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**The central thought of the book of Psalms is Christ,
as revealed in plain words, and the church as the house of God
and the city of God for His kingdom,
as typified by the temple and by the city of Jerusalem.**

**It is by Christ's wonderful shepherding
and by our entering into this shepherding
that the Body of Christ will be built up
with His redeemed and regenerated ones
and that the bride will be prepared
for Him to return as the King in the next age
in the manifestation of His kingdom.**

**If we have an affectionate love for the Lord Jesus,
our tongue will be the pen of a ready writer,
ready to write our love for Him and our praise to Him
with our experience and enjoyment of Him
according to all that He is.**

**At His second coming, Christ will take possession of the earth
and will establish God's kingdom on earth,
spreading the kingdom by Himself as the flowing river,
recovering the earth by watering,
and satisfying the thirsty ones with living water.**

CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OUTLINES

THE PSALMS (1)

Message One

The Central Thought of the Book of Psalms

Scripture Reading: Psa. 2:6-9; 27:4; 36:8-9; 48:1-2; 72:8; 22:27

- Psa 2:6 But I have installed My King / Upon Zion, My holy mountain.
Psa 2:7 I will recount the decree of Jehovah; / He said to Me: You are My Son; / Today I have begotten You.
Psa 2:8 Ask of Me, / And I will give the nations as Your inheritance / And the limits of the earth as Your possession.
Psa 2:9 You will break them with an iron rod; / You will shatter them like a potter's vessel.
Psa 27:4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.
Psa 36:8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, / And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.
Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light.
Psa 48:1 Great is Jehovah, / And much to be praised / In the city of our God, / In His holy mountain.
Psa 48:2 Beautiful in elevation, / The joy of the whole earth, / Is Mount Zion, the sides of the north, / The city of the great King.
Psa 72:8 And He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
Psa 22:27 All the ends of the earth / Will remember and return to Jehovah, / And all families of the nations / Will worship before You;

I. The Psalms are fully Christ centered; Christ is not only the centrality but also the universality of the Psalms—Luke 24:44.

Luke 24:44 And He said to them, These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all the things written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and Psalms concerning Me must be fulfilled.

II. The central thought of the book of Psalms is Christ, as revealed in plain words, and the church as the house of God and the city of God for His kingdom, as typified by the temple and by the city of Jerusalem—2:6-9; 26:8; 27:4; 46:4:

- Psa 2:6 But I have installed My King / Upon Zion, My holy mountain.
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Psa 2:8 Ask of Me, / And I will give the nations as Your inheritance / And the limits of the earth as Your possession.
Psa 2:9 You will break them with an iron rod; / You will shatter them like a potter's vessel.
Psa 26:8 O Jehovah, I love the habitation of Your house, / And the place where Your glory abides.
Psa 27:4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.
Psa 46:4 There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God, / The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

A. The spirit, the reality, the characteristic, of the divine revelation in the book of Psalms is Christ as the centrality and universality of the eternal economy of God—2:6-9:

- Psa 2:6 But I have installed My King / Upon Zion, My holy mountain.
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1. For this, Christ is first the embodiment of the Triune God (Col. 2:9), then the house, the habitation, of God (signified by the temple—John 2:19-21), the kingdom of God (signified by the city of Jerusalem—Luke 17:21; Rev. 22:3b), and the Ruler of the entire earth from the house of God and in the kingdom of God (Dan. 2:34-35).

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

John 2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

John 2:20 Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days?

John 2:21 But He spoke of the temple of His body.

Luke 17:21 Nor will they say, Behold, here it is! or, There! For behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.

Rev 22:3b ... And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will serve Him;

Dan 2:34 You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

2. Christ is therefore all in all in the entire universe—Eph. 1:23; Col. 3:11.

Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

B. The picture given in the book of Psalms is the same as that portrayed by the entire Bible: Christ, the church, and the reigning of Christ over the whole earth with the New Jerusalem as the center—Matt. 16:16, 18; Rev. 21:1-3, 24.

Matt 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea is no more.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice out of the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Rev 21:24 And the nations will walk by its light; and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it.

C. The particular point related to the divine revelation in the Psalms is that such a high revelation is prophesied in the expressions of the sentiments of the ancient godly saints.

