

Treasure Hunt

- What is the common theme in Psalms 5 and 12?
- What four requests does David make of God in Psalm 5, and in what order?
- Is it appropriate for David to ask God to overthrow his enemies in 5:10? Why or why not?
- What might Sheminith (end of Psalm 5) and Alamoth (end of Psalm 45) mean?
- What “words of the Lord” does David have in mind in v. 6?
- What two ideas are suggested by calling God’s words “pure” (12:6)?
- David speaks to the Lord twice in Psalm 12. How do these two statements differ? What leads him to change from the first to the second?
- Three kinds of individuals speak in these two psalms. Who are they? Who speaks to whom? Who does not speak to whom? Why is this surprising?
- How does Isaiah 37 illustrate this pattern?

Groups of Psalms in Book 1 (Robertson & others

Book 1: 1-41

1-2: Opening

3-14: God delivers the **weak** from the strong

3-7: **Sleep**: Temple, chastisement, **words**, “arise”

8: David and Goliath

9-14: **Poor**: Temple, chastisement, **words**, “arise”

15-25: Kingship

15:1-2 Qualifications for ascending Zion
& entering the sanctuary

19: 2nd Torah Psalm

24:3-4 Qualifications for ascending Zion
& entering the sanctuary

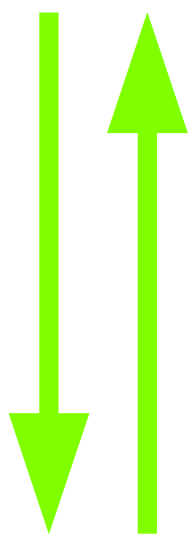
26-32: Regal Dwellingplace Psalms
Centered on Ps 29

33-41: Psalms of the Sufferer

34-37: The Innocent Sufferer

38-41: The Guilty Sufferer

How the Wicked Attack (Prov 6:16-19)

	16 These six <i>things</i> doth the LORD hate: yea, seven <i>are</i> an abomination unto him:		
Dissension	17 A proud look,		and he that soweth discord among brethren.
Wicked speech	a lying tongue,		19 A false witness <i>that</i> speaketh lies,
Wicked acts	and hands that shed innocent blood,		feet that be swift in running to mischief,
Malice	18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,		

Four Cycles in Psalm 5

Prayer for ...	Request	Motive
Attention	1 Give ear to my words , O LORD, consider my meditation . 2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry , my King, and my God:	For כִּי unto thee will I pray . 3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct <i>my prayer</i> unto thee, and will look up. 4 For כִּי thou <i>art</i> not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee. 5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. 6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing : the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. 7 But as for me, I will come <i>into</i> thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: <i>and</i> in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
Direction	8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.	9 For כִּי <i>there is</i> no faithfulness in their mouth ; their inward part <i>is</i> very wickedness; their throat <i>is</i> an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue .
Defense	10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels ; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions;	For כִּי they have rebelled against thee.
Rejoicing	11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy , because do thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.	12 For כִּי thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as <i>with</i> a shield.

Supplements to Psalm 5

8 Lead me in thy righteousness

Joh 7:17 If any man **will [wants to]** do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

10 Fall by their own counsels

Psa 7:15 He made a pit, and digged it, and **is fallen into the ditch which he made.**

Psa 9:15 The heathen are **sunk down in the pit that they made:** in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is **snared in the work of his own hands.**

Sheminith and Alamoith

Sheminith (“the eighth”) ends Psalms 5 & 11.

Alamoith (“virgins,” Isa 7:14) ends Psalm 45.

Both appear in the David’s choir when he brought the ark to Jerusalem:

1Ch 15:19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass; 20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on **Alamoith**; 21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obededom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the **Sheminith** to excel [to direct לְנִצֵּחַ].

Summary of Psalm 5: David responds to the verbal opposition of his enemies by asking the Lord for his attention, direction, defense, and joy.

