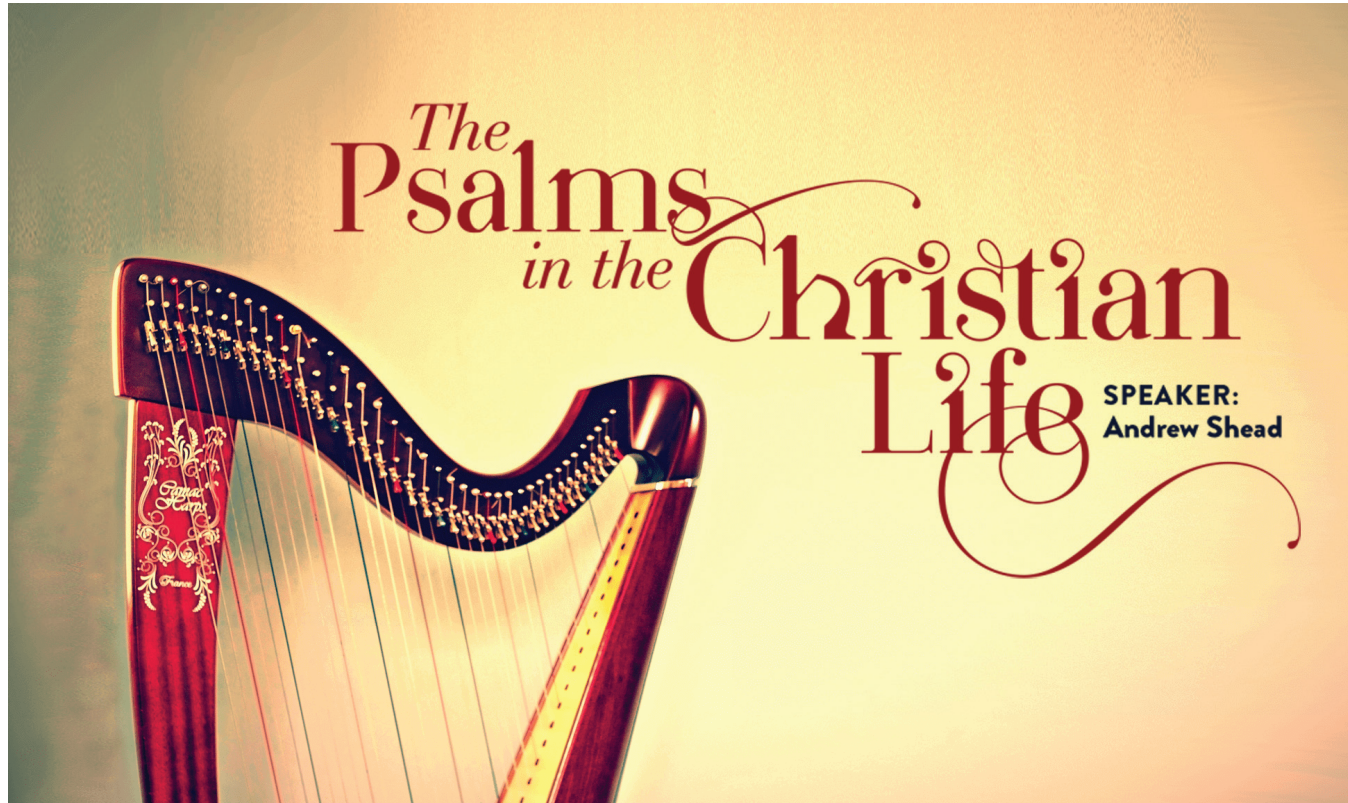




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THE PSALMS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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1. Psalm 1, poetry and the purpose of the book

ACTIVITY 1: READ

Psalm 93 (NIV 2011)

- ¹ The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.
- ² Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.
- ³ The seas have lifted up, Lord,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.
- ⁴ Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the Lord on high is mighty.
- ⁵ Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.

Images

Argument

Emotional journey

Rational journey

2. Psalm 2, pottery and the plot of the book

ACTIVITY 2: WRITE

Psalm 64 (NIV 2011)

David/Israel

Christ

Me/us

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

- Hear me, my God, as I voice my complaint;
protect my life from the threat of the enemy.
- ² Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked,
from the plots of evildoers.
- ³ They sharpen their tongues like swords
and aim cruel words like deadly arrows.
- ⁴ They shoot from ambush at the innocent;
they shoot suddenly, without fear.
- ⁵ They encourage each other in evil plans,
they talk about hiding their snares;
they say, “Who will see it?”
- ⁶ They plot injustice and say,
“We have devised a perfect plan!”
Surely the human mind and heart are cunning.
- ⁷ But God will shoot them with his arrows;
they will suddenly be struck down.
- ⁸ He will turn their own tongues against them
and bring them to ruin;
all who see them will shake their heads in scorn.
- ⁹ All people will fear;
they will proclaim the works of God
and ponder what he has done.
- ¹⁰ The righteous will rejoice in the Lord
and take refuge in him;
all the upright in heart will glory in him!

INTERLUDE: RESPONDING VISUALLY TO THE PSALMS (FIONA PFENNIGWERTH)

3. Psalm 8, personhood and the practice of praise

Resources

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ACTIVITY 3: SPEAK

Psalms 146 (NIV 2011)

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

² I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and everything in them—

he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed

and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,

⁸ the Lord gives sight to the blind,

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,

the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the foreigner

and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord reigns forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

Psalms 146 (metrical version)

Praise the LORD, sing hallelujah!

O my soul, sing out God's praise.

² While I live I'll praise Jehovah;
praise my God through all my days.

³ Put no confidence in princes,
nor on human help depend;

⁴ when he dies the dust shall claim him,
and that day his plans shall end.

⁵ Happy is the one who chooses
Jacob's God to be his aid.

⁶ He is blest whose hope of blessing
on the LORD his God is stayed.

Heav'n and earth are his creation,
seas and all that they contain;
this is all the LORD's own doing,
loyal love he will maintain.

⁷ He delivers from oppression,
feeds the hungry in their plight.
God leads prisoners out to freedom,

⁸ God restores the blind their sight.

God lifts up those bent with anguish;
God loves all the righteous ones;

⁹ Yes, the Lord befriends the stranger,
orphans, widows he sustains.

He upturns the wicked's pathway,

¹⁰ evermore the LORD is King;

Your God, Zion, reigns forever.

Hallelujah to him sing!



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Wednesday 25 October, Moore Theological College

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