

Psalm Forum Outline

Introduction

Who I am

BeaJay

A wordsmith

What the forum will be about

Will not be about

The Bible

Theology

The Church

Will be about

A look at a particular type of poetry

The poetic form

Is a Middle Eastern form

Rhymes thoughts, ideas, and concepts

Uses segments called Distiches (Page 1)

A Distich is a couplet

Comprised of two parts

First part

Not indented

Second part

Indented

Rhymes in one of three ways

Sameness

Saying the same thing

In different words

Antithesis

Saying opposite things

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Complement

Explaining, defining,
Or giving insight

Example (Page 12)

Psalm 23

The LORD ... not want

Complement

HE makes ... still waters

Sameness

HE restores ...Name's sake

Sameness

Yes, though ... no evil

Antithesis

For YOU ... comfort me

Compliment

YOU prepare ... my enemies

Antithesis

YOU anoint ... runs over

Sameness

Surely goodness ... LORD forever

Sameness

Writing your own

First parts present some ideas

Tell a story

List some related ideas

Present some key points

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Second parts rhyme with the first parts

Sameness

Antithesis

Complement

Some begin with all first parts

Do all first parts

Add second parts to first parts

Some do an entire distich at a time

Do first part

Add second part to first part

Go on to next distich

Class participation

Write four first parts

Leave room for second parts later

Add second parts

Rhyme each second to its first

Sameness

Antithesis

Complement

Share completed psalms with class

Have those willing read theirs

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A particular type of this form

Trouble & Trust Psalm

Characteristics (Page 21)

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|--------|---|
| First | Addresses GOD directly Involves GOD personally |
| Second | Contains the pronouns I, me, and my I am personally involved |
| Third | Displays moods of Depression, Defeat, Repentance, or Feeling Neglected by GOD Reveals true feelings about GOD and Life |
| Fourth | Usually displays a mood of Faith, Trust, Victory, or Deliverance Shows evidence of GOD working |
| Fifth | Often contains prayers of Forgiveness, Deliverance, or Retaliation Against Enemies Reveals the desires of my heart |
| Sixth | Often brings workings of GOD (characteristic four) to bear on Present Circumstances (characteristic three) Affirms GOD as GOD and reaffirms my trust in GOD |

Example (Page 23)

Psalm 3

LORD, how ... against me

Characteristic 3

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Many there ... in GOD

Characteristic 3

But YOU ... my head

Characteristic 4

I cried ... Holy Hill

Characteristic 4

I laid ... sustained me

Characteristic 4

I will ... about me

Characteristic 6

Arise, O ... my GOD

Characteristic 5

For YOU ... the ungodly

Characteristic 4

Salvation belongs ... THY People

Characteristic 4

Writing your own

Trouble & Trust Psalm Recipe (Page 22)

First

Address to GOD directly

Approach HIM personally
as HIS Child

Second

State your present true feelings
about GOD and Life

Tell GOD how it really is
right now in your life

Third

Repeat the second step in
different words for emphasis

Show GOD how much it
really matters to you

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Fourth

State some specific way GOD has worked, or some specific thing GOD has done, personally in your life recently

Bring to mind that GOD is STILL personally involved in your life

Fifth

Use what you've stated in the fourth step as a basis for a statement of Renewed Hope and Confidence in GOD getting you through what you've stated in the second and third steps

Let GOD know that you STILL know trusting in HIM is worth it

Class participation

Pick a troubling issue in your life

Use the recipe to briefly write about it

Share completed psalms with class

Have those willing share theirs

