

*Slow Food*  
**BIBLE STUDIES FOR TEACHERS**  
**PSALMS 1-15 (15 studies)**

There is one question per psalm. Each question is meant to be open-ended. The questions are mostly posed in the first person singular; for group study change to plurals. The studies are devised with teachers principally in mind; they are not exhaustive and do not depend on any one version of the Bible. Cross-references are optional and are given in Biblical order (for abbreviations see the front of any Bible).

For the desirability of such study see Matthew 4:4: 'It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God's mouth' (*The Message*).

- Psalm 1** Am I basing my life and attitudes on the word of God? *Ps 119:30; Jer 17:5-8; Mt 7:24-27.*
- Psalm 2** How big are 'the powers that be'? *Jn 16: 33; Acts 4:25-28; 2 Cor 10:3-5; Eph 1:21-23.*
- Psalm 3** Does my present situation give me genuine cause for alarm? *Ps 46:1; Heb 13:5-6. For the setting see 2 Sam 15-17.*
- Psalm 4** Do I easily lose my peace? *Isa 26:3-4; Phil 4:6-7; Jas 1:19.*
- Psalm 5** Is it possible for me to live as close to Christ as David did? *2 Sam 15:31; Ps 63:1; Jn 14:23.*
- Psalm 6** If I am going through a bad time, is it because God is displeased with me? *Ps 22:1; Jn 9:3; 2 Cor 1:9.*
- Psalm 7** If my character is being falsely maligned, is there much I can do about it? *Ps 37:6; Rom 14:4.*
- Psalm 8** What is my place in the universe? *Gen 1:26; Job 38:7; Heb 2:6-9.*
- Psalm 9** Is this just the gloating of a national leader over defeated local rivals, or can we similarly rejoice in God's control of world events in our own day? *Dan 4:34-35; 2Thess 2:1-12.*
- Psalm 10** If atheism is the main practical philosophy by which our children's thinking is being moulded, what are some of the likely consequences? Are there any encouragements for the perplexed and downtrodden believer? *Ps 56:3-4; 2 Cor 2:14-17; Eph 4:22-24.*
- Psalm 11** If I feel like running away (e.g. from some crisis), why not? *Exod 14:13-14; Acts 21:12-14; Rev 2:10.*

- Psalm 12** Whom do I listen to? *Ps 112:7; Prov 1:33; 2 Pet 1:4.*
- Psalm 13** If I seem to be losing the battle, has God given up on me? *Ps 31:21-22; Rom 8:35-39.*
- Psalm 14** Is everyone else a fool? *Isa 53:6; Rom 1:22, 3:10-23.*
- Psalm 15** Has the 'dress code' for going to stay with God changed since this Psalm was written? *Mt 22:11; Tit 2:11-14, 3:1-8; 1 Pet 1:13-21.*