

## **Lecture 9 – The Psalms, III**

*Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;  
But blessed is he who keeps the law. Proverbs 29:18*

*Fear of man will prove to be a snare,  
But whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25*

### **Key Terms**

Lament, thanksgiving, hymns, royal psalm, wisdom, didactic

### **Lecture Objectives**

- \*Identify and describe the classification of selected psalms.
- \*Describe some applications of today's discussion of selected psalms to your own life and service.

### **Preliminary Questions**

- \*Why is it important to correctly identify the type of psalm you are studying? What may be the danger of incorrectly identifying the type of psalm?

### **The Psalms, III**

#### **I. The Psalms**

- A. Devotional on Proverbs 4:18-19
- B. Discussion of select psalms
  - 1. Ps. 30
  - 2. Ps. 54
  - 3. Ps. 56
  - 4. Ps. 113

*See handout: The Psalms: Classification Schemes (Appendix 4)*

How might we read the psalms differently if we take McCann's suggestion that they are to be understood as torah/instruction and not just prayers to God?