

The
BOOK OF PSALMS PSALMS 1-2

Contrast of the righteous with the ungodly;

PSALM 1

1 Oh the righteous happinesses¹ *that are* to the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law^{2a} of Jehovah, and in his law he murmurs in pleasure^{2b} day and night.

3 And he has been like a tree planted by the rivers of water, who gives his fruit in his time; his leaf also does not wither, and all that he does prospers.

4 The ungodly *are* not so, but *are* like the chaff which the wind drives about.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not rise in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

6 Because Jehovah knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall be lost.

¹ **1:1 Oh the righteous happinesses,** *esher*, is in the plural, and means to be happy because one is straight with God. This word comes from *asher* which means to be straight, right, upright, erect, and as a result of being upright, happy. It is a different word from the word blessed, *barak*, to kneel down with goodness to. *Barak* describes the process of God kneeling down to bestow his goodness on the believer. *Esher* describes the condition of the believer who is straight and upright with God - happy. Many of us will miss "Blessed" of the KJV in Psa 1, but it is a different word, and we want to be accurate in our understanding of Holy Scripture.

^{2a} **1:2 law.** See Note Gen 26:5.

^{2b} **1:2 murmurs in pleasure,** *hagah*. Notice the contrast between the righteous and the ungodly. In Psa 1:2, he who is righteously happy murmurs in pleasure in the law of Jehovah day and night. In Psa 2:1, unbelievers murmur in pleasure in a vain thing.

The Messiah, My Son, today I have begotten you

PSALM 2

1 Why do the peoples rage, and the communities murmur in pleasure in a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth place themselves, and the weighty ones sit down united against Jehovah and against his Anointed,² *saying*,

3 Let us tear away their chastisement, and throw away their ropes from us.

4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall mock them.

5 At that time he shall speak to them with *burning* nostrils, and shall cause them to tremble at his burning anger.

6 And I have anointed my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will tally up the enactment: Jehovah has said to me, You *are* my Son; today I have begotten you.

Acts 13:33. Heb 1:5; 5:5

8 Ask of me, and I shall give you the peoples for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

² **2:2 Anointed,** *mashiyach*, from *mashach*, to rub or anoint with oil. It is our word Messiah. His anointed first and foremost in this Psalm refers to the Messiah, the Christ. In a secondary sense his anointed refers to a believing king anointed by God's prophet to serve, a prophet, or man of God anointed with the Holy Spirit. Christ is Greek for the Hebrew word, Messiah, the Anointed One, and Christian means one who is anointed by the Spirit like Christ. Some think that the word Christ does not appear in the Hebrew Bible. It appears constantly as *mashiyach*, or Messiah, Anointed One. Sometimes Jewish people resent the word Christ because it is associated with Christians, but Christ is simply the Greek translation of the Hebrew word, Messiah.

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The Messiah; Jehovah's salvation for those oppressed

9 You shall break them in pieces with a rod of iron; you shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 And now, Oh you kings, be intelligently successful; be chastised, you judges of the earth.

11 Serve Jehovah with fear, and spin around with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you be lost from the way, when his nostrils are kindled but a little. Righteously happy *are* all they who flee to him for refuge.

PSALM 3

A Psalm of David when he fled from the face of Absalom, his son.

1 Jehovah, how are they increased who oppress me! Many *are* they who rise up against me;

2 Many are saying to my soul, There is no salvation for him in God. *Pause.*

3 And you, Oh Jehovah, are a shield for me; my heavy glory, and the one who exalts my head.

4 I called out to Jehovah with my voice, and he answered me out of his holy hill. *Pause.*

5 I lay down, and slept; I woke up, because Jehovah held me.

6 I will not fear ten thousand people, who are placed to surround against me.

7 Rise Jehovah; save me, Oh my God, because you have struck the jaw bone of all those who hate me; you have broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation is of Jehovah; your blessing *is* upon your people. *Pause.*

PSALM 4

To the Chief Musician upon stringed instruments. A Psalm of David

1 Attentively hear me when I call, Oh God of my righteousness; you enlarged me in oppression; stoop down to me in grace, and attentively hear my prayer.

2 Oh you sons of men, how long *will you change* my heavy glory into shame? Will you love vanity, seeking falsehood? *Pause.*

3 And know by seeing that Jehovah has set him apart who is godly for himself; Jehovah will attentively hear when I call to him.

4 Be agitated, and do not sin; talk to your own heart upon your bed, and be still. *Pause.*

5 Sacrifice the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in Jehovah.

6 Many say, Who will cause us to see good? Jehovah, lift upon us the light of your face.

7 You have given gladness in my heart, more than in the time their grain and their fresh grape juice increased.

8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace, because you, Jehovah alone, make me sit down in safety.

PSALM 5

To the Chief Musician on a flute. A Psalm of David

1 Broaden *your* ear to what I say, Oh Jehovah, discern my murmuring complaint.

2 Prick up *your* ears to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, because I will judge in prayer to you.

Jehovah will bear me in the dawn; Do not correct me with your burning nostrils, **PSALMS 6**

3 Oh Jehovah, you shall attentively hear my voice in the dawn; I will arrange for you in the dawn, and will lean out, peering into the distance,³

4 Because you *are* not a God who is pleased with wickedness;^{4 a} evil^{4 b} does not lodge with you.

5 The boaster shall not be permanently placed before your eyes; you hate all who do vanity.

6 You cause them who speak falsehood to be lost; Jehovah detests the bloody and deceitful man.

7 And I, in the abundance of your mercy, I will come into your house; I will prostrate myself toward your holy temple in your fear.

8 Oh Jehovah, lead me in your righteousness because of those trying to entangle me; make your way straight before my face;

9 Because there does not exist uprightness in their mouth; tempestuous ruin *is* inside of them; their throat *is* an open sepulcher; they flatter with their tongue.

³ **5;3 arrange** is *arak*, to set in a row, arrange, put in order, thus to prioritize. (the word prayer is not in the verse as supplied by KJV.) **and lean out, peering into the distance** is *tsaphah*, to lean out in order to peer into the distance, as one would lean out a window in order to see something in the distance. Here it refers to our leaning out toward God to see in the distance His perfect will for the day, and setting our work in order, prioritizing, according to His revealed will.

^{4a} **5;4 wickedness**, *resha*, to be disturbed, in commotion, and therefore wicked. God's Word uses various words to show the disharmony resulting from the incompleteness of man through sin. Salvation is completeness in God and therefore harmony and peace. Wickedness is disharmony.

^{4b} **5;4 evil**, *ra*, the resulting condition in man because sin has broken him or her to pieces, and broken the oneness, the completeness in peace that man must have in God. Completeness and harmony in God are salvation from *ra*, being broken to pieces.

10 Judge them as guilty, Oh God; let them fall by their own counsels; in the abundance of their transgressions throw them out, because they have rebelled against you.

11 And let all who flee to you for refuge rejoice; let them shout loudly forever, and you entwine them; and let them who love your name jump for joy in you,

12 Because you, Jehovah, will kneel down with goodness to the righteous; you will surround him with delight as a shield.

PSALM 6

To the Chief Musician upon a stringed instrument, upon a lyre. A Psalm of David

1 Oh Jehovah, Do not correct me with your *burning* nostrils, and do not make me right in your heated anger.

2 Stoop down to me in grace, Oh Jehovah, because I am sick; heal me, Oh Jehovah, because my bones tremble.

3 And my soul trembles, and you, Oh Jehovah, how long?

4 Return, Oh Jehovah, draw out my soul; Oh save me on account of your mercies,

5 Because there is no remembrance of you in death; in the world of the dead who shall raise their hands to you?

6 I am weary with my sighing; all the night I make my bed to swim; I flow down my tears upon my couch.

7 My eye is consumed from being provoked; it is removed because of all my oppressors.

PSALMS 7 *I flee to Jehovah for refuge; God will sharpen His sword against the unrepentant*

8 Depart from me, all you workers of vanity, because Jehovah has attentively heard the voice of my weeping.

9 Jehovah has attentively heard my prayer for grace; Jehovah will receive my prayer.

10 Let all who hate me pale in shame, and tremble exceedingly; let them return paled in shame in a wink.

PSALM 7

A Hymn of David, which he sang to Jehovah concerning the speech of Cush, the Benjamite

1 Oh Jehovah, my God, I flee to you for refuge; save me from all them who pursue me, and snatch me out,

2 Lest he tear my soul in pieces like a lion, breaking it in pieces, while there is none to snatch me out.

3 Oh Jehovah, my God, if I have done this, if there is evil in the palms of my hands,

4 If I have rewarded evil to him who was at peace with me (I have even equipped him who without cause is my oppressor)

5 Let him who hates me pursue my soul, and reach it, and let him tread down my life upon the earth, and let my heavy glory reside in the dust. *Pause.*

6 Rise, Oh Jehovah, with your *burning* nostrils; be lifted up at the rage of my oppressors, and God, awake; you have commanded judgment.

7 And the congregation of the communities shall surround you, and you shall return on high over

them.

8 Jehovah shall regulate the people with judgment; judge me, Oh Jehovah, according to my righteousness, and according to my completeness that is in me. *Note Job 1:1*

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked be ended, and set up the righteous, for God tests the hearts and kidneys⁹ of the righteous.

10 My shield is of God, who saves the upright in heart.

11 God *is* a righteous judge, and God is enraged¹¹ every day.

12 If he does not turn back, he will sharpen his sword; he has bent his bow, and set it up.

13 And he has set up the instruments of death for him; he makes his arrows with flames.

14 Behold, he is bound with vanity, and conceives wearisome toil, and begets falsehood.

15 He planned to dig a pit, and dug it, and fell into the pit he made.

16 His wearisome toil shall turn back upon his own head, and his violence shall descend upon the crown of his head.

17 I will raise my hands to Jehovah for his righteousness, and will sing with playing instruments to the name of Jehovah most high.

⁹ 7:9 **kidneys**, *kilyah*, kidney, used similarly to the word heart for the inner self or mind, and the cleansing of the heart of evil thoughts and motivation.

¹¹ 7:11 **enraged**, *za'am*, literally to foam at the mouth.

PSALM 8

To the Chief Musician upon a Gittite harp. A Psalm of David.

1 Oh Jehovah, our Lord, how pervading¹ is your name in all the earth who has given your glorious authority above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings you have founded strength because of your oppressors, so that you cause the haters and the avengers to cease.

3 When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set up,

4 What *is* mortal man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man⁴ that you visit him?

5 And you have made him a little lower than God, and have crowned him with heavy glory and magnificence.

6 You caused him to rule over the works of your hands; you have placed all under his feet,

7 All flock animals, and oxen, and also the animals of the field,

8 The little birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, and those crossing through the paths of the seas.

9 Oh Jehovah our Lord, how pervading is your name in all the earth

¹ **pervading**, *addiyr*, wide, large, expansive. The meaning of the verse is that the name of Jehovah God pervades throughout the heavens and the earth.

⁴ **8;4 What is mortal man**, *enosh*, a mortal human. **the son of man**, *adam*, another word for man, and the name of the first man.

⁹ **Psalm 9**, the title, **upon the death of a son**. *al muwt la ben*. The English is a literal translation; this is a compound word composed of two Hebrew words; *muwth* is to die, and *ben* is a son. The Pulpit Commentary states that various explanations have been given for this word but none are satisfactory.

PSALM 9

To the Chief Musicians upon the death of a son.⁹ A Psalm of David.

1 I will raise my hands to you, Oh Jehovah, with my whole heart; I will tally up all your wonders.

2 I will rejoice and jump for joy in you; I will sing with playing instruments to your name, Oh you, Most High.

3 When those who hate me are turned back, they shall totter weak legged, and be lost from before your face,

4 Because you have done my judgment and my lawsuit; you sat in the throne judging right.

5 You have rebuked the peoples; you have caused the wicked to be lost; you have rubbed out their name forever and ever.

6 As to the hater, his desolate places are completed to an end, and you have torn down their cities; the memory of them is lost.

7 And Jehovah shall sit down forever; he has set up his throne for judgment.

8 And he shall judge the inhabited earth in righteousness; he shall regulate the communities with judgment⁸ evenly.

Most translations simply give the words in Hebrew and therefore leave the reader to look them up in a Hebrew Lexicon or a commentary. *The Heritage Bible* translates every word as nearly word for word, literally, as is possible to do, and leaves the Holy Spirit to help the reader interpret the words He has given.

⁸ **9;8 regulate with judgment**. The first word judge is *shaphat*, to judge, to pronounce sentence. The second word regulate with judgment is *diyn*, to judge in a straight line, that is without deviation from the right, to regulate evenly, as expressed in the additional word evenly, *meysnar*, as in even handed or with equality, the name of the tribe of Dan.

PSALMS 10 *Jehovah is a lofty cliff for the crushed; Why do you stand far off; Oh Jehovah?*

9 And Jehovah is a lofty cliff for the crushed; a lofty cliff in times of pressure.

10 And they who know your name will trust you, because you, Jehovah, have not forsaken them who tread seeking you.

11 Sing with playing instruments to Jehovah, who sits down in Zion; cause his deeds to stand out boldly among the people.

12 When he treads seeking bloods,¹² he remembers them; he does not forget the cry of the meek.

Gen 4;10; 9;5

13 Stoop down in grace to me, Oh Jehovah; see my being looked down on by those who hate me, you who exalts¹³ me up from the gates of death;

14 That I may tally up all your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion; I will spin around with emotion in your salvation.

15 The peoples have sunk in the pit they made; their own foot is captured in a net they hid.

16 Jehovah is known; he has done judgment; the wicked is snared in the work of his own palms. Solemnity.¹⁶ Pause.

17 The wicked shall be turned into the world of the dead, all peoples who are oblivious to God,

¹² **9;12 blood, dam**, is here in the plural, *damiym*, agreeing with them in the next phrase, referring to the many people whose blood has been wrongly shed. See Gen 4;10; 9;5.

¹³ **9;13 who exalts me**. The last phrase of this verse is stated in a manner to show that exalting people from the gates of death is God's regular habit.

¹⁶ **9;16 Solemnity, higaion**, a musical notation to sing the words of this Psalm with a solemn feeling.

18 Because the poor shall not always be forgotten. Shall the cord of hope of the poor be lost forever?

19 Rise, Oh Jehovah; do not let man be strong; let the peoples be judged before your face.

20 Place them in fear, Oh Jehovah; the peoples shall know by seeing *that they are mortal men*.²⁰

Pause.

PSALM 10

1 Why do you stand far off, Oh Jehovah, hidden in times of pressure?

2 The wicked in his pride burns the poor; let them be caught in the devices that they have calculated,

3 Because the wicked boasts of the craving of his soul, and kneels down with goodness to those who break *others* in pieces, whom Jehovah contemptuously rejects.

4 Through the loftiness of his nostrils the wicked will not tread seeking *God*; God does not exist in all his plans.

5 His ways are always twisted; your judgments are high above in front of him; he puffs at all those who hate him.

6 He has said in his heart, I shall not waver; *I am one who sees no evil from generation to generation*.

²⁰ **9;20** They will know by seeing that they are mortal men, not God. Ever since the Serpent tempted Adam and Eve with the idea in the Garden, man has retained this notion that he is God, that his opinion is the last word, and that he can set his own rules.

The wicked boast; I flee to Jehovah for refuge

7 His mouth is full of swearing, and deceit, and cutting to pieces; wearisome toil and vanity are under his tongue.

8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages; he fatally strikes the innocent in the secret places; his eyes are hidden against the unfortunate.

9 He lurks concealed as a lion in his den; he lurks to seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

10 He sinks down crushed, and the unfortunate fall by his strong ones.

11 He has said in his heart, God has forgotten; he hides his face; he fails to see ever.

12 Rise, Oh Jehovah; Oh God, lift up your hand; do not forget the meek.

13 On what *basis* do the wicked contemptuously reject God? Has he said in his heart, You will not tread seeking *him*?

14 You have seen, because you look intently at wearisome toil, and to give those who provoke into your hand; the unfortunate relinquishes himself to you; you are the one who surrounds the orphan with help.

15 Burst the outstretched arm of the wicked and the evil; tread seeking his wickedness; there is nothing.

16 Jehovah *is* King forever and ever; the peoples have been lost out of his earth.

17 Jehovah, you have attentively heard the craving of the meek; you will set up their heart; you will prick up your ears,

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18 To judge the orphan and the crushed; mortal man *made* out of the earth will no more be dreaded.

PSALM 11

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 I flee to Jehovah for refuge; how do you say to my soul, Wander as a little bird to your mountain?

2 Because, lo, the wicked bend their bow; they set up their arrow upon what is left that they may cause *it* to flow at the upright in heart in the dusk.

3 If the foundations are pulled down, what can the righteous do? Note Isa 19:10

4 Jehovah is in his holy temple; Jehovah's throne is in the heavens; his eyes gaze at, his eyelids test, the children of men.

5 Jehovah tests the righteous and the wicked, and his⁵ soul hates him who loves violence.

6 He shall rain snares upon the wicked, fire, and sulphur, and a Spirit of violent heat, the allotment of their cup,

7 Because the righteous Jehovah loves righteousness; the upright gaze at visions of his face.

PSALM 12

To the Chief Musician upon an Eight Stringed Lyre. A Psalm of David.

1 Save, Jehovah, because the merciful ceases, because the faithful disappear from among the children of men.

⁵ 11:5 his soul hates, refers to God, and means God's soul hates the wicked and him who loves violence.

PSALMS 13, 14 *The wicked boast; until when will you forget me, Jehovah; the fool says, No God*

2 They speak ruin, every man with his neighbor; they speak with flattering lips and with a double² heart.

3 Jehovah shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things,

4 Who have said, With our tongue we will prevail; our lips *are* our own. Who *is* lord over us?

5 For the violence toward the depressed, for the crying of the poor, Jehovah says, now I will rise; I will place him in salvation from him who puffs at him.

6 The words of Jehovah *are* pure words, as silver refined in a furnace of earth, refined seven times.

7 You shall hedge them about, Oh Jehovah, you shall guard them from this generation forever;

8 The wicked walk on every side, like the rising of a tempest on the children of men.

PSALM 13

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Until when will you forget me, Oh Jehovah? Until the end? Until when will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I place counsel in my soul? Sorrow *is* in my heart daily! How long shall those hating me be exalted over me?

3 Intently look at me, and attentively hear, Oh Jehovah, my God; lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of death*;

² 12;2 **double heart** is *leb leb*, which is heart heart, which means they are speaking with two different and contradictory hearts.

4 Lest those who hate me say, I have prevailed against him; and those who oppress me spin around with emotion when I waver.

5 And I have put my trust in your mercy; my heart shall spin around with emotion in your salvation.

6 I will sing to Jehovah, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

To the Chief Musician by David.

1 The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are destroyed; they have done detestable works; there is none who does good.

2 Jehovah leaned out, and gazed down from the heavens upon the children of men to see, Does there exist any who is intelligently successful, any who treads seeking God?

3 They have all turned away; as a unit they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one.

4 Do all the workers of vanity not know by seeing, who eat my people as they eat food, not calling upon Jehovah?

5 There fearing, they fear, because God *is* in the generation of the righteous.

6 You have caused the counsel of the poor to pale in shame, because Jehovah *is* his refuge.

7 Who will give out of Zion the salvation of Israel? When Jehovah turns back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall spin around with emotion; Israel shall rejoice.

Jehovah, who shall abide in your tent? Hedge me about, Oh God

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PSALM 15

A Psalm of David.

1 Jehovah, who shall abide in your tent? Who shall dwell in your holy hill?

2 He who walks complete in truth, and does the right, and speaks the truth in his heart,

3 He who does not walk as a spy with his tongue, does not do evil to his neighbor, does not lift up a reproach against his neighbor,

4 In whose eyes the despiser is despised, and he attributes heavy glory to them who fear Jehovah, he who swears to his own hurt, and does not exchange *it*;

5 He does not give out his silver on stinging interest, and does not take gifts against the innocent. He who does these shall never waver.

PSALM 16

A Poem of David.

1 Hedge me about, Oh God, because I flee to you for refuge.

2 You have said to Jehovah, You are my Lord; my goodness *is* not apart from you;

3 *Your goodness is* to the saints, they who *are* in the earth, and to the nobles, in whom is all my delight.

4 Their wounds will increase who flow like liquid after another *god*; I will not pour out their pourings out of blood, and will not lift up their names⁴ upon my lips.

Exo 23:13

⁴ 16:4 **their names** refers to the names of other gods. The Psalmist is obeying the Law of God not even to make mention of their names, Exo 23:13.

