

Psalms of dis-orientation
eg Psalm 6

Psalms of re-orientation
eg Psalm 51

What about the nasty bits ('imprecatory' Psalms)?
eg Psalm 137

Never stop singing Psalms of disorientation

But use the Psalms to get reorientated



How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth!

Week 3 - The Psalms - Worshipping God

Today we continue with our in depth look at the Bible. At All Saints we believe the Bible to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. But some of it is really quite difficult to understand. Over the course of this series we are looking at 6 different types of biblical writing. So that we can really 'Read the Bible for All It's Worth'!

Today we look at the Psalms. The Psalms are a treasure-trove of wonderful literature from Israel's past. But how can we understand them and enable them to be relevant to our own lives for the 21st Century?

March 16 - 1 - *History - Refined by God* - 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

March 23 - 2 - *Gospels - Meeting God* - Luke 1.1-4

April 6 - 3 - *Psalms - Worshipping God* - Psalm 103

April 27 - 4 - *Letters - Equipped by God* - 2 Timothy 2.15, 3.10-17

May 11 - 5 - *Prophecy - Hearing from God* - Jeremiah.1.1-19

May 18 - 6 - *Acts - Witnessing for God* - Acts 1.1-9

Psalms are poetry

English poetry works by...

Hebrew poetry works by...

It's all in the parallel lines

The Psalms reflect the experience of the
Israel

Orientation

Disorientation

Reorientation

Psalms of Orientation
eg Psalm 150

Psalms of Disorientation
eg Psalm 137

Psalms of Re-orientation
eg Psalm 103

Making sense of the Psalms in my own life

Psalms of Orientation
eg Psalm 24