

Psalms - The Bible's Hymnbook

1. The psalms are the prayers and songs of God's people. Their poetry is not based on rhythm and rhyme like modern English hymns; rather, it is based on parallel thoughts and lines. Copy **Psalm 117:1-2** on the lines below, making sure that the parallel ideas are in the correct places.

vs. 1a	1 st thought	2 nd thought
vs. 1b	1 st thought repeated	2 nd thought repeated
vs. 2a	3 rd thought	4 th thought
vs. 2b	4 th thought repeated	3 rd thought repeated
vs. 2c	1 st thought repeated again!	By the way, do you know how this word sounds in Hebrew?

2. There are psalms for many different purposes. Here are four different kinds of psalms. Match them with their descriptions.

Psalm 6 - A Sad Song

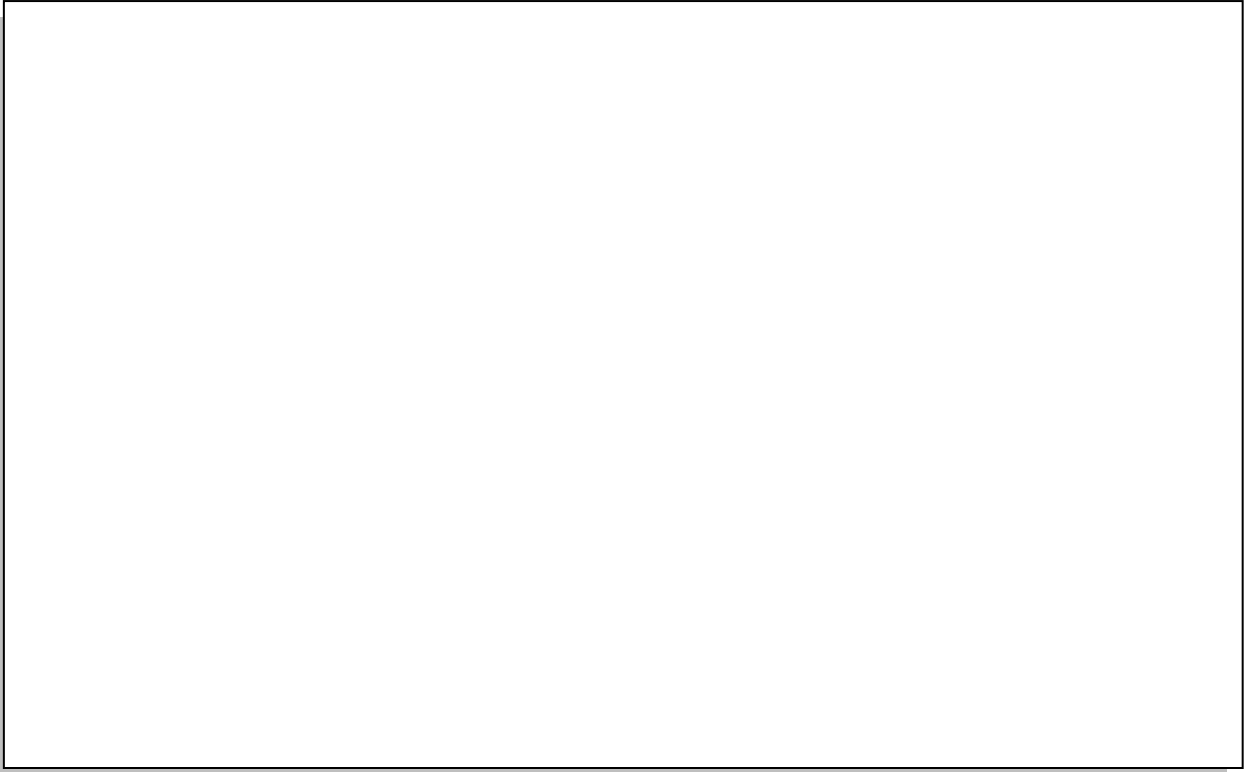
Psalm 45 - A King's Song

Psalm 84 - A Marching Song

Psalm 111 - A Happy Song

- A. the princess is beautiful
- B. birds nest near the altar
- C. I don't want to die!
- D. give thanks to the Lord
- E. praise the Lord!
- F. for a pilgrimage to the temple
- G. sounds like a complaint
- H. for a royal wedding
- I. the person is crying
- J. the Lord is kind and merciful
- K. help me, God!
- L. it's good to be in the temple
- M. the king is most handsome
- N. God will protect our journey
- O. the Lord frees his people
- P. you are God's chosen rule

3. There are 145 other psalms. Pick your favorite, list it here, and on the back of this sheet tell what it is about.



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