

Study Aids

Discussion Questions and Suggested Reading For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 55

Questions:

The Bible never presents us with perfect people, leaders and workers in God’s kingdom. Why is this a good thing?

The Bible is not a series of stories about fictional people, but is about real people. How does this benefit us?

David is not shown as a perfect man. Far from it. The accounts of his life show his warts, his imperfections, as much as it does his accomplishments. Why is this important?

Yet in spite of his failures, David was inspired of God to write some of the most beautiful and moving Psalms in the Bible. Consider these few:

- Psalms 7, 11, 15, 31, and 34, that all focus on the theme “O Lord my God, in Thee do I put my trust”;
- Psalms 2, 9, 20, 24, and 101, that have speak to the theme “The Earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof”;
- Psalms 38, 51, 69, and 130, (after his sin with Bathsheba) that cry out to God “Have mercy upon me, O God”.

Suggested reading for further study:

Two short books on the Psalms are sources of insight about David. The first may be out of print and hard to find, but is titled: **The Living Word: David and His Psalms**, by Harrison Mathews, published by R. B. Sweet Co., Box 4055, Austin, Texas. This easy-to-read little book presents the psalms in historical context with the events confronting David, and leads the reader to several lessons to consider. The second book is currently available from many sources, and is published by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis: **Psalms – Conversations with God**. It not only gives historical context, but goes deeper into a study of a selection Psalms, many of which are attributed to David.