

# Didactic / Teaching Psalms

## Identifying the Genre

Psalms given to teach

Examples: \***Psalm 1, 19, 37, 73, 78, 114, 119, 136**

## Types of Didactic Psalms

**Torah Psalms** \***Psalm 1, 19, 119**

**Historical Psalms** \***Psalm 78, 136**

**Wisdom Psalms**

The Office of Sage in Ancient Israel

“Wisdom” Connotations in the Old Testament

Old Testament Wisdom Literature

Wisdom Psalms \***Psalm 37**

## The Role of Didactic Psalms

\***Psalm 50:14-23**

- <sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High,  
<sup>15</sup> and call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.  
<sup>16</sup> But to the wicked God says:  
“What right have you to recite my statutes  
or take my covenant on your lips?  
<sup>17</sup> For you hate discipline,  
and you cast my words behind you.  
<sup>18</sup> If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,  
and you keep company with adulterers.  
<sup>19</sup> You give your mouth free rein for evil,  
and your tongue frames deceit.  
<sup>20</sup> You sit and speak against your brother;  
you slander your own mother's son.  
<sup>21</sup> These things you have done, and I have been silent;  
you thought that I was one like yourself.  
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.  
<sup>22</sup> Mark this, then, you who forget God,  
lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!  
<sup>23</sup> The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;  
to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”