

3. What God is like in Jesus

Jn 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

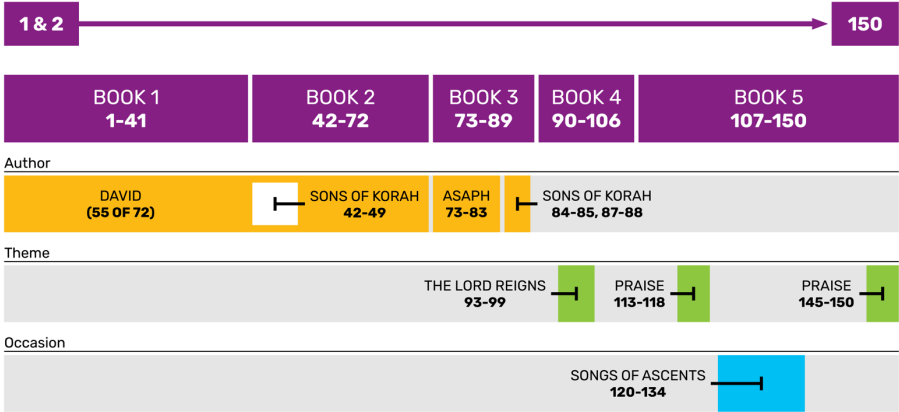
Heb 9:27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many ...

Mk 5:18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

**For discussion/reflection:** why should Christians continue to confess our sins?

1 Jn 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

THE SONGBOOK OF PSALMS



"A song for every situation"  
3. After I've sinned



1. The constant threat of moralism when reading the Old Testament ...

ask "what is \_\_\_\_\_ like?" before asking "how might \_\_\_\_\_ respond?"

Jn 1:18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

"A song for every situation"	Psalm	Geoff's Top Tips for reading Psalms for all they're worth
1. Any time	Ps 1, Ps 150	Contextually
2. Under attack	Ps 2, Ps 3	Messianically
3. After I've sinned	Ps 51	T_____
4. In the good times	Ps 116, Ps 128	P_____
5. When I'm alone and afraid	Ps 88, Ps 136	C_____
6. In transit	Ps 73, Ps 27	O_____

## Psalm 51

*For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.*

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out **my transgressions**.  
2 Wash away all **my iniquity**  
and cleanse me from **my sin**.  
3 For I know **my transgressions**,  
and **my sin** is always before me.  
4 Against you, you only, have I **sinned** and **done what is evil** in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.  
5 Surely I was **sinful** at birth,  
**sinful** from the time my mother conceived me.  
6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.  
  
7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
9 Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
11 Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.  
  
13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
so that sinners will turn back to you.  
14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior,  
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.  
15 Open my lips, Lord,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.  
17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.  
18 May it please you to prosper Zion,  
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.  
19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered  
whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

## 2. What God is like in Psalm 51

### 2.1 God is merciful and compassionate (vv1-6)

- all sin is first and foremost an offence against God

- vertical and horizontal

### 2.2 God gives the joy of His salvation (vv7-12)

- if you're not a believer

"You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same" (Indescribable)

- if you are a believer

"When Satan tempts to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin" (Before the Throne of God Above)

### 2.3 God delights in our response (vv13-18)

- teach vs sing vs declare

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