

## A PSURVEY OF THE PSALMS:

1. Of the 150 individual psalms, 73 are attributed to the poet and musician King David.

These are found in 3 groups — 3-41...51-70...138-145.

12 were written by Asaph...and 12 by the Sons of Korah...

...these are in 2 collections — 42-50...73-88.

2 by King Solomon...1 by Moses...1 by Heman...1 by Hezekiah...and 1 by Ethan.

The remaining 47 psalms are anonymous.

2. The division of the Book of Psalms:

**BOOK 1** - *Psa 1-41*

**BOOK 2** – *Psa 42-72*

**BOOK 3** - *Psa 73-89*

**BOOK 4** - *Psa 90-106*

**BOOK 5** - *Psa 107-150*

Each of the 5 Books concludes with a similar doxology:

41:13...72:18-19...89:52...106:48...and the entire Psalm 150.

3. These psalms are considered messianic:

2, 8, 16, 22, 23, 24, 40, 41, 45, 68, 69, 72, 89, 102, 110, 116, 118

4. Psalm 119 presents these benefits of God's Word:

v. 9 & 11	victory over sin
v. 14	joy
v. 25	revival
v. 28	strength
v. 49	hope
v. 50	comfort
v. 66	discernment & knowledge
v. 99	insight
v. 105	direction
v. 24	God's words are our counselors.

5. Skip Heitzig: *I know we are fluttering over this field of flowers like a butterfly, but my hope and prayer is that (a) view from 30,000 feet will inspire you to go back and drink more deeply from each blossom, like a bee extracting every ounce of nectar. While one verse is enough to change your life, you will never know on any given day which verse it might be, unless you familiarize yourself with all of them.*