5 Jehovah *is* the allotment of my inheritance and of my cup; you sustain my lot.

6 Measuring lines have fallen to me in pleasantness; yes, to me *is* a bright heritage.

7 I will kneel down with goodness to Jehovah, who has given me counsel; also in the night my kidneys have chastened me.

8 I have placed Jehovah always level in front of me; I shall not waver, because *he is* at my right hand. Acts 2:25

9 So, my heart rejoices, and my heavy glory spins around with emotion; also my flesh shall reside in the refuge, Acts 2:26

10 Because you will not forsake my soul in the world of the dead; you will not give your Merciful One to see corruption. Acts 2:27

11 You will cause me to know by seeing the path of life; before your face *is* fullness of joy; at your right hand *are* pleasures forever.

PSALM 17

A Prayer of David.

1 Attentively hear the right, Oh Jehovah; prick up your ears to my cry; broaden your ear to my prayer, not out of deceitful lips.

2 Let my judgment come forth from your face; let your eyes gaze at rectitude.

3 You have tested my heart; you have visited me in the night; you have refined me, and shall find nothing; I plan my mouth not to cross over *against you*.

4 *As to* the works of men - I have hedged myself from the paths of the violent by the word of your lips.

PSALMS 18 *Sustain my steps in your paths; In my oppression I called upon Jehovah*

5 Sustain my steps in your paths, that my strokes do not waver.

6 I have called upon you, because you will answer me, Oh God; spread out your ear to me, and attentively hear what I say.

7 Cause me to understand your mercy; you save them who flee to you for refuge from those who rise *against us* by your right hand.

8 Hedge me about as the little man of the daughter of the eye;⁸ hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the face of the wicked who ravage me, from the soul of those who hate me, who fasten upon me violently.

10 They are shut up in their own fat; their mouth speaks loftily.

Jdg 3:22

11 They have now surrounded us in our steps; they have placed their eyes, spreading out in the earth,

12 Like a lion longing to tear in pieces, and a young lion sitting in secret places.

13 Rise, Oh Jehovah, go before him to his face; cause him to bend his knees; deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword,

14 From adult men in your hand, Oh Jehovah, from adult men of the fleeting *world*; their allotment *is* in this life, and you fill their belly with your hid treasure; they are sat-

⁸ 17:8 **the little man of the daughter of the eye**; *iyshown*, little man (from *ish*, man), *bath*, daughter, *ayin*, eye. It means the little man you can see reflected in the pupil, which is the daughter of the eye, or belongs to the eye. In Deut 32:10 the phrase occurs as the little man of the eye. Here the phrase is the little man of the daughter of the eye.

isfied with children, and deposit what is left to their sucking babies.

15 I in righteousness will gaze at a vision of your face; I shall be satisfied when I awake with your likeness.

PSALM 18

To the Chief Musician by the servant of Jehovah, David, who spoke to Jehovah words of this song the day Jehovah snatched him out of the palm of all those hating him, out of the hand of Saul, and saying,

1 I will love you, Oh Jehovah, my strength.

2 Jehovah *is* my lofty rock, and my stronghold, and my deliverer; my God, my strong rock, to whom I flee for refuge; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, and my lofty cliff.

3 I will call upon Jehovah, who is to be praised, and I shall be saved from those who hate me.

4 The cords of death surrounded me, and the streams of the worthless made me afraid.

5 The cords of the world of the dead surrounded me; the snares of death went before me.

6 In my oppression I called upon Jehovah, and screamed for help to my God; he attentively heard my voice out of his temple, and my screaming for help came before his face into his ears.

7 And the earth was violently agitated and trembled, and the foundations of the hills were violently agitated and shook, because it caused him to blaze in wrath.

8 Smoke ascended out of his nostrils, and fire devoured out of his mouth; burning embers were kindled by it.

9 And he spread out the heavens, and descended, and thick darkness *was* under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and flew, and he swooped upon the wings of the Spirit.

11 He placed darkness his cover; his pavilion around him *was* dark waters, dark clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness before him his dark clouds crossed over; hail, coals of fire.

13 And Jehovah violently agitates the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice, hail and coals of fire.

14 And he sent out his arrows, and forcibly scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and put them in commotion.

15 And the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the inhabited earth were revealed at your rebuke, Oh Jehovah, at the breath of the Spirit of your nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me, he pulled me out of many waters.

17 He snatched me from my forceful haters, and from them who hated me, because they were too powerfully alert for me.

18 They went before me in the day of my bending under oppression, and Jehovah was my support.

19 And he brought me out into a large place; he equipped me, because he was inclined to me.

20 Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness; he has turned back to me according to the purity of my hands,

21 Because I have hedged about the ways of Jehovah, and have not wickedly departed from my God,

22 Because all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his enactments from me.

23 And I was complete before him, and I hedged myself about from my iniquity.

24 And Jehovah has turned back to me according to my righteousness, according to the purity of my hands before his eyes.

25 With the merciful you will bend down in mercy; with a mighty man of completeness, you will show yourself complete;

26 With the pure you will show yourself pure; and with the perverted you will show yourself twisted,

27 Because you will save the poor people, and the exalted eyes you will bring down,

28 Because you will light my lamp; Jehovah my God will light my darkness,

29 Because by you I have run through an army, and by my God I have leaped over a wall.

30 *As for* God, his way *is* complete; what Jehovah says is refined; he is a shield to all those who flee to him for refuge,

31 Because who *is* God except Jehovah, and who is a strong rock except our God?

32 God girds me with resources, and gives my way *to be* complete.

33 He levels my feet like the deer, and upon my high places he causes me to stand.

PSALMS 18 *He teaches my hands to war; let the God of my salvation be exalted*

34 He teaches my hands to war, and a bow of metal is bent down by my outstretched arms.

35 And you have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand holds me up; and your gentleness has made me abundant.

36 You have enlarged my steps under me, that my ankles did not waver.

37 I have pursued those who hate me, and reached them; and I did not turn back until they were finished.

38 I have dashed them to pieces, and they were not able to rise; they have fallen under my feet.

39 And you have girded me with resources to the battle; you have caused them who rose up against me to bend their knees under me.

40 And you have given me the necks of those hating me, and I have pulled them up by the roots who hate me.

41 They cried for help, and there was none to save them; to Jehovah, and he did not answer them.

42 And I rubbed them as the dust upon the face of the wind; I poured them out as the mud outside.

43 You have delivered me from the controversies⁴³ of people; and you have put me the head of

⁴³ **18:43 controversies**, *riyb*, a personal or legal contest, a grappling with the opponent personally or in court. It is amazing the number of lawsuits that have been brought to remove God, His Son, and His Bible from the public life of modern nations. The words in these verses are words in the mouth of the Messiah, the Lord Jesus. He will one day be delivered from all the controversies and law-

the peoples; people whom I have not known shall serve me.

44 At the hearing of the ear, they shall attentively hear me; the children of strangers shall feign submission to me.

45 The children of strangers shall wilt, and shall leap in fear out of their fortified enclosures.

46 Jehovah lives, and blessed is my strong rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 God gives vengeance to me, and speaks⁴⁷ the people under me.

48 He delivers me from those hating me; yes, you exalt me above those who rise against me; you have snatched me from the violent man.

49 Therefore, Oh Jehovah, I will raise my hands among the peoples to you, and sing with playing instruments to your name,

50 Making the salvations of his king great, and making mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed forever.

suits brought against Him, from the lawsuit before Pilate who sentenced Him to be crucified, to all the modern lawsuits that have tried to remove Him from national life. He will be put as the head of all peoples.

⁴⁷ **18:47 speaks**, *dabar*, the normal word for speak. God places people under submission to Him by speaking them under Jesus. Please understand the grammatical construction of the statement. It is not that He speaks to them after they are under Him. It is that the Father literally speaks them under Jesus. He speaks, and they are under Him, like it or not. His words put them in their place, and there is literally no argument. You can hear His voice today, and be arranged under Him in salvation, or wait until it is too late; then He will speak, in the last day at the revelation of His Son, and by speaking (the sharp saber discharged from His mouth, Rev 19:15) He will arrange all rebellious unbelievers under Him forever. Arrange is the root meaning of *dabar*, to arrange words. God conquers people by arranging words to them. His words are the most powerful entities in the universe!

The heavens tally up the heavy glory of God; May Jehovah answer you **PSALMS 19,20**

PSALM 19

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 The heavens tally up the heavy glory of God, and the firmament causes the work of his hands to stand out boldly.

2 Day to day gushes forth what he says, and night to night causes knowledge to live.

3 There is no speech, and there are no words *where* their voice is not heard.

4 Their measuring line is gone out through all the earth, and their discourse to the end of the inhabited earth. He has put a tent for the sun in them;

5 He *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his canopy, and will rejoice as a mighty man to run a path.

6 From the extremity of the heavens *is* his going forth, and his revolution to the ends of it, and there is nothing hid from his heat.

7 The law of Jehovah *is* complete, converting the soul; the testimony of Jehovah *is* faithful, making the open wise.

8 The visited mandates of Jehovah *are* straight, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of Jehovah *is* clean, lighting the eyes.

9 The fear of Jehovah *is* clean, standing forever; the judgments of Jehovah *are* nurturing and righteous as a unit.

10 More to be desired than gold, yes, than much fine gold, and sweeter than honey, and the dripping of honey from the comb.

11 Also your servant is enlightened by them, and in hedging them about *there is* great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors? From the hidden you cleanse me.

13 Also restrain your servant from arrogance; let them not rule over me; then I shall be complete, and I shall be clean from the great transgression.

14 Let the sayings of my mouth, and the murmurings of my heart, be pleasing before your face, Oh Jehovah, my strong rock, and my redeemer.

PSALM 20

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 May Jehovah answer you in the day of pressure; may the name of the God of Jacob exalt you to safety;

2 May he send you help from the sanctuary, and sustain you out of Zion;

3 May he remember all your offerings, and your anointed burnt sacrifices; Pause.

4 May he give you according to your heart, and fulfill all your counsel.

5 We will shout loudly in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will raise our banners; may Jehovah fulfill all your requests.

6 Now I know by seeing that Jehovah saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heavens with the might of *the* salvation of his right hand.

7 These *remember* chariots, and those *remember* horses; and we will remember the name of Jehovah our God.⁷

⁷ 20:7 The only verb in this verse is remember, *zakar*, to mark something so that it comes readily to mind, and it is at the end of

PSALMS 21-22 *Jehovah, in your strength the king shall rejoice; My God, why have you forsaken me*

8 They bend their knees and fall, and we rise, and testify.

9 May Jehovah save; let the king answer us the day we call.

PSALM 21

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Oh Jehovah, in your strength the king shall rejoice; and in your salvation how greatly shall he spin around with emotion!

2 You have given him the craving of his heart, and have not withheld the longing of his lips; *Pause.*

3 Because you go before him with the blessings of goodness; you place a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life from you; you gave him length of days, perpetuity, and eternity.

5 Great *is* his heavy glory in your salvation; you have made glorious authority and magnificence equal upon him,

6 Because you have placed him blessed forever; you have made him rejoice, rejoice, near before your face,

7 Because the king puts his trust in Jehovah, and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not waver.

8 Your hand shall find out all those hating you; your right hand shall find out those who hate you.

the sentence. So, in the first two clauses remember is understood since it is used with the last phrase. What comes to your mind in time of need? These *people remember* chariots, and those *people remember* horses, thinking that those physical forces will save them from danger; and we remember the name of Jehovah our God. We know that He is the only One Who can always save us from danger. We remember nothing that conflicts with that.

9 You shall place them as a fiery pot of fire in the time before your face; Jehovah shall suck them up with his *burning* nostrils, and the fire shall devour them.

10 You will cause their fruit to be lost from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men,

11 Because they spread out evil against you; they calculated an evil plan; they shall not be able *to effect it,*

12 Because you shall place your cords on their back; you shall set up against their face.

13 Be exalted, Jehovah, in your own strength; we will sing with playing instruments in your might.

PSALM 22

To the Chief Musician. The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, and *why are you* so far from saving me, *so far from* the words of my roaring? *Mat 27:46*

2 Oh my God, I call daily, and you do not answer; and in the night, and there is no silence of me.

3 And you *are* holy, dwelling in the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted you; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

5 They cried to you, and escaped; they trusted you, and did not pale in shame.

6 And I *am* a maggot, and not a man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people.

7 All who see me mock me; they shoot out the lip; they shake the head, *saying,*

Roll yourself over onto Jehovah; Snatch my soul from the sword

PSALMS 22

8 Roll yourself over onto Jehovah; he will deliver him; he will snatch him away, because he delights in him, Mat 27:43

9 Because you gushed me out of the womb; you caused me to trust upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was thrown upon you from the womb; you *are* my God from my mother's belly.

11 Do not widely distance yourself from me, because pressure is near, because there is none to surround me with help.

12 Many bulls have surrounded me; mighty ones of Bashan have enclosed me.

13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a lion tearing in pieces and roaring.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are separated; my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my insides.

15 My power is dried up like a piece of pottery; and my tongue clings to my jaws; and you have brought me into the dust of death,

16 Because dogs have surrounded me; the assembly of the evil have violently enclosed me; they pierced my hands, and my feet.

17 I tally up all my bones; they seeing, look intently upon me.

18 They apportion my garments among them, and upon my splendid garment cast lots. Mat 27:24;

John 19:24

19 And you, Oh Jehovah, do not widely distance yourself from me; Oh my strength, hurry to help me.

20 Snatch my soul from the sword, my beloved from the hand of the dog.

21 Save me from the mouth of the lion; from the horns of the wild bulls you have answered me.

22 I will tally up your name to my brothers; I will boast of you in the midst of the congregation.

23 You who fear Jehovah, boast in him; all the seed of Jacob, give him heavy glory; and fear him, all the seed of Israel;

24 Because he has not despised and has not abhorred the affliction of the poor; and he has not hid his face from him, but when he cried to him for help, he attentively heard *him*.

25 My praise *shall be* of you in the great congregation; I will complete my vows before them who fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall boast in Jehovah who tread seeking him; your heart shall live forever.

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember, and turn back to Jehovah; and all the families of the peoples shall prostrate themselves before your face,

28 Because the kingdom is Jehovah's, and he will rule the peoples.

29 All the fat ones of the earth shall eat, and prostrate themselves before his face; they all shall bend their knees going down into the dust, and he did not keep his own soul alive.

30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be tallied up a generation to the Lord.

PSALMS 23,24,25 *Jehovah is my shepherd; The earth is Jehovah's; to you, I lift up my soul.*

31 They shall come, and shall cause his righteousness to stand out boldly to a people who shall be born that he has done *it*.

PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

1 Jehovah *is* my shepherd; I shall not lack.

2 He causes me to lie down in pastures of tender sprouts;² he causes me to flow with a sparkle beside resting waters.

3 He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, because you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You arrange a table before my face in front of my oppressors; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall run after me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of Jehovah forever.

PSALM 24

A Psalm of David.

1 The earth *is* Jehovah's, and its fullness, the inhabited earth, and they who dwell in it,

2 Because he has founded it upon the seas, and set it up upon the floods.

² 23:2 Pastures of tender sprouts are better than green pastures. In green pastures the grass can be old and tough and still green. Tender sprouts are fresh, easy to bite off, much more tasty, and more nutritious. Anyone who has ever provided pasturing for livestock knows this.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah, and who shall rise in his holy place?

4 He who has innocent palms, and a clean heart, who has not lifted up his soul to ruin, and has not sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall lift the blessing from Jehovah, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This *is* the generation of them who tread seeking him, who search out your face, Oh Jacob.

Pause.

7 Lift up your heads, Oh you gates; and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of heavy glory shall come in.

8 Who *is* this King of heavy glory? Jehovah strong, and mighty, Jehovah mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, Oh you gates; even lift them up, you everlasting doors; and the King of heavy glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of heavy glory? Jehovah of hosts, he is the King of heavy glory. Pause.

PSALM 25

By David

1 To you, Oh Jehovah, I lift up my soul.

2 Oh my God, I trust in you; let me not pale in shame; do not let those who hate me jump for joy over me.

3 Yes, let none pale in shame who bind themselves to you; let them pale in shame who act deceitfully without cause.

4 Cause me to know by seeing your ways, Oh Jehovah; teach me your paths.

Cause me to tread in your truth; Who is this, the man who fears Jehovah? **PSALMS 25,26**

5 Cause me to tread in your truth, and teach me, because you *are* the God of my salvation; I bind myself to you all the day.

6 Remember, Oh Jehovah, your compassions, and your mercy, because they *are* forever.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your mercy, for your goodness' sake, Oh Jehovah.

8 Jehovah *is* good and straight; therefore he will cause sinners to flow into the way.⁸

9 He will cause the meek to tread *victoriously* in judgment, and he will teach the meek his way.

10 All the paths of Jehovah are mercy and truth to those who guard his covenant and his testimonies.

11 Oh Jehovah, forgive my iniquity for your name's sake, because it *is* great.

12 Who *is* this, the man who fears Jehovah? He shall cause him to flow in the way he shall choose.^{1 2}

13 His soul shall dwell in good, and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The assembled counsel^{1 4} of Jehovah is with them who fear him; and he will cause them to

⁸ **25:8** Note the beautiful picture. When God, with His goodness and mercy touches the hearts of sinners they melt and flow like water into the way of Jehovah and His righteousness. This is exactly what the Hebrew says.

¹² **25:12** Both the sovereignty of God and the free will of man are clearly stated in this verse. God will cause the man who fears Jehovah to flow as water in the way - the providential way God arranges - he shall choose - refers to the man's choice. Within God's perfect will for your life, as long as you fear God with a heart to do His perfect will, you have a lot of freedom to choose.

know by seeing his covenant.

15 My eyes are continuously toward Jehovah, because he shall cause my feet to go out of the net.

16 Face around to me, and stoop down in grace to me, because I am alone and poor.

17 The pressures of my heart are broadened; Oh bring me out of my distresses.

18 See my affliction and my wearisome toil, and lift all my sins.

19 See those who hate me, because they are many, and they hate me with violent hate.

20 Hedge about my soul, and snatch me out; do not let me pale in shame, because I flee to you for refuge.

21 Let completeness and right guard me, because I am bound together with you.

22 Redeem Israel, Oh God, out of all his pressures.

PSALM 26

By David.

1 Judge me, Oh Jehovah, because I have walked in my completeness, and I have put my trust in Jehovah; I shall not waver.

2 Test me, Oh Jehovah, and prove me; refine my kidneys and my heart,

¹⁴ **25:14 the assembled counsel** is *crowd*, a session of persons in close deliberation. This is the idea in **Let us make** man in our image of Gen 1:26. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit had an assembled intimate planning session and willed to make man in God's image. The word *crowd* means an intimate session of persons planning an event or series of events. Psa 25:12 declares that you who fear Jehovah are the subject of that assembled intimate planning session of Jehovah. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have made great plans for you and me!

PSALMS 27

I have walked in your truth; Jehovah is my light, and my salvation

3 Because your mercy *is* before my eyes, and I have walked in your truth.

4 I have not sat with ruinous adult men, and I will not go with hypocrites.⁴

5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash my palms in cleanness, and I will surround your altar, Oh Jehovah,

7 That I may cause the sound of raising our hands to be attentively heard, and tally up all your wonders.

8 Jehovah, I have loved the habitation of your house, and the place of the tabernacle of your heavy glory.

9 Do not gather my soul with sinners, and my life with bloody men,

10 In whose hands *is* an *evil* scheme, and their right hand is full of gifts *as bribes*.

11 And I will walk in my completeness; redeem me, and stoop down in grace to me.

12 My foot stands in an even place; I will bless Jehovah in the congregations.

PSALM 27

By David.

1 Jehovah *is* my light, and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Jehovah *is* the fortress of my life. Whom shall I fear?

⁴ 26:4 hypocrites, *alam*, those who are hidden, that is, have concealed their true intentions, hypocrites.

2 When the wicked, my oppressors, and those hating me, draw near me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled weak legged and fell.

3 Though an army should pitch their tent against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this I am trusting;

4 One *thing* I have requested of Jehovah, I will search it out: that I may dwell in the house of Jehovah all the days of my life, to gaze at visions of the pleasantness of Jehovah, and to break open⁴ *knowledge* in his temple;

5 Because he shall hide me in his pavilion in the day of evil; he shall hide me under the cover of his tent; upon a strong rock he shall exalt me.

6 And now my head shall be exalted above those all around me hating me; and I will sacrifice in his tent sacrifices of joy; I will sing, and I will sing with playing instruments to Jehovah.

7 Oh Jehovah, attentively hear my voice; I call out, and stoop down in grace to me, and answer me.

8 My heart says of you, Search out my face; Oh Jehovah, I will search out your face.

9 Do not hide your face from me; do not bend your nostrils away from your servant; you have been

⁴ 27:4 break open,, *bakar*, to plow, to break open as in breaking open the soil for planting seed, as the breaking open of something to examine it. The teaching set forth is that the believer's craving is to dwell in the house of Jehovah, to gaze at the pleasantness of Jehovah, and to break open new revelation knowledge in His temple as a constant way of life. David states this as the number one priority in his life.

