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- What do these passages say about God?
- What impresses you the most?
- In what similar ways might you wish to experience God as did Israel?

Psalms that capture time and spaces

Historical psalms that show the work of God over generations and among nations

1. Psalm 81

Psalm 81:8-10

Listen, dear ones—get this straight; O Israel, don't take this lightly.
Don't take up with strange gods, don't worship the latest in gods.
I'm God, your God, the very God who rescued you from doom in Egypt,
Then fed you all you could eat, filled your hungry stomachs.

2. Psalm 105

Psalm 105:37-42

He led Israel out, their arms filled with loot, and not one among his tribes even stumbled.
Egypt was glad to have them go - they were scared to death of them.
God spread a cloud to keep them cool through the day and a fire to light their way
through the night;
They prayed and he brought quail, filled them with the bread of heaven;
He opened the rock and water poured out; it flowed like a river through that desert—
All because he remembered his Covenant, his promise to Abraham, his servant.

3. Psalm 106

Psalm 106:23-33

Fed up, God decided to get rid of them, and except for Moses, his chosen, he would have.
But Moses stood in the gap and deflected God's anger, prevented it from destroying them
utterly. They went on to reject the Blessed Land, didn't believe a word of what God
promised. They found fault with the life they had and turned a deaf ear to God's voice.
Exasperated, God swore that he'd lay them low in the desert,
Scattering their children hither and yon, strewing them all over the earth.
Then they linked up with Baal Peor, attending funeral banquets and eating idol food.
That made God so angry that a plague spread through their ranks;
Phinehas stood up and pled their case and the plague was stopped.
This was counted to his credit; his descendants will never forget it.
They angered God again at Meribah Springs; this time Moses got mixed up in their evil;
Because they defied God yet again, Moses exploded and lost his temper.

4. Psalm 114

Psalm 114:1-2

After Israel left Egypt, the clan of Jacob left those barbarians behind;
Judah became holy land for him, Israel the place of holy rule.

Psalms ... songs of the heart set free

