

the Royal

MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Pet. 2:9

Week 17: Soul Food, Chapter 1

We are now on to the third book of the Royal series, Soul Food. This is the study of poetic books. These include the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, etc. This week should be fairly simple. Our main goal is to get acquainted with the genre as a whole. In doing so we will do the following:

1. Review the basic concepts of this genre from what Pastor Miles taught us on Sunday.
2. Practice these rules by examining the attributes of God as listed in Psalm 2.

Some of us have our favorite verses in Scripture, and they are usually found in poetic literature. We want to take those Scriptures we hold dear, and expound upon the true meaning of them. Even if you choose not to use Psalm 2, it is highly recommended using the same tools on a different Psalm. This is important in finding out the original intent of the author in that Psalm.

Isn't it fun studying Scripture!!!!

In Him,

Rock Church Small Group Team

Part 1: Opening/Recap Weekly Challenge/Small Group Sermon Discussion

Opening

- Open in Prayer
- Worship (optional)
- Recap Week 16 Homework
- Small Group Sermon Discussion

Recap Week 16 Weekly Challenge

1. Recite **2 Cor. 6:7**.
2. Discuss experiences practicing them Stewardship.

Small Group Sermon Discussion

1. Review the rules of "Soul Food," or Poetic language as a group.
 - ▶ Poetic language, as Soul Food, reveals the attributes and actions of God for us to **contemplate**.
 - ▶ Poetic language, as Soul Food, empowers our hearts and minds to **communicate** to God and like God.
 - ▶ Poetic language, uses various forms of Parallelism, where two or more parts of one sentence refer to the same subject in complimentary ways.
 - ▶ **Emotions:** Joy, sorrow, successes, failures, hopes, regrets, thanksgiving, confession, complaining, praise, petition, etc.
 - ▶ **Proverbs and riddles:** Wise sayings related to practical decisions on life.
2. Go around and discuss some of the group's favorite poetic books, and some chapters or verses that stand out.
 - ▶ Ex. Psalm 2, 25, 51, 66, 72, 101, or 111 (devotions for this week), or if someone has their own favorites.

Part 2: Read, Reflect, and Respond – Psalm 2

Read Psalm 2

A few things we want to highlight in reference to Psalm 2 as our study text this week:

- ▶ King David authored this Psalm. He authored the first 42 Psalms, called the Davidic Section.
- ▶ Psalm 2 is a messianic prophetic Psalm. To the Christian, we affirm that David is speaking about Christ as the Messiah.
- ▶ The author of Hebrews quotes this Psalm in Heb. 1:5a. The rest of Heb. 1 quotes 5 other Davidic Psalms.

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- ▶ The Anointed of God, or the Christ, was the focus of David in this Psalm.
- ▶ It is important to remember that though Psalms are poetic and figurative, they did have historical meaning and purpose to the author at his time and place.

Reflect Psalm 2

1. Using the rules listed in the small group discussion above, identify the following in Psalm 2: a.) The attributes of God, b.) Parallelism and c.) Obvious emotions being expressed.

- ▶ Attributes of God are anything that state the nature, promise, or character of God the Father, the Son, or Holy Spirit.

Respond Psalm 2

1. Based on what was listed above, discuss your responses to it. Does it deepen your faith? Are you looking at God in a new light by the revelation of His attributes?

Part 3: Weekly Challenge

- ▶ **Scripture Reading Guide:** Go through the devotions that correspond with each day. These are given to everyone in their lesson plan every week. (August 23 – 29)
- ▶ **Scripture Memory:** “Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.” **Psalm 2:12 (ESV)**
- ▶ **Bible Study Tool:** Navigate through www.biblegateway.com and discover the great resources available for free for your personal gain.
- ▶ **Spiritual Formation Practice:** Each week we will introduce a “spiritual discipline” that each person can try to adapt to their personal devotion. This week is the **Discipline of Worship.**

Worship should never be limited to music only, but rather an expression of everything we put our hands and hearts to. The challenge this week is to worship our Lord in all you do. Constantly take time to pray and thank Him for His provision, grace, and never ending love for us. Hopefully while doing this you will experience the Lord in deeper ways than ever experienced before.