

Concordia Theological Seminary
Continuing Education

THEOLOGY OF THE PSALMS

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Course Description

Representative Psalms will be examined from the standpoint of how these Psalms enhance our theological understanding. Also, this course will discuss some of the more challenging aspects of the interpretation of the Psalms. Ideas for preaching on the Psalms will be shared, as well as sermon outlines.

Course Outline

- I. Introduction
 - A. Poetic books, Hebrew poetry
 - B. Psalms introduction, psalm titles, authorship, compilation
 - C. Psalm types
 - D. Interpretation of the psalms, benefits of studying the psalms

- II. Wisdom, doctrinal, ethical psalms
 - A. Psalm 1
 - B. Psalms 37, 73
 - C. Psalm 119

- III. Psalms of prayer, confession, commitment
 - A. Psalm 23
 - B. Psalm 24
 - C. Psalm 90

- IV. Penitential psalms
 - A. Psalm 32
 - B. Psalm 51

- V. Psalms of imprecation, complaint, lament (e.g., 35, 69, 109)

- VI. Messianic psalms
 - A. Psalm 2
 - B. Psalm 16
 - C. Psalm 22
 - D. Psalm 110

- VII. Doctrines of the psalms

VIII. Sermon Ideas

Required Text:

None

Suggested Text:

None