Oh God of my salvation; I will call out to you, my strong rock; glorify Him **PSALMS 28,29**
my help; do not thrust me away,
and do not forsake me, Oh God of
my salvation.

10 When my father and my
mother forsake me, then Jehovah
will take me up.

11 Cause me to flow in your
way, Oh Jehovah, and lead me in a
plain path, because of those trying
to entangle me.

12 Do not give me to the soul
of my oppressors, because false
witnesses have risen up against me,
and those who breathe hard after
cruelty.

13 *I had fainted*, unless I had
believed to see the goodness of
Jehovah in the land of the living.

14 Bind yourself to Jehovah;
be strong, and he shall make your
heart powerfully alert; bind your-
self to Jehovah.

PSALM 28

By David.

1 Oh Jehovah, I will call out
to you, my strong rock; do not be
silent to me, lest you are silent to
me, and I become like them who
descend into the pit.

2 Attentively hear the voice
of my earnest prayer for grace,
when I cry for help to you, when I
lift up my hands toward your holy
oracular sanctuary.

3 Do not draw me away with
the wicked, and with the workers
of vanity who speak peace to their
neighbors and evil in their hearts.

4 Give them according to
their deeds, and according to the
wickedness of their acts; give them
after the work of their hands; turn
back to them their treatment,

5 Because they do not un-
derstand the works of Jehovah, and
the action of his hands; he shall pull
them down, and not build them up.

6 Blessed *be* Jehovah, be-
cause he has attentively heard the
voice of my earnest prayer for
grace.

7 Jehovah *is* my strength and
my shield; my heart trusts him, and
I am surrounded with help; and my
heart jumps for joy; and I will raise
my hands to him with my song.

8 Jehovah *is* their strength,
and he *is* the fortress of salvation
of his anointed.

9 Save your people, and
bless your inheritance; and shep-
herd them, and lift them up forever.

PSALM 29

A Psalm of David.

1 Give to Jehovah, Oh you
children of the Almighty, give to
Jehovah heavy glory and strength.

2 Give to Jehovah the heavy
glory of his name; prostrate your-
selves to Jehovah in the adornment
of holiness. 1 Chr 16:29

3 The voice of Jehovah *is*
upon the waters; the God of heavy
glory causes violent agitation; Je-
hovah *is* upon many waters.

4 The voice of Jehovah *is*
powerful; the voice of Jehovah *is*
full of magnificence.

5 The voice of Jehovah
bursts the cedars, and Jehovah
bursts the cedars of Lebanon.

6 And he causes them to
jump *for joy* like a calf, Lebanon
and Sirion, like a son of a wild bull.

7 The voice of Jehovah cuts
flames of fire.

PSALMS 30,31 *The voice of Jehovah; I will exalt you; I visit⁵ my spirit into your hand*

8 The voice of Jehovah twists the desert around; Jehovah twists the desert of Kadesh around.

9 The voice of Jehovah causes the deer to twist *to deliver*, and strips the forests; and in his temple everyone says, Heavy Glory!

10 Jehovah sits upon the flood, and Jehovah sits down King forever.

11 Jehovah will give strength to his people; Jehovah will kneel down to his people with peace.

PSALM 30

A Psalm. A Song of Dedication of the House. By David.

1 I will exalt you, Oh Jehovah, because you have drawn me out, and have not allowed those hating me to rejoice over me.

2 Oh Jehovah, my God, I cried for help to you, and you have healed me.

3 Oh Jehovah, you have brought up my soul from the world of the dead; you have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing with playing instruments to Jehovah, Oh you merciful ones of his, and raise your hands at the remembrance of his holiness,

5 Because his nostrils *blaze only* a moment; in his favor is life; weeping may lodge during the dusk, and in the dawn *there is* a shout of joy.

6 And in my security I said, I shall never waver.

7 Jehovah, by your pleasure you have made my mountain to stand strong; you hid your face, and I trembled.

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8 Oh Jehovah, I called out to you, and I asked the Lord to stoop down in grace *to me*.

9 Why *take* unrighteous gain by my blood, by my going down to the pit? Shall the dust raise its hands to you? Shall it cause your truth to stand out boldly?

10 Attentively hear, Oh Jehovah, and stoop down in grace to me; Jehovah, be the one to surround me with help.

11 You have turned my mourning into dancing for me; you have loosed my sackcloth from me, and girded me with rejoicing,

12 In order that my heavy glory may sing with playing instruments to you, and not be still. Oh Jehovah, my God, I will raise my hands to you forever.

PSALM 31

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Oh Jehovah, I flee to you for refuge; let me not pale in shame forever; deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Spread out your ear to me; snatch me out immediately; be my strong rock fortress for a house of defense to save me,

3 Because you *are* my lofty rock and my fortress, and for your name's sake lead me, and cause me to flow with a sparkle.

4 Cause me to go out of the net that they have hid for me, because you *are* my fortress.

5 I visit⁵ my spirit into your hand; you have redeemed me, Oh Jehovah, God of truth.

⁵ 31:5 **visit**, *paqad*, to officially visit, to carry out any official business, to visit someone with a responsibility. Jesus visited God

I have hated them who hedge about ruinous vanities; Make your face shine... **PSALMS 31**

6 I have hated them who hedge about ruinous vanities, and I put my trust in Jehovah.

7 I will spin around with emotion, and rejoice in your mercy, for you have seen my trouble; you have known my soul under pressures;

8 And have not shut me up into the hand of those who hate me; you have stood my feet in a large place.

9 Stoop down to me in grace, Oh Jehovah, because *there are* pressures on me; my eye fails from being provoked, my soul and my belly,

10 Because my life is ended in sorrow, and my years with sighing; my power totters weak legged because of my iniquity, and my bones fail.

11 I was a reproach among all my oppressors, and among all my fellow residents, and a fear to those who knew me; they who saw me outside were driven from me.

12 I am forgotten out of *their* heart as one dead; I am like a lost vessel,

13 Because I have attentively heard the slander of many; fear all around; while they took counsel together against me they planned to take my soul.

14 And I trusted you, Oh Jehovah; I said, You *are* my God.

15 My times *are* in your hand; snatch me from the hand of those hating me, and from them who run after me with hostile intent.

the Father with the responsibility of caring for His spirit, His person, for those three days, and with the responsibility of raising Him from the dead. The Greek of Luk 23:46 has *paraitithemi*, to place alongside of or with.

16 Make your face shine upon your servant; save me for your mercies' sake.

17 Oh Jehovah, let me not pale in shame, because I have called upon you; let the wicked pale in shame; let them be still in the world of the dead.

18 Let lying lips be bound, which speak unrestrained, arrogantly, and disrespectfully against the righteous.

19 How abundant *is* your goodness, which you have hid for them who fear you, which you have done for them who have fled to you for refuge in front of the children of men!

20 You shall hide them in the cover of your face from the snare of man; you shall hide them in a pavilion from the controversy²⁰ of tongues.

21 Blessed *is* Jehovah, because he has caused me to understand his mercy in a fortified city;

22 And I said in my hurrying in fear, I am cut off from before your eyes, but you attentively heard the voice of my earnest prayers for grace when I cried for help to you.

23 Oh love Jehovah, all his merciful ones; Jehovah guards the faithful, and makes what is left complete to the arrogant doer. Jud 1:7; 2

King 9:36; Note 2 Sam 3:39;

24 Be strong, and he shall make your hearts to be powerfully alert, all you who wait with hope in Jehovah.

²⁰ **31:20 controversy**, *riyb*, a contest, personal or legal, a lawsuit, or a personal attack that never went to court, all controversies.

PSALMS 32,33 *Blessed is the one whose transgression is lifted; shout loudly in Jehovah*

PSALM 32

A Instructive Poem of David.

1 Blessed *is* the one whose transgression is lifted, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man to whom Jehovah does not calculate iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no treachery.

3 My bones failed through my roaring all the day because I kept silence;

4 My moisture is turned into the drought of summer because day and night your hand was heavy upon me. *Pause.*

5 I made my sin known to you, and I have not covered my iniquity; I said, I will hold up my hand in confession of my transgressions to Jehovah, and you lifted the iniquity of my sin. *Pause.*

6 Upon this *basis* shall every one who is merciful judge in prayer to you in a time when you may be found; although the floods of many waters *will come*, they shall not touch him.

7 You are my hiding place in oppression; you will guard me; you will surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Pause.*

8 I will make you intelligently successful, and make you flow in the way that you shall walk; I will give you counsel by my eye.

9 Do not be as the horse, as the mule, with no understanding, which must be muzzled with bit and bridle, harnessed, or they will not draw near to you.

10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked, and mercy will surround him who trusts in Jehovah.

11 You, *the* righteous, rejoice in Jehovah, and spin around with emotion, and all you upright in heart, shout loudly.

PSALM 33

1 Oh you righteous, shout loudly in Jehovah; praise is beautifully appropriate for the upright.

2 Raise up your hands to Jehovah with harp; sing with playing instruments to him with the lyre, an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing to him a new song; play good with an acclamation of joy,

4 Because the word of Jehovah is straight, and all his works faithful.

5 He loves righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the mercy of Jehovah.

6 By the word of Jehovah the heavens were made, and by the Spirit of his mouth all their hosts.

7 He gathers together the waters of the sea as a heap; he gives the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear Jehovah; let all the inhabitants of the inhabited earth dwell as a part of him,

9 Because he said, and it was; he commanded, and it stood.

10 Jehovah crushes the counsel of the peoples; he makes the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of Jehovah stands forever, the devices of his heart generation to generation.

Righteously happy is the people whose God is Jehovah; I will bless Jehovah **PSALMS 33,34**

12 Righteously happy *is* the people whose God is Jehovah, the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.

13 Jehovah looks intently from the heavens; he sees all the children of Adam.

14 He gazes upon all the inhabitants of the earth from the place of his habitation,

15 The one fashioning their hearts alike, the one understanding all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the abundance of resources; a mighty man is not snatched out by abundant power.

17 A horse is a false thing for rescue, and he shall not escape by his abundant resources.

18 Behold, the eye of Jehovah *is* upon them who fear him, upon them who wait with hope in his mercy,

19 To snatch away their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waits²⁰ for Jehovah; he *is* our help and our shield,

21 Because our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have put our trust in his holy name.

22 Let your mercy, Oh Jehovah, be upon us, according as we wait with hope in you.

PSALM 34

By David, when he changed his behavior before the face of Abimelek, and he drove him away, and he walked.

1 I will bless Jehovah at all times; his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

²¹ 33:20 waits, *chakah*, to wait on someone because you are pierced together with him and cannot move without him. Isa 64:4

2 My soul shall boast in Jehovah; the meek shall attentively hear, and rejoice.

3 Oh magnify Jehovah with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I treaded seeking Jehovah, and he answered me, and snatched me out from all my fears.

5 They looked intently to him, and he caused them to flow with a sparkle; and their faces were not ashamed.

6 This meek one called out, and Jehovah attentively heard him, and saved him out of all his pressures.

7 The Messenger^{7a} of Jehovah pitches his tent around them who fear him, and equips^{7b} them *for warfare*.

8 Oh taste and see that Jehovah *is* good; righteously happy *is* the mighty man who flees for refuge to him.

9 Fear Jehovah, you his saints, because there is no lack to them who fear him.

10 The young lions are destitute, and hunger, and they who tread seeking Jehovah shall not lack

^{7a} 34:7 See Note on the Messenger of Jehovah, Gen 16:7.

^{7b} 34:7 equips, *chalats*. It is a word whose primary meaning is to strip off in order to place on something else, especially to strip off your ordinary clothing and equip yourself with equipment for warfare. See Num 32:17-21. The Messenger of Jehovah is the blessed Son of God who pitches His tent around us and equips us for the warfare we must fight every day of our life of faith. He does not simply step in and deliver us from every attack. He equips us and skillfully guides us to victory so that we have the satisfaction of participating in the victory. Since the main significance of *chalats* is to strip off, (see Deut 25:9-10) its main meaning is to strip from yourself anything and everything that would hinder you in the warfare, Heb 12:1.

PSALMS 35 *I will teach you the fear of Jehovah; Jehovah, contend for my cause*
any good *thing*.

11 Walk, you children, hear me attentively; I will teach you the fear of Jehovah.

12 What man desires life, loving days, that he may see good?

13 Guard your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deception.

14 Depart from evil, and do good; search out peace, and run after it.

15 The eyes of Jehovah *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* to their cry for help.

16 The face of Jehovah is against them who do evil, to cut off their remembrance from the earth.

17 Cry, and Jehovah attentively hears, and snatches them out of all their distresses.

18 Jehovah *is* near them who are of a broken heart, and saves those who have a crushed spirit.

19 Many evils *attack* the righteous, and Jehovah snatches him out of them all.

20 He hedges about all his bones; not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall kill the wicked, and they who hate the righteous shall be judged guilty.

22 Jehovah redeems the soul of his servants, and not any of them who flee to him for refuge shall be judged guilty.

PSALM 35

By David.

1 Oh Jehovah, contend for my cause with them who contend with me; devour against them who devour against me.

2 Seize shield and buckler, and rise up for my help;

3 And draw out the spear, and shut them up who run with evil intent after me; say to my soul, I *am* your salvation.

4 Let them pale in shame and reproach who seek after my soul; let them be turned back and exposed in shame who calculate evil to me.

5 Let them be as chaff before the face of the wind, and let the Messenger of Jehovah push them down.

6 Let their way be dark and treacherous, and let the Messenger of Jehovah run after them,

7 Because they have hid for me their net in a pit without cause; they have dug for my soul without cause.

8 Let the tempest come upon him not knowing it, and let his net that he has hid capture himself; let him fall into the tempest.

9 And my soul shall spin around with emotion in Jehovah; it shall be glad in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, Jehovah, who *is* like you, who snatches the depressed from him who is too strong for him, and the depressed and the poor from him who plucks off from him?

11 Violent witnesses rose up; they asked of me what I did not know.

12 They completed to me evil for good, leaving my soul destitute.

Note 2 Sam 3:39

...my clothing was sackcloth; Jehovah, There is no fear of God before his eyes **PSALMS 36**

13 And in their being worn out my clothing was sackcloth; I looked down upon my soul harshly with fasting; and my prayer returned into my own bosom.

14 I walked as though *he were* my neighbor, or brother; I sunk down in darkness, as one mourning for his mother.

15 And in my limping, they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together to strike against me; and I did not know; they tore me, and were not still;

16 With dirty mockers they grated on me as bread with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long will you look on? Turn back my soul from their tempests, my beloved from the lions.

18 I will raise my hands in the great congregation; I will boast in you among much people.

19 Do not let them who hate me wrongfully rejoice over me; those who hate me freely wink their eye,

20 Because they do not speak peace, and they calculate deceitful words against the quiet ones in the land.

21 And they made their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye has seen it.

22 You have seen *them*, Oh Jehovah; do not keep silence; Oh Lord, do not be a wide distance from me.

23 Open your eyes, and wake up to my judgment, to my controversy, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me according to your righteousness, Oh Jehovah, my God, and do not let them rejoice over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, Aha, to my soul; do not let them say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them pale in shame, and be detected in their reproach together who rejoice in evil to me; let them be clothed with shame, and disgrace who have become great against me.

27 Let them shout loudly and rejoice who favor my righteous cause, and let them say continually, Let Jehovah be magnified who has pleasure in the peace of his servant;

28 And my tongue shall murmur in pleasure of your righteousness - all the day in your praise.

PSALM 36

To the Chief Musician. A Servant of Jehovah. By David.

1 Thus says *the* transgression of the wicked in the center of my heart, There is no fear of God before his eyes,¹

2 Because he flatters himself in his own eyes, as to his iniquity's being found to be hated.²

¹ **36:1** Thus says is the same form used when **Thus says Jehovah**. The divinely inspired Psalmist pictures depravity as the false god speaking for the wicked. The Psalmist has Holy Spirit given knowledge in the center of his heart that the god of the wicked is depravity, revolt, and rebellion. What depravity says authoritatively is, There is no fear of God in front of my eyes. It is the spirit of lawlessness that makes the depravity in the heart of man the highest authority there is. Man's depraved heart says, There is no god or law above me. I am my own god, my own law.

² **36:2** The meaning of the sentence is that the wicked flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity will not be found by God to be hated by God.

PSALMS 37 *The words of his mouth are vanity...Do not blaze up because of raging evildoers*

3 The words of his mouth *are* vanity and deceit; he has ceased to be intelligently successful in doing good.

4 He calculates vanity upon his bed; he places himself in a way not good; he does not despise evil.

5 Oh Jehovah, your mercy *is* in the heavens; and your faithfulness *reaches* to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness *is* like the great mountains; your judgments *are* a great deep; Oh Jehovah, you save man and animal.

7 How heavily excellent *is* your mercy, Oh God! And the children of men flee for refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the fatness of your house, and you shall make them drink from the stream of your pleasures,

9 Because the fountain of life *is* with you; we see light in your light.

10 Oh draw out your mercy to them who know you, and your righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Do not let the foot of pride come against me, and do not let the hand of the wicked cause me to wander.

12 There the workers of vanity have fallen; they are pushed down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM 37

By David.

1 Do not blaze up because of raging evildoers, neither be envious against the doers of iniquity,

2 Because they shall soon be clipped like the grass, and wilt as the tender sprout.

3 Trust in Jehovah, and do good; you shall dwell in the land, and you shall be faithfully shepherd.

4 And luxuriate yourself in Jehovah, and he will give you the requests⁴ of your heart.

5 Roll your way over on to Jehovah, and trust in him, and he will do it.

6 And he will bring out your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noonday.

7 Be still in Jehovah, and twist *in dances* around him; do not blaze up at him who prospers in his way, at the man who makes evil plans.

8 Slack off from anger, and forsake wrath; do not blaze up a particle to do good for nothing,

9 Because those doing good for nothing shall be cut off, and those who bind themselves to Jehovah, they shall inherit the earth.

10 And yet a little while, and the wicked will not be; and you shall discern upon his place, and it will not exist.

⁴ 37:4 I never cease to be amazed at the absolute accuracy and consistency of the Word of God. There are subtle differences in words which the Holy Spirit very strictly observes. The KJV has he will give you the desires of your heart. The Hebrew does not say desires. The Hebrew has requests, which means, spoken requests. You may desire something all of your life and never receive it because you never moved to the point that you asked God for it, and confess with your mouth that you have it. You may think this distinction a trifle, but it is the difference between receiving and not receiving. **That if you will confess in your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God raised him out the dead, you will be saved.** Rom 10:9. Read Rom 10:10 where saying with your mouth must go together with belief in your heart, and James 4:2 where the desire for something is put in direct contrast to specific asking.

Those doing good for nothing shall be cut off; the complete shall not pale in shame **PSALMS 37**

11 And the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall luxuriate in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plots against the righteous, and grates his teeth against him.

13 The Lord shall laugh at him, because he sees that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have opened the sword, and have bent their bow to cause the depressed and poor to fall, to slaughter the upright in their way.

15 Their sword shall go into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16 Better *is* a little to the righteous than the tumultuous commotions accompanying the multitude of the wicked *in acquiring their riches*,¹⁶

17 Because the outstretched arms of the wicked shall be broken, and Jehovah takes hold of the righteous.

18 Jehovah knows by seeing the days of the complete *ones*, and their inheritance shall be forever.

19 They shall not pale in shame in an evil time, and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied,

20 Because the wicked will be lost, and those hating Jehovah will be as the fat of rams; they will be ended; they will be ended into smoke.²⁰

¹⁶ **37:16** *in acquiring their riches* is not in the sentence but it is clearly understood. The KJV translated *hamown* as riches, but it means a tumultuous commotion. The righteous person had rather have his peace and quiet even though he has little, than to endure the evil tumultuous commotions that accompany the way the wicked acquire their riches.

21 The wicked obligates himself, and does not make it complete; and the righteous stoops down in grace, and gives,

22 Because his blessed ones shall inherit the earth, and those made light of by him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a mighty man are set up by Jehovah, and he²³ bends down to his way.

24 Although he will be thrown down, he shall not be prostrated, because Jehovah holds his hand.

25 I have been young, and I am old, and I have not seen the righteous forsaken, and his seed searching for food.

26 Every day he stoops down in grace, and unites²⁶ with him, and his seed is blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good, and dwell forever,

28 Because Jehovah loves judgment, and will not forsake his merciful ones; they are forever hedged about, and the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the earth, and dwell in it forever.

