



(the following diagrams are a pictorial representation of Walter Brueggemann's ideas concerning the Psalms as places of "orientation, disorientation and reorientation". They are found in his book, *The Message of the Psalms*)

Royal Psalms ("King" or "the Anointed One"): 2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 101, 110, 132, 144

Messianic: 2, 8, 16, 22, 40, 45, 68, 69, 72, 89, 109, 110, 118, 132

**"Praise the Lord ...
He has done great things."**

Individual Thanks: 18, 30, 32, 34, 92, 116, 118, 138

Communal Thanks: 65, 67, 75, 107, 124

Psalms of Remembrance: 78, 105, 106, 135, 136

**"blessed"
life and God are good**

Hymns of Praise: 8, 29, 33, 46-48, 93-100, 103, 104, 111, 113, 114, 117, 145-150

Wisdom Psalms: 1, 19, 49, 112, 119, 127, 128, 133

Psalms of Confidence: 11, 16, 23, 27, 62, 91, 121, 125, 131

**the "PIT"
where is God?
why? how long?**

Individual Laments: 3-5, 9-10, 13-14, 22, 25, 39, 41, 42-43, 54-57, 69-71, 77, 86, 88, 140-142

Communal Laments: 12, 44, 58, 60, 74, 79, 80, 83, 85

Penitential Psalms: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143

Complaint, Curse and God's Judgment: 109, 137

Vindication Psalms: 7, 15, 16, 26, 73