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Developing a Heart for God
"The Greatest Prayers of All Times"
Psalm 30

The Psalms enable us to give voice to our emotions of **thanks, sorrow, anger, fear, praise.**

Five different kinds of Psalms

1. Thanksgiving Psalms

Psalm 30

- Psalms of praise focus on **who God is**
- Psalms of thanksgiving focus on the **mighty acts** of God

A basic structure:

- An admission of **need**
- A **cry to God**
- An expression of **thanks for God's work**

The **giving of our offerings** is a way of saying thanks.

2. Penitential Psalms

These psalms help us to **self-examine ourselves**
express confession

- Search our **hearts**
- "God, send me a **Nathan**"

Psalm 103:8-13

3. Wisdom Psalms

Wisdom psalms give **instruction** and **guidance** to God's people

They praise and celebrate **God's Law**

Psalm 119

Psalm 19:9-11

4. Imprecatory Psalms

Imprecatory psalms express a strong wish for the **destruction of the Psalmist's enemies**

Psalm 58:6-8

"**Rage belongs to God**" - *Myris Lowhof*

5. Enthronement Psalms

These psalms remind us that no matter what we face **God is still enthroned**

Psalm 96

READING PLAN:

Complete Track

Monday - Job 1-4; Psalm 39

Tuesday - Job 5-7

Wednesday - Job 8-10; Psalm 71

Thursday - Job 11-13

Friday - Job 14-17; Psalm 72

Weekend - Job 18-21

Fast Track

1st Reading - Psalms 30; 69; 96

2nd Reading - Psalm 119:1-112

3rd Reading - Psalms 74; 83; 94