²⁰ **37:20** The picture is that the wicked will be finished off as the fat is burnt to God in sacrifices, and nothing is left but a small amount of ashes. The major part of it goes up in smoke. This is a picture of the end of the wicked.

²³ **37:23** **he** refers to Jehovah. Jehovah sets up the steps of a man, and then bends down to the man to see if the man follows the steps set up by Jehovah, and if he does, Jehovah bends down to help him to accomplish the steps Jehovah has set up for him.

²⁶ **37:26** **unites with him**, *lavah*, to entwine someone, to unite with someone, to tie yourself to someone. Jehovah stoops down in grace and ties himself to us, in order to uphold us.

PSALMS 38

Jehovah loves judgment; do not make me right in your wrath

30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue speaks judgment.

31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall waver.

32 The wicked leans forward and peers at the righteous, and searches out ways to kill him.

33 Jehovah will not forsake him in his hand, and will not condemn him when being judged.

34 Bind³⁴ yourself to Jehovah, and hedge about his way, and he shall exalt you to inherit the earth; when the wicked are cut off you shall see.

35 I have seen the wicked in fearful power, and naked³⁵ like a green native tree.

³⁴ 37:34 Bind yourself to, *qavah*, to bind, to twist as with a rope. You do not wait on God to do for you while you stand idly by. You bind yourself to God, and do whatever God is doing. This is no idle waiting.

³⁵ 37:35 naked, *arah*. The meaning of this word is always to make naked or to empty - once something is emptied, it is naked. The only place this word is used in a positive sense is Isaiah's prophecy, Isa 32:15, that the Spirit will one day be poured out upon dry and broken Israel - *arah*, poured out. All of the other 13 uses of the word is to be naked or make naked or to pour out - from. It is used in the following: making naked the menstrual fountain of a woman, Lev 20:18-19, to the words of the Edomites to raze or make the city of Jerusalem naked, Psa 137:7. Therefore it is impossible to conceive that *arah* can mean to spread out in prosperous growth, when every use of the word means to be naked, poured out, or empty. You cannot change the basic meaning of a word simply because a reversed meaning makes sense in the context. Based on the consistent use of the word in all fifteen places that it appears, and based on its primary meaning as given by Strong and Gesenius, in this verse its meaning is as follows: I have seen the wicked in fearful power, and naked without God like a green native tree - like man in his natural state, born in sin, naked as Adam and Eve in the Garden without the righteous clothing of God. This understanding, at least, does not force *arah* to mean something contrary to the meaning it has in all other places in the Bible.

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36 And he crossed on, and lo, he was not; and I searched for him, and he was not found.

37 Hedge about the complete man, and see the upright, because the end of that man is peace.

38 And the transgressors shall be desolate together; the end of the wicked shall be cut off,

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of Jehovah, their fortress in the time of pressure.

40 And Jehovah shall surround them with help, and deliver them; he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they flee to him for refuge.

PSALM 38

A Psalm of David to bring to remembrance.

1 Oh Jehovah, do not make me right in your wrath, neither chastise me in the heat of anger,

2 Because your arrows descend into me, and your hand comes down upon me.

3 There is no wholeness in my flesh in the face of your rage; there is no peace in my bones before the face of my sin,

4 Because my iniquities have crossed over my head; as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My flowing stripes stink in the face of my foolishness.

6 I am crooked; I sink down greatly; I walk darkened all the day,

7 Because my loins are filled with scorching, and there is no wholeness in my flesh.

8 I am numb from cold, and crushed exceedingly; I have roared the roaring in my heart.

...my loins are filled with scorching; I will hedge about my ways

PSALMS 39

9 Lord, all my craving *is* before you, and my sighing is not hid from you.

10 My heart palpitates; my power forsakes me; and the light of my eyes, it also is not with me.

11 Those who love me, and my neighbors stand opposite away from my wounds, and my kindred stand afar off.

12 And those searching after my soul have laid snares, and they who tread seeking evil speak tempestuous ruin and murmur deceits all the day.

13 And I, as a deaf *man*, did not intelligently hear, and I was speechless, as one not opening his mouth.

14 And I was as a man who did not hear, and in whose mouth there is no rebuke,

15 Because, Oh Jehovah, I wait with hope on you; you will answer, Oh Lord my God,

16 Because I said, Lest they should rejoice over me; when my foot wavers, they become great against me,

17 Because I am set up to limp, and my sorrow is continually before me,

18 Because I will cause my iniquity to stand out boldly; I will be fearful for my sin.

19 And those who hate me are alive; they are strong; and they who hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 And they who complete evil for good *are* those who accuse²⁰ me; instead I run after good.

Note 2 Sam 3:39

21 Do not forsake me, Oh Jehovah; Oh my God, do not widen the distance from me.

22 Hurry to surround me with help, Oh Lord, my salvation.

PSALM 39

To the Chief Musician. To raise the hands in praise. A Psalm of David.

1 I said, I will hedge about my ways, that I do not sin with my tongue; I will hedge about my mouth with a muzzle, while the wicked is before me.

2 I bound *myself* fast in silence; I kept quiet, *even* from good, and my suffering boiled.

3 My heart was hot within me; the fire burned while I was murmuring in complaint; I spoke with my tongue,

4 Cause me, Oh Jehovah, to know my end, and the measure of my days, what it *is*, that I may know how frail I *am*.

5 Behold, you have given my days as a handbreadth, and my fleeting is as nothing before you; surely every man in his place is all vanity, *Pause*.

6 Because man walks in an illusion; surely they are disturbed in vain; he heaps up *things*, and does not know who will receive them.

7 And now, to what do I bind myself, Lord? My expectation *is* in you.

8 Snatch me away from all my transgressions; do not put me as a reproach of the foolish.

²⁰ 38:20 **accuse**, the verb form of the Hebrew word *satan*.

PSALMS 40 *Snatch me away from all my transgressions; I bound myself to Jehovah*

9 I bound it shut; I did not open my mouth, because you did *it*.

10 Remove away from me your blow; I am finished by the grating of your hand.

11 When you chastise a man for iniquity with rebuke, you dissolve his delight like a moth; surely every man *is* vanity. *Pause.*

12 Attentively hear my prayer, Oh Jehovah, and broaden your ear to my cry for help; do not be quiet at my weeping, because I am a foreigner with you, and a temporary resident, as all my fathers.

13 Oh gaze on me, and I will be loosed before I walk, and am not *here*.

PSALM 40

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Binding, I bound myself to Jehovah, and he stretched out to me, and attentively heard my cry for help.

2 And he brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry mud, and raised my feet upon a lofty rock, and set up my goings.

3 And he has given a new song in my mouth, praise to our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in Jehovah.

4 Righteously happy *is* the man who has put Jehovah for his refuge, and does not turn his face toward the insolent, and those who are derelict with lies.

5 Many *are* your wonderful works, Oh Jehovah, my God, which you have done; and your devices toward us - they cannot be arranged before you; I would cause

them to stand out boldly, and speak, *but* they are more than can be numbered.

6 You did not desire sacrifice and food offering; you have opened my ears; you have not asked for burnt offering and sin offering;

7 Then I said, Lo, I come; in the roll of the book it is written of me, *Heb 10:7*

8 I delight to do your will, Oh my God, and your law is in my insides.⁸

9 I have announced good tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; lo, I have not shut my lips, Oh Jehovah, you know.

10 I have not secretly covered your righteousness within my heart; I have said your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not hid your mercy and your truth from *the* great congregation.

11 Do not shut off your compassions from me, Oh Jehovah; let your mercy and your truth continually guard me,

12 Because innumerable evils have surrounded me; my iniquities have reached me, and I am not able to see; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

13 Be pleased, Oh Jehovah, to snatch me out; Oh Jehovah, surround me with help quickly.

⁸ **40:8 insides**, *meah*, your soft insides, referring to every organ inside the human body both male and female, referring to our entire spiritual and soulical being which saturates our insides. Jesus did not just have the roll of the book in his heart. The roll of the book saturated his entire insides, which is what we must have.

Righteously happy is he who is intelligent toward those dangling in need **PSALMS 41**

14 Let them pale in shame and blush together who seek after my soul to scrape it away; let them who desire me evil be driven backward and jeered.

15 Let them be stunned as a result of their shame who say to me, Aha, aha.

16 They shall be glad, and rejoice in you, all those seeking you; those loving your salvation shall say continually, Jehovah be magnified.

17 And I *am* depressed and poor; Lord, calculate toward me; you *are* my God, my help, and my deliverer; do not procrastinate.

PSALM 41

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Righteously happy *is* he who is intelligently successful toward those dangling in need; Jehovah will cause him to escape in the day of evil.

2 Jehovah will hedge him about, and keep him alive; and he will be righteously happy upon the earth; and you will not give him to the soul of those hating him.

3 Jehovah will support him upon the bed of sickness; you will change his every bed in his sickness.

4 I said, Jehovah, stoop down in grace to me; heal my soul, because I have sinned against you.

5 Those hating me say evil of me, When shall he die, and his name be lost?

6 And if he comes to see me, he speaks ruin; his heart gathers vanity to itself; he goes outside; he speaks it.

7 All those who hate me whisper together against me; they calculate evil against me.

8 An evil word is poured out to him, and now he will lie down to rise up no more.

9 Also, a man of peace, whom I trusted, who ate of my food, his heel has become great against me. John 13:18

10 And you, Oh Jehovah, stoop down in grace to me, and raise me up, and I will complete¹⁰ them.

11 By this I know by seeing that you are inclined to me, because those who hate me do not shout *triumphantly* over me.

12 And you sustain me in my completeness, and station me before your face forever.

13 Blessed *is* Jehovah God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen!

¹⁰ **41:10 complete** them, *shalam*, the verb form of *shalom*, peace, completion, etc. It means to be complete by reaping what you sow. Every act has a response, a reaping that makes it complete, good or bad. This is the prayer of the Messiah. God answered Christ, and put Him in the position to make complete every act of every man who ever lives. He will reward the righteous completely. He will repay the wicked completely. He will make every man complete in what he did, good or bad. The only way the righteous can be righteous is to receive Jesus as the complete payment for all his sins; then the sinner made completely righteous by the righteousness of Christ can have all his good deeds completed in Christ also!

PSALMS 42,43. *my soul longs after you, Oh God; deliver me from the deceitful and immoral man*

PSALM 42

To the Chief Musician. A Teaching Poem for the Sons of Korah.

1 As the deer longs for the water channels, so my soul longs after you, Oh God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and be seen before the face of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me every day, Where *is* your God?

4 These I remember, and I pour out my soul within me, because I had crossed over with the crowd; I walked gently with them to the house of God, with the voice of a shout of joy, and raising of hands, a noisy crowd that circled in the festival.

5 Why are you sunk down, Oh my soul, and why are you making this tumultuous sound within me? Wait with hope in God, because I shall yet raise my hands to him for the salvation before his face.

6 Oh my God, my soul is sunk down within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calls out to deep at the noise of your waterspouts; all your waves and your billows are crossed over me.

8 Jehovah will command his mercy daily, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, my prayer to the God of my life.

9 I will say to God, my lofty rock, Why have you forgotten me? Why do I walk darkened because of the oppression of those hating me?

10 My oppressors reproach me with a murder-cry in my bones, while they say to me every day, Where *is* your God?

11 Why are you sunk down, Oh my soul, and why are you in a tumultuous uproar within me? Wait with hope in God, because I shall yet raise my hands to him, the salvation of my face and my God.

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1 Judge me, Oh God, and defend my controversy against an unmerciful people; Oh deliver me from the deceitful and immoral man,

2 Because you *are* the God of my fortress; why do you cast me off? Why do I walk darkened because of the oppression of those hating me?

3 Oh send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your tabernacles;

4 And I will go to the altar of God, to God, the rejoicing of my spinning around with emotion; and I will raise my hands to you with the harp, Oh God, my God.

5 Why are you sunk down, Oh my soul, and why are you in a tumultuous uproar within me? Wait with hope in God, because I shall yet raise my hands to him, who is the salvation of my face and my God.

... we have attentively heard; our fathers have tallied it up to us

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To the Chief Musician for the Sons of Korah. A Teaching Poem.

1 Oh God, with our ears we have attentively heard; our fathers have tallied it up to us, what work you did in their days, in the days of old.

2 You possessed the peoples with your hand, and planted them; you broke in pieces the communities, and sent them out,

3 Because they did not possess the land by their own sword, and their own outstretched arm did not save them, because of your right hand, and your outstretched arm, and the light of your face, that you were pleased with them.

4 You *are* my King, Oh God; command salvation for Jacob.

5 Through you we will butt down our oppressors; through your name we will trample them under who rise up against us,

6 Because I will not trust in my bow, and my sword shall not save me,

7 Because you have saved us from our oppressors, and *you* have caused them who hated us to pale in shame.

8 In God we boast all the day, and raise our hands to your name forever. *Pause.*

9 But you have cast *us* off, and reproached us to shame, and do not go out with our hosts.

10 You turn us back from the oppressors, and they who hate us plunder for themselves.

11 You have given us like flock animals for food, and have scattered us among the peoples.

12 You sell your people for nothing, and do not increase by their price.

13 You put us a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn, and a laughing stock to them around us.

14 You put us a proverb among the peoples, a shaking of the head in the communities.

15 Every day my disgrace is in front of me, and the shame of my face has covered me,

16 By the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, before the face of those hating and avenging.

17 All this has come upon us, and we have not forgotten you, and we have not cheated on your covenant.

18 Our heart has not flinched back, and we have not stretched out our steps from your well trod road,

19 Although you have caused us to collapse in the place of monsters, and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or spread out our palms to a strange god,

21 Shall God not search this out, because he knows by seeing the secrets of the heart.

22 Because, for your sake we are struck fatally all the day; we are calculated as sheep for the slaughter. *Rom 8:36*

23 Awake, why do you sleep, Oh Lord? Awake, do not cast us off forever.

24 Why do you hide your face, and forget our affliction and our distress?

PSALMS 45,46 *My heart gushes forth a good word; I speak of the action of the king*

25 Because our soul is sunk down to the dust; our belly clings to the earth.

26 Rise for our help, and redeem us for *the* sake of your mercies.

PSALM 45

To the Chief Musician upon trumpets for the Sons of Korah. A Teaching Song of Loves.

1 My heart gushes forth a good word; I speak of the action of the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

2 You shine brighter than the children of Adam; grace is poured into your lips; therefore God has knelt down with goodness to you forever.

3 Gird your sword upon your thigh, Oh mighty man, with your glorious authority and your magnificence.

4 And ride prosperously in your splendor upon *the* word of truth, and gentleness, and righteousness, and your right hand shall cause fearful deeds to flow to you.

5 You point your arrows; peoples fall under you, the heart of those hating the king;

6 Your throne, Oh God, is forever and ever; the scepter of your kingdom is a level scepter.

7 You love righteousness, and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your neighbors. Heb 1:9

8 All of your garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, cassia out of the ivory palaces, apportioned to make you glad.

9 Daughters of Kings *were* among your honorable; the queen stationed upon your right hand in gold of Ophir.

10 Hear attentively, Oh daughter, and see, and spread out your ear; and forget your own people, and your father's house;

11 And the king shall desire your beauty, because he *is* your Lord; and prostrate yourself to him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre with a gift shall rub your face, the rich of the people.

13 The king's daughter *is* all glorious within; her clothing is brocaded with gold.

14 She shall flow to the king with pomp in embroidered garments; the virgins, her female companions, shall be brought to you after her.

15 They shall flow with gladness and spinning around with emotion; they shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of your fathers shall be your children, whom you may place as chief rulers in all the earth.

17 I will make your name to be remembered in each generation to generation; therefore the people shall raise their hands to you forever and ever.

PSALM 46

To the Chief Musician by the Sons of Korah for Female Sopranos, a Song.

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be changed, and though the mountains waver into the

God is our refuge and strength; shout to God with a shout of joy; Great is Jehovah **PSALMS 47,48**
heart of the sea;

3 The waters roar; they ferment; the mountains shake with their majestic swells. *Pause.*

4 *There is* a river; its streams make the city of God glad, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she will not waver; facing the dawn God will surround her with help.

6 The peoples raged; the kingdoms wavered; he gave his voice; the earth melted.

7 Jehovah of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob is our lofty cliff. *Pause.*

8 Walk, gaze at visions of the works of Jehovah, what desolations he has put in the earth.

9 He causes wars to cease to the end of the earth; he bursts the bow, and chops off the spear; he burns the chariot in the fire.

10 Slack off, and know by seeing that *I am* God; I will be exalted among the peoples; I will be exalted in the earth.

11 Jehovah of hosts *is* with us; our lofty cliff *is* the God of Jacob. *Pause.*

PSALM 47

To the Chief Musician by the Sons of Korah. A Psalm.

1 All you people, clap your palms; shout to God with a shout *of joy,*

2 Because Jehovah most high *is* fearful, a great King over all the earth.

3 He shall speak the people under us, and the communities under our feet.

4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the majesty of Jacob whom he loved. *Pause.*

5 God has ascended with an acclamation of joy, Jehovah with the voice of a trumpet.

6 Sing with playing instruments to God, sing with playing instruments; sing with playing instruments to our King, sing with playing instruments,

7 Because the King of all the earth *is* God; sing with playing instruments with intelligent success.

8 God reigns over the peoples; God sits upon the throne of his holiness.

9 The generous of the people are gathered together, the people of the God of Abraham, because unto God *are* the shields of the earth; he is exceedingly exalted.

PSALM 48

A Song. A Psalm for the Sons of Korah.

1 Great *is* Jehovah, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for elevation, the delight of the whole earth, *is* Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3 God in her citadels is known as a lofty cliff,

4 Because, lo, the kings met by appointment; they crossed by together.

5 They saw, so they were in consternation; they trembled and hurried in fear.

6 Shuddering seized them there; writhing in pain, as in giving birth.

PSALMS 49 *You burst the ships of Tarshish; My mouth shall speak wisdom*

7 With an east wind you burst the ships of Tarshish.

8 What we have attentively heard, so we have seen in the city of Jehovah of hosts, in the city of our God; God will set it up forever.

Pause.

9 Oh God, we have considered your mercy in the midst of your temple.

10 According to your name, Oh God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah spin around with emotion, because of your judgments.

12 Go around Zion, and surround her for attack; tally up her towers.

13 Place your hearts upon her entrenchments; contemplate her citadels, that you may tally it up to the following generation,

14 Because this God *is* our God forever and ever; he will be our guide unto death.

PSALM 49

To the Chief Musician for the Sons of Korah. A Psalm.

1 Attentively hear this, all peoples; broaden your ear, all you inhabitants of the fleeting *world*;

2 Also you children of Adam, even you children of man, together, rich and poor.

3 My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

4 I will spread out my ear to a proverb; I will open my riddles upon the harp.

5 Why should I fear in the days of evil, iniquity seizing my heels to surround me? ^{Gen 3:15}

6 They who trust in their own resources and in the abundance of their accumulated wealth boast themselves;

7 None redeeming can redeem his brother; no man can give to God a covering for him;

8 And so heavy in value *is* the redemption of their souls that it ceases *to be paid* forever,⁸

9 That he should still live forever and not see corruption,

10 Because he sees that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish are lost, and leave their resources to others.

11 Inside *themselves they think* their houses *are* forever, and their residences generation to generation; they call their own names upon their lands.

12 And man does not permanently stay in heavy honor; he is like the animals that cannot speak.

13 This their way is their fatness,^{1 3a} and those after them are pleased with their mouths.^{1 3b}Pause

⁸ **49:8** Verses 6-9 are translated word for word as they appear in the Hebrew. The meaning is that those who trust in their own resources can never pay their own redemption nor the redemption for their brother because it is too expensive. They can never pay redemption and cause themselves to live forever without corruption.

^{1 3a} **49:13** *fatness, kecel*. See Note Job 31:24.

^{1 3b} **49:13** The meaning of verses 12-13 is: Although man perishes from the earth like animals, man continues to live and talk as though he will be here forever, and those who come after him take up the same words that came from his mouth and continue in the same stupid way. They never learn that man is here only temporarily to prepare for eternity.

14 They are laid in the world of the dead like flock animals; death shall shepherd them; and the upright shall tread over them in the dawn; and their strong rock shall fail; the world of the dead *is* their residence.

15 Surely God will redeem my soul from the hand of the world of the dead, because he shall take me.

Pause.

16 Do not fear because man accumulates wealth, because the heavy glory of his house is increased,

17 Because he shall not take anything in death; his heavy glory shall not descend after him,

18 Because while he lived he blessed his soul, and men will raise their hands to you, when you do good to yourself.

19 He shall go as far as the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20 Man heavy in honor and not understanding is like the animals that cannot speak.

PSALM 50

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 The Almighty God, Jehovah, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going *down*.

