

# **A Study of the Wisdom Literature**

## **(OT Survey Lesson 226 —Psalms 46-48 )**

**Introduction:** Psalms 46-48 appear to constitute a triad of songs of praise written by the sons of Korah after a battle in which the Lord brought a great miraculous deliverance against the enemies of Israel. Perhaps the historical background is the remarkable intervention of God mentioned in 2 Chron. 20:1-20 during the days of Jehoshaphat.

**Lesson aim:** To show the honor God should receive for his deliverance of his people.

### **A psalm of encouragement to take refuge in God—Psalm 46:1-11**

1. How is God described in the opening verse of this psalm? The writer affirms that God's people need not fear even though what things occur? (v. 2-3)
2. What was it that made Jerusalem such a blessed place to be? (v. 4-5)  
What did the nations do to disturb the kingdoms of the world? (v. 6)  
How did the Lord respond?
3. What had the Lord done for Israel? (v. 8-9) What did the Lord urge His people to do? (v. 10-11)
4. What thought ends both paragraphs and serves to remind us of the chief idea of the psalm? (v. 7,11)

### **A psalm honoring God as King over the earth—Ps. 47:1-9**

1. How were the people encouraged to show their joy toward the Lord's deliverance? (v. 1) What attitude should men have toward the Lord? (v. 2) Why? (v. 2b-3)
2. What did the psalmist say the Lord did for Israel? (v. 4)
3. What are the people urged to do since God has "ascended"? (v. 5-7)

4. How did the psalmist see God's reign? (v. 8) What role did the princes of Israel have in God's kingdom?
5. With what were the people of Israel protected? (v. 9) Consequently, how was Israel to respond to Him?

### **A psalm expressing the glory and joy of having God in the midst of Jerusalem—Ps. 48:1-14**

*The joy of God's deliverance is expressed in this psalm in the privilege of dwelling in Jerusalem, the place of God's temple.*

1. How was Israel to respond to God's greatness? (v. 1) What does the psalmist say about the Lord's mountain or city? (v. 2) What has God done in her palaces? (v. 3)
2. What are the kings of the earth pictured as doing as they come near the city of the Lord? (v. 4-6) Had Jerusalem now experienced the great deliverance and protection of God about which they had heard? (v. 8) Thus, they believed that the Lord would do what for Jerusalem?
3. Upon what had the Lord's people thought? (v. 9) The Lord's right hand is full of what? (v. 10)
4. How should the city (the people of God) respond to the Lord? (v. 11)
5. As one walked about the city, what could one see? (v. 12-13) For what purpose does the psalmist urge others to view them?
6. To see the protections of the city still standing was to suggest what idea? (v. 14)