

**Women's  
Bible Study  
"The Piety of the Psalms"**

Week 17

**I. Love for God**

1. God's attributes
2. God's works
3. God's word
4. God's worship
5. God's presence
6. God's glory

**II. Sober about humanity**

**1. Great but fallen – Psalm 8**

Psalm 8:3-8; cf Heb 2:5-9

<sup>3</sup> *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,*

<sup>4</sup> *what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?*

<sup>5</sup> *Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings<sup>[a]</sup>  
and crowned him with glory and honor.*

<sup>6</sup> *You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,*

<sup>7</sup> *all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,*

<sup>8</sup> *the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

## 2. **Brevity and uncertainty of life**

Psalm 90:1-6, 10, 12

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.*

<sup>2</sup> *Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

<sup>3</sup> *You return man to dust  
and say, "Return, O children of man!"*

<sup>4</sup> *For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.*

<sup>5</sup> *You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning:*

<sup>6</sup> *in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers...*

<sup>10</sup> *The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away...*

<sup>12</sup> *So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

Psalm 39:4-6

<sup>4</sup> *"O LORD, make me know my end  
and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting I am!*

<sup>5</sup> *Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.*

*Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!*

<sup>6</sup> *Surely a man goes about as a shadow!  
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;  
man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!*

Psalm 144:4

*Man is like a breath;  
his days are like a passing shadow.*

Psalm 39:6

*Surely a man goes about as a shadow!  
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;  
man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!*

Psalm 49:10, 12, 17; cf Mt 16:26; Eph 5:16

<sup>10</sup> *For he sees that even the wise die;  
the fool and the stupid alike must perish  
and leave their wealth to others...*

<sup>12</sup> *Man in his pomp will not remain;  
he is like the beasts that perish...*

<sup>17</sup> *For when he dies he will carry nothing away;  
his glory will not go down after him.*

### **3. Human depravity**

Penitential psalms: 6, 25, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143

Psalm 14:1-3; cf 54:1-3

<sup>1</sup> *The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is none who does good.*

<sup>2</sup> *The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
to see if there are any who understand,  
who seek after God.*

<sup>3</sup> *They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
there is none who does good,  
not even one.*

Psalm 25:7, 11

<sup>7</sup> *Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!...*

<sup>11</sup> *For your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.*

Psalm 31:10; cf 39:8; 41:12; 66:18; 85:2; 107:17

*For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity,  
and my bones waste away.*

Psalm 38:3, 4, 18

<sup>3</sup> *There is no soundness in my flesh  
because of your indignation;  
there is no health in my bones  
because of my sin...*

<sup>4</sup> *For my iniquities have gone over my head;  
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me...*  
<sup>18</sup> *I confess my iniquity;  
I am sorry for my sin.*

Psalm 40:12  
*For evils have encompassed me  
beyond number;  
my iniquities have overtaken me,  
and I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head;  
my heart fails me.*

Psalm 79:8, 9; cf Ps 106:6  
<sup>8</sup> *Do not remember against us our former iniquities;  
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  
for we are brought very low.*  
<sup>9</sup> *Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us, and atone for our sins,  
for your name's sake!*

Psalm 90:8; cf Lk 12:3  
*You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.*

Psalm 130:3, 4  
<sup>3</sup> *If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?*  
<sup>4</sup> *But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.*