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We will look at the following:

1. Wisdom Psalms – 73 and 19
2. Lament Psalms – 25, 44, and 40/42
3. Praise Psalms – 138 and 8/11
4. Royal and Messianic Psalms – 2, 48/110

**Recurring theme** – *come to God disoriented and become re-oriented before God*

# Psalm 73

## A Tale of (Near) Betrayal



1. **Author** = *Asaph*
2. **Lesson** = *allow God to right your heart before proclaiming your thoughts, opinions, or beliefs*
3. **The “Tale” (testimony)** = *Asaph becomes temporarily “brutish” and “like a beast toward God,” but God graciously leads him by the hand into His presence to gain divine perspective ... before Asaph betrays a generation by proclaiming his “unenlightened” (ignorant, foolish, man-centered) opinions and beliefs.*

# Psalm 19

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1. **Author** = *King David*
2. **Lesson** = *God is declaring Himself to all the world through His works and His words ... that all may seek, know, and then humbly respond to Him through a changed life*
3. **When???** = *during David's 12 yrs in the wilderness escaping Saul ... after he learned that his descendent would sit on the throne forever ... after he was broken over his murder of Uriah?*

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*Romans 1:19f ... for what can be known about God is plain ... because God has shown it ... His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world ...*

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God's voice in the Law is ...

- Ongoing ... verbal communication
- Living words of God ...
- To be desired ...

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God's voice in the Law is ... (qualities)

- ✓ Perfect → reviving the soul (without error; without effects of evil)
- ✓ Sure → making wise the unwise (witness of scripture is absolute)
- ✓ Right → rejoicing the heart (never unjust)
- ✓ Pure → enlightening the eyes (can see God at work)
- ✓ Clean → fear ... directing us to holy, life-long worship
- ✓ True → every judgment is correct

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God's voice in the Law is ...

- To be desired – v10-11
  - To gaze upon ... (gold)
  - To savor ... (honey)
  - To warn ... (repentance)

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- Turn me from high-handed sins (v13) ... intentional; sins of arrogance
  - **Deut 29:19** ... *one who hears the words of this covenant, yet blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.'*

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## A sacrifice –

- A living sacrifice of the mouth and the heart – v14 ...
  - **Romans 12:1**... *I appeal to you therefore, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship*
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2. Know that God is reaching far beyond the borders of His people to declare His name!
  - **Exodus 19:6** ... a kingdom of priests to the nations

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**Now?** (how does this Psalm direct us today)

1. To listen for the voice of God in His works ... and His word ...
  2. And in His Son ...
- **Hebrews 1:1-3** ... *God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high ... (what is God declaring through His Son?)*

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## Final thoughts ...



When you witness an extraordinary event in creation, hear God's voice declaring ...

- I am here! Seek! Know! Trust! Receive!
  - ✓ See My works!
  - ✓ Hear My words!
  - ✓ Know My disciples!
  - ✓ Trust in My Son!

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