Saturday: Psalm 7:1-11:7



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**Author of Job:** Job or a contemporary.    **Date Job Was Written:** Between c 2200 and 1400 BC  
**Author of Psalms:** King David and others, see pg. 840 in LSB.    **Date Psalms Was Written:** Between c 1000 and 600 BC

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**Historical Context:** Most of this week's readings were written by David or during his time. To understand them better, look to 1 & 2 Samuel and see the relationship David had with God and how God fulfilled His Word and promise through David.

**Law & Gospel Themes:** God has commanded us to pray and has promised to hear and care, even in the depths of our sinfulness. Monks have prayed the Psalms daily and Jesus prayed them on the cross. We would be wise to read them *Christocentrically*, meaning we should look to see how Jesus is revealed through them. It was Christ who

defeated sin, death, and the devil. With thanks, we now seek to resist sin.

**Life Application Starters:** David had many questions for God and we see them expressed in the prayers and hymns of the Psalms. They are steeped in emotion, frustration, anger, repentance and joy. Have you ever thought about bringing *all* of your emotions before the Lord in prayer? It's appropriate to bring things to God because of the relationship we have with Him. He wants us to come to Him in all things. God doesn't want a long distance relationship. He wants to

be in our midst.

**Prayer Starters:** When we hear David lamenting in the Psalms, we hear him asking God to take action, to do something. David does not ask God to let him take things into his own hands. Even Jesus lamented in the Garden, but He left it up to His Father's will to take away His suffering (Luke 22:42). It may be difficult to identify what to take to God. A good way to pray is to start or end with, "if it be Your will, Lord." We are to do the asking and remember, "it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose" (Php 2:13).

### Daily Readings and notes:

Monday: Psalm 12:1-17:15

Tuesday: Psalm 18:1-22:31

Wednesday: Psalm 23:1-28:9

Thursday: Psalm 29:1-34:22

Friday: Psalm 35:1-41:13

Saturday: Psalm 42:1-47:9



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**Historical Context:** Traditional Hebrew text divides Psalms into 5 books, possibly imitating the 5 books of Moses. These divisions are: 1-41, 42-72, 73-89, 90-106, 107-150, the last 4 books ending with a doxology. Luther divided the Psalms into the categories of prophesy, instruction, comfort, prayer, and thanksgiving.

### Law & Gospel Themes:

Our conscience may wrestle between Law and Gospel. The devil, or our sinful nature, may use the Law to try to drive us deeper into despair, but we can, through our God-given faith, identify this and repent. The saving works of Christ grant us grace

and forgiveness. We see this battle played out with David in Ps 51, in his struggle with sin, confession, and the necessary restoration by the Lord. God's action is required for reorientation. It is a psalm about the sorrows of sin, and the renewing work of confession and absolution.

### Life Application Starters:

Looking at the Psalms as a whole, we can see they are about our identity in Christ. When they call us "to remember," we are reminded of God's covenant with us. When they call us "to see and to hear," we are reminded to hear His gracious Word of

promise and see His actions on our behalf — even to loose His wrath upon the enemies of God.

**Prayer Starters:** Page 845 of the LSB provides a great resource for using the Psalms in daily prayer. In our hymnals, each psalm verse is divided by an \* and can be recited responsively. This is perfect for use in family devotions. Try to find a psalm that your family can start to memorize and use responsively in prayer. Memorization enables us to draw on God's promises in prayer during times of stress or suffering.

### Daily Readings and notes:

Monday: Psalm 48:1-53:6

Tuesday: Psalm 54:1-60:12

Wednesday: Psalm 61:1-66:20

Thursday: Psalm 67:1-72:20

Friday: Psalm 73:1-77:20

Saturday: Psalm 78:1-82:8



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**Historical Context:** Most of the Psalms in this week's reading fall into the 4th book of the Psalter and are untitled. Ps 90 is the only Psalm written by the prophet Moses. David wrote Ps 101 and 103. Moses reminds us that God favored Israel long before any kings reigned. This is also seen in Ps 103-106.

### Law & Gospel Themes:

Moses asked in Ps 90:1-2 if God has been the same in all generations. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. But for us, life is short and may be full of suffering; so we ask God for His grace and to help us through it. Moses teaches us in Ps 90 about the origin of

sin and death. God's wrath against sin was borne by Jesus on the cross, winning forgiveness for both believers and unbelievers. However, that forgiveness is only received by believers through the Means of Grace. The Law drives all to repent and seek forgiveness in the Holy Absolution of Jesus.

### Life Application Starters:

The Psalms are poetry in its highest form, filled with metaphors, imagery rich language, intricate structural formats, and scriptural references. Ps 90 also contains a great deal of language about time. There are back and forth

movements and reversals. Examine Ps 90 and see how many time references you can find. Have you ever looked back on your prayer life to see how faithful the Lord has been in answering your petitions, time after time? God is in the midst of our sufferings as He is in our blessings.

**Prayer Starters:** How often do you pray? What time do you pray? Is it only in the morning, evening, or just at meal time? Try expanding your prayer time with God. Pray for a heart that desires to spend more one-on-one time with Him. He *will* bless your time with Him.

### Daily Readings and notes:

Monday: Psalm 83:1-89:52

Tuesday: Psalm 90:1-95:11

Wednesday: Psalm 96:1-101:8

Thursday: Psalm 102:1-106:48

Friday: Psalm 107:1-113:9

Saturday: Psalm 114:1-118:29



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**Content Notes:** In the final book of the Psalter we hear that God answers prayers and fulfills His promises to David. It ends with the 5 Hallelujah psalms (146-150). The structure of Psalms 119 & 146 is an acrostic poem, in which successive sections or lines begin with the 22 successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

### Law & Gospel Themes:

We are not to put our faith in ourselves or other human beings. Rather, we are to put our trust/faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are to humbly confess our imperfections and shortcomings to our Lord and plead for the forgiveness,

grace, and mercy that can only come from Him.

### Life Application Starters:

In verse 83 of Ps. 119 we hear the phrase, "Like a wineskin in the smoke," referring to how a wineskin is made by exposure to fire. Over time the wineskin becomes brittle and may break open so that the contents leak out. This is a direct metaphor for "damaged goods." Have you ever felt like "damaged goods" because of your sin? God, alone, gives our life value — not this world or anything in it. The good news is that Jesus has made us righteous before

God and therefore has made us clean. Ps. 51 tells us He makes us "whiter than snow."

**Prayer Starters:** As you dive deeper into this section, take time to note how it is full of instruction, comfort, thanksgiving and prayers. How has our Lord instructed you this week? How have you been comforted by Him? Have you taken time to thank Him for His faithfulness to you through Christ in all things? Praying Psalms 146-150 can be helpful because they begin and end with praising the Lord.

### Daily Readings and notes:

Monday: Psalm 119:1-176

Tuesday: Psalm 120:1-125:5

Wednesday: Psalm 126:1-134:3

Thursday: Psalm 135:1-137:9

Friday: Psalm 138:1-143:12

Saturday: Psalm 144:1-150:6



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