



Wisdom Psalms

- Characteristics of Wisdom Psalms:
 - a contrast between the righteous and the wicked
 - the fear (reverence) of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
 - alphabetical acrostic pattern
 - the use of the word "blessed"
- Books of wisdom literature in the OT
 - Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes
 - Job
 - Psalms

Psalm 1

- This first Psalm is kind of an introduction to the entire book of Psalms, sets the tone for them all
- **blessed**
- **wicked, sinners, scoffers**
- **walk, sit, stand**
- **counsel, way, seat**
- **law**
- **streams of living water**
- **prospers**

Psalm 73

- **Does it seem like wicked prosper and the righteous suffer?**

- vv. 1-3: envious of the arrogant

- vv. 4-15: the arrogant seems to prosper

- vv. 16-17: a reorientation, change of perspective
 - **v. 17 is the turning point in the Psalm, a reorientation**

- vv. 18-28: a renewed perspective, expression of faith
 - vv. 18-20: a reorientation toward the wicked
 - vv. 21-22: a reorientation toward one's self
 - vv. 23-28: a reorientation towards the presence of God

- **What kind of "reorientation" does being in worship provide you?**

Psalm 111

- v. 1: an opening expression of praise

- v. 2-7a: a focus on "God's works"

- vv.7b-10a: a focus on God's Word

- v. 10: "fear" – what does the "fear of the Lord" really mean?

- v. 10b: a closing expression of praise

"Psalms of Wisdom" – 1, 19, 34, 37, 49, 73, 78, 111, 112, 119, 127, 128, 133, 139