David and his Songs

(Based on Book of Psalms)

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King David was a man of many talents and one of those talents was song writing. We can find those songs in the book of Psalms in the bible. He put all his feelings into his songs and sometimes he would put the messages God gave to him about the future, into songs.

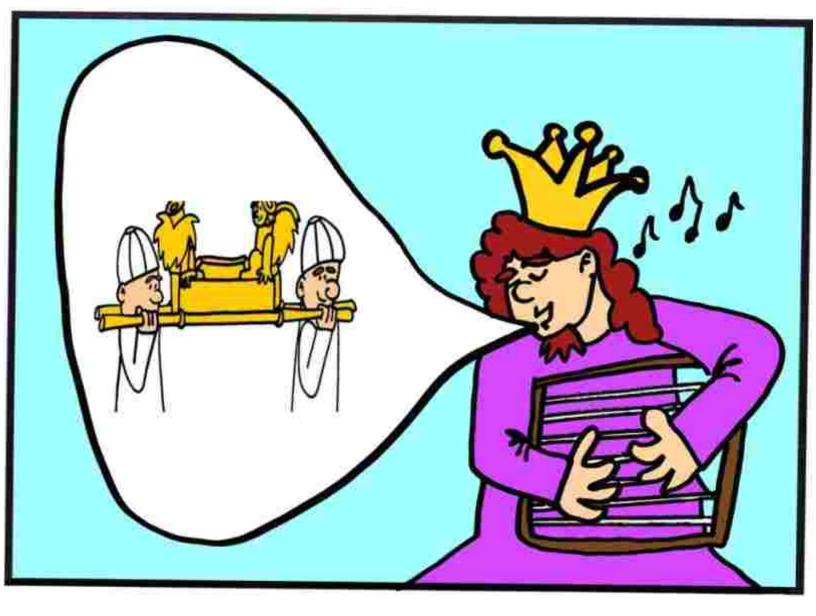


In Psalm #2, David wrote a song about the Anointed One (Messiah) that would come. He said that God would make him the King and that everyone would be blessed who would put their trust in him.



Bible experts believe that David wrote Psalms 3, 4 and 5 when he had to escape from his son Absalom who led a rebellion against him. He talked about putting his trust in the Lord and that even though people were chasing him to kill him, he could still lay down and sleep peacefully.

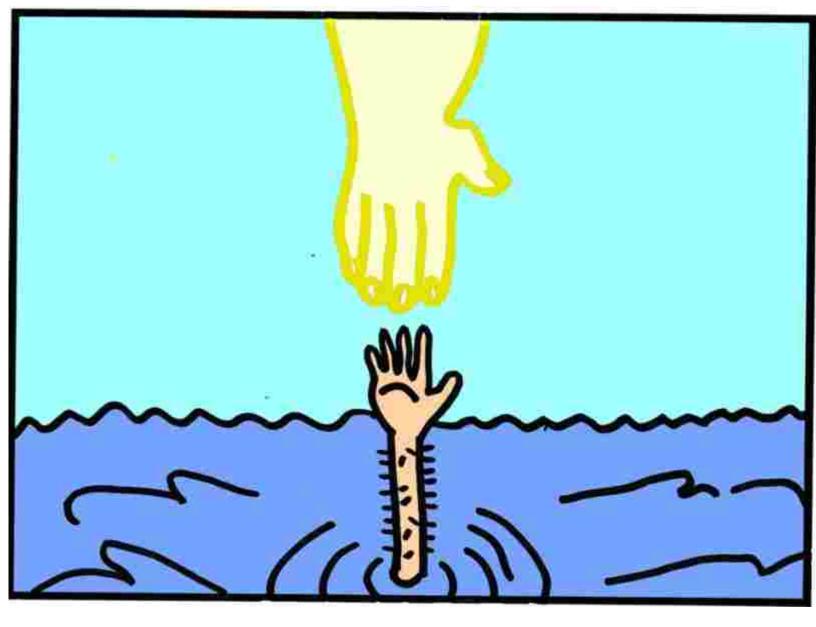
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In Psalm 68 he sings about the time that the Ark of God came to Jerusalem. He said the singers were in front followed by the musicians and the dancers. He said all the peoples of the earth should sing praises to God.



David wrote Psalm 57 when he was hiding in the cave from King Saul. He said, "I am with lions, men who use their tongues like sharp swords". (Remember all the unhappy men who came.) He said he was hiding in God. He said he made up his mind to wake up his musical instrument and start singing while the sun was coming up.



He wrote Psalm 18 after all his wars against house of Saul were over. David was king now and he was remembering how he felt. He said it was like he was going down in deep waters but that God had reached down and pulled him out.



He wrote Psalm 30 for the dedication of the temple that his son Solomon would build. In the song he talks about how when God gets angry it is just for one moment, but that God's favour and love last for our whole life time.

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He wrote Psalm 32 after his adultery with Bathsheba. He said, "When I was silent my bones were getting weaker and weaker and I groaned all day and all night. But then I told God about my sin, and you Lord, you forgave me! Now I tell everyone, pray to God while he may be found."



In Psalm 131 he shows us what he was like inside his heart. He said that he didn't think he was better than other people. He didn't try to figure stuff out that was too hard for him and he quieted his soul like a little child with his mother.

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David wrote probably the longest song in history, Psalm 119. It is 176 verses long, and is written in 22 sections one for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Each verse of each section starts with the same letter of the alphabet and tells us how good God's word is in our lives.



Lord, help me to develop all the talents you have given to me. Help me to use my talents to point people to you.