**The Songs that Transform Us**

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 15: Psalms

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**SERMON NOTES**

*Question: Why are the Psalms so impactful?*

1. **The Psalms Identify with Us**

They demonstrate that someone else has felt what we are feeling!

* In every situation of your life, “there’s a Psalm for you”
1. **The Psalms Point us to God**

They point you to the picture of God you need to see from that perspective.

* This improves our emotional outlook
* This leads us to worship God for how He is revealed
1. **The Psalms Adjust our Perspective**
* When see in God the answer to our predicament, we see our situation from a perspective of hope!
* Our prayers are now based on the reality of God’s character and work on our behalf
1. **The Psalms Change Us**
* We don’t easily recognize when our wrong thinking is causing wrong behavior.
* If we believe something, we should live it!

*“God, I’m going to go to your Word this week for transformation, with a heart that is submitted to how you want to change me.”*

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

1. What is the primary emotion you have been feeling lately? Have someone in the group Google “Psalms about *that emotion*,” and take some time to review what you find.
2. Assuming a few people have a Psalm from question 1, what does your Psalm reveal about God? Take some time to pray as a group, thanking God for what your Psalm reveals about God.
3. Would you say that this revelation about God speaks to your emotional outlook or draws you to worship (or both)? Is there a song/hymn that comes to mind when you think about it?
4. Based on how God reveals Himself in your Psalm, how is your prayer affected? Write down a brief prayer, based on God’s self-revelation, and then share it with the group.