

"Soul Food" from the Psalms (78-81)

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THE PSALMS CLASSIFIED: There are six main types of Psalms (with considerable overlap, of course).

1. PSALMS OF PRAISE & _____ (songs and prayers)
65, 100, 111, 146
2. _____ PSALMS (petitions, laments, prayers, praises)
3, 13, 51, 63
3. _____ PSALMS (recounting a true event or circumstance)
73, 107, 124, 137
4. _____ PSALMS (national, historical, royal, prophetic)
78, 84, 106, 132 – “Messianic psalms” go into this category (**2, 16, 22, 118**)
5. LITURGICAL PSALMS (for Israel’s _____, worship, sacrifices, feasts)
29, 118, 122, 134
6. _____ PSALMS (for instruction, counsel, guidance) **1, 15, 19, 33, 90**

ON YOUR OWN: *Try to find one additional Psalm that fits each category.*

EVENING DEVOTION: Open Wide! (Psalm 81:8-16)

Hey parents and grand-parents, remember the “fun” of feeding your little ones? And, getting them to eat right? And, to feed themselves? Those experiences give us a window into how God has felt through the centuries feeding His “little ones!”

- I. GOD’S PLEA IN THE PAST (81:8-10) “If you would just ...”
 - a. _____ to the One who _____ you!
 - b. Accept no _____!
 - c. Open wide and let Him _____ you and _____ you with what you need!
- II. ISRAEL’S REFUSAL & GOD’S RESPONSE (81:11-12):
 - a. They refused to listen to God’s voice and _____ to God’s will
 - b. God _____ them _____ the way they stubbornly determined to go (Rom 1:24-28)
 - c. Btw, it didn’t go well for them! (Book of Judges; see 21:25)
- III. GOD’S PLEA IN THE PRESENT (81:13-16): “Just listen to me and walk in my ways ...”
 - a. God would _____ Israel’s enemies!
 - b. God would both feed and _____ His people with the best! (Isa 55:1-3a; Psalm 63:3-6)