Largs Church of the Nazarene LargsNaz Online listening guide: 18 July 2021



Psalm 1 (NRSV)

1 Happy (*esher*) are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked (*rasha*), or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

2 but their delight is in the law (*torah*) of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which

yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper (*tsalach*).

4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind (*ruach*) drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; 6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 8 (How Majestic is Your Name)*

Rick Lee James

O Lord (Yahweh), our Lord (Yahweh) How majestic is Your name, How majestic is Your name O Lord (Yahweh), our Lord (Yahweh) How majestic is Your name, How majestic is Your name How majestic is Your name in all the earth

In all the earth We see Your hand, In the creatures of the air, The sea and the land, The little babies Cry Your name And the enemy is broken By their praise [Refrain]

The moon above, The starry skies, You set Your glory in the heavens, So Father who am I That you would dwell Your thoughts on me? That You would put the whole world Under my feet? [Refrain]

Whom Have I In Heaven But You (Psalm 73)†

Rick Lee James

I had nearly fallen away, My feet had almost stumbled The wicked seem to have no shame, Their hearts are never humbled Their bodies are sound their pockets are full, They scoff at the righteous ones They say You don't know, They say You can't see But where else can I go

Chorus: Whom have I in heaven but You, There's nothing on the earth I desire more, My flesh may fail, But You are the strength of my heart forever (repeat)

I walked into the house of the Lord, Trying to understand The bitterness in my soul had made me a foolish man But You didn't scorn, You held my hand You led me home again You are my shelter and you are my guide, You hold me in Your right hand (chorus)

Your nearness is my good, Your nearness is my good Truly good You're truly good

Psalm Beach Phrasebook

Ketuvim: the "Writings;" the third section of the Hebrew Bible, after the Torah and the Prophets

Tehillim: "praises;" the Hebrew name for the book of Psalms

Esher: happy, blessed; from *ashar*, to go straight, advance

Rasha: wicked

Torah: direction, instruction, law

Tsalach: prosper; literally, "to rush ahead, advance"

Ruach: breath, wind, spirit

Psalm Beach: Orientation Day (Psalm 1)

- Getting oriented: Psalm Beach and the Psalms
 - Series overview
 - The Phrasebook
 - Brueggemann (Spirituality of the Psalms)
 - Orientation, disorientation, re-orientation
 - Types of Psalms by genre
 - Laments
 - Hymns of praise
 - Thanksgiving
 - Royal psalms
 - Wisdom psalms

	Window poolmo and window thinking
•	Wisdom psalms and wisdom thinking • Wisdom is "orientation thinking"
	"Proverbial" thinking: ordered, just, and predictable
	 Contrast between good and evil; happiness an misfortune
	 General vs specific; wisdom thinking is true "igeneral," viewing life as a whole
	 The good times outweigh the bad (Flatt and Scruggs)

- Psalm 1
 - An overarching theme: there are 2 ways to live
 - Two ways: the wicked (rasha) and the godly
 - Happy: esher
 - The godly "do not" . . .
 - Instruction
 - Attitude
 - Behaviour
 - Meditate: to recite, say aloud
 - Like a tree that moves
 - Prosper: *tsalach*
 - The wicked are not so; they driven away by the ruach
 - Psalm 1: an orientation to the Psalms, and a guide for life
- Praying the Psalm as protest

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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