

Psalms: Making Contact with God

When we open the Psalms, we are immersed in the patterns and beliefs that governed the life of Jesus Christ.

1. The Psalms shape our understanding of:

- a. Reality
- b. Humanity
- c. Our perception of God

2. The Psalms serve as a spiritual root system

3. God created us to be “people poems”

4. Psalms invites us to stand at the intersection of time and eternity

5. Psalms welcomes us to inhabit the junction of heaven and earth

6. Psalms teaches us to live at the interchange of matter and spirit

7. We are the knot which ties heaven and earth together

8. Psalms provides for us:

- a. A sustained current of revelation
- b. Spiritual root system
- c. A backdrop for our humanity
- d. Backbone for living God's truth
- e. Access to faith
- f. Grounding in God's family
- g. Connection to the "*communion of the saints*"

9. The Psalms:

- a. Shape us to live as children of God
- b. Equip us to serve as servants of God
- c. Inspire us to worship as worshipers of God