D. The consummation of the divine revelation is the city of New Jerusalem as a sign of the habitation, the tabernacle, of God, through which the processed and consummated Triune God will be manifested and expressed in the all-inclusive Christ and will reign on the new earth in the new universe for eternity—Rev. 21:1-3.

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E. The five books of the Psalms are arranged in the same progressive way as the entire Bible is arranged:

1. From the first book of the Psalms to the fifth book, the revelation progresses higher and higher; the fifth book is filled with the psalmists' praising of God.

2. The central thought in this progressive revelation is that God is embodied in Christ, Christ is in His Body, and His Body is God's house and God's city for God's kingdom over the earth—Col. 2:9; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:19; Rev. 11:15.

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

III. The book of Psalms covers four main points in a wonderful sequence: Christ—house—city—earth—2:6-7; 27:4; 48:2; 72:8:

Psa 2:6 But I have installed My King / Upon Zion, My holy mountain.

Psa 2:7 I will recount the decree of Jehovah; / He said to Me: You are My Son; / Today I have begotten You.

Psa 27:4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.

Psa 48:2 Beautiful in elevation, / The joy of the whole earth, / Is Mount Zion, the sides of the north, / The city of the great King.

Psa 72:8 And He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.

A. In the Psalms we see the details concerning the all-inclusive Christ in God's eternal economy:

1. **Christ in His divinity—45:6; Heb. 1:8.**

Psa 45:6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; / The scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

Heb 1:8 But of the Son, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

2. **Christ in His incarnation—Psa. 8:4; Heb. 2:6.**

Psa 8:4 What is mortal man, that You remember him, / And the son of man, that You visit him?

Heb 2:6 But one has solemnly testified somewhere, saying, "What is man, that You bring him to mind? Or the son of man, that You care for him?"

3. **Christ in His humanity—Psa. 8:4; Heb. 2:6.**

Psa 8:4 What is mortal man, that You remember him, / And the son of man, that You visit him?

Heb 2:6 But one has solemnly testified somewhere, saying, "What is man, that You bring him to mind? Or the son of man, that You care for him?"

4. **Christ in His human living—Psa. 16:1-8.**

Psa 16:1 Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.

Psa 16:2 I say to Jehovah, You are my Lord; / No good have I beyond You;

Psa 16:3 As for the saints who are on the earth, they are the excellent; / All my delight is in them.

Psa 16:4 The sorrows of them who bartered for some other god will be multiplied; / Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, / Nor will I take up their names upon my lips.

Psa 16:5 Jehovah is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; / You maintain my lot.

Psa 16:6 The measuring lines have fallen on pleasant places for me; / Indeed the inheritance is beautiful to me.

Psa 16:7 I will bless Jehovah, who counsels me; / Indeed in the nights my inward parts instruct me.

Psa 16:8 I have set Jehovah before me continually; / Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

5. **Christ in His death—22:1-21.**

Psa 22:1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? / Why are You so far from saving me, / From the words of my groaning?

Psa 22:2 O my God, I call out in the day, but You do not answer; / And in the night, but there is no rest for me.

Psa 22:3 But You are holy, You who sit enthroned / Upon the praises of Israel.

Psa 22:4 In You our fathers trusted; / They trusted and You rescued them.

Psa 22:5 To You they cried out and were delivered; / In You they trusted and were not put to shame.

Psa 22:6 But I am a worm and not a man, / A reproach of men and one despised by the people.

Psa 22:7 All who see me deride me; / They sneer at me; they shake their heads, saying,

Psa 22:8 He committed himself to Jehovah; let Him rescue him; / Let Him deliver him since He takes pleasure in him.

Psa 22:9 But You are the One who drew me forth from the womb, / Who made me trust while at my mother's breasts.

Psa 22:10 I was cast upon You from birth; / From my mother's womb You have been my God.

Psa 22:11 Do not be far from me, / For trouble is near, / For there is none to help me.

Psa 22:12 Many bulls surround me; / The mighty bulls of Bashan encompass me.

