

Psalms The Shape of Praise



DESCRIPTIVE PRAISE

“I praise God for Who He is.”

- Call to praise
- Hallelujah
 - Invitation

LIFE IS GOOD,
BECAUSE GOD IS GREAT!

- Cause for Praise
- God's Greatness
 - God's Grace
 - Specific Illustration

[Declarative praise]

- Conclusion
- Renewed call to praise
 - Hallelujah

The Character of God

Individual or Communal

Orientation

LAMENT

“I don't see God, so I cry out and trust.”

Introduction

- Address
- Cry for Help
- Report of the Past

Complaint

- They
- I/We
- You

Confession of Trust

- (Descriptive Praise)
- (Declarative Praise)

Prayer

- Hear
- Save
- Punish
- Because...

Vow of Praise

Individual or Communal

Open Heard



Disorientation



DECLARATIVE PRAISE

“I praise God for what He has done.”

Intention to praise God
Summary of praise
Reflection on Past Deed
Report of deliverance

- I cried
- He heard
- He delivered

Renewed vow of praise

[Descriptive praise]

THANKFUL
Grateful
BLESSED

The Work of God

Individual or Communal

Reorientation

Acrostic Poems: 9-10, 25, 34, 37, 111-112, 119, 145

Pilgrim Psalms: 15, 24, 42, 43, 50, 78, 91, 95, 100, 120-134 (Ascent)

Creation Psalms: 8, 19, 29, 104, 148

Penitential Psalms: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 142

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