2 Out of Zion, God has shined the perfection of beauty.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; a fire shall devour before his face, and it shall be very fearful around him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may regulate his people with

judgment.

5 Gather together to me my merciful ones; those who cut a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall cause his righteousness to stand out boldly, because God himself *is* judge. *Pause.*

7 Attentively hear, Oh my people, and I will speak, Oh Israel, and I will testify against you; I *am* God, your God.

8 I will not justify you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings in front of me continually.

9 I will take no bullock out of your house, he goats out of your pens,

10 Because every living thing of the forest is mine, the animals upon a thousand hills.

11 I know by seeing all the birds of the mountains; and the milk producing beasts of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not talk to you, because the inhabited earth is mine and its fullness.

13 Will I eat the flesh of the mighty, or drink the blood of he goats?

14 Sacrifice to God by raising your hands, and complete your vows to the Most High;

15 And call upon me in the day of oppression; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

16 And God says to the wicked, Why have you tallied up my enactments, and lifted my covenant in your mouth?

17 And you hate chastisement, and throw my words behind you.

PSALMS 51

Stoop down in grace to me, Oh God, according to your mercy

18 If you saw a thief, then you were pleased with him, and you have taken your allotment with adulterers.

19 You sent out your mouth with evil, and your tongue fastened on deceit.

20 You sit down and speak against your brother; you push the son of your own mother over a stumbling block.

21 You have done these, and I kept silent; you considered that I was as you were; I will make you right, and arrange them before your eyes.

22 Please understand this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there is none to snatch you out.

23 He who sacrifices by raising his hands gives heavy glory to me; and to him who puts *right* his road I will cause to see the salvation of God.

PSALM 51

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the Prophet went to him over his going into BathSheba. 2 Sam 11-12

1 Stoop down in grace to me, Oh God, according to your mercy; according to the abundance of your compassions rub out my transgressions.

2 Thoroughly wash me from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin,

3 Because I know by seeing my transgressions, and my sin is continuously in front of me.

4 Against you, you only, I have sinned, and done this evil in your eyes, so that you may be jus-

tified when you speak, clear when you judge.

5 Behold, I was twisted together in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

6 Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part you shall cause me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Cause me to attentively hear joy and gladness; the bones you have broken will spin around with emotion.

9 Hide your face from my sins, and rub out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew an erect spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from your face, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Turn back to me the joy of your salvation, and take hold of me with your generous Spirit.

13 I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall be turned back to you.

14 Snatch me away from blood, Oh God, God of my salvation, and my tongue shall shout loudly of your righteousness.

15 Oh Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall cause your praise to stand out boldly,

16 Because you do not desire sacrifice, else I would give it; you do not delight in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit; a broken, and a crushed heart, Oh God, you will not despise.

Do good in your pleasure to Zion; The fool has said in his heart, There is no God **PSALMS 52,53**

18 Do good in your pleasure to Zion; you build the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then you shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering, and they shall cause bullocks to ascend upon your altar.

PSALM 52

To the Chief Musician. A teaching Poem of David in his coming to Doeg, the Edomite, and he caused it to stand out boldly to Saul, and said David has come to the house of Ahimelech.

1 Sam 21

1 Oh mighty man, why do you boast yourself in evil? The mercy of God *is* all the day.

2 Your tongue calculates tempestuous ruin, like a sharp razor, working treachery.

3 You love evil more than good, lying more than speaking righteousness. *Pause.*

4 You love all devouring words, a deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise tear you down continually; he shall lay hold of you, and tear you out of your tent, and root you out of the land of the living. *Pause.*

6 And the righteous shall see and fear and shall laugh at him;

7 Lo, the mighty man who did not put God as his fortress, and trusted in the abundance of his wealth, strengthened himself in his tempestuous ruin.

8 And I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.

9 I will raise my hands to you forever, because of what you have done, and I will bind myself to your name, because *it is* good before your merciful ones.

PSALM 53

To the Chief Musician. On Sickness. A Teaching Poem of David.

1 The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are destroyed, and have done detestable iniquity; there is none who does good.

2 God leaned out, and gazed from the heavens upon the children of Adam, to see *if* there were *any* who are intelligently successful, who tread seeking God.

3 Everyone of them has flinched back; they are altogether become corrupt;³ there is none who does good, no, not one. Rom 3:12

4 Do the workers of vanity not know by seeing, who eat my people as they eat food? They have not called upon God.

5 There fearing, they feared; there was no fear, because God has scattered the bones of him who pitched their tents *against you*; you have caused them to pale in shame because God has despised them.

6 Who will give out of Zion the salvation of Israel? When God turns back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall spin around with emotion; Israel shall rejoice.

³ 53:3 **corrupt**, *alach*, to be muddled, soured like milk.

PSALMS 54,55 *Oh God, by your name save me; Broaden your ear, Oh God, to my prayer*

PSALM 54

To the Chief Musician. Instrumental Music. A teaching Poem of David in the coming of the Ziphites, and they said to Saul, Is David not hiding among us? 1 Sam 23:19.

1 Oh God, by your name save me, and by your might regulate me with judgment.

2 Oh God, attentively hear my prayer; broaden your ear to the sayings of my mouth,

3 Because strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless seek after my soul; they have not put God before them. *Pause.*

4 Behold, God surrounds me with help; the Lord is with them who hold up my soul.

5 He shall turn back evil to those hostile to me; pull them up by the roots in your truth.

6 I will sacrifice to you spontaneously; I will raise my hands to your name, Oh Jehovah, because *it is good,*

7 Because he has snatched me out of all oppression, and my eye has looked upon those hating me.

PSALM 55

To the Chief Musician. With instrumental music. A Teaching Poem by David.

1 Broaden your ear, Oh God, to my prayer, and do not hide yourself from my stooping down to ask for grace.

2 Prick up your ears to me, and answer me; I wander about in my uttered contemplation, and make an uproar,

3 Because of the voice of those hating me, before the face of the constraints of the wicked, because they cause vanity to waver

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upon me, and they persecute me with their nostrils.

4 My heart twists within me, and the dread of death has fallen upon me.

5 Fear and shuddering have come upon me, and quivering has covered me.

6 And I said, Who will give me pinions like a dove! I would fly away and dwell.

7 Lo, I would be driven a wide distance and remain in the desert. *Pause.*

8 I would hasten my escape from the rushing windy storm.

9 Destroy, Oh Lord, and split their tongues, because I have seen violence and controversy⁹ in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon its walls; vanity and wearisome toil are in the midst of it.

11 Tempestuous ruin is in its midst; cutting to pieces and fraud do not depart from her streets,

12 Because it was not one who hated me who reproached me, then I could have borne it; it was not he who hated me who became great against me, then I would have hid myself from him;

13 And it was you, a man my equal, my familiar friend, and one I know.

14 We took sweet assembled counsel together, and walked to the house of God with the congregation.

⁹ **55:9 controversy**, *riyb*, the word for lawsuits and contests between people. Note that the Psalmist wants to fly away to the desert, v. 7, away from the violence and lawsuits of the city. Moving out of the city to get away from lawsuits and violence is nothing new!

Let death lead them astray; Stoop down to me with grace, Oh God

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15 Let death lead them astray, and let them descend alive into the world of the dead, because wickedness is in their dwellings, in their midst.

16 As for me, I will call upon God, and Jehovah shall save me.

17 Dusk, and dawn, and at noon I will ponder and cry aloud, and he will attentively hear my voice.

18 He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, because there were many with me.

19 God shall attentively hear, and look down on them with harshness, even he who dwells of old, Pause because there are no changes to them, and they do not fear God.

20 He has sent out his hands against them at peace with him; he has profaned his covenant.

21 His mouth was smooth as butter, but war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, and they *were* drawn swords.

22 Throw what is given to you upon Jehovah, and he shall measure out to you; he shall not ever give over the righteous to waver.

23 And you, Oh God, shall bring them down into the pit of destruction; bloody and deceitful mortal men shall not *live out* half their days; and I will trust in you.

PSALM 56

To the Chief Musician. Concerning the Silent Dove among those afar off. By David, a Poem when the Palestinians seized him in Gath.

1 Stoop down to me with grace, Oh God, because mortal man eagerly inhales after me, all the day devouring to oppress me.

2 Those hostile to me eagerly inhale after me all the day, because many devour against me, Oh Most High.

3 What day I am afraid, I will trust in you.

4 I will boast in God of his word; I have put my trust in God; I will not fear what flesh can do to me.

5 All the day they carve my words; all their devices for evil *are* against me.

6 They turn aside, they hide themselves, they hedge about my heels when they bind themselves to wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by vanity? Oh God, the people are brought down by your nostrils.

8 You tally up my wandering;⁸ put my weeping into your bottle; *are* they not in your book?

9 Then those hating me shall turn back the day I call out *to you*; this I know, because God *is* for me.

10 In God I will boast of the word; in Jehovah I will boast of the word.

11 I have put my trust in God; I will not be afraid what man can do to me.

12 Your vows *are* upon me, Oh God; I will complete the raising of my hand to you,

13 Because you have snatched my soul from death, my feet from being pushed down, that I may walk before the face of God in the light of the living!

⁸ 56:8 **wandering**, *nowd*. You remember that Cain went out into the land of *Nowd*, Gen 4:16, meaning the land of his wandering.

PSALMS 57,58 *Stoop down in grace to me, Oh God; Speak righteousness...you children of Adam*
PSALM 57

To the Chief Musician. Do not destroy!
By David. A Poem when he fled from the
face of Saul in the cave. 1 Sam 22:1

1 Stoop down in grace to me, Oh God, stoop down in grace to me, because my soul flees to you for refuge, and I will flee for my refuge in the shadow of your wings, until these tempestuous ruins have crossed over.

2 I will call upon God Most High, to God who finishes *everything* to completion for me.

3 He shall send from the heavens, and save me *from* the reproach of him who eagerly inhales after me. *Pause.* God shall send out his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down *among* them who are set on fire, the children of Adam, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be exalted above the heavens, Oh God; your heavy glory *is* above all the earth.

6 They have set up a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down; they have dug before my face a pit; they are fallen into its midst. *Pause.*

7 My heart is set up, Oh God, my heart is set up; I will sing and play musical instruments with singing.

8 Wake up, my heavy glory; wake up, lyre and harp; I will wake up at dawn.

9 I will raise my hands to you, Oh Lord, among the people; will I not sing with playing instruments to you among the communities?

10 Because your mercy *is* great to the heavens, and your truth to the clouds.

11 Be exalted above the heavens, Oh God; your heavy glory *is* above all the earth.

PSALM 58

To the Chief Musician. Do Not Destroy.
By David. A Poem.

1 Are you truly speechless? Speak righteousness, judge evenly, you children of Adam.

2 Yes, you work wickedness in *your* heart; you weigh² the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked turn aside from the womb; they go astray from the womb of the belly speaking lies.

4 Their feverish poison is like the feverish poison of a snake, like the deaf adder that closes her ear,

5 Which will not attentively hear the voice of charmers, joining a spell ever so wisely.

² 58:2 weigh, *palac*, to make level, used of rolling flat a road, also of making the scales level. It is a deliberate weighing of the violence of their hands, so that what they do, they do because they have deliberately weighed it out, and consider their violence necessary and good for them. This shows a truth that is evident everywhere in the deeds of men. Every human lives according to what he thinks is right. No man can regularly do what he seriously believes to be evil. In order to do wrong on a regular basis the man or woman must have concluded in his conscience that what he does is justified. That means when a man constantly goes against the law of God, he has cast aside the law of God as of no value, and has concluded his own law good. He has lost the character to do right by God's law, and acquired the character to do what he does because in his own opinion it is right. It is the same sin Adam and Eve committed in the Garden. They considered that they had become gods, that they were the ultimate authority. Everything in modern society that is not according to the Bible is built upon this premise that man is god.

Snatch me away from those hating me; Oh my God

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6 Oh God, break their teeth in their mouth; tear out the great teeth of the young lions, Oh Jehovah.

7 Let them be despised as waters that walk away; he shall load his arrows as cut short.

8 Let them walk away as a snail liquefying, like an abortion of a woman, that they may not gaze at the sun.

9 Before your pots discern *the fire of the thorns*, thus alive, *he will take them away* in his fearful wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoice because he gazes at a vision of vengeance; he shall wash his steps in the blood of the wicked.

11 And man shall say, Truly *there is fruit for the righteous*; truly he is God who judges in the earth.

PSALM 59

To the Chief Musician. Do not Destroy! By David, a Poem. When Saul sent to hedge about the house to kill him. 1 Sam 19:11.

1 Snatch me away from those hating me, Oh my God; exalt me in safety from them who rise up against me.

2 Snatch me away from the workers of vanity, and save me from bloody mortal men,

3 Because, lo, they lie in wait for my soul; the forceful are turned aside against me, not for my transgression, and not for my sin, Oh Jehovah.

4 They do not run and set up themselves on account of my evil; wake up to meet *me* and see me.

5 And you, Oh Jehovah God of hosts, the God of Israel, wake up to visit all the peoples; do not stoop down in grace to any acts of deceit. *Pause.*

6 They turn back at dusk; they make a loud noise like a dog, and go around the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth; swords *are* in their lips, because who attentively hears?

8 And you, Oh Jehovah, will laugh at them; you will mock all the peoples.

9 *Because of his⁹ strength*, I will hedge you about, because God is my lofty cliff.

10 The God of my mercy will go before me; God will let me see *what he does to my enemies*.

11 Do not strike them fatally lest my people forget; scatter them by your resources, and bring them down, Oh Lord, our shield.

12 The sin of their mouth *is* the words of their lips, and let them be captured in their *assumed* majesty; and they tally up cursing and fleshly failure.

13 Finish *them* in wrath, finish *them*, and they shall not be, and let them know by seeing that God rules in Jacob to the ends of the earth. *Pause.*

14 And let them return at dusk, and let them make a loud noise like a dog, and go around the city.

⁹ **59:9 his**, the evil strength of people, the strength of the enemy. Because of the strength of the enemy the Psalmist will hedge God about, that is keep God first in his life, and let God deal with the enemy, because God is our lofty cliff of refuge.

PSALMS 60,61 *Oh God, you have pushed us aside; Oh God, attentively hear my cry*

15 They shall wander up and down to eat, and if not satisfied then stay all night.

16 And I will sing of your power, and I will shout loudly in the dawn of your mercy, because you have been my lofty cliff, and refuge in the day of my oppression.

17 Oh my strength, I will sing to you with playing instruments, because God is my lofty cliff, the God of my mercy.

PSALM 60

To the Chief Musician. On the Trumpet of Testimony. A Poem of David to teach, when he went out against Aram of Two Rivers, and Aram Tsobo; when he returned Joab struck Edom in the Valley of Salt twelve thousand. 2 Sam 8:1-2.

1 Oh God, you have pushed us aside; you have broken us; you have breathed in rage; turn back to us.

2 You have caused the earth to tremble; you have torn it; heal its breaks, because it wavers.

3 You have caused your people to see severe things; you have made us to drink the wine of reeling back and forth.

4 You have given a banner to them who fear you, that he⁴ may flee before the face of the truth.

Pause.

5 In order that your beloved may be equipped for war; save with your right hand and answer me.

6 God has spoken in his holiness; I will jump for joy; I will cast lots upon Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth.

⁴ 60:4 he refers to the enemy attacking those who fear God; that the enemy may flee before the face of the truth.

7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; and Ephraim *is* the fortress for my head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;

8 Moab *is* my wash pan;^{8a} I will throw out my shoe at Edom; Palestine shouts against me.^{8b}

9 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will guide me into Edom?

10 *Is it* not you, Oh God, *who* pushed us aside, and did not go out with our hosts, Oh God?

11 Give us help from oppression, and man's salvation is ruinous.

12 Through God we shall make resources, and he shall trample our oppressors.

PSALM 61

To the Chief Musician. Upon Stringed Instruments, by David.

1 Oh God, attentively hear my cry; prick up your ears to my prayer.

2 I will call upon you from the end of the earth; when my heart languishes guide me to the strong rock exalted over me,

3 Because you have been a shelter for me, a strong tower in the face of those hating me.

4 I will dwell in your tent forever; I will flee for refuge in the cover of your wings, Pause.

^{8a} 60:8 wash pan, *ciyr rachats*, the lowliest pan in the house used by servants to wash the feet of their masters and guests. A term of great contempt.

^{8b} 60:8 Moab, Edom, and Palestine were three enemies around Israel. David holds Moab in contempt like a lowly foot washing pan. He will throw his shoe at Edom, another sign of contempt. And Palestine shouts against him, because he is on his way to defeat Palestine.

my soul is in silent expectation upon God; ...God; I will seek you early in the dawn **PSALMS 62,63**

5 Because you, Oh God, have attentively heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

6 Days upon days you will add to the king; his years as generation to generation.

7 He shall dwell forever before the face of God; mercy and truth are weighed out to guard him.

8 So I will sing with playing instruments to your name forever, that I may complete my vows day to day.

PSALM 62

To the Chief Musician. To Praise. A Poem of David.

1 Truly my soul is in silent expectation upon God; my salvation *is* from him.

2 He only is my strong rock, and my salvation, my lofty cliff; I shall not waver.

3 Until when will you rush against a man? You shall be dashed to pieces, all of you; as a wall, a spread out enclosure pushed down.

4 Only they resolve together to throw him down from his being raised up; they delight in lies; with their mouth they bless, and inwardly they make light of. *Pause.*

5 Surely my soul is still upon God, because my cord *of hope* is from him.

6 He only *is* my strong rock and my salvation, my lofty rock; I shall not waver.

7 Upon God *is* my salvation and my heavy glory; the strong rock of my strength; my refuge *is* in God.

8 Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before his face; God *is* a refuge for us.

Pause.

9 Surely the children of Adam *are* vanity, a falsehood, the children of man; in the scales they *are* vanity as a unit.

10 Do not trust in oppression, and do not become vain in robbery; because resources sprout up do not place your heart *on them*.

11 God has spoken once, twice; I have attentively heard this, that power *is* God's.

12 And according to you, Oh Lord, *is* mercy, because you complete every man according to his work.

PSALM 63

A Psalm of David. In the Desert of Judah.

1 Oh God, you *are* my God; I will seek you early in the dawn; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh longs for you in a parched and thirsty land where water fails;

2 So I have gazed at visions of you in the sanctuary to see your power and your heavy glory;

3 My lips shall be loud because your mercy *is* better than life.

4 Thus I will bless you while I live; I will lift up my palms in your name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with choice fat and fatness, and my mouth shall boast in you with shouting lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, in the night watches murmuring in pleasure on you,

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God attentively hear my voice; God, to you is calm praise in Zion

7 Because you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will shout loudly.

8 My soul follows hard after you; you sustain me with your right hand.

9 And they, seeking my soul as a tempest, shall go into the low-⁹ermost parts of the earth.

10 They shall pour down upon the hand of the sword; they shall be an allotment for jackals.

11 And the king shall rejoice in God; everyone shall boast who swears by him, because the mouth of them who speak lies shall be shut up.

PSALM 64

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Oh God, attentively hear my voice in my uttered contemplation; guard my life from *the* fear of those hating me.

2 Hide me from the assembled counsel of the evil, from the tumultuous crowd of the workers of vanity,

3 Who point with their tongue like a sword, causing their bitter words to walk *like* arrows,

4 That they may cause *arrows* to flow in secret at the complete; they shoot at him suddenly, and do not fear;

5 They fasten to themselves an evil word; they tally up hidden snares; they say, Who shall see them?

⁹ 63:9 **lowermost parts**, *tachtiy*, the bottom, the lowermost, the depths, a pit. One of the strong impressions you get from studying all the verses in the Bible on hell is that it is down in the center of the earth.

6 They search out wickedness; they complete searching a search; both the inward *thought* of every man, and the heart *is* deep;

7 But God shall cause an arrow to flow at them; they shall be struck down suddenly.

8 And they shall cause their own tongue to fall weak legged upon themselves; all who see them shall be driven away.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall cause the work of God to stand out boldly; and they shall intelligently consider his doing.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in Jehovah, and shall flee for refuge in him, and all the upright shall boast in heart.

PSALM 65

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.

1 Oh God, to you *is* calm praise in Zion, and to you the vow shall be completed.

2 Oh you who attentively hears prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

3 Words of evil prevail against me; you shall cover our transgressions.

4 Righteously happy is the one you choose and bring near to you that he may dwell in your courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

5 Fearful in righteousness, you will answer us, Oh God of our salvation, the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the far off sea,

6 Setting up the mountains by his power, girded with might,

7 Stilling the uproar of the seas, the uproar of their waves, and the tumult of the communities.

8 And they who dwell in the uttermost parts fear at your signs; you cause the dawn to go forth, and the dusk to shout loudly.

