

CYCLE OF LIFE (6): PSALMS 13,15,23

Thoughts:

1. The Psalms are poetry

This is what makes the Psalms

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2. The Psalms are **Biblical** / **Hebrew Poetry** – from the ANE

Form is the

There has been an ongoing discussion about Hebrew Poetry for over 300 years. The discussion centers around how the lines of poetry relate to one another:

A ≠ B	The early view
A = B	The better view
A, what's more, B	The best view The second line usually repeats but also takes the idea forward, crystallizes, develops, focusses, advances... the first line.

Psalm 9:1

I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

Psalm 10:1

Why standest thou afar off, O LORD?
Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

Psalm 15:1

LORD, Who shall abide in thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.

Psalm 29:1-2

Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Poetry is found in Psalms, Proverbs, Job...

Poetry is found also in many other book – at least to some degree. This is especially true in the prophets.

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Prose

Poetic

Poetry

Matthew 6:19-24

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth,
where moth and rust doth corrupt,
and where thieves break through and steal:
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt,
and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye:

if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.

If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

No man can serve two masters:

for either he will hate the one, and love the other;

or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.

Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Ex 14 → Ex 15 poetic retelling of Ex. 14

Judges 4 → Judges 5 poetic retelling of the same event

3. The Psalms are image-rich / image-saturated

4. The Psalms incorporate (use) images from human experience & the ANE

Psalm 13:1-2

How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever?

How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily?

How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalm 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psalm 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, So panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

Psalm 18:1 I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. **Psalm 18:2** The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. **Psalm 18:3** I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

I love the images. However, the images are not always images we use.

We intuitively get many **since** they are from human experience. Others we sometimes miss!

Wink: a wink has one physical movement with no inherent meaning (meaning attached to it)

It has many cultural meanings...

Flirting	An invitation to / for sex	Friendly
Loving a child	Fun	Sharing a secret
Disrespectful	In on a joke	Cheeky
Misleading		

Psalm 35:19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: **Neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.**

Proverbs 6:13 He **winketh** with his eyes, He speaketh with his feet, He teacheth with his fingers;

Proverbs 10:10 He that **winketh** with the eye causeth sorrow: But a prating fool shall fall.

Dada's Dad: