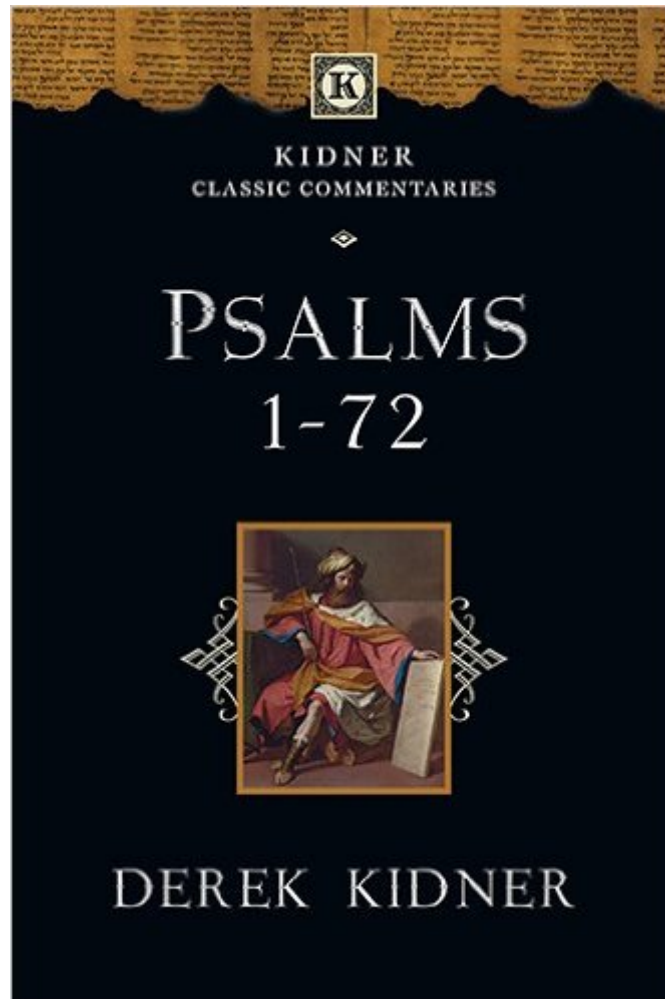


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'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.' 'Thy word is a lamp to my feet.' 'Search me, O God, and know my heart!' Such phrases leap to mind whenever Christians lift their hearts to God. For many, in fact, the Psalms are the richest part of the Old Testament. Derek Kidner provides a fresh and penetrating guide to Psalms 1â•72. He analyzes each psalm in depth, comments on interpretative questions and brings out the universal relevance of the texts. He also gives special help on the psalmists' cries for vengeance. Together with its companion volume (Psalms 73â•150), both of which were formerly part of the Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries series, this introduction and commentary will inspire and deepen personal worship.

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I've been using Kidner's commentary as a devotional aid for my current trip through the Psalms. I read one Psalm a day in the morning and then Kidner's insights; I read it again to my wife at dinnertime in a different translation and we talk about it for awhile. I have appreciated the commentary's insights. It is reverent, deeply insightful, and very precise in its handling of the text. It comments mostly on the English text, but is thoroughly critical of the English translations with constant references to the Hebrew (though usually without giving the Hebrew word even in the more technical notes which appear at the bottom of the page). This isn't strictly speaking a devotional commentary; rather, very meaningful devotional insights are woven into the verse-by-verse

interpretive comments, and sometimes appear in introductions at the beginning of the section on the Psalm. Kidner spends a fair amount of time fitting the Psalms with background, either trying to match up the Psalm with an incident from David's life or theorizing some other occasion for the Psalm's creation. He takes the Psalm titles as decisive when relating the Psalm to its background. Also, there is significant reference to other scripture texts, including New Testament texts, with related language or themes to the Psalm being commented on. This commentary gives an average of three pages to each Psalm, so if you want an exhaustive technical commentary this will not meet your needs. Regarding the more technical points of interpretation, I'm usually but not always convinced by Kidner's arguments which occasionally differ from the English translations I use.

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