

## Delight - A Walk Through the Psalms - Psalms 1-30

### **Psalm 21**

David offers thanksgiving for past victories in anticipation of future victories from the Lord.

- Biblical Principle: Answered prayer ought to be acknowledged by fervent praise.

### **Psalm 22**

Prayer accounts for a dramatic shift from lament to praise as David foretells the crucifixion.

- Biblical Principle: Great joy comes from Jesus' agony on the cross fulfilling God's Holy plan.

### **Psalm 23**

David outlines the role of the Lord as his shepherd as He cares for him.

- Biblical Principle: Jesus Christ seeks to have an intimate friendship with His followers.

### **Psalm 24**

God clearly describes those who can ascend into the Holy Place.

- Biblical Principle:
  - God clarifies what is required from one inward motive and outward manner when we worship.
  - God sets holiness as the requirement for worship.

### **Psalm 25**

David cries out to God for His instruction as he rehearses God's tender mercies.

- Biblical Principle: God hears our cries and redeems what He permits.

# IT IS FINISHED

## John 19:30

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...You are free from the impossible burden of having to earn God's love and acceptance

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...There is nothing you can ever do or fail to do that will tempt God to leave you, forsake you, or stop loving you.

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...You cannot sin beyond the coverage of God's forgiveness.

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...The sins you can't forget, God doesn't remember.

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...You are NOT defined by your worst moments or your greatest accomplishments; your struggles or your successes; your strengths or your weaknesses. You ARE defined by who you belong to.

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...You can talk truthfully about the worst parts of you without being afraid of others' disapproval because the only approval that ultimately matters is God's and you already have it.

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...You can endure rejection from others because you will never have to endure rejection from God.

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...You can freely admit when you are wrong because your value is not dependent on being right, but rather on the rightness of Jesus that covers you.

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...God loves you unconditionally and that means you are free from needing everybody else to like you.

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...You can love others without needing them to love you back because all of the love you need, you already have.

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED... Who you ultimately are has nothing to do with you. Your identity is firmly anchored in Jesus' performance, not yours; his record, not yours. You are not what you do (or don't do). You are what Jesus has done for you.

BECAUSE IT IS FINISHED...We can join our voices with the song of heaven in Revelation 5 and say, "We are not worthy, but the lamb who was slain is worthy, and by the grace of his saving death, we are what we are: beloved sons and daughters of God."