

## Psalm 27

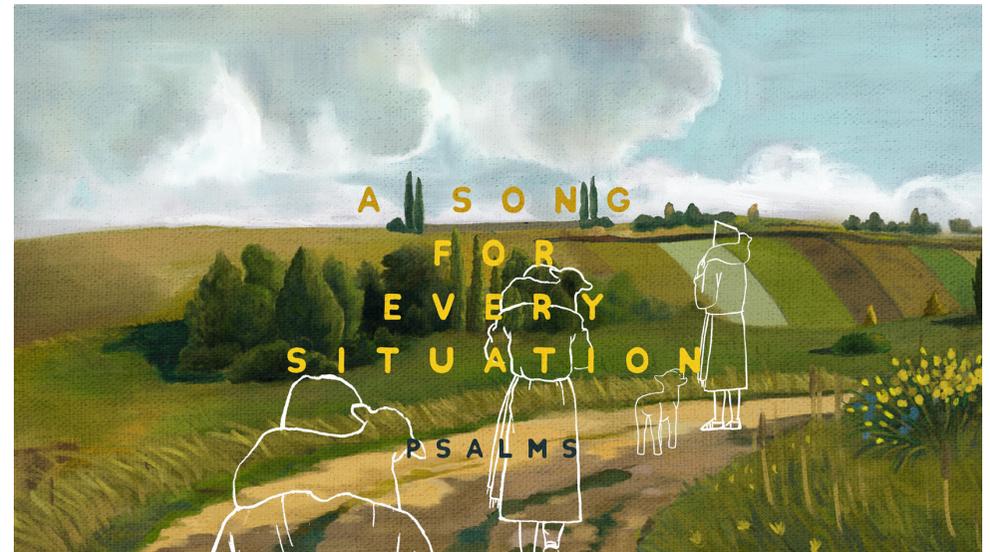
*Of David.*

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?  
2 When the wicked advance against me to devour me,  
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.  
3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;  
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.  
4 One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of  
the LORD and to seek him in his temple.  
5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.  
6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I  
will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.  
7 Hear my voice when I call, LORD;  
be merciful to me and answer me.  
8 My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”  
Your face, LORD, I will seek.  
9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.  
10 Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will receive me.  
11 Teach me your way, LORD;  
lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.  
12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,  
for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.  
**13 I remain confident of this:**  
**I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**  
**14 Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

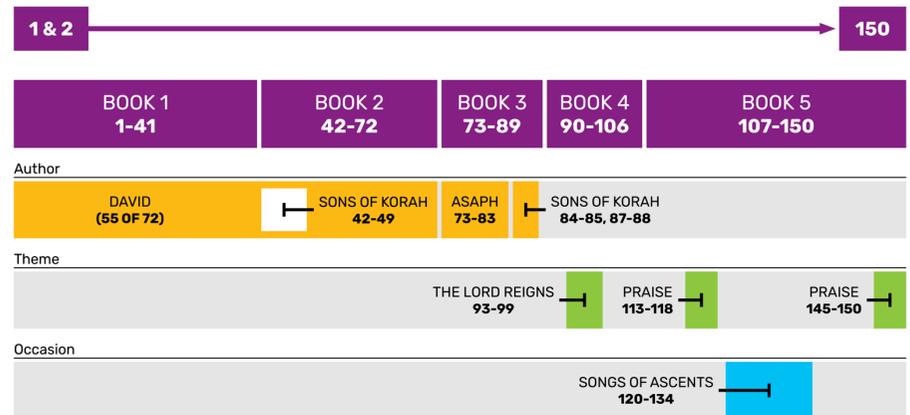


## "A song for every situation"

### 6. In transit



## THE SONGBOOK OF PSALMS



Ps 46:4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

Ps 48:1 Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain. 2 Beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth, like the heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King. 3 God is in her citadels; he has shown himself to be her fortress.

<p><b>Psalm 73</b> <i>A psalm of Asaph.</i></p> <p><b>1 Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.</b></p> <p><b>2 But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.</b></p> <p>3 For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. 5 They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills 6 Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. 7 From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil imaginations have no limits. 8 They scoff, and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression. 9 Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth. 10 Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance. 11 They say, "How would God know? Does the Most High know anything?" 12 This is what the wicked are like - always free of care, they go on amassing wealth. 13 Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. 14 All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments. 15 If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children.</p>	<p><b>16 When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply</b></p> <p><b>17 till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.</b></p> <p>18 Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin. 19 How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors! 20 They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.</p> <p>21 When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, 22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. <b>23 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.</b></p> <p><b>24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.</b></p> <p><b>25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.</b></p> <p><b>26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.</b></p> <p>27 Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. <b>28 But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.</b></p>
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"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	Theologically
4. In the good times	Ps 116, Ps 128	Poetically
5. When I'm alone and afraid	Ps 88, Ps 136	Communally
6. In transit	Ps 73, Ps 27	O_____

### 1. When theology and experience don't align (Psalm 73)

v1

vv2-15

vv16-20

Q. What is "the sanctuary of God?"

vv21-28

change in \_\_\_\_\_ not change in \_\_\_\_\_

"It is a remarkable feature of the Psalms that expressions of joy are almost entirely incongruent with the circumstances from which the Psalms arise ... They often express genuine joy before anything changes ... the external circumstances do not create the happiness ... rather, they are simply a tool of revelation and guidance as God seeks to draw his people back into his embrace". (Matthew Jacoby, p.118)

### 2. While we wait ... (Psalm 27)

"Waiting is what we see God's people doing for most of biblical history. What draws our attention is the series of amazing acts of God on behalf of his people. What we tend to miss, however, are the long spaces of times in between these acts of God" (Matthew Jacoby, pp.91-92)

### 3. How to live "in transit"

avoiding wrong extremes (complacency and despair)

optimism and excitement

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

"I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" (Mt16:18)