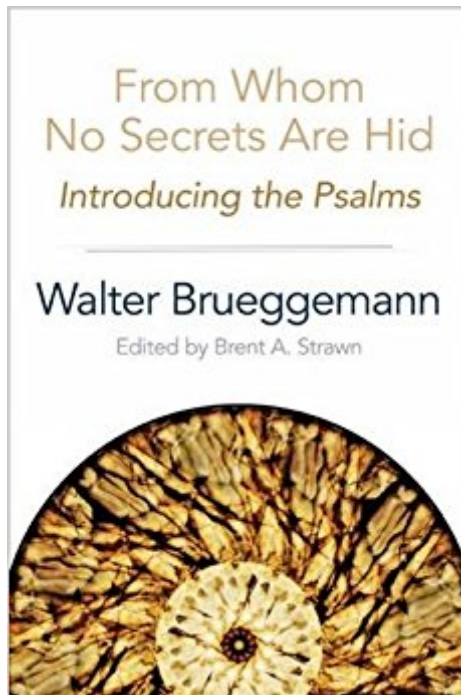




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The Psalms express the most elemental human emotions, representing situations in which people are most vulnerable, ecstatic, or driven to the extremities of life and faith. Many people may be familiar with a few Psalms, or sing them as part of worship. Here highly respected author Walter Brueggemann offers readers an additional use for the Psalms: as scripted prayers we perform to help us reveal ourselves to God. Brueggemann explores the rich historical, literary, theological, and spiritual content of the Psalms while focusing on various themes such as praise, lament, violence, and wisdom. He skillfully describes Israel's expression of faith as sung through the Psalms, situates the Psalmic liturgical tradition in its ancient context, and encourages contemporary readers to continue to perform them as part of their own worship experiences. Brueggemann's masterful take on the Psalms as prayers will help readers to unveil their hopes and fears before God and, in turn, feel God's grace unveiled to them.

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"This volume represents the splendid culmination of Walter Brueggemann's faithful, fruitful, career-long engagement with the Psalms—nearly one hundred books, articles, and book reviews over a period of almost fifty years! This crowning achievement will certainly be of major interest and usefulness to other scholars and teachers of the Bible. But my fervent hope is that it will also be widely used by pastors, musicians, and church educators so that Brueggemann's expressed 'long-term hope' for this volume will be realized—that is, 'that it may lead common church practice

to greatly expand the repertoire of Psalms that are utilized in worship' (p. xi)."

•J. Clinton McCann Jr., Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Eden Theological Seminary"While clearly a comprehensive introduction to the Psalms, Brueggemann's presentation is carried less by technical information about types, settings, and other such matters and more by beautiful expositions of individual psalms. The result is an entry into the Psalter that is available to all levels of students and others interested in understanding the Psalms and their significance for Christian faith."

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•W. H. Bellinger Jr., Chair, Department of Religion and W. Marshall and Lulie Craig Chairholder in Bible, Baylor University

Key Selling Points: New volume from popular author Walter Brueggemann
 Suggests that Psalms are scripted prayers people can use
 reveal themselves to God
 Explores historical, literary, theological, and spiritual content of the Psalms, including various themes like praise, lament, violence, and wisdom

The Psalmists were lay people, like us. They were honest and out loud in their pain and anger with God because they knew He already knew their hearts. Brueggeman analyzes individual Psalms and groups of Psalms in this introduction to help us understand that the Psalmists somehow knew, like Freud, that our raw emotions need to be brought to speech for healing and for "reorientation" or transformation.

I purchased this to supplement a study on the Psalms I was leading with a large group. It has proved valuable in helping to explain the context the Psalms were written in and to make relevant points for today. Brueggeman is an Old Testament scholar who makes his work accessible for church leaders trying to deepen the understanding of church members who have not had access to this level of scholarship in the past.

Content is thought provoking, but strongly based on Brueggeman's choices for interpretations. Wording is most suited to academic readers.

This is one of the best resources for the study of the Psalms. Brueggeman is an excellent Old Testament scholar. This book gives insights and guidance for anyone appreciating the Psalms.

Very interesting read. Insightful to inspire thought as well as alternative perspective. Must be open to consider various questions. Can take you out of your comfort zone.

This is another insightful book by Brueggeman. I read it to prepare for teaching a class on the Psalms, but it would benefit anyone who wishes to grow in their understanding and use of the Psalms in their spirituality.

Excellent articles for classroom, preaching and Bible study

It gets no better than Walter Bruegerman.

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