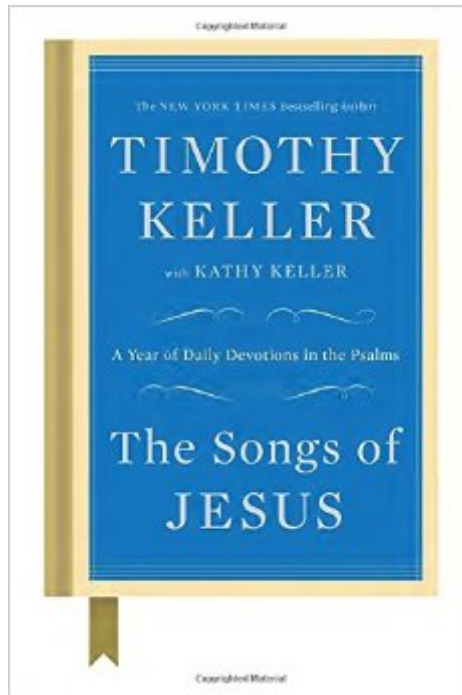


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# The Songs Of Jesus: A Year Of Daily Devotions In The Psalms



## Synopsis

Renowned pastor and *New York Times* bestselling author Timothy Keller writes the book his readers have been asking for: A year-long daily devotional, beautifully designed with gilt edges and a gold ribbon marker. The Book of Psalms is known as the Bible's songbook "Jesus knew all 150 psalms intimately, and relied on them to face every situation, including his death. Two decades ago, Tim Keller began reading the entire Book of Psalms every month. The Songs of Jesus is based on his accumulated years of study, insight, and inspiration recorded in his prayer journals. Kathy Keller came to reading the psalms as a support during an extended illness. Together they have distilled the meaning of each verse, inviting readers into the vast wisdom of the psalms. If you have no devotional life yet, this book is a wonderful way to start. If you already spend time in study and prayer, understanding every verse of the psalms will bring you a new level of intimacy with God, unlocking your purpose within God's kingdom.

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Each devotion in *The Songs of Jesus* begins with a portion of the Psalms (sometimes an entire psalm, but never more than a dozen verses), a devotional thought of about 150 words, and a short prayer. These prayers, should be seen as "on-ramps," not as complete prayers. The reader should follow the trajectory of the prayers and keep going, filling each prayer out with personal particulars, as well as always praying in Jesus' name (John 14:13). The Kellers recommend using the devotional three ways: 1. The simplest way is to read the psalm and the meditation slowly, and then use the prayer to begin praying the psalm yourself. 2. The second way to

use the devotional is to take the time to look up the additional scriptural references that are embedded in the meditation and sometimes in the prayer.<sup>3</sup> The third way to use the devotional is to journal through it while keeping three questions in mind:--Adoreâ "What did you learn about God for which you could praise or thank him?--Admitâ "What did you learn about yourself for which you could repent?--Aspireâ "What did you learn about life that you could aspire to, ask for, and act on?The Songs of Jesus among other Devotionals (particularly Jesus Calling)Why choose the book of psalms? The Kellers share their reasoning: â œMany find modern devotionals to be either too upbeat or too sentimental or too doctrinal or too mystical because they reflect the perspective and experience of just one human author. The psalms, by contrast, give us a range of divinely inspired voices of different temperaments and experiences.

Ever find that it is hard to know what to pray for? Maybe you have found that supplication or asking God for things is far easier than worshipping who he is when we pray.After reading Tim Keller's volume on Prayer:Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God, I was encouraged to incorporate scripture into my prayer life to "expand my vocabulary" of worship and enrich my own prayer life. However, I had hoped to see more examples of what Praying through the Psalms would look like in that volume. In my opinion, this is a great companion volume to Keller's Prayer book because it provides a way to pray through each Psalm.Each Psalm is broken up into manageable sections. Longer Psalms are spread across a few days (like Psalm 119). Following that is a section on the meaning of the Psalm or a short devotional. The last section is a prayer that Keller calls an "on- ramp" to pray through the Psalm with your own petitions and thoughts.The book itself is a nice hard bound book, with a ribbon to keep your place. The pages are fairly thick and printed in color.The devotional is meant to be used in any of these three ways (in the introduction).1) Reading through the Psalm, Meditation, and Prayer slowly.2) Doing number 1, but also reading through the additional scripture references, which is meant to enhance our Prayer life.3) Use a blank journal along with the devotional and Adore (What did we learn about God that we can thank him for?) Admit (What did we learn about ourselves to repent for?)

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