

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

07-16-2023 // WEEK 28 NOTES

Psalms 70 - 102

We remain in the psalms this week and you have read through **book 3 (Psalms 73 - 89)** and entered **book 4** which goes through **Psalm 106**. Remember that the psalms are divided into five books. Its different authors are identified at the top of the psalm, unless it's not known. Here's the overview.

Book 3 (Psalms 73 - 89)

- **Psalms 70 - 89:** Psalm 73 cries out for justice from God, that he sees all. This note of despair crescendos in Psalm 88, the only psalm that ends with no note of hope. It is indeed the bleakest of all the psalms. Psalm 89 concludes with any expectation of hope being threatened. There are occasional psalms of hope in this darkness (75,85,87). Most of these psalms were written by Asaph (Psalms 73-83) and the Korah psalms (84-85;87-88).

Book 4 (Psalms 90 - 106)

- **Psalms 90 - 95:** Psalm 90 is attributed to Moses, his only contribution to the psalms. It is a psalm about the sovereign reign of God. How he knows our days and oversees each one. You can see the change from Book 3 already. Please read Psalm 91 repeatedly. It is beloved, full of promises for those who "dwell in the shadow of the Most High God." I spent about an hour alone while reading it recently. It's so powerful. The others are about God's justice and care for his children.
- **Psalms 96-102:** These psalms are ones characterized by the phrase, "The Lord reigns." There is a constant reminder throughout the psalms that God oversees his created order and reigns over all. In this section, Psalm 100 is the most famous. It is a reminder that we are God's people, his sheep, and we are the sheep of his pasture, his world.

Keep reading! I hope you are enjoying the journey. - David