9 You visit the earth, and overflow it; you abundantly enrich it with the river of God full of water; you set them up with grain, because you have thus rightly set it up.

10 You satisfy the thirst of its furrows; you cause its furrows to sink down; you make it soft with rain; you bless its sprouted branch.

11 You crown the year with your goodness, and your tracks drip fatness.

12 They drip upon the pastures of the desert, and the little hills gird themselves spinning around with emotion.

13 The meadows are clothed with flocks, and the vales languish under the grain; they shout; they also sing.

PSALM 66

To the Chief Musician. A Song. A Psalm.

1 Shout¹ to God, all the earth;

2 Sing with playing instruments to the heavy glory of his name; put *out* heavy glory and praise.

3 Say to God, How fearful *are* your works! Those hating you will pretend submission to you through the abundance of your power.

¹ 66:1 Shout, *ruwa*, to break or split the ears with sound. God commands us to be loud in our shouting for joy to Him.

4 All the earth shall prostrate themselves to you, and shall sing with playing to you; they shall sing with playing to your name. *Pause.*

5 Walk and see the works of God, fearful in his exploits upon the children of Adam.

6 He turned the sea into dry ground; they crossed over the flood on foot; there we rejoiced in him.

7 He rules by his might forever; his eyes lean out and peer at the peoples; do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. *Pause.*

8 Oh bless our God, you people, and cause the voice of his praise to be attentively heard,

9 The one putting our soul in life, and does not allow our feet to be moved,

10 Because you have proved us, Oh God; you have refined us, as silver is refined.

11 You brought us into the net; you put pressure upon our loins.

12 You have caused mortal men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; and you brought us out into satisfaction.

13 I will go into your house with burnt offerings; I will complete my vows to you,

14 When I opened my lips, and my mouth spoke, when I was in oppression.

15 I will offer up to you burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the perfumed incense of rams; I will do cattle with goats. *Pause.*

16 Walk, attentively hear, and I will tally up to all of you who fear God what he has done for my soul.

PSALMS 67,68 *God, stoop down in grace to us; Let God rise! Let those hating him be ...scattered!*

17 I called to him *with* my mouth, and he was exalted with my tongue.

18 If I see nothing in my heart, the Lord will not attentively hear;^{1 8}

19 Truly God has attentively heard me; he has pricked up his ears to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed *is* God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSALM 67

To the Chief Musician. To offer freely. A Psalm. A Song.

1 God, stoop down in grace to us, and kneel down with goodness to us, causing his face to shine upon us, Pause.

2 That your way may be known by being seen upon earth, your salvation among all peoples.

3 Let the people raise their hands to you, Oh God; let all the people raise their hands to you.

4 Oh let the communities rejoice, and shout loudly, because you shall judge the peoples evenly, and you will guide the communities upon earth. Pause.

¹⁸ **66:18 nothing** is *aven*, panting, exhaustive effort for nothing. *Aven* means strictly nothingness. See *is raah*, the word always translated see. It does not mean regard or hold as in KJV and others. If all you see in your heart is nothingness, you have no faith, therefore God cannot hear and answer you. See it in your heart and confess it with your mouth, and it will be to you, Rom 10:9-10. You have to see in your heart the reality of what God has promised before God will attentively hear you. That is why you have to read the Bible, and get what He says in your heart, so you have something real in your heart to see; then you can believe, and God will attentively hear you. If you cannot yet see it in your heart, read and confess with your mouth the word of God until you begin to see it in your heart, then it will be to you.

5 Let the people raise their hands to you, Oh God; let all the people raise their hands to you.

6 The earth shall give her produce; God, our God, shall kneel down with goodness to us.

7 God shall kneel down with goodness to us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM 68

To the Chief Musician. By David. A Psalm. A Song.

1 Let God rise! Let those hating him be forcibly scattered! And let them who hate him flee before his face.

2 As smoke is driven about, drive them about; as wax liquefies before the face of the fire, let the wicked be lost from before the face of God.

3 And the righteous will rejoice; they will jump for joy before the face of God, and they will be glad rejoicing.

4 Sing to God, sing with playing to his name; exalt him who rides upon the desert by his name JAH,⁴ and jump for joy before his face.

5 God in his holy habitation *is* a father of the bereaved and a judge for widows.

6 God causes the lonely to sit down by houses⁶; he brings the prisoners out with prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched desert.

⁶ **68:6 houses** meaning families, the people who make up the house, the extended family.

⁴ **68:4 JAH**, the same as Jehovah, but shortened to Jah. The self-existent, covenant-keeping God.

Blessed is the Lord; day to day he loads our burdens upon himself

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7 Oh God, in your going out before the face of your people, in your marching through the desert,

Pause.

8 The earth shook, yes, the heavens distilled before the face of God, this Sinai, before the face of God, the God of Israel.

9 You, Oh God, sprinkled a spontaneous rain; your inheritance was weary; you erected *it*.

10 Your living creatures have dwelt there; you have set up your goodness for the poor, Oh God.

11 The Lord gave the word; the host who announced good tidings *was* abundant.

12 Driven away, kings of hosts shall be driven away, and she who was at her place of rest in *her* house allotted the spoil.

13 Though you have laid down in the cattle stalls, *you shall be* as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her pinions with yellow gold.

14 When the Almighty spread out kings in it, *it was* as snow in Salmon.

15 The hill of God *is* as the hill of Bashan, a high hill as the hill of Bashan.

16 Why do you hills, you ridges, look with hostility at the hill God desires to dwell in? Yes, Jehovah will reside *there* perpetually.

17 The chariots of God are myriads, thousands many times over; the Lord *is* among them, as in Sinai, the holy place.

18 You have ascended on high; you have taken captive a multitude of captives; you have taken gifts among men, yes, the rebellious

also, to dwell *here*, Jehovah God.

Eph 4:9

19 Blessed *is* the Lord; day to day he loads our burdens upon himself; God *is* our salvation. Pause.

20 Our God *is* the God of salvation, and from Jehovah, the Lord, *are* the exits from death.

21 But God shall strike the head of those hating him, and the hairy crown of those who walk on in his guilt.

22 The Lord said, I will turn *them*²² back from Bashan, I will turn *them* back from the depths of the sea,

23 In order that your foot may strike the blood of your enemies, the tongue of your dogs in the same.

24 They have seen your processions, Oh God, the processions of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before; the players on instruments followed after, the veiled women in the midst playing with tambourines.

26 In the congregations you bless God Jehovah, from the fountain of Israel.

27 There *is* little Benjamin with those who tread down, the chief rulers of Judah, their throngs, the chief rulers of Zebulun, the chief rulers of Naphtali.

28 Your God has commanded your strength; be strong, Oh God, who has done for us.

²² 68:22 By reading verses 21, 22, and 23 together, the ones the Lord is turning back are the enemies who have walked away victoriously, but will now be turned back that God's people may strike their feet in the blood of those hating them, and that their dogs may lick the blood of the enemies.

PSALMS 69*Save me, Oh God, because the waters are come in to my soul*

29 Because of your temple at Jerusalem kings shall cause gifts to flow to you.

30 Rebuke the living creature of the reeds, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, *until* they prostrate themselves with pieces of silver; he will scatter the people who delight in war.

31 Rich nobles shall arrive from Egypt; Ethiopia shall rush out her hands to God.

32 Kingdoms of the earth, Sing to God; Oh sing and play to the Lord, *Pause*;

33 To him who rides upon the heavens of heavens of old; lo, he gives his voice, a mighty voice.

34 Give strength to God; his majesty *is* over Israel, and his strength *is* in the clouds.

35 Fearful *is* God out of your holy places; the God of Israel *is* he who gives strength and power to his people. Blessed *be* God.

PSALM 69

To the Chief Musician. Upon Trumpets, by David.

1 Save me, Oh God, because the waters are come in to *my* soul.

2 I have sunk in mud of the deep, and there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the floods flush me *down*.

3 I gasp in my calling out; my throat is destroyed from heat; my eyes are ended while I wait for my God.

4 They who hate me freely are more than the hairs of my head; they are mighty who would pull me up by the roots, those hating me

falsely; at that time I returned that which I did not pluck off.

5 Oh God, you know by seeing my foolishness, and my guilt is not hidden from you.

6 Let them not pale in shame who wait on you, Oh Lord Jehovah of hosts; do not let those who seek you be reproached for my sake, Oh God of Israel,

7 Because for your sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face.

8 I am a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children,

9 Because the zeal of your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of them who reproached you are fallen upon me. *John 2:17; Rom 15:3*

10 And I wept *away* my soul with fasting, and it was a reproach to me.

11 And I gave my clothing as sackcloth, and I was to them a proverb.

12 They who sit down in the gate ponder against me, and I was the song of those drinking intoxicants.

13 And *as for* me, my prayer *is* to you, Oh Jehovah, in an acceptable time; answer me, Oh God, in the abundance of your mercy, in the truth of your salvation.

14 Snatch me out of the mud, and do not let me sink; let me be snatched away from them who hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Do not let the waterstream flush me *down*, and do not let the deep swallow me up, and do not let the pit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Answer me, Oh Jehovah, because your mercy *is* good; according to the abundance of your compassions face about to me;

17 And do not hide your face from your servant, because I *am* under oppression; answer me in a hurry.

18 Draw near to my soul; redeem it; ransom me because of those who hate me.

19 You have known by seeing my reproach, and my shame, and my wounding; all my oppressors *are* before you.

20 Reproach has burst my heart, and I am sick; and I bound myself in waiting for one to nod with me, and there was none, and for those who would comfort me, and none came forth.

21 And they gave me poison for my food, and they gave me vinegar to drink in my thirst. *Mat 27:34*

22 Let their table become a snare before their face, and their peace a noose.

23 Let their eyes be darkened from seeing, and their loins continually to waver.

24 Pour out upon them your fury, and let the burning anger of your nostrils reach them.

25 Let their walled fortresses be stunned, and let none be dwelling in their tents,

26 Because they run with hostility after him whom you have stricken, and they tally up the sorrow of those whom you have polluted.

27 Give iniquity upon their iniquity, and do not let them come into your righteousness.

28 Let them be rubbed out of the book of the living, and not written with the righteous. *Rev 3:5*

29 And I *am* poor and sore; let your salvation, Oh God, exalt me to safety.

30 I will boast in the name of God with a song, and will magnify him by raising my hands.

31 And it shall be better to Jehovah than a bullock, a bullock with horns and hooves.

32 The meek have seen and rejoice, and you who tread seeking God, your heart shall live,

33 Because Jehovah attentively hears the poor, and he will not despise his prisoners.

34 Let the heavens and earth boast in him, the seas and everything that moves in them,

35 Because God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah; and they shall dwell there and possess it.

36 And the seed of his servants shall inherit it, and they who love his name shall dwell there.

PSALM 70

To the Chief Musician. By David, to bring to Remembrance.

1 Oh God, snatch me out; Oh Jehovah, hurry with your help to me.

2 Let them pale in shame and blush with disappointment who seek after my soul; let them flinch backward and be reproached who desire evil for me.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame who say, Aha, aha.

PSALMS 71 *Oh Jehovah, I flee to you for refuge; do not let me ever pale in shame*

4 Let all those who seek you be glad and rejoice in you, and let them say continually, God be magnified, those who love your salvation.

5 And I *am* depressed and poor, Oh God; hurry to me, my help, and my deliverer; Oh Jehovah, do not be behind.

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1 Oh Jehovah, I flee to you for refuge; do not let me ever pale in shame.

2 Snatch me out, and deliver me in your righteousness; spread out your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock of habitation *where* I may always come; you have commanded to save me, because you are my lofty rock and my fortress.

4 Oh my God, deliver me out of the hand of the wicked, out of the palm of the unrighteous and corrupt⁴ man,

5 Because you are my cord of *hope*, Oh Lord Jehovah, my trust from my youth.

6 I have taken hold upon you from the womb; you cut portions to me from my mother's insides; my praise *is* always to you.

7 I am a miracle to many, and you *are* my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled with your praise, all the day *with* your beauty.

9 Do not throw me out in the time of old age; when my power is ended do not forsake me,

⁴ **71:4 corrupt**, *chamets*, soured, leavened. It is the word used for leaven, when bread begins to sour, or break up, or become corrupted. This describes the nature of man that is corrupted with sin.

10 Because those who hate me talk against me, and they who hedge my soul about take counsel together,

11 Saying, God has forsaken him; run after *him* and capture him, because there is none to snatch *him* out.

12 Oh God, do not widen the distance from me; Oh my God, my help, hurry!

13 Let them pale in shame, *let them* be ended, those who accuse¹³ my soul; let them be wrapped in reproach and disgrace who seek evil to me.

14 And I will always wait in hope, and will increase your praise over all.

15 My mouth shall tally up your righteousness, your salvation all the day, because I do not know by seeing the tally.

16 I will go in the might of the Lord Jehovah; I will remember your righteousness, yours only.

17 Oh God, you have taught me from my youth, and until now I have caused your wonders to stand out boldly.

18 And also when *I am* old and gray haired, Oh God, do not forsake me, until I have caused your outstretched arms to stand out boldly to this generation, your might to every one to come.

¹³ **71:13 accuse**, *satan*, the verb form of the name applied to the devil, *Satan*. He occupies himself with accusing you day and night. He uses both true and false accusations. When he accuses us of something that is true, we cover it with the blood of Jesus, and his accusation is annulled. When he accuses us falsely, we take our stand against Satan, and he flees from us, James 4:7.

Oh God, give the king your judgments, and your righteousness to the king's son **PSALMS 72**

19 And your righteousness, Oh God, *is* to the height, who has done great things. Oh God, who *is* like you,

20 Who has let me see great oppression and evils? You shall turn me back to live, and shall turn me back to ascend from the depths of the earth.

21 You shall increase my greatness, and surround me with comfort.

22 Also I will raise my hands to you with the lyre instrument, Oh my God; I will sing your truth to you with playing the harp, Oh Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall shout loudly, because I sing with playing to you, and my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 Also all the day my tongue shall murmur your righteousness in pleasure, because they pale in shame, because they blush in shame, who seek evil toward me.

PSALM 72

By Solomon.

1 Oh God, give the king your judgments, and your righteousness to the king's son.

2 He shall judge your people evenly with righteousness, and those of yours dangling in need with judgment.

3 The mountains shall bear peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

4 He will judge the depressed of the people; he will save the children of the poor, and crush the oppressor.

5 They shall fear you with the sun and before the face of the moon generation to generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that pour upon the earth.

7 In his days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace until the moon fails.

8 And he shall tread down from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

9 The desert dwellers shall bend their knees before his face, and those hating him shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the habitable land shall turn back portions; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall draw near with gifts.

11 And all kings shall prostrate themselves to him; all peoples shall serve him,

12 Because he will snatch out the poor who cries for help, and the depressed, and him for whom help does not exist.

13 He shall cover for those dangling and poor, and shall save the souls of the poor.

14 He shall redeem their soul from being cut to pieces and violence, and their blood shall be heavy in value in his eyes.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba; and prayer shall be made for him continually; he shall be blessed all the day.

16 There shall be an abundance of grain in the earth upon the head of the mountains; its fruit shall shake like Lebanon; and they shall flourish from the city like plants of

PSALMS 73
the earth.

Truly God is good to Israel, to those of a clean heart

17 His name shall be forever; his name shall propagate before the face of the sun, and men shall be blessed in him; all peoples shall pronounce him righteously happy.

18 Blessed *be* Jehovah God, the God of Israel, who alone does wonders.

19 And blessed *be* his heavy glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with his heavy glory; Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

PSALM 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Truly God is good to Israel, to those of a clean heart.

2 And *as for* me, my feet were almost bent away; my steps had spilled out to nothing,

3 Because I was jealous at the boasters; I saw the peace of the wicked,

4 Because there are no fetters in their death, and their strength is fat.

5 They are not in wearisome toil as mortal men, and they are not touched with mankind.

6 Therefore they are collared with arrogance as a necklace; violence causes them to languish as in a garment.

7 Their eyes are brought out with fatness; they cross over with more than heart could imagine.

8 They blaspheme and speak wicked oppression; they speak loftily.

9 They place their mouth in the heavens, and their tongue walks through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return here, and full waters are sucked out to them.

11 And they say, How does God know, and is there knowledge in the most High?

12 Behold, these are the ungodly who are always at peace; they enlarge in resources.

13 Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my palms in innocence.

14 And I have been touched all the day, and rebuked at dawn.

15 If I say, I will thus tally *it* up, behold, I would act deceitfully against the generation of your children.

16 And I calculated to know this, it was too wearisome in my eyes -

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *now* I discerned their end.

18 Surely you placed them in their allotment; you caused them to fall into ruin.

19 How they are stunned in devastation in a wink! They are snatched away to completion in terrors.

20 As a dream when one awakes, Oh Lord, when you awake, you will despise their image,

21 Because my heart was fermented and my kidneys pierced.

22 And I was brutish, not knowing; I was as an animal with you.

Oh God, ...why do your nostrils smoke against the flock of your pasture? **PSALMS 74**

23 And I *am* always with you;
you have held me by my right hand.

24 You shall guide me with
your counsel, and afterward take
me to heavy glory.

25 Who is mine in the heav-
ens? And there is none upon earth
beside you that I desire.

26 My flesh and my heart are
ended; God is the strong rock of
my heart and my allotment forever,

27 Because lo, they who are
far from you will be lost; you have
pulled up all them by the roots who
go a whoring from you.

28 And *as for* me, *it is* good
for me to draw near to God; I have
placed my trust in the Lord Jeho-
vah, that I may tally up all your
works.

PSALM 74

A Teaching Poem of Asaph.

1 Oh God, why have you
pushed us aside forever? *Why do*
your nostrils smoke against the
flock of your pasture?

2 Remember your congrega-
tion you have purchased of old, the
rod of your inheritance you have
redeemed, this Mount Zion where
you have dwelt.

3 Lift up your steps to the
perpetual ruins; the one hating has
broken all in the holy place to
pieces.

4 Your oppressors roar in the
midst of your congregations; they
put their flags as flags *of victory*.

5 He knew how to go up on
the bracing of the wood with axes.

6 And now they hammer
down its sculptured work together
with axes and sledge hammers.

7 They have sent out fire into
your sanctuary; they have defiled
the dwelling place of your name to
the ground.

8 They said in their hearts,
Let us rage violently together to-
ward them; they have set on fire all
the meeting places of God in the
land.

9 We do not see our signs;
there is no more prophet, none
among us who knows by seeing
how long.

10 How long, Oh God, shall
the oppressor reproach us? Shall
those hating us blaspheme your
name forever?

11 Why do you turn back your
hand, even your right hand? Let it
be finished staying in the midst of
your bosom;

12 And God *is* my King of old,
doing salvation in the midst of the
earth.

13 You broke open the sea by
your strength; you burst the heads
of the monsters down in the wa-
ters.

14 You crushed to pieces the
heads of leviathan, and gave him
as food to the people inhabiting the
desert. Job 41:1

15 You ripped open the foun-
tain and the stream; you dried up
permanent streams.

16 The day is yours; also the
night is yours; you set up the light
and the sun.

17 You stationed all the
boundaries of the earth; you shaped
summer and winter¹⁷.

¹⁷ **74:17 summer and winter**, *qayits* and *choreph* are used to cover the two main seasons of the year, but both refer to harvest time; *qayits* to the harvest in the hot sum-

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Oh God, we raise our hands; and your name is near

18 Oh Jehovah, remember that the enemy has reproached, and that the foolish people have rejected your name with contempt.

19 Do not give the soul of your dove to the living creature; do not forget forever the living¹⁹ of your poor.

20 Look intently with favor toward the covenant, because the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of violence.

21 Oh do not turn back the crushed reproached; let the depressed and poor boast in your name.

22 Rise, Oh God, defend your own cause; remember how the foolish reproaches you all the day.

23 Do not forget the voice of your oppressors; the tumult of those who rise up against you ascends continually.

mer, and *choreph* to the harvest time of autumn and early winter. The emphasis in the statement is that God has shaped, *yatsar*, squeezed, pressed, molded into place the seasons so that harvests take place. The emphasis is not on spring, summer, fall, winter as seasons important in themselves, because these four seasons as such do not occur in all places of the earth. The emphasis is upon the fact that God has shaped earth's seasons so that earth produces harvests for man. God arranged this on the fourth day of creation, Gen 1:14, and after the flood promised these seasons would not cease as long as the earth stood in its present form, Gen 8:22.

¹⁹ 74:19 Note that **living creature**, *chay*, is used twice in this sentence, each use refers to a different group. *Chay* is the word for living, and usually refers to the living creatures in the wild. KJV usually translates *chay* as beast. [It also means alive or living, and is applied to any creature that lives including humans.] The first half of the verse is a prayer that God will not give His precious dove-like children to humans who act like living creatures of the wild or beasts; and the last half of the verse is a prayer that God not forget the living poor who are trusting in Him. Since God takes care of both domesticated and wild animals, surely His care for the living human creatures is greater.

