

Types of Psalms

The Psalms (songs) fall into differing patterns or templates. The list is not exhaustive nor solidly fixed. Choosing the right type of Psalm will be helpful for your personal worship times (first two types would be easiest to work with). You are looking for God's character qualities and what He does.

Declarative Praise Psalms:

1, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 49, 50, 52, 58, 62, 63, 66, 68, 73, 75, 78, 81, 82, 84, 91, 92, 95, 100, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 111, 112, 113 - 118, 119, 135, 136, 138, 139, 144 - 150

Songs of Zion:

42, 43, 46, 48, 76, 84, 87, 120 — 134

Individual Lament Psalms:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 35, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 51, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61, 63, 64, 69, 70, 71, 86, 88, 102, 109, 120, 130, 140, 141, 142, 143

National Lament Psalms:

44, 60, 74, 80, 83, 85, 90, 123, 125, 126

There are other types of Psalm templates, but these 5 are a good start.
They are not original with me.