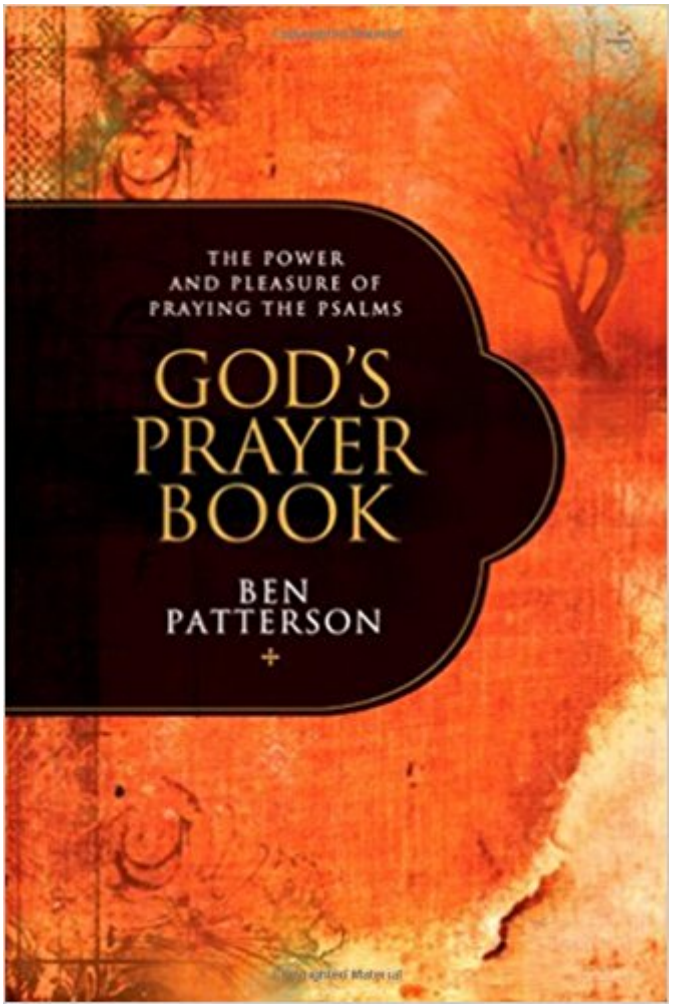
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There is no better place in all of Scripture than the Psalms to learn to be with God and see with the eyes of faith the face of the One who longs to form us fully in his image. The psalms often stretch and perplex as they teach, but they open a divine window on prayer. How could it be otherwise? The Psalms are God's prayer book, and they teach us to talk to God in his own language.Features meditations for more than 75 psalms, arranged in numerical order, Scripture and topical indexes. Each devotional includes the complete text of the Psalm(s) from the New Living Translation, a Ã¢â ¬Å“devotional windowÃ¢â ¬Â• (brief meditative thoughts and/or background on the Psalm), a prayer route (one or more key phrases or verses from the Psalm, followed by suggested ways to use the Psalm in prayer).

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I once read that Billy Graham prays five psalms a day (completing all 150 in a month). The more I consider that practice, the more I am convinced that such spiritual discipline is much needed in our fast-paced lives. We too often lack time for prayer and Bible reading.Most people admit that they would like to pray more. But how to start? How to continue? What to say?We fail to realize that we have a divine prayer book available to us! Open up the Psalms and you will discover some of the most powerful prayers ever written - powerful because they were inspired by the Holy Spirit himself.If you are looking for a resource to help you understand how to pray the psalms, then I encourage you to pick up God's Prayer Book: The Power and Pleasure of Praying the Psalms by

pastor Ben Patterson. God’s Prayer Book leads you through a selection of psalms, illuminating ways in which you can make these ancient prayers the cry of your own heart.This is not a book of prayers inspired by the psalms. It is a book that puts the actual psalms in the spotlight. Patterson says just enough to stir our hearts to pray. He is a guide. He does not do the praying for you.Neither should you expect a scholarly commentary on the psalms (though I admit I will consult this book whenever I preach through the psalms). God’s Prayer Book is the best kind of devotional - one that shines light on the psalms and and offers some specific prayer points to get you started, without weighing you down with too many details.The best part of Patterson’s work is his focus on spiritual formation. Patterson believes that praying the psalms changes our desires:"Prayer is more than a tool for self-expression, a means to get God to give us what we want. It is a means he uses to give us what he wants, and to teach us what he wants." (7)Patterson sees the psalms as a mirror that reveal us. Whenever we read them, they show us who we are in light of God’s majesty. But whenever we pray them, they change us.God’s Prayer Book contains the meditations of a man who has spent many years drinking deeply from the Scriptures. The book is also filled with good illustrations. Pastors will want to file away some of the stories for future use in sermons.If it is true that "80 perecent of learning to pray is just showing up - and doing it" (22), then God’s Prayer Book is the perfect way to get started.

I bought this book to supplement my reading and praying the Psalms. It is perfect for my purposes. Each entry is fairly short (2-3 pages) and gives me insight on the particular Psalm. Not every Psalm is included; there are 62 in the book. Each psalm is printed with its related materials for easy access.

The biggest issue with the book is that it only includes some of the psalms - and usually not the one I am looking for. But the psalms covered have thought provoking questions and insights. I knew ahead of time that not all the psalms were there, but I find myself wishing there were more. The book is logically arranged with a good table of contents, so it is easy to find the psalm you are looking for.

The Psalms have always been beautiful prayers, usually heard as sidenotes at funerals and church services or even studies of the other books of the Bible. This book has enabled me to look at the Psalms as a book complete in itself. Further, the author raises so many questions to ponder, this book can be used time and again with new emphasis each time you read it. In addition, it really

helps one to strengthen his/her prayer life.

I needed help to get back into my prayer life. This book has be invaluable. The introduction spoke as if to me personally.The book's setup of contents, end notes, and especially the section of Psalms for Specific Needs helps make this resource truly a personal aid.

Any Christian who takes the Christianity seriously, tries to please God; walk with Him, be obedient to his Word and honor Him. This book is exactly about these, practically sharing with us real life stories with a gentle and kind spirit.I use it as a daily devotional and am blessed.

It's ok, but not what I expected. Has good information.

Exciting help in praying the psalms, not just reading them.

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