

LESSON 1 Royal Psalms
Psalms 132, 2, 110, 101
Psalms for All Seasons, pages 1-6, 77-88

Day 1

1. Name one time you knew that prayer made a difference in your adult life.
2. a) Why are the prayers of ancient Israel still a part of our prayer today?
b) What do you hope to gain by studying the Psalms?
3. What is the significance of the Davidic king for ancient Israel?

Day 2—Psalm 132

4. To what does the "dwelling for the Mighty One" refer (132:1-8)? (See 2 Sam 7:1-7, 1 Kgs 5:15-19; 6:11-13, 19.)
5. How can the Israelites be assured of an everlasting reign for the line of David (132:11-12)? (See 2 Sam 7:12-16.)
6. a) In what ways does Zion (Jerusalem) continue to be God's dwelling (132:13-14)?
b) How can you become more aware of God dwelling in you and your community?

Day 3—Psalm 2

7. What is the probable historical situation spoken of in Psalm 2?
8. Describe Israel's attitude toward other regional powers (2:2, 8-11). (See 2 Kgs 19:15; Dan 2:21.)
9. Name some historical events that show earthly powers are not absolute.

Day 4—Psalm 110

10. What is the special significance associated with coronation day (110:3)? (See Ps 2:7; 89:27-28.)
11. List some of the priestly functions of Israel's king (110:4). (See 2 Sam 6:17-18; 24:25.)
12. List some of the ways your parish fulfills its role as a priestly people. (See Exod 19:6; Isa 61:6; 1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6.)

Day 5—Psalm 101

13. Which of the guidelines for leadership found in Psalm 101 seem most important to you? Why?
14. Name a few positive and negative principles that seem to guide those who govern our nation.
15. What one verse of Psalm 101 would you recommend our leaders and citizens follow more closely at this time? Why?

Day 6

16. What is meant by the term integrity (101:2, 6)? (See 26:1-2; Job 4:6; Prov 10:9; 19:1.)
17. If our leaders truly prized integrity above all, what values would be strengthened in our communities (101:2, 6)?
18. Psalm 101 reflects resolutions made at the beginning of a king's reign. Describe a time when you made a resolution. What forces worked against your resolution? What forces helped you follow it through?