

X. The Psalms in the Life of the Church

This is the final formal portion of our course and seeks to put the Psalms into the perspective of church service: music and liturgy.

- A. Some fast and frightfully general notes on church music..
 1. The Old Testament program: David's choir and orchestra in quick review.
 2. New Testament concepts
 - a. Appreciation for music: Eph 5:19, Col. 3:16, James 5:13, etc
 - b. Suggested New Testament hymns:
 - 1 Tim 3:16
 - Phil. 2:6-11
 - Eph. 3:14, ff
 - Rom. 11:33-36
 - c. The use of the Psalms
 3. The Church Fathers
 4. Mediaevalists
 5. A general pattern may be observed even into the modern period. I will tell you what it is and just offer a few notes in demonstration. (Not singing notes...spoken notes!)
- B. The Development of the Psalter in church life (music)
 1. Prior to the Reformation:
 - a. The popularity of the psalms is attested to in the wide range of translation and re-phrasing.
 - b. Psalm music is developed along the lines of..
 - (1) the plainsong
 - (2) Harmony (10th century)
 - (3) counterpoint