- Psa 22:13 They open their mouth at me, / Like a ravening and roaring lion.
Psa 22:14 I am poured out like water, / And all my bones are out of joint. / My heart is like wax; / It is melted within me.
Psa 22:15 My strength is dried up like a shard, / And my tongue is stuck to my jaws; / You have put me in the dust of death.
Psa 22:16 For dogs surround me; / A company of evildoers encloses me; / They pierce my hands and feet.
Psa 22:17 I count all my bones; / They look, they stare at me.
Psa 22:18 They divide my garments to themselves, / And for my clothing they cast lots.
Psa 22:19 But You, O Jehovah, be not far off; / O my help, hasten to aid me.
Psa 22:20 Deliver my soul from the sword, / My precious life from the power of the dog;
Psa 22:21 Save me from the mouth of the lion; / Indeed while I am in the horns of wild oxen, answer me.
6. **Christ in His resurrection—2:7; 16:10; 22:22; Heb. 2:12; Acts 2:25-32; 13:33-37.**
Psa 2:7 I will recount the decree of Jehovah; / He said to Me: You are My Son; / Today I have begotten You.
Psa 16:10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, / Nor let Your Holy One see the pit.
Psa 22:22 I will declare Your name to my brothers; / In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
Heb 2:12 Saying, "I will declare Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the church I will sing hymns of praise to You."
Acts 2:25 For David says regarding Him, "I saw the Lord continually before me, because He is on my right hand, that I may not be shaken.
Acts 2:26 Therefore my heart was made glad and my tongue exulted; moreover, also my flesh will rest in hope,
Acts 2:27 Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor will you permit Your Holy One to see corruption.
Acts 2:28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence."
Acts 2:29 Men, brothers, I can say to you plainly concerning the patriarch David that he both deceased and was buried, and his tomb is among us until this day.
Acts 2:30 Therefore, being a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him to seat One from the fruit of his loins upon his throne,
Acts 2:31 He, seeing this beforehand, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was He abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.
Acts 2:32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses.
Acts 13:33 That God has fully fulfilled this promise to us their children in raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."
Acts 13:34 And as to His having raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to corruption, He spoke in this way, "I will give you the holy things of David, the faithful things."
Acts 13:35 Therefore He also says in another place, "You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption."
Acts 13:36 Now David, having served his own generation by the counsel of God, did indeed fall asleep and was buried with his fathers and saw corruption;
Acts 13:37 But He whom God has raised did not see corruption.
7. **Christ in His ascension—Psa. 68:18; Eph. 4:8.**
Psa 68:18 You have ascended on high; You have led captive those taken captive; / You have received gifts among men, / Even the rebellious ones also, / That Jehovah God may dwell among them.
Eph 4:8 Therefore the Scripture says, "Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men."
8. **Christ in His exaltation—Psa. 80:17; 110:1.**
Psa 80:17 Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, / Upon the son of man whom You have strengthened for Yourself;
Psa 110:1 Jehovah declares to my Lord, / Sit at My right hand / Until I make Your enemies / Your footstool.
9. **Christ in His being crowned—8:5; Heb. 2:9.**
Psa 8:5 You have made him a little lower than angels / And have crowned him with glory and honor.

- Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.
10. **Christ in His enthronement—Psa. 2:6.**
Psa 2:6 But I have installed My King / Upon Zion, My holy mountain.
11. **Christ in His dominion, kingship, and authority—v. 8; 8:6; 47:2; 72:8.**
Psa 2:8 Ask of Me, / And I will give the nations as Your inheritance / And the limits of the earth as Your possession.
Psa 8:6 For You have caused him to rule over the works of Your hands; / You have put all things under his feet:
Psa 47:2 For Jehovah Most High is awesome: / A great King over all the earth.
Psa 72:8 And He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
12. **Christ in His priesthood—110:4.**
Psa 110:4 Jehovah has sworn, / And He will not change: / You are a Priest forever / According to the order of Melchizedek.
13. **Christ in His fighting—vv. 5-6; 45:3-5.**
Psa 110:5 The Lord is at Your right hand; / He will shatter kings in the day of His anger.
Psa 110:6 He will execute judgment among the nations; / He will fill the place with corpses; / He will shatter the head / Over a great land.
Psa 45:3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O mighty One, / In Your majesty and Your splendor.
Psa 45:4 And in Your splendor ride on victoriously / Because of truth and meekness and righteousness; / And let Your right hand teach You awesome deeds.
Psa 45:5 Your arrows are sharp: / The peoples fall under You; / The arrows are in the heart of the King's enemies.
14. **Christ in His victory—110:5-6.**
Psa 110:5 The Lord is at Your right hand; / He will shatter kings in the day of His anger.
Psa 110:6 He will execute judgment among the nations; / He will fill the place with corpses; / He will shatter the head / Over a great land.
15. **Christ in His indwelling—22:22.**
Psa 22:22 I will declare Your name to my brothers; / In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
16. **Christ in His shepherding—23.**
Psa 23:1 Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.
Psa 23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; / He leads me beside waters of rest.
Psa 23:3 He restores my soul; He guides me on the paths of righteousness / For His name's sake.
Psa 23:4 Even though I walk / Through the valley of the shadow of death, / I do not fear evil, / For You are with me; / Your rod and Your staff, / They comfort me.
Psa 23:5 You spread a table before me / In the presence of my adversaries; / You anoint my head with oil; / My cup runs over.
Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me / All the days of my life, / And I will dwell in the house of Jehovah / For the length of my days.
17. **Christ as the stone for the building—118:22.**
Psa 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected / Has become the head of the corner.
18. **Christ in His coming—72; 96; 110.**
Psa 72:1 O God, give Your judgments to the king, / And Your righteousness to the son of the king.
Psa 72:2 He will judge Your people in righteousness, / And Your poor with justice.
Psa 72:3 The mountains will bear peace to the people, / And the hills, in righteousness.
Psa 72:4 He will judge the poor of the people; / He will save the children of the needy / And crush the oppressor.
Psa 72:5 They will fear You as long as the sun endures / And as long as the moon endures / Throughout the generations.
Psa 72:6 He will drop like rain upon mown grass, / Like abundant showers dripping on the earth.
Psa 72:7 In His days the righteous will flourish, / And there will be an abundance of peace / Until the moon is no more.
Psa 72:8 And He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
Psa 72:9 The desert dwellers will bow down before Him, / And His enemies will lick the dust.
Psa 72:10 The kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands / Will pay tribute; / The kings of Sheba and Seba / Will present gifts.

- Psa 72:11 And all the kings will bow down before Him; / All the nations will serve Him.
Psa 72:12 For He will deliver the needy man when he cries, / And the poor man who has no one to help him.
Psa 72:13 He will have pity on the weak and needy, / And the souls of the needy He will save.
Psa 72:14 From oppression and violence / He will redeem their soul, / And their blood will be precious in His sight.
Psa 72:15 So He shall live and to Him shall be given / The gold of Sheba; / And prayer shall be made continually for Him; / He shall be blessed all the day long.
Psa 72:16 There will be an abundance of grain on the earth, / Even at the tops of the mountains. / Its fruit will wave like the forests of Lebanon, / And those of the city will blossom like the foliage of the earth.
Psa 72:17 His name will be forever; / As long as the sun endures, His name will spread; / And men will be blessed in Him; / All the nations will call Him blessed.
Psa 72:18 Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel, / Who alone does wondrous deeds;
Psa 72:19 And blessed be His glorious name forever; / And may His glory fill the whole earth. / Amen and Amen.
Psa 72:20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.
Psa 96:1 Sing to Jehovah a new song; / Sing to Jehovah, all the earth.
Psa 96:2 Sing to Jehovah, bless His name; / Proclaim His salvation from day to day.
Psa 96:3 Declare His glory among the nations, / His wondrous deeds among all the peoples.
Psa 96:4 For Jehovah is great and much to be praised; / He is to be feared above all gods.
Psa 96:5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, / But Jehovah made the heavens.
Psa 96:6 Majesty and splendor are before Him; / Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
Psa 96:7 Ascribe to Jehovah, O families of the peoples, / Ascribe to Jehovah, glory and strength;
Psa 96:8 Ascribe to Jehovah the glory of His name; / Bring an offering, and come into His courts.
Psa 96:9 Worship Jehovah in holy splendor; / Tremble before Him, all the earth.
Psa 96:10 Say among the nations, Jehovah reigns; / Indeed the world has been established; it will not be moved; / He will judge the peoples with equity.
Psa 96:11 Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; / Let the sea and its fullness roar.
Psa 96:12 Let the field and all that is in it exult; / Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy
Psa 96:13 Before Jehovah, for He is coming; / For He is coming to judge the earth; / He will judge the world with righteousness, / And the peoples with His truth.
Psa 110:1 Jehovah declares to my Lord, / Sit at My right hand / Until I make Your enemies / Your footstool.
Psa 110:2 Jehovah will send forth / The scepter of Your strength from Zion: / Rule in the midst of Your enemies.
Psa 110:3 Your people will offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare, / In the splendor of their consecration. / Your young men will be to You / Like the dew from the womb of the dawn.
Psa 110:4 Jehovah has sworn, / And He will not change: / You are a Priest forever / According to the order of Melchizedek.
Psa 110:5 The Lord is at Your right hand; / He will shatter kings in the day of His anger.
Psa 110:6 He will execute judgment among the nations; / He will fill the place with corpses; / He will shatter the head / Over a great land.
Psa 110:7 He will drink from the brook by the way; / Therefore He will lift up His head.