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To the Chief Musician. Do Not Destroy. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.

1 We raise our hands to you, Oh God, we raise our hands; and your name is near; they tally up your wonders.

2 When I take an appointed meeting, I will judge evenly.²

3 The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved; I hold its columns in a balance. Pause.

4 I said to the boasters, Do not boast, and to the wicked, Do not exalt the horn;

5 Do not exalt your horn on high, speaking with an impudent neck,

6 Because not from the east, nor from the west, and not from the south, *is* exaltation,

7 Because God *is* the judge; he puts down this one, and he exalts that one,

8 Because *there is* a cup in the hand of Jehovah, and the wine is fermented; it is full of mixture; and he pours this out; but all the wicked of the earth shall drain out its dregs to drink.

9 And I will cause it to stand out boldly forever; I will sing with playing to the God of Jacob.

10 And I will cut down all the horns of the wicked; the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM 76

To the Chief Musician. Upon Stringed Instruments. A Poem of Asaph. A Song.

1 God *is* known in Judah; his name *is* great in Israel.

² 75:2 The person speaking in this verse is God, as is evident in verses 3-4.

And his tabernacle is in Salem, and his home in Zion

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2 And his tabernacle is in Salem, and his home in Zion.

3 There he burst the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. *Pause.*

4 You are light; *you are* greater than the mountains of fresh food.⁴

5 The mighty in heart are spoiled; they have slept their sleep, and none of all the mortal men of resources have found their hands.

6 At your rebuke, Oh God of Jacob, both the charioteer and horse are stunned into the sleep of death.

7 You are to be feared, you, and who may stand before your face when your nostrils breathe anger?

8 From the heavens you attentively heard judgment; the earth feared, and was at rest,

9 When God rose to judgment to save all the meek of the earth, *Pause,*

10 Because the wraths of man shall raise their hands to you; you shall gird on the remainder of *the* wraths.

11 Vow, and complete *it* to Jehovah your God; let all who are around him bring presents to him who should be feared.

⁴ **76:4 the mountains of fresh food** refer to worldly kingdoms which feed on their subjects as fresh food. Mountains are often symbols of governments and kingdoms. Humans have a way of holding in admiration powerful governments that consider their people nothing more than resources for their gratification. God in His kingdom is greater than these mountains of fresh food, and treats His subjects with the love and respect a righteous sovereign should.

12 He shall clip off the spirit of commanders; *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

To the Chief Musician. Upon Raising the Hands. By Asaph. A Psalm.

1 I cried out to God with my voice, with my voice¹ to God, and he broadened his ear to me.

¹ **77:1 with my voice, qowl**, the voice or sound of calling aloud. You find no emphasis in the Bible on silent meditation. Although God sees the heart, 1 Sam 16:7, and knows and searches out the secrets of men's hearts, Psa 44:21, it is not the silent meditation of the heart that God hears and answers. The word meditation, which in English implies silence, is used in the KJV to translate *higgayown*, but *higgayown* means to mumber out loud in a soft musical tone, Psa 19:14. Even *siyach* in Psa 104:34 means a contemplation that is uttered. *Siyach* means to talk to yourself, not just in your mind, but with your lips, and is used in verse 3. Placing your mind in neutral, or making it a blank for God to give you whatever He wants to give you [as taught in many non-Christian religions] is nowhere taught in the Bible, and is very dangerous. Anyone who has ever tried to be perfectly silent for any length of time knows how his mind begins to take over and go in whatever direction it chooses. What is worse is that unless you exercise your will to deliberately control every thought, an evil spirit will immediately furnish you all kinds of evil thoughts to defile you. Meditation as done in most non-Christian religions is nothing more than an open invitation for evil spirits to furnish you their evil thoughts. Evil thoughts do not have to be of adultery or murder or hate. Evil thoughts are thoughts on religion or any subject that are contrary to God's Word. That is why everything you receive from God must be deliberately controlled by knowledge of and speaking of the words of God as recorded in the Holy Bible. Any thought that comes into your mind that is not in total agreement with the statements of God in the Bible are from an evil spirit, not from the Holy Spirit. Every thought the Holy Spirit gives you is in total agreement with the words he has already spoken and written in the Word of God, the Bible.

That is why it is so extremely important to speak aloud the law of Jehovah, Psa 1:2, the Word of God, which is the same as the words recorded in the Holy Bible. That is why that everything you receive from God you receive by confessing with your mouth His words and believing them in your heart, Rom 10:9-10.

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In the day of my oppression I treaded seeking the Lord

2 In the day of my oppression I treaded seeking the Lord; my hand² was poured out in the night, and was not sluggish; my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God, and made a loud noise; I pondered to myself, and my spirit languished.

Pause.

4 You hold the eyelids of my eyes; I am struck, and I cannot speak.

5 I have calculated the days of old, the years of eternity.

6 I call to remembrance my music in the night; I ponder with my own heart, and my spirit searched.

7 Will the Lord push aside forever, and will he not be satisfied any more?

8 Has his mercy disappeared forever? Has what he says failed forever?

9 Has God forgotten to stoop down with grace? Also are his nostrils closed to compassions?

Pause.

10 And I said, This *is* my being worn *down!* - Years *I was* at the right hand of the most High^{1 0} -

² 77:2 **my hand**, *yad*. The subject of this verse is his persistence in prayer both day and night in the day of his oppression. He treaded seeking God, and all night he poured out his hand in prayer, and did not allow his hand to relax in sluggishness. He refused to be comforted (sigh in relief) until he knew his prayer was answered. Note the importance he places on keeping his hand raised, pouring out his prayer to God.

¹⁰ 77:10-11 Read the last phrase of verse 10 with verse 11 as one continuous sentence, although **Years at the right hand of the most High** are blurted out as an incomplete sentence. There is an abrupt change in the Psalmist's words. He was occupied with his sickness, with the idea that God's mercy seems to have disappeared forever - then suddenly he remembers that all his past years he has been at God's right hand where God had per-

11 I will remember the works of Jehovah, surely I will remember your miracles of old.

12 And I will murmur in pleasure^{1 2} of all your work, and ponder your exploits and your works.

13 Oh God, your way *is* in the sanctuary; who *is* a great God as our God?

14 You are the God who does miracles; you have made known to be seen your strength among the peoples.

15 You have redeemed your people with your outstretched arm, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Pause.

16 The waters saw you, Oh God, the waters saw you; they twisted around; also the depths were agitated.

17 The dark clouds gushed out water; the firmament gave a sound; your arrows of lightning walked.

18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind; the lightnings lightened the inhabited earth; the earth was agitated and shook.

19 Your way is in the sea, and your path in the abundant waters, and your footsteps are not known by being seen.

20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

formed wonders for him. So, he changes his words and vows to remember and murmur in pleasure of wonders God has done; thus exercising faith that God will again lead him as God led Moses and Israel in the past.

¹² 77:12 **murmur in pleasure**, *hagah*. See Notes Jos 1:8. Psa 1:2.

PSALM 78

A Teaching Poem of Asaph.

1 Broaden *your* ear, Oh my people, to my law; spread out your ears to the sayings of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a proverb; I will gush out riddles of old,

3 Which we have attentively heard and known by seeing, and our fathers have tallied it up to us.

4 We will not hide *them* from their children, tallying up the praises of Jehovah for the generation to come, and his strength and his wonders that he has done;

5 And he caused a testimony to rise in Jacob, and put a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children;

6 That the generation to come might know, the children which should be born who should rise, and tally *them* up to their children;

7 And that they should put God as their fatness, and not forget the acts of God, and guard his commandments;

8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation who did not set up their heart, and was not faithful with God in their spirit.

9 The children of Ephraim, armed, shooting bows, turned about in the day of battle.

10 They did not hedge about the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

11 And forgot his exploits and his wonders that he had caused them to see.

12 He did miracles in front of their fathers in the land of Egypt, the field of Zoan.

13 He cleaved open the sea, and caused them to cross through, and he stationed the waters as a heap.

14 And he led them with a cloud by day, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He cleaved open the strong rocks in the desert, and gave them drink from the great depths.

16 And he brought streams out of the lofty rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the parched land.

18 And they tempted God in their hearts by asking food for their souls.

19 And they spoke against God; they said, Is God able to arrange a table in the desert?

20 Behold, he struck the cliff, and the waters flowed freely, and the streams flushed out. Is he also able to give food or set up flesh for his people?

21 Therefore Jehovah attentively heard and crossed over; and a fire was kindled against Jacob, and also his nostrils came up against Israel,

22 Because they did not believe God, and did not trust his salvation;

23 And he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of the heavens,

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them the grain of the heav-

PSALMS 78 *Man ate food of the Mighty One; he sent them game food to the full*
ens.

25 Man ate food of the Mighty One; he sent them game food to the full.

26 He caused *the east wind* to pull up in the heavens, and by his strength he drove the south *wind*.

27 And he rained flesh upon them as dust, and winged birds like the sand of the sea;

28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp around their habitations.

29 And they ate, and were filled to satisfaction exceedingly; and he came to them according to their craving;

30 They did not turn aside from their craving. Their food was still in their mouths,

31 And the nostrils of God ascended upon them, and fatally struck the fattest of them, and the chosen of Israel bent down upon their knees;

32 For all this they still sinned, and did not believe his wonders.

33 And he finished their days in vanity, and their years in fearful destruction.

34 When he fatally struck them, then they treaded seeking him, and they turned back, and sought after God early in the dawn.

35 And they remembered that God *was* their strong rock, and *the* high God their redeemer.

36 And they made their mouth open to him, and with their tongues they lied to him.

37 And their heart was not set up with him, and they were not faithful in his covenant.

38 And he covered *their* iniquity in compassion, and did not destroy them; and many times he turned back his nostrils, and did not wake up all his wrath.

39 And he remembered that they *were* flesh, a spirit that walks, and does not return.

40 How they provoked him in the desert, grieving him in the desert!

41 And they turned back, and tempted God, and grieved the Holy One of Israel.

42 They did not remember his hand, the day when he ransomed them from the oppressor,

43 How he put his signs in Egypt, and his miracles in the field of Zoan;

44 And turned their rivers into blood, and they could not drink their streams.

45 He sent flies among them which devoured them, and frogs which destroyed them.

46 And he gave their produce to the ravaging locust, and their labor to the multiplying locust.

47 He fatally struck their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with aphids.

48 And he shut up their animals to the hail, and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

49 He sent the burning anger of his nostrils, wrath, and fury, and oppression, releasing messengers of evil upon them.

50 He rolled flat a path for his nostrils; he did not spare their soul from death, and he shut up their lives to the word of destruction;

And struck all the firstborn in Egypt, the beginning of their effectiveness **PSALMS 79**

51 And struck all the firstborn in Egypt, the beginning of their effectiveness in the tent of Ham;

52 And pulled up his own people as a flock, and led them in the desert like a drove.

53 And he led them safely, and they did not fear; and those hating them were covered in the sea.

54 And he brought them to the boundary of his sanctuary, to this mountain which his right hand had set up.

55 And he drove out the peoples before their face, and let an inheritance fall to them by line, and caused the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 And they tempted and provoked the most high God, and did not hedge about his testimonies;

57 And flinched back, and acted deceitfully like their fathers; they were turned aside like a treacherous bow.

58 And they provoked him with their high places, and with their carved idols moved him to jealousy.

59 God attentively heard, and he crossed over, and greatly despised Israel;

60 And he thrust off the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent of his lodging among men,

61 And gave his strength into captivity, and his beauty into the hand of the oppressor.

62 And he shut his people up to the sword, and crossed over his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men, and their virgins were not celebrated *in marriage*.

64 Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows did not weep.

65 And the Lord woke out of sleep, like a mighty man who shouts loudly from wine.

66 And he struck his oppressors in the hinder parts; he gave them *to be* a perpetual reproach.

67 And he despised the tent of Joseph, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

68 And chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary as exalted, like the earth he has founded forever.

70 And he chose David his servant, and took him from the pen of the flocks;

71 He brought him from following those giving milk to shepherd Jacob, his people, and Israel, his inheritance.

72 And he shepherded them according to the completeness of his heart, and by the understanding of his palms he guided them.

PSALM 79

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 O God, the peoples have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have put Jerusalem ruinous heaps.

2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food to the birds of the heavens, the flesh of your merciful ones to the living creatures of the earth.

3 They have spilled their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was none to bury *them*.

PSALMS 80 *We have become a reproach to our neighbors; Oh Shepherd of Israel*

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, a mockery and scorn to them who are all around us.

5 How long, Jehovah? Will you always be angry? Shall your jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the peoples that have not known you, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name,

7 Because they have devoured Jacob, and stunned his place of rest.

8 Do not remember former iniquities against us; let your compassions hurriedly go before us, because we hang down exceedingly useless.

9 Surround us with help, Oh God of our salvation, for the word of the heavy glory of your name, and snatch us out, and cover over our sins for your name's sake.

10 Why should the peoples say, Where *is* their God? Let him be known among the peoples in our eyes by revenging the blood of your servants which is spilled.

11 Let the crying of the prisoner come before your face; preserve the children to be executed according to the greatness of your outstretched arm;

12 And turn back their reproach to our neighbors into their bosom, by which they have reproached you, sevenfold, Oh Lord.

13 And we, your people, and flock of your shepherding will raise our hands to you forever; we will tally up your praise generation to generation.

PSALM 80

To the Chief Musician. Trumpets of Testimony. A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Oh Shepherd of Israel, Broaden the ear, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who dwell *between* the cherubs, shine.

2 Wake up your might before the face of Ephraim, and Benjamin, and Manasseh, and walk and save us.

3 Oh God, turn back to us, and cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved.

4 Oh Jehovah God of hosts, how long will you smoke in anger against the prayer of your people?

5 You feed them with the food of tears, and give them tears to drink threefold.

6 You put us as a subject of contention to our neighbors, and those hating us mock among themselves.

7 Oh God of hosts, turn us back, and cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved.

8 You pulled up a vine out of Egypt; you possessed the peoples and planted it.

9 You turned your face to it, and struck its root in the soil, and it filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered with its shade, and its branches mighty cedars.

11 She sent out her harvest as far as the sea, and her sprouts to the river.

12 Why have you broken down the enclosures, so that all who cross by the way pluck her?

13 The boar out of the woods lays it waste, and the milk producing beasts of the field shepherd^{1 3} it.

14 Oh God of hosts return, please, look intently from the heavens, and see, and visit this vine;

15 And the plant which your right hand has planted, and the son whom you have made powerfully alert for yourself.

16 On fire with fire, it is cut down! At the rebuke of your face they are lost.

17 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, upon the son of Adam you made powerfully alert for yourself. ^{1 Cor 15:45}

18 And we will not flinch back from you; cause us to live, and we will call upon your name.

19 Oh Jehovah God of hosts, turn us back, cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved.

PSALM 81

To the Chief Musician. Upon a Gittite Harp. By Asaph.

1 Shout to God, our strength; shout to the God of Jacob.

¹³ **80:13 shepherd, raah**, the same word that is always used when describing the tending of a flock. It means to watch over, lead the flock to water and pasturage so that they are fed and protected, Gen 30:31. It is the same word that is translated Shepherd in Psa 23, Jehovah is my Shepherd. In 80:13 it has the same meaning, to shepherd, not to feed on or devour. What is meant is that Jehovah has now broken down Israel's protective enclosure which Jehovah had placed there. Israel is now laid waste by a wild boar [most likely Assyria], and shepherded by wild mammals [meaning the beastly allies of Assyria.] When Satan and his brutal cohorts shepherd you, you are definitely not only in for a fleecing of the worst kind, but also to be eaten as their food.

2 Lift a psalm, and give a tambourine, a pleasant harp with a lyre.

3 Blow the trumpet in the new moon, in the full moon, on our feast day,

4 Because this *was* an enactment for Israel, and a judgment of the God of Jacob.

5 He put it a testimony in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt; I attentively heard a lip I did not know.

6 I caused his shoulder to depart from the burden; his palms crossed over from the pots.⁶

7 In oppression you called out, and I equipped you; I answered you under cover of thunder; I proved you at the waters of Meribah.⁷ *Pause.*

8 Attentively hear, Oh my people, and I will testify to you, Oh Israel, if you will hear me attentively;

9 There shall no strange god be in you, and you shall not prostitute yourself to a strange god.

10 I am Jehovah, your God, who caused you to ascend out of the land of Egypt; make wide your mouth, and I will fill it.

11 And my people would not attentively hear my voice, and Israel would not breathe after me.

12 And I sent them out to the stubbornness of their own hearts; they walked in their own counsels.

⁶ **81:6 burden, cebel; pots, duwd.** The burden refers to the burdens of mortar and straw and bricks they made and carried in Egypt, and the pots refer to the containers they carried them in.

⁷ **81:7 Meribah**, the name of a place in the desert, and means contention, the Waters of Contention.

PSALMS 82,83 *God is stationed in the congregation of the mighty; he judges among the gods*

13 Oh that my people had heard me attentively, that Israel had walked in my ways!

14 In a little while I would have caused those hating them to bend their knees, and returned my hand against their oppressors.

15 Those hating Jehovah would have lied⁵ to him, and their now would have been forever.

16 And he would have fed them with the fattest of the wheat, and would have satisfied you *with* honey out of the strong rock.

PSALM 82

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 God is stationed in the congregation of the mighty; he judges among the gods.

2 How long will you judge unjustly, and lift the faces of the wicked? *Pause.*

3 Judge them who are dangling in need and bereaved; do justice to the poor and needy.

4 Deliver them who are dangling in need and poor; snatch them out of the hand of the wicked.

⁵ **81:15** *lied, kachash*, to lie, to deny, to deceive. The meaning is that if Israel had remained faithful to God, in a little while God would have caused those hating Israel to bow their knees to them. Those hating Israel would have lied about their submission to Jehovah God, but that would have made no difference. God would have caused Israel's victory in the now, the present, to be forever, an uninterrupted victorious walk with God all the way into eternity. The great moral to this is, do not give up. It may be a little while before you see the results you are believing to see, and some of those who supposedly agree with you may be lying to you. That makes no difference. What liars around you do, does not affect what God is willing to do for you. Do not give up your total loyalty to Jehovah God. In a little while He will do what He has promised. He will make your now be forever.

⁶ **82:6** God has said in His law that men are gods by placing man to judge for God as stated in Deu 1:17, and the overall implica-

5 They do not know by seeing, and they do not understand; they walk in darkness; all the foundations of the earth shake.

6 I have said, You *are* gods⁶, and children of the most High, all of you! *John 10:35*

7 Surely, like Adam you shall die, and like one of the chief rulers, you shall fall.

8 Rise, Oh God, judge the earth, because you shall inherit all peoples.

PSALM 83

A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Oh God, let there not be silence to you! Do not devise in silence, and do not rest, Oh God,

2 Because, lo, those hating you make a tumult, and they who hate you have lifted up the head.

3 They have taken cunning assembled counsel against your people, and consulted against your hidden ones.

4 They have said, Walk, and let us hide them from being a people, and the name of Israel will not be remembered any more,

5 Because they have counseled together as a united heart; they have cut a covenant against you;

6 The tents of Edom, and the Ishmaelites of Moab, and the Hagarenes,

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek, the Palestinians with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Also Assur has united with them; they are the outstretched arm of Lot. *Pause.*

tion that God had begotten Israel to be His children.

How loved are your tabernacles, Oh Jehovah of hosts!

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9 Do to them as to the Midianites, as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the stream of Kison;

10 They were desolated at Endor; they became manure for the soil.

11 Place their generous like Oreb and like Zeeb; yes, all their princes as Zebah and as Zalmunna,

12 Who said, Let us take the homes of God in possession to ourselves.

13 Oh my God, place them to roll as stubble before the face of the wind.

14 As the fire burns the woods, and as the flash causes the mountains to blaze,

15 So run after them with your rushing tempest, and make them tremble with your snatching hurricane.

16 Fill their faces with disgrace, and they will seek your name, Oh Jehovah.

17 Let them pale in shame and tremble with alarm forever, and let them blush in shame, and be lost;

18 And they will know that you, whose name alone *is* Jehovah, *are* the most high over all the earth.

PSALM 84

To the Chief Musician. Upon a Gittite Harp. The Sons of Korah. A Psalm.

1 How loved are your tabernacles, Oh Jehovah of hosts!

2 My soul longs, and even is consumed for the courts of Jehovah; my heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.

