

Psalms for the 21st Century Christian

Introduction:

- A. Jesus and the apostles were quoting and teaching from the Psalms nearly a thousand years after they were written.
 1. These inspired teachers understood that the Psalms were relevant in the first century.
 2. Christians must accept the timeless nature of the scriptures and be guided by the wisdom and teaching contained in the Psalms
 - B. How many of the New Testament instructions for 21st century Christians find their origins in Psalms written 3000 years ago?
1. God is holy, therefore we should be holy
 - a. Psalm 99:3, 9
 - b. 1Peter 1:15-16
 2. God's children should thirst for God and His righteousness
 - a. Psalm 42:2, 63:1
 - b. Matt. 5:6
 3. We should praise the Lord because of His great mercy and comfort
 - a. Psalm 57:9-10
 - b. 2Cor. 1:3-4
 4. We should be happy to assemble
 - a. Psalm 122:1
 - b. Heb. 10:25
 5. We should trust the ever presence of God
 - a. Psalm 23, 91
 - b. Matt. 28:20; Rom. 8:35-39
 6. We should visually demonstrate our love for God's Word
 - a. Psalm 119:40-48
 - b. Matt. 5:14-16
 7. We should be thankful for God's provision
 - a. Psalm 121
 - b. 1Peter 5:7
 8. We learn about the suffering Savior - Psalm 22:1; Mark 15:34
 - a. And the conquering King - Psalm 2:7, 110:1; Heb. 1:5, 13
 9. We should be willing volunteers in the Lord's army
 - a. Psalm 110:3
 - b. Eph. 6:10-18

10. We must tell the world that Jesus will be their Judge
 - a. Psalm 96:10, 13
 - b. John 12:48-50

11. We need to be always willing to confess our sins
 - a. Psalm 32:5
 - b. 1John 1:8-10
 - c. To seek God's forgiveness - Psalm 51:1-3
 - d. Luke 18:13
 - e. And we will be forgiven - Psalm 130:7-8
 - f. James 5:16

12. God will thoroughly deal with the wicked
 - a. Psalm 37:7-10
 - b. Rev. 21:8

13. The Lord will deliver our souls from death
 - a. Psalm 116:3-8
 - b. 1Cor. 15:54-57

14. If we remain faithful to the Lord, He will give us victory over our enemies
 - a. Psalm 31:23
 - b. 1Cor. 15:55-57

15. We must have a child-like faith in order to be pleasing to God
 - a. Psalm 131:1-2
 - b. Matt. 18:3-4

16. As brethren, we must always dwell together in unity to receive eternal life
 - a. Psalm 133:1-3
 - b. 1Peter 1:22

17. We will be blessed if we help the poor
 - a. Psalm 41:1-3
 - b. James 2:15-16; 1John 3:17

18. The righteous who die in this world will live again to see the Lord
 - a. Psalm 16:10, 17:15, 49:15
 - b. John 11:25-26; 1Thes. 4:16-17

Conclusion:

- A. While the covenant requirements for salvation have changed, many principles of righteousness remain the same
 1. It says profound things about God and His Divine nature
 2. It teaches us the righteousness has always been righteousness
- B. Psalm 8:3-9, 145:1-3