19. Christ in His reigning—93—101.

Psa 93-101 Omitted.

B. The Psalms reveal many aspects of the church as God's house, such as:

1. God's dwelling—68:18; 84:1.

Psa 68:18 You have ascended on high; You have led captive those taken captive; / You have received gifts among men, / Even the rebellious ones also, / That Jehovah God may dwell among them.
Psa 84:1 How lovely are Your tabernacles, / O Jehovah of hosts!

2. The ground, the site—24:3; 68:16; 76:2.

Psa 24:3 Who may ascend the mountain of Jehovah, / And who may stand in His holy place?
Psa 68:16 Why do you look with envy, O many-peaked mountains, / At the mountain on which God desires to dwell? / Indeed Jehovah will dwell there forever.
Psa 76:2 And in Salem is His tabernacle, / And His dwelling place, in Zion.

3. Its foundation—87:1.
Psa 87:1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.
 4. The place of God's presence, which is God's glory—26:8; 27:4; 29:9.
Psa 26:8 O Jehovah, I love the habitation of Your house, / And the place where Your glory abides.
Psa 27:4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.
Psa 29:9 The voice of Jehovah causes the hinds to calve / And strips the forests bare; / And in His temple all say, Glory!
 5. The place of revelation—73:17.
Psa 73:17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; / Then I perceived their end.
 6. The saints' desire—84:2, 10.
Psa 84:2 My soul longs, indeed even faints, / For the courts of Jehovah; / My heart and my flesh cry out / To the living God.
Psa 84:10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand; / I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God / Than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
 7. Its loveliness—v. 1.
Psa 84:1 How lovely are Your tabernacles, / O Jehovah of hosts!
 8. The place where we may be planted, flourish, and bear fruit—92:13-14.
Psa 92:13 Planted in the house of Jehovah, / They will flourish in the courts of our God.
Psa 92:14 They will still bring forth fruit in old age; / They will be full of sap and green;
 9. The place of springs—87:7.
Psa 87:7 Then singing as well as dancing, they will say, / All my springs are in you.
 10. The place of worship—99:9.
Psa 99:9 Exalt Jehovah our God, / And worship on His holy mountain; / For holy is Jehovah our God.
 11. The place where God is our portion—73:26.
Psa 73:26 My flesh and my heart fail, / But God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever.
 12. The place where we are mingled with God—92:10.
Psa 92:10 But You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; / I am anointed with fresh oil.
- C. The Psalms reveal aspects of the church as the city, such as:
1. It is the city of the great King—48:2.
Psa 48:2 Beautiful in elevation, / The joy of the whole earth, / Is Mount Zion, the sides of the north, / The city of the great King.
 2. There is a river with streams within it—46:4.
Psa 46:4 There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God, / The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
 3. God is in the midst of the city—v. 5.
Psa 46:5 God is in the midst of her; she will not be moved; / God helps her at the dawn of the morning.
 4. It is God's holy mountain—48:1.
Psa 48:1 Great is Jehovah, / And much to be praised / In the city of our God, / In His holy mountain.
 5. It is beautiful in elevation and the joy of the whole earth—v. 2.
Psa 48:2 Beautiful in elevation, / The joy of the whole earth, / Is Mount Zion, the sides of the north, / The city of the great King.
 6. It is the perfection of beauty—50:2.
Psa 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, / God shines forth.
 7. It is the goal of God's good pleasure—51:18.
Psa 51:18 Do good in Your good pleasure unto Zion; / Build the walls of Jerusalem.
 8. It is the salvation of God's people—53:6.
Psa 53:6 Oh that the salvation of Israel might come forth from Zion! / When God turns the captivity of His people, / Jacob will exult, Israel will rejoice.
 9. It is God's resting place forever—132:14.
Psa 132:14 This is My resting place forever; / Here will I dwell, for I have desired it.
 10. The city is built up by the Lord—147:2.
Psa 147:2 Jehovah builds up Jerusalem; / He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

