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After you have written your psalm, please check one of these boxes:

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## **Personal Psalms of Praise**

This has been one of the most enjoyable activities I have done with Seminary students. I got the idea years ago from Brother M. Ashton and have used it ever since. The first time I tried it, I wasn't sure how willingly the students would participate. But I have always been pleasantly surprised with how willing and amazing their personal psalms of praise were. The creative writing assignment on the worksheet is pretty self explanatory.

After they have all turned their papers in, read the ones that you have been given permission on. After you read those I read the other's privately and sometimes I have asked again if it is ok to read their publicly. After they hear others, they often are then ok with people hearing theirs.

To find and use the work sheet, go to [www.johnbushman.com](http://www.johnbushman.com)  
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