

1. Creation
2. Providence
3. Redemption

This is, of course, a very summary view of the theological themes in the Psalm..but that is the way it is in some courses!

IX. SPIRITUAL LIFE IN THE PSALTER

There is virtually no aspect of spiritual life that is not discussed or hinted at in the psalter. The entire collection is a rich treatment of devotion and spiritual warmth. The openness of the psalm writers is sometimes almost shocking and their appropriation of the promise and character of the Lord is inviting. In this section of our study I offer some summary notes regarding this matter and suggest some psalms that show the fuller side. The ideal would be to treat all of these psalms in the inductive study procedure (a few have been done via the assignment route) but we do not have the facility for such in this work and need to limit ourselves to suggestions and ideas.

A. Knowing the Lord

This is a primary thrust of the psalter..that we are able to know and enjoy the Person of the Lord. Check these psalms for details in this matter.

1. Ps. 23
2. Ps. 63
3. Ps. 90
4. Ps. 139

Note the intimacy these psalms suggest with no taintedness of over-familiarity. They will almost strike a note of envy within us yet the position the writers indicate is very much the sort of position we have and should enjoy in the knowledge of the Lord.