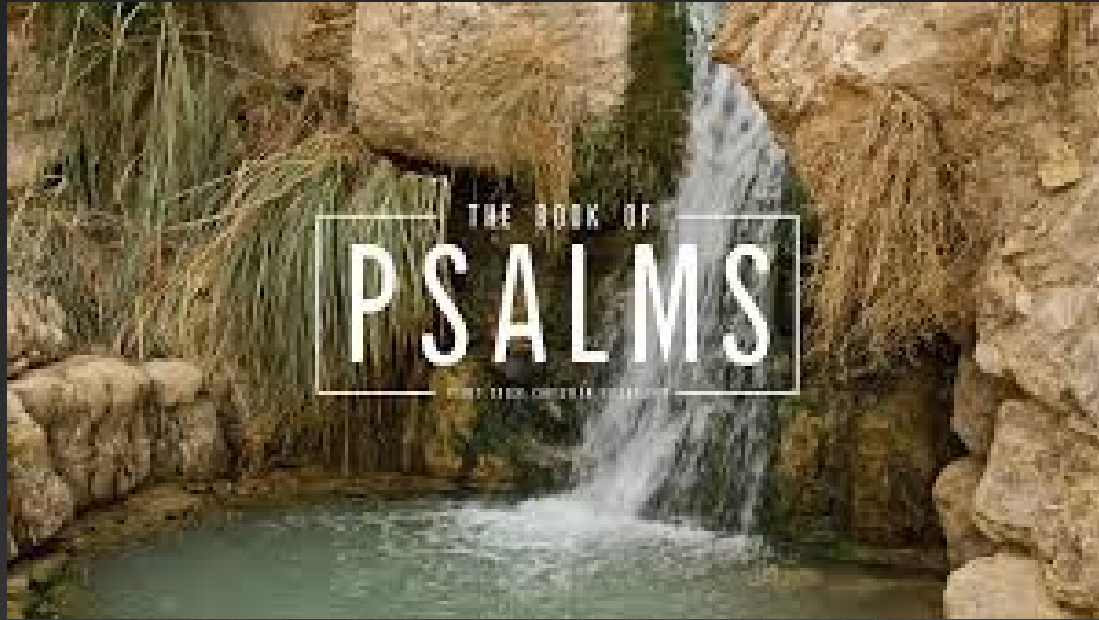


August 8–14
Psalms 1–2; 8; 19–33; 40; 46
“The Lord Is My Shepherd”



Telling the Last Days of Christ

Ps 31:13

Ps 41:9

Matthew 26:23

And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

Bruce R. McConkie

“With reference to the conniving and conspiring plots incident to our Lord’s arrest and judicial trials the prophecy was: ‘They took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.’ As to the role of Judas in those conspiracies, the Psalmist says: ‘Mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.’ (The Promised Messiah, pg. 530–34)

Telling the Last Days of Christ

Ps 22:15-16

Bruce R. McConkie

“‘Thou hast brought me into the dust of death,’ the Psalmist continues, ‘For dogs have compassed me, the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet,’ which is exactly what transpired on the gloomy day of crucifixion.” (The Promised Messiah, pg. 530–34)

Telling the Last Days of Christ

Ps 22:7-8

Matthew 27:41–44

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Telling the Last Days of Christ

Ps 22:1

J. Reuben Clark, Jr.

“Centuries before, the Psalmist gave us in outline, the horrors of body and mind of a crucifixion and foretold the actual outcry of Christ on the cross, as in the very extreme of mortal agony and of hopeless despair, he exclaimed: ‘My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?’” (CR, April 1954)

Telling the Last Days of Christ

Ps 22:18

Mark 15:24–25

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

LeGrand Richards

“Then, commencing with Moses and the prophets, He showed them how in all things the prophets had testified of Him; and you know that they did, even to the minutest detail, even to the casting of lots for His clothing at the time of His crucifixion.” (CR, April 1977)

Telling the Last Days of Christ

Ps 34:20

S. Dilworth Young

“In spite of the Roman custom of breaking the bones of those they crucified, the prophets proclaimed that not one of his bones would be broken.” (CR, April 1974)

Telling the Last Days of Christ

Ps 31:5

Luke 23:46-47

46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

Christ's Kingdom To Be Established

Ps 2:6-7

What is the message regarding the establishment of the kingdom of Christ?

