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Today's Word: psalms

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## Lesson 25: "Let Every Thing That Hath Breath Praise the Lord"

### Are You:

- Saying Your Prayers Every Day with Your Family?
- Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy?
- Having Family Home Evening Every Week?

### Today's Scriptures

Psalms

### Next Week

Lesson 26

"King Solomon: Man of Wisdom, Man of Foolishness"

1 Kings 3

1 Kings 5-11

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From the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to the smallest shepherd boy in the field, the Lord is pleased when we sing praises to Him and acknowledge and exalt Him through prayers and song.



### A Pint-Sized Poetry Primer

Here are a few terms having to do with poetry that Kevin L. Barney describes in a wonderful article called "Understanding Old Testament Poetry" that appeared in the June 1990 *Ensign*:

**Alliteration**—repeating similar consonant sounds, like "threatening throngs"

**Assonance**—repeating similar vowel sounds, like "holy" and "stony"

**Paronomasia**—playing on similar-sounding words, like "wholly holy"

**Acrostic**—word formed vertically from the first letters of lines of poetry

**Synonymous Parallelism**—use of similar words in 2 lines of poetry that involves a balance of thought, like "hear my voice" and "hearken unto my speech"

**Antithetic Parallelism**—words in a 2nd line of poetry that contrast with the first, like "righteous" in the 1st line and "ungodly" in the 2nd line

**Emblematic Parallelism**—a literal statement in the 1st line contrasting with a metaphor or simile in the 2nd line

**Anaphora**—a repeating phrase that introduces or adds new thoughts to each subsequent parallel element

**Chiasmus**—a repeating phrase which reverses word order (See "Gospel Library" on <http://www.lds.org> for 1990 *Ensign*.)

### Questions to Ponder

- What do you feel when you read the Psalms?
- What gifts and opportunities from the Lord are you

especially



### Psalms:

Derives from the Greek word *psallein*, to play the harp. The Book of Psalms contains 150 poems that are intended to be chanted, and probably, accompanied by an instrument. According to Isaac Asimov, "Psalterion is the Greek word for a stringed instrument and the collection of psalms is called the *Psalter* ...The Hebrew name for the book is *Tehillim*, which means 'praises'; thus, most of the Psalms are in praise of the Hebrew God." (from <http://www.mootgame.com/ballast/N1331C.html>).