

**The Psalms are a sign pointing toward
biblical worship.**

Signs of Biblical Worship

I. Prioritizes God

II. Integrates worship and life

III. Points to Jesus

Genres of the Psalms

- 1. Psalms of Praise—103**
- 2. Psalms of Thanksgiving—30**
- 3. Psalms of Lament—22**
- 4. Psalms of Remembrance—77**
- 5. Psalms of Wisdom—1**
- 6. Psalms of Confidence—23**
- 7. Psalms of Kingship—2**

A green rectangular highway sign with rounded corners and a white border. The sign is mounted on a metal structure and features the word "Remember" in a large, white, sans-serif font. The background of the sign is a solid green color. The sign is set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The metal structure supporting the sign is visible on the left and right sides, and a small, rectangular, metallic object is mounted on the bottom edge of the sign.

Remember

**Psalms of Remembrance lead us to
remember**

- **God's great redemptive acts of the past**
 - **Psalm 77:16-20**

**¹⁶When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were
afraid; indeed, the deep trembled.**

**¹⁷The clouds poured out water; the skies
gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed
on every side.**

¹⁸The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

²⁰You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 77:16-20

Psalms of Remembrance lead us to remember

- **God's great redemptive acts of the past**
– Psalm 77:16-20
- **God's covenants (His promises)**
– Psalm 89
- **God's faithfulness – Psalm 136**

**¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**²Give thanks to the God of gods, for his
steadfast love endures forever.**

**³Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his
steadfast love endures forever;**

⁴to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Psalm 136:1-5

We remember so that we will:

- **Worship (Psalm 105)**
- **Instruct future generations (Psalm 78)**
- **Remain faithful (Psalm 136)**
- **Change our perspective (Psalm 106)**

Remembering as a theme in Scripture

- **Deuteronomy 5**
- **Joshua 4**
- **Colossians 3**

What does it look like to worship on the precipice?

- **Remember!**
- **Recognize the present**

“Psalm 89 does not present a picture of the protesting voice being silenced but, rather, one of it being given space for expression.”

— *David Cohen*

Psalm 89 as Liturgical Memory

What does it look like to worship on the precipice?

- **Remember!**
- **Recognize the present**
- **Reimagine the future**

³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:31-33

“Clearly, memory for a Christian is not nostalgia or historical reverie. It is far more profound than having a mental skill or a better-than-average ability to recall.

The redeemed memory, as it works under God’s Spirit, keeps the living awareness of the present in line with a living awareness of the past.

Thus our gratitude and thanksgiving, which are spurred by a knowledge of the past, are linked to our faith and hope, which engage the present and look toward the future.

Ideally the ministry of remembering should be a bright thread running through all our Christian living – individually, corporately, publicly, privately; in the quiet moment of the intimate prayer as well as in the open statements of public thanksgiving...”

***– Os Guinness
God in the Dark***