11. The Lord blesses others from the city—134:3.
Psa 134:3 May Jehovah, who made heaven and earth, / Bless you from Zion.
 12. The Lord is blessed from the city—135:21.
Psa 135:21 Blessed be Jehovah from Zion, / Who dwells in Jerusalem. / Hallelujah.
- D. Various aspects of the earth are also seen in the Psalms, such as:
1. The earth has been given to Christ as an inheritance—2:8.
Psa 2:8 Ask of Me, / And I will give the nations as Your inheritance / And the limits of the earth as Your possession.
 2. The Lord's name will be excellent in all the earth—8:1.
Psa 8:1 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth, / You who have set Your glory over the heavens!
 3. The earth and its fullness are the Lord's—24:1.
Psa 24:1 The earth is Jehovah's, and its fullness, / The habitable land and those who dwell in it.
 4. Christ will come back to take the earth—96:13.
Psa 96:13 Before Jehovah, for He is coming; / For He is coming to judge the earth; / He will judge the world with righteousness, / And the peoples with His truth.
 5. Christ will reign over the earth—72:8.
Psa 72:8 And He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
 6. The earth will return to Christ—22:27.
Psa 22:27 All the ends of the earth / Will remember and return to Jehovah, / And all families of the nations / Will worship before You;
 7. The earth will remember Christ—v. 27.
Psa 22:27 All the ends of the earth / Will remember and return to Jehovah, / And all families of the nations / Will worship before You;
 8. The earth will worship Christ—vv. 27, 29.
Psa 22:27 All the ends of the earth / Will remember and return to Jehovah, / And all families of the nations / Will worship before You;
Psa 22:29 All the flourishing of the earth / Will eat and worship. / All who go down into the dust will bow down before Him, / Even he who does not keep his soul alive.
 9. The earth will praise Christ—98:4.
Psa 98:4 Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth; / Break forth, and sing for joy, and sing psalms.
 10. The whole earth will be filled with God's glory—72:19.
Psa 72:19 And blessed be His glorious name forever; / And may His glory fill the whole earth. / Amen and Amen.

IV. The book of Psalms reveals that the earth is the ultimate intention of God's desire—8:1, 9:

- Psa 8:1 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth, / You who have set Your glory over the heavens!
- Psa 8:9 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth!
- A. The Psalms show us that God's intention is to recover His title, His legal rights, over the whole earth through Christ in the church as the house and the city—2:6-8; 36:8-9; 48:2; 72:8.
- Psa 2:6 But I have installed My King / Upon Zion, My holy mountain.
- Psa 2:7 I will recount the decree of Jehovah; / He said to Me: You are My Son; / Today I have begotten You.
- Psa 2:8 Ask of Me, / And I will give the nations as Your inheritance / And the limits of the earth as Your possession.
- Psa 36:8 They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, / And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures.
- Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light.
- Psa 48:2 Beautiful in elevation, / The joy of the whole earth, / Is Mount Zion, the sides of the north, / The city of the great King.
- Psa 72:8 And He will have dominion from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.

- B. God must conquer the earth, recover the earth, and bring the earth back under His rightful rule (8:1, 9); this is why the Lord taught us to pray, “Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth” (Matt. 6:10).
- Psa 8:1 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth, / You who have set Your glory over the heavens!
- Psa 8:9 O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth!
- C. God’s purpose is to express Himself in a corporate way, and the key to the fulfillment of God’s purpose is the building up of the church; without the church as the house and the city, there is no beachhead for the Lord to come back and recover the earth—16:18; Eph. 3:9-11; 4:16; Rev. 11:15.
- Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,
- Eph 3:10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,
- Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,
- Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.
- Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
- D. When the church is enlarged from the house to the city for the recovery of the earth, God’s purpose will be fulfilled, and we will declare, “O Jehovah our Lord, / How excellent is Your name / In all the earth!”—Psa. 8:9.