

# Psalms: The Character of God

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Psalms is a compilation of songs that focus on humanity's interaction with God. Within these interactions, we discover God's character as the songs speak of God as Shepherd, King, Redeemer, Creator, Just, Holy, and more. These songs give us deeper insight into God and how we are to relate to Him as His creation. We find that He loves us and offers the opportunity to be His people and that doing so comes with the expectation of living in light of that relationship. The focus of this study is on the character of God revealed in selected Psalms. As people get a glimpse of God's character, they begin to understand their need for forgiveness and what it means to live as God's people. Believers will be challenged to live as God's people, demonstrating His character in a fallen world.

## God Reveals His Character Through His Son

**Read Psalms 22-24 (NIV)**

***God's Character is Revealed Through the Death of His Son (Psalm 22)***

Christianity is more than a set of beliefs and practices. Our faith should shape the way we live.

**Check any statement below that you can truthfully say about yourself:**

- I have repented of my sin, trusted in Christ's sacrifice and accepted Jesus as my Savior.
- I regularly engage in times of personal prayer and Bible Study.
- I am faithful in church attendance.
- I desire to grow in my faith and experience the fullness of God.
- I give my time and money generously to God's work.
- I live by the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule.

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**Then check any of these statements below that you can truthfully say about yourself:**

- I experience joy in the Lord in the midst of trials and suffering.
- I am motivated to witness to others about Jesus.
- I live what the Bible teaches in my relationships.
- I resist temptation and reject self-centered decisions and actions.
- I courageously live out my steadfast faith in God.
- I strongly desire that my salvation experience translate into victorious Christian living.

What might many people think is the purpose of being saved?

Read Romans 8:29-30. How might those verses enhance our understanding of the purpose and experience of salvation?

Read Psalm 22:22-31. What does the phrase “he has done” (v.31) in His death on the mean for believers?

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What character qualities of God are revealed to you in this Psalm that so accurately describe Jesus' crucifixion?

How might Jesus' cry actually have been a declaration of faith in God's providence?

How can Psalm 22 affirm God's providence to us in situations in which we might feel God has abandoned us?

Read Psalm 23 and John 10:1-10. Identify benefits and provisions believers can enjoy because God is our Shepherd and Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

How are we to live in response to God's revelation of His character through His Son as our shepherd?

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Psalm 24 reveals God's character in the eternal reign of His Son where we will be saved from the presence of sin.

What question is the psalmist really asking in Psalm 24:3? How does the psalmist answer his question in verse 4? Is that good or bad? Explain.

What might people mistakenly think qualifies them to go to heaven and be in God's presence? What is the only way we can have clean hands and a pure heart?

Read Psalm 24:7-10. What qualities of God's character do you see revealed in the return and eternal reign of His Son?