The Structure of Psalm 12

Address to the Lord	1 Help, Lord		7 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord
The state of the world	For the godly man ceaseth...		8 The wicked walk on every side ...
Description of words	2 <the words of the wicked>		6 The words of the Lord ...
The Lord's actions	3-4 Described by David		5 Promised by the Lord

Summary: Overwhelmed by the vain words of the wicked, David appeals to the Lord, who responds with his pure promise of deliverance.

12:6 pure words, as silver tried ...

“Tried” צָרוּךְ, passive participle “refined,” Strong 6884:

Psa 18:30 = 2 Sam 22:31
As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is **tried**: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

Psa 119:140 Thy word is very **pure**: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Pro 30:5 Every word of God is **pure**: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Dangers of the Tongue

Jam 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Instructions for Believers

Col 4:6 Let your speech *be* alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Responding to Malicious Speech

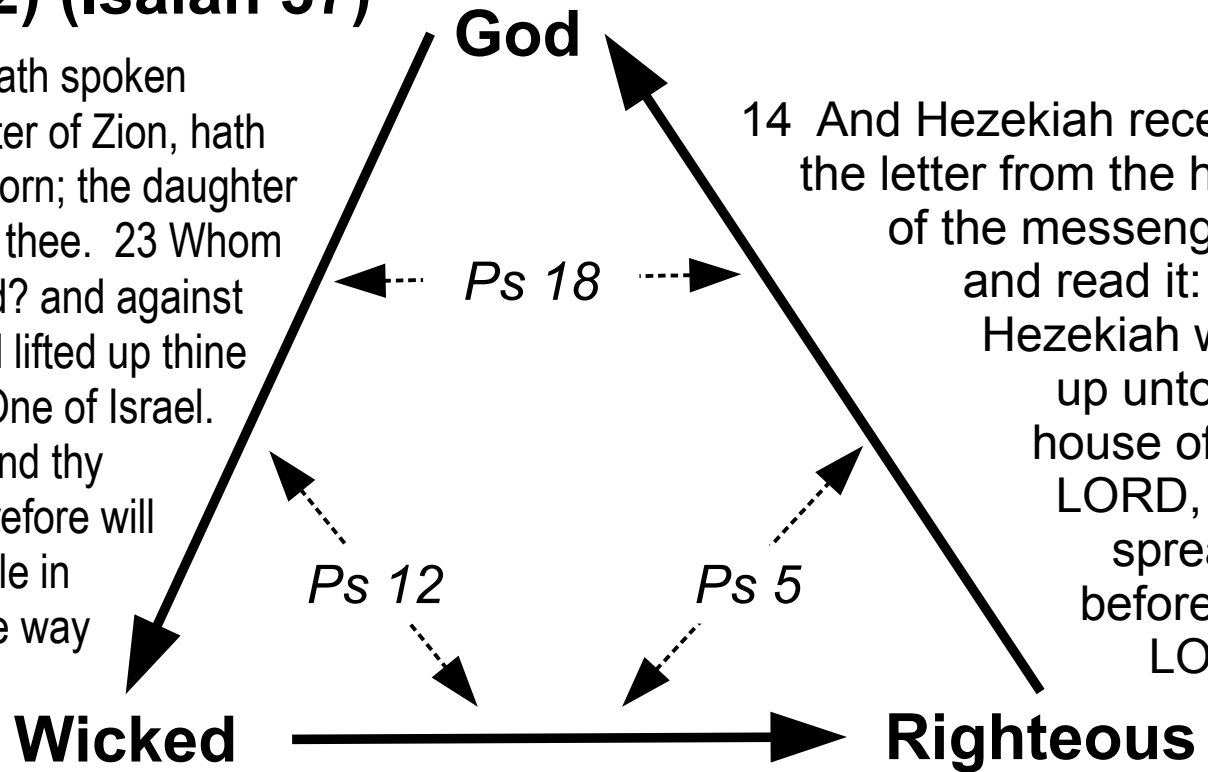
The World's Way:

Wicked ↔ **Righteous**

God's Way (Pss. 5, 12) (Isaiah 37)

22 This is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. 23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel. ... 29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.



9 [Rabshakeh] sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?