

3. Application

"Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built." (Luke 6:47–48)

After we've discovered treasure in God's word, we need to process that truth into personal actions of faith and obedience.

What does God want you to DO with the truth the Holy Spirit reveals to your heart?

Here's a simple tool to help in your personal application:

Make **SPACE** in your life!

S - Sins I need to confess

P - Promises I need to claim

A - Attitudes I need to change

C - Commands I need to obey

E - Examples I need to follow or avoid

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgniD6R0CNo&list=WL&index=56&t=0s>

Just copy the above link into your browser and watch the videos.

Next week:

Practical ways your Bible Study can change your life.

How To Study The Bible —Week 4: - Application & Meditation

Purpose of this series:

"It is vital for every Christian to know how to study the Bible. You should be able to dig into God's word yourself to glean and to gain all the riches that the Bible contains."

John MacArthur

1. Special Study Processes for Psalms

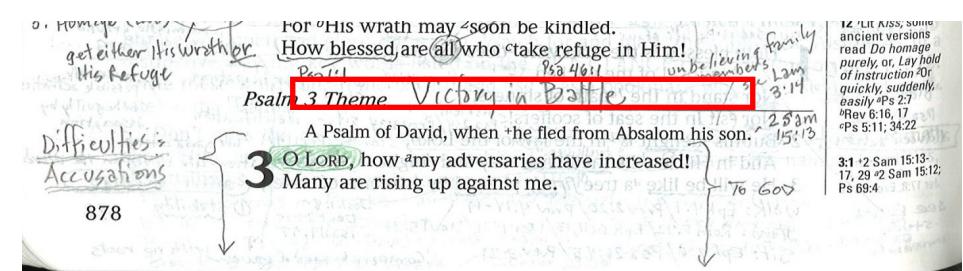
Studying Psalms is important for us today

The New Testament quotes the Old Testament 283 times with over 116 of those referring to Psalms

It's a hymnal for worship services—and can aid us in our worship

The word "Psalms" means, "a song sung to the accompaniment of a plucked instrument. Singing is mentioned 69 times in Psalms.

Check out the Superscriptions - look for the cross reference

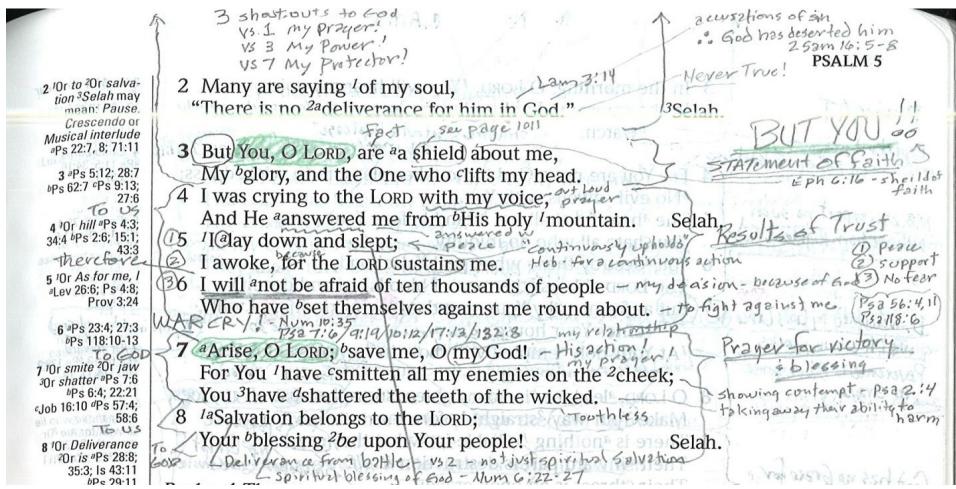


Psalm 3 - Have you ever had family difficulties and rifts?

About the word "Selah" - instructions not to be read but thought about

Check out the Pronouns - picture the movement action

Who is speaking and to whom? This changes without notice



Notice the change between verse 3 and 4?

And again between verse 6 and 7?

Do you see a change in the middle of verse 8?

These changes show movement in the temple worship service and brings fresh views to our study.

Watch for the verb tenses

Does the verb happen in the past, the present, or the future?

Note vs. 3 - God is a present shield.

Note vs. 4 - David was crying out—but God answered in the past

Note vs. 6 - Because of God's presence now and his deliverance in the past, David will not be afraid in the future. Even when the problems are huge.

Watch out for Christian "buzz words"

"Saved" or "Salvation" may or may not mean a spiritual salvation we have as believers. But, could just mean being rescued from a current bad situation.

Watch for Repeated Words or Phrases

Vs. 1 "O Lord" - The Lord is my Prayer

Vs. 3 "O Lord" - The Lord is my Power

Vs. 7 "O Lord" - The Lord is my Protector

"The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, That they may enter into Him, that they may delight in his presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God himself in the core and center of their hearts." A.W. Tozer – author, pastor, and magazine editor.

"Remember, it's not hasty reading, but serious meditating upon holy and heavenly truths, that make them prove sweet and profitable to the soul." Thomas Brooks - ex-sea captain and great Puritan preacher and author.

2 . Meditation - Job 42:1-3 What do these verses say to me today?

Not Eastern Meditation

Empty your mind of all thought.

Lose track of who and where you are.

Use a repetitive mantra.

In order to Reach a feeling.

Biblical Meditation - see Psalm 19 for example. Psalm 145:5,6

Focus your mind on God in his complete trinity.

Literally fill your mind with God's presence.

Recognize who and where you are in relation to God.

Talk directly to God.

Not with meaningless, repetitive words... Matthew 6:7,8

Focus:

Who God is... to you personally.

What he wants from you.

What he wants to do for you personally.

What he has already done for you.

What he is going to do for you.

In order to Reach a call to personal action.

"Lord, help me take this action in obedience and surrender to you."