

**“The Greatest Prayers of all Time”**  
Modern Struggles/Ancient Lessons  
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Today’s Scripture: Psalm 19, 51, 96, 103, 119, 137

1. THANSGIVING PSALM

I will exalt you, O LORD,  
for you lifted me out of the depths  
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.  
O LORD my God, I called to you for help  
and you healed me.  
O LORD, you brought me up from the grave;  
you spared me from going down into the pit.  
Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;  
praise his holy name.  
For his anger lasts only a moment,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may remain for a night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning” Psalm 30:1-5

“Worship - the only gift we can bring to God that he himself has not first given to us.” *Isobel Ralston*

The Movement of a Thanksgiving Psalm

- Admission of need
- Cry to God
- Expression of thanks

APPLICATION: Put it on Paper

*“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

2. CONFESSIONAL PSALM

- God, please show me my hidden faults
- Please send me a Nathan

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9*

See Psalm 51  
Psalm 103  
I John 1:9

### 3. WISDOM PSALM

*“The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.”*  
Psalm 19:9-11

See Psalm 119:1-4  
Psalm 119:5-8  
Psalm 119:9-11

### 4. IMPRECATORY PSALM (“Get My Enemies Laments”)

“Rage belongs before God.” Myris Lowhof

See Psalm 58:6-8  
Luke 6:27-29

### 5. ENTHRONEMENT PSALM

- SAY IT - “Our God Reigns!”
- READ IT - *“Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory and his marvelous deeds. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, ‘The Lord reigns.’ He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.”* Psalm 96
- PRAY IT
- SING IT

See also Hebrews 12:1-3