John Taylor

“He will introduce a new order of things. We have confidence in the Bible, and in the revelations of God.... We are anxiously waiting upon and praying to the Lord to give us wisdom that we may be able to carry out His designs. These are our feelings, but others think and feel differently; they put their trust in swords, guns, spears, and so forth. Our strength is in the Lord of Hosts.” (JD 11:339)

Christ's Kingdom To Be Established

Ps 2:1-5,8-12

What is His warning to those who would attempt to rule earthly kingdoms?

Joseph F. Smith

“Hence the Devil is enraged, and although they will not believe it, this professedly pious, hypocritical world are moved with hatred towards the work and the people of God, instigated by the spirit of him whose servants they are....

“They predict our downfall, but they will not live to see their predictions fulfilled. The wicked may rage and imagine they can successfully measure arms with the Almighty, but he will hold them in derision and laugh when their fear cometh, while the kingdom of God will continue to progress until his purposes are consummated as has been decreed.” (JD 19:187)

Blessings & Comfort For Followers of Christ

Ps 1:1-3

What is the promise to those who seek to follow the law of Christ?

Blessings & Comfort For Followers of Christ

Ps 1:4-6

What of those who chose not to follow the
gospel of Christ?

Blessings & Comfort For Followers of Christ

Ps 2:7

Hebrews 5:5

So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

Blessings & Comfort For Followers of Christ

Ps 27:1,4-5,13-14

What is the promise to those who wait on the Lord?

Robert D. Hales

“The Lord is our light and, literally, our salvation. Like the sacred fire that encircled the children in 3 Nephi, 16. His light will form a protective shield between you and the darkness of the adversary as you live worthy of it. You need that light. We need that light. Carefully study the scriptures and... listen to the teachings of your... leaders. Then, by obedience to wise counsel, learn to claim the protective light of the gospel as your own.” (CR April 2002)

Blessings & Comfort For Followers of Christ

Ps 46:1-2,10-11

What do you think it means when we are admonished to “be still”?

Vicki F. Matsumori

Because the Spirit is often described as a still, small voice, it is also important to have a time of quiet in our lives as well. The Lord has counseled us to ‘be still, and know that I am God.’ If we provide a still and quiet time each day when we are not bombarded by television, computer, video games, or personal electronic devices, we allow that still, small voice an opportunity to provide personal revelation and to whisper sweet guidance, reassurance, and comfort to us.” (CR, Oct. 2009)

Neal A. Maxwell

“Thus when we are perplexed and stressed, explanatory help is not always immediately forthcoming, but compensatory help will be. Thus our process of cognition gives way to our personal submission, as we experience those moments when we learn to ‘be still, and know that I am God’” (CR, Oct. 1995)

Blessings & Comfort For Followers of Christ

Ps 16:8–11

Acts 2:27–32

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Blessings & Comfort For Followers of Christ

Ps 23:1-6

Gerrit W. Gong

“At this Easter season, we celebrate the Good Shepherd, who is also the Lamb of God. Of all His divine titles, no others are more tender or telling. We learn much from our Savior’s references to Himself as the Good Shepherd and from prophetic testimonies of Him as the Lamb of God. These roles and symbols are powerfully complementary—who better to succor each precious lamb than the Good Shepherd, and who better to be our Good Shepherd than the Lamb of God?” (CR, April 2019)

Next Week:

August 15–21

Psalms 49–51; 61–66; 69–72; 77–78; 85,86

“I Will Declare What He Hath Done for My Soul”