3 Yes, the little bird has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may place her

brood, even your altars, Oh Jehovah of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 Righteously happy *are* they who dwell in your house; they will continue to boast in you. *Pause.*

5 Righteously happy *is* the man whose strength *is* in you; built up highways *are* in their heart;⁵

6 Crossing over through the Valley of Tears he places it a fountain; also the teacher is clothed with blessings. *See Note on verse 5.*

7 They walk from resources to resources; he shall be seen with God in Zion. *See Note on verse 5.*

8 Oh Jehovah God of hosts, attentively hear my prayer; broaden *your* ear, Oh God of Jacob. *Pause.*

9 See our shield, Oh God, and look intently upon the face of your anointed,

10 Because better *is* a day in your courts than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to move in the

⁵ **84:5** Verses 5-7 describe the blessed condition of the man or woman who has highways built in his heart by a godly teacher of the Word of God. Righteously happy is the man whose strength is in God. The word for built up highways is *mecillah* which is from *calal*, both of which mean a highway that has been mounded up or built to make it possible for the traveler to pass over hills and ravines. Verses 5-7 describe the righteously happy man who has been taught by a good teacher of the Word, and by the Word has built up highways in his heart to pass over the otherwise impassable places in life. By this good teacher of the Word of Jehovah God he has learned how to cross over through the Valley of Tears and change it into a Fountain of Blessings. He has learned how to place the Valley of Tears as a Fountain of Blessings, because the teacher of the Word of God is clothed in blessings. He is able by the power of the Holy Spirit to impart this same manner of living to faithful believers. They walk from resources to resources, and are seen with God in Zion. They build up highways of blessings in their hearts by the Word of God instead of plodding along on the rough trail of sorrows! Rom 8:28.

PSALMS 85,86 *Jehovah...you have returned those transported into captivity of Jacob*
circle of the tents of wickedness,

11 Because Jehovah God *is* a sun and shield; Jehovah will give grace and heavy glory; he will not withhold good from them who walk in completeness.

12 Oh Jehovah of hosts, righteously happy *is* the man who trusts in you.

PSALM 85

To the Chief Musician. For the Sons of Korah. A Psalm.

1 Jehovah, you have been pleased with your land; you have returned those transported into captivity of Jacob.

2 You have lifted the iniquity of your people; you have covered all their sin. *Pause.*

3 You have taken away all your wrath; you have turned back from the burning anger of your nostrils.

4 Turn us, Oh God of our salvation, and break off your being provoked toward us.

5 Will you forever breathe in rage against us? Will you draw out your *burning* nostrils generation to generation?

6 Will you not turn back to revive us, and your people will rejoice in you?

7 Let us see your mercy, Oh Jehovah, and give us your salvation.

8 I will attentively hear what Jehovah God will speak, because he will speak peace to his people, and to his merciful ones; and do not let them turn again to *their own* fatness.⁸

9 Surely his salvation *is* near them who fear him, that heavy glory may reside in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.

11 Truth shall sprout out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from the heavens.¹¹

12 Yes, Jehovah shall give the good, and our land shall give her produce.

13 Righteousness shall walk before his face, and shall put *us* in the way of his strokes.

PSALM 86

A Prayer of David.

1 Spread out your ear, Oh Jehovah; answer me, because I *am* poor and depressed.

2 Hedge about my soul, because I *am* merciful; save your servant, Oh you, my God; I trust in you.

3 Stoop down in grace to me, Oh Lord, because I call out to you all the day.

4 Rejoice the soul of your servant, because I lift up my soul to you, Oh Lord,

5 Because you, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all who call upon you.

6 Broaden *your* ear, Oh Jehovah, to my prayer; and prick up your ear to the voice of my earnest

⁸ **85:8** *fatness, kiclah*, the same as *kecel*. See Note Job 31:24. *Kiclah* means fatness. When used as in verse 8 it means that humans put their confidence in their own fatness, their own accumulations, their own abilities instead of in God.

¹¹ **85:11** Surely this is a prophecy of the coming of the Son of God from the heavens to be born a man in the earth.

There is none like you among the gods, Oh Lord

prayer for grace.

7 In the day of my oppression I will call upon you, because you will answer me.

8 There is none like you among the gods, Oh Lord, and there do not exist works like yours.

9 All peoples whom you have made shall come and prostrate themselves before your face, Oh Lord, and shall give heavy glory to your name,

10 Because you *are* great, and do wonders; you *are* God alone.

11 Cause your way to flow to me, Oh Jehovah; I will walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

12 I will raise my hands to you, Oh Lord, my God, with all my heart; and I will give heavy glory to your name forever,

13 Because your mercy *is* great upon me, and you have snatched my soul from the lowest world of the dead. Note Gen 37:35

14 Oh God, the arrogant have risen against me, and the assemblies of the ruthless have sought after my soul, and have not put you in front of them.

15 And you, Oh Lord, *are* a God full of compassion and gracious, *waiting* long before *your* nostrils burn, and abundant in mercy and truth.

16 Oh, face about to me, and stoop down in grace to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.

17 Do for me a sign for good, and they who hate me shall see it, and be ashamed, because you, Je-

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hovah, have surrounded me with help, and comforted me. Gen 5:29; 6:6-7; Note.

PSALM 87

For the Sons of Korah. A Psalm. A Song.

1 His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.

2 Jehovah loves the gates of Zion more than all the tabernacles of Jacob.

3 Heavy glorious things have been spoken in you, Oh city of God. Pause.

4 I will cause Rahab⁴ and Babylon to be remembered to them who know me; behold Palestine, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this one was born there.

5 And it shall be said to Zion, This one and that one was born in her, and the Highest himself shall set her up.

6 Jehovah shall tally it up when he writes the peoples, This one was born there. Pause.

7 And the singers as the players on instruments, all my fountains *are* in you.

PSALM 88

A Song. A Psalm for the Sons of Korah. To the Chief Musician concerning Sickness. Instruction on Looking down with harshness upon yourself. By Heyman the Ezrachite.

1 Oh Jehovah God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before you;

2 Let my prayer come before your face; spread out your ear to my cry,

3 Because my soul is sated with evils, and my life touches the world of the dead.

⁴ 87:4 **Rahab**, boaster, an epithet of Egypt.

PSALMS 89 *I am calculated with them who descend into the pit; I will sing of the mercies of Jehovah*

4 I am calculated with them who descend into the pit; I am as a mighty man with no strength;

5 Free among the dead, like those polluted who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more; and they are cut off from your hand.

6 You have placed me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Your wrath takes hold upon me, and your breakers have looked down on me with harshness. *Pause.*

8 You have caused those who know me to widely distance themselves from me; you have placed me an abomination to them; I am shut up, and I cannot go out.

9 My eye melts away from being looked down on with harshness; I have called upon you, Oh Jehovah, every day; I have spread out my palms to you.

10 Will you do miracles to the dead? Ghosts will not rise to raise their hands to you? *Pause.*

11 Shall your mercy be tallied up in the grave, your faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall your miracles be known in the dark, and your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 And I, Oh Jehovah, have cried to you for help, and my prayer shall come before you in the dawn.

14 Why, Oh Jehovah, do you push aside my soul? You hide your face from me!

15 I am poor and breathing out my last breath from my youth; I lift your dread in the dark.

16 Your burning anger crosses over me; your terrors have pulled me up by the roots.

17 They surrounded me like water all the day; they beat violently together upon me.

18 You have widely distanced from me lover and friend; those who know me *disappear* into darkness.

PSALM 89

Instruction by Ethan, the Ezrachite.

1 I will sing of the mercies of Jehovah forever; I will make known your faithfulness with my mouth from generation to generation,

2 Because I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever; you shall set up your faithfulness as the heavens.

3 I have cut a covenant with my chosen; I have sworn to David, my servant,

4 I will set up your seed forever, and build up your throne generation to generation. *Pause.*

5 And the heavens shall raise their hands to your miracles, Oh Jehovah, yes, to your faithfulness in the congregation of the holy ones,

6 Because who in the sky can arrange as Jehovah; who can be compared to Jehovah among the sons of the mighty?

7 God is to be dreaded in the assembled counsel of the holy ones, and to be revered above all around him.

8 Oh Jehovah God of hosts, who is a mighty Jehovah like you? And your faithfulness *is* all around you?

You rule the lifting up of the sea; in the rising of its rolls, you still them **PSALMS 89**

9 You rule the lifting up of the sea; in the rising of its rolls, you still them.

10 You have crushed Rahab as one polluted; with your strong outstretched arm you have scattered those hating you.

11 The heavens *are* yours, also the earth *is* yours, the inhabited earth and its fullness; you founded them.

12 The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon shall shout in your name.

13 Yours *is* a mighty outstretched arm; your hand *is* strong; your right hand *is* exalted.

14 Righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of your throne; mercy and truth shall go before your face.

15 Righteously happy *is* the people who know the acclamation of joy; Oh Jehovah, they shall walk in the light of your face.

16 They shall spin around with emotion all the day in your name; and they shall be exalted in your righteousness,

17 Because you are the beauty of their strength; and our horn shall be exalted in your delight,

18 Because Jehovah *is* our shield, and the Holy One of Israel *is* our king.

19 Then you spoke in a vision to your merciful one, and said, I have balanced help upon a mighty one; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David, my servant; I have anointed him with my holy oil;

21 My hand shall be set up with him; also my outstretched arm shall make him powerfully alert.

22 The one hating shall not obligate him in debt, and the son of wickedness shall not look down on him with harshness.

23 And I will beat down his oppressors before his face, and I will strike them down who hate him.

24 And my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him, and his horn shall be exalted in my name.

25 And I will put his hand in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall call out to me, You *are* my father! My God, and the strong rock of my salvation!

27 Also I will give him *to be the* firstborn, supreme over the kings of the earth.

28 I will hedge about my mercy for him forever, and my covenant shall be nourished with him.

29 And I will put his seed forever, and his throne as the days of the heavens.

30 If his children forsake my law, and do not walk in my judgments,

31 If they break my enactments, and do not hedge about my commandments,

32 Then I will visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with blows.

33 And I will not break my mercy from him, and I will not allow my faithfulness to cheat.

34 I will not break my covenant; I will not change what has gone out of my lips.

PSALMS 90*Lord, you have been our dwelling place generation to generation*

35 First I have sworn by my holiness, I will not lie to David.

36 His seed shall be forever, and his throne in front of me as the sun.

37 It shall be set up always as the moon, and a faithful witness in the sky. *Pause.*

38 And you have pushed off and despised; you have crossed over against your anointed.

39 You have abhorred the covenant of your servant; you have broken his crown to the ground.

40 You have broken down all his enclosures; you have put his fortresses in ruin.

41 All who cross over by the way plunder him; he is a reproach to his neighbors.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his oppressors; you have caused all those who hate him to rejoice.

43 Also you have turned back the edge of his sword, and have not caused him to rise in the battle.

44 You have made his brilliance to cease, and you have thrown down his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut off the days of his youthful vigor; you have veiled him in shame. *Pause.*

46 Jehovah, how long will you hide yourself? Shall your wrath burn like fire forever?

47 Remember how fleeting I am; why have you created all the children of Adam as a ruin?

48 What mighty man lives and shall not see death? Shall he cause his soul to escape from the hand of the world of the dead? *Pause.*

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49 Lord, where are your first mercies that you swore to David in your faithfulness?

50 Lord, remember the reproach of your servants, my carrying in my bosom all the many peoples,

51 How those hating you have reproached, Oh Jehovah, how they have reproached the heel of your anointed.

52 Blessed is Jehovah forever. Amen and Amen.

PSALM 90*A Prayer of Moses, the Man of God.*

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place generation to generation.

2 Before the mountains were begotten, and the earth was twisted together, even the inhabited earth, even from everlasting to everlasting you *are* God.

3 You return man to powder, and say, Return, you children of Adam,

4 Because a thousand years in your eyes are as a day of yesterday, because it has crossed over, even as a watch in the night.

5 You flood them away; they sleep; they change in the dawn like grass.

6 In the dawn it flourishes, and changes; in the dusk it is cut down and dries up,

7 Because we are finished by your *burning* nostrils, and we tremble by your anger.

8 You have placed our iniquities before you, our secrets in the light of your face,

He who dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under... **PSALMS 91**

9 Because all our days are faced about from your outbursts; we end our years as a muttering.

10 The days of our years *are* seventy years, and if by might, eighty years, yet in their pride *is* wearisome toil and vanity, because it passes quickly, and we fly away.

11 Who knows by seeing the power of your nostrils? And as your reverence, so your outbursts!

12 So cause us to know how to weigh out our days, and we shall bring our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, Oh Jehovah, how long? And comfort your servants.

14 Oh satisfy us in the dawn with your mercy, and we shall shout and rejoice all our days.

15 Cause us to rejoice according to the days you have looked down on us with harshness, the years we have seen evil.

16 Let your work appear to your servants, and your magnificence upon their children.

17 And let the pleasantness of the Lord our God be upon us; and set up the work of our hands upon us; yes, set up the work of our hands upon us.

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1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of Jehovah, My refuge and my fortress, my God, I will trust in him,

3 Because he will snatch you away from the snare of the one laying a snare, from the tempestuous ruin.

4 He will entwine you with his pinions, and you will flee for refuge under his wings, and his truth *is* a shield and body armor.

5 You shall not fear the fear by night, *nor* the arrow that flies by day,

6 *Or* the pestilence walking in darkness, *or* the destruction devastating at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near you.

8 Only with your eyes you shall look intently and see the reward of the wicked,

9 Because you, Jehovah, *are* my refuge; you have put the Most High as your tabernacle;

10 There shall no evil happen to you, and no blow shall come near your tent,

11 Because he shall command his messengers over you, to hedge you about in all your ways.

12 They will lift you upon *their* palms lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall walk upon the lion and viper; you shall tread under foot the young lion and the monster,

14 Because he has clung to me in love, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he has known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I *will be* with him in oppression; I will equip him for battle, and give him heavy glory.

16 I will satisfy him *with* length of days, and show him my salvation.

PSALMS 92-94 *It is good to raise your hands to Jehovah; (he) reigns; he is clothed with exaltation*

PSALM 92

A Psalm, A Song for the Sabbath Day.

1 *It is good to raise your hands to Jehovah, and to sing with playing instruments to your name, Oh Most High,*

2 *To cause your mercy to stand out boldly in the dawn, and your faithfulness every night,*

3 *Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lyre, with a solemn murmuring sound upon the harp,*

4 *Because you Jehovah, have caused me to rejoice through your work; I will shout in the works of your hands.*

5 *Oh Jehovah, how great are your works! Your devices are very deep.*

6 *A brutish man does not know by seeing this, and a fool does not understand.*

7 *When the wicked break forth as the plants, and when all the workers of vanity flourish, it is that they may be desolate forever;*

8 *And you Jehovah are raised high forever,*

9 *Because, lo, those hating you, Oh Jehovah, because, lo, those hating you shall be lost; all the workers of vanity will be separated.*

10 *And you will exalt my horn like the horn of a wild bull; I shall be overflowed with the anointing of fresh oil.*

11 *And my eye shall look intently on my enemies, and my ears shall attentively hear the wicked who rise up against me.*

12 *The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall enlarge like a cedar in Lebanon.*

13 *Those transplanted in the house of Jehovah shall flourish in the courts of our God.*

14 *They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing,*

15 *To cause to stand out boldly that Jehovah, my strong rock, is upright, and no evil is in him.*

PSALM 93

1 *Jehovah reigns; he is clothed with exaltation; Jehovah is clothed with strength; he has girded himself; also the inhabited earth is set up; it shall not waver.*

2 *Your throne is set up from then; you are from everlasting.*

3 *The streams have lifted up, Oh Jehovah, the streams have lifted up their voice; the streams lift up their dashing waves.*

4 *Jehovah on high is mightier than the voice of many waters, mightier than the mighty breakers of the sea.*

5 *Your testimonies are very nourishing; your house is home to holiness, Oh Jehovah, for length of days.*

PSALM 94

1 *Oh God, vengeance! Oh Jehovah! Oh God, vengeance! Shine!*

2 *Lift up, judge the earth; return their treatment to those lifted up.*

Unless Jehovah were my help, my soul had soon dwelt in silence **PSALMS 95**

3 How long will the wicked,
Oh Jehovah, how long will the
wicked jump for joy?

4 Shall they gush forth
speaking impudence, talking of
themselves, the workers of vanity?

5 Your people, Oh Jehovah,
they are crushed, and your heritage,
they are looked down on with
harshness.

6 They fatally strike the
widow and the stranger, and they
dash in pieces the bereaved.

7 And they say, Jehovah shall
not see! And, Shall the God of
Jacob discern it?

8 Discern, you brutish among
the people; and you fools, when will
you be intelligently successful?

9 He who planted the ear,
shall he not intelligently hear? Since
he shaped the eye, shall he not look
intently?

10 He who chastises the
peoples, shall he not be right, teach-
ing man knowledge?

11 Jehovah knows by seeing
the devices of man that they are
vanity.

12 Righteously happy *is* the
mighty man whom you chasten, Oh
Jehovah, and *you* teach him out of
your law,

13 That you may give him rest
from the days of evil, until the pit is
dug for the wicked,

14 Because Jehovah will not
thrust off his people, and he will not
forsake his inheritance,

15 Because judgment shall re-
turn to righteousness, and after-
wards all the upright in heart.

16 Who will rise up for me
against the good for nothing? Who
will station themselves for me
against the workers of vanity?

17 Unless Jehovah *were* my
help, my soul had soon dwelt in si-
lence.

18 If I said, My foot wavers,
your mercy, Oh Jehovah, refreshed
me.

19 Your consolations delight
my soul in the abundance of my
thoughts within me.

20 Shall the throne of tempe-
stuous ruin be joined with you, shap-
ing wearisome toil by an enactment?

21 They gash against the soul
of the righteous, and condemn the
innocent blood.

22 But Jehovah is my lofty cliff,
and my God is the strong rock of
my refuge.

23 And he shall turn back
upon them their own vanity, and
their own evil shall pull them up by
the roots; Jehovah our God shall
pull them up by the roots.

PSALM 95

1 Walk, let us shout unto Je-
hovah; let us shout to the strong
rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his face
raising our hands, and shouting unto
him with songs and instruments,

3 Because Jehovah *is the*
great God, and *the* great King
above all gods,

4 In whose hand are the
deep searchings of the earth, and
the strength of the hills *is* his.

5 To whom *is* the sea, and
he made it; and his hands shaped
the dry ground.

PSALMS 96,97 *Oh sing to Jehovah a new song; Jehovah reigns! Let the earth spin with emotion*

6 Oh come, let us prostrate ourselves and bend our knees; let us kneel down with goodness before the face of Jehovah our maker,

7 Because he is our God; and we are the people of his shepherding, and the sheep of his hand - if today you will attentively hear his voice, Heb 3:7-8

8 Do not harden your heart, as in the provocation, as in the day of testing in the desert,

9 When your fathers tested me, proved me, and saw my work.

10 Forty years I loathed this generation, and said, They *are* a people who vacillate in their heart, and they have not known my ways,

11 To whom I swore in my nostrils that they should not come into my rest.

PSALM 96

1 Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song; sing unto Jehovah, all the earth.

2 Sing unto Jehovah, bless his name; announce good tidings of his salvation day to day.

3 Tally up among the peoples his heavy glory, among all peoples his wonders,

4 Because Jehovah *is* great, and to be boasted of greatly; he is to be feared above all gods,

5 Because all the gods of the peoples are good for nothing, and Jehovah made the heavens.

6 Glorious authority and magnificence are before his face; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 Give to Jehovah, Oh you families of peoples, give to Jehovah heavy glory and strength.

8 Give to Jehovah the heavy glory due to his name; lift a food offering, and come into his courts.

9 Oh prostrate yourself to Jehovah in the adornment of holiness; twist around before his face, all the earth. 1 Chr 16:29

10 Say among the peoples, Jehovah reigns; also the inhabited earth is set up not to waver; he shall judge the peoples evenly.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth spin with emotion; let the sea and its fullness be violently agitated.

12 Let the field jump for joy, and all that *is* in it, then all the trees of the woods will shout

13 Before the face of Jehovah, because he comes, because he comes to judge the earth; he will judge the inhabited earth with righteousness, and the peoples with his faithfulness.

PSALM 97

1 Jehovah reigns! Let the earth spin with emotion; let the multitude of habitable land rejoice.

2 Clouds and thick darkness *are* all around him; righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of his throne.

3 A fire walks before his face, and licks up his oppressors all around.

4 His lightnings lightened the inhabited earth; the earth saw, and twisted around.

Oh sing to Jehovah a new song; Jehovah reigns; the peoples are agitated **PSALMS 98,99**

5 The hills melted like wax at the face of Jehovah, at the face of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens cause his righteousness to stand out boldly, and all the peoples see his heavy glory.

7 Pale in shame, all they who serve carved images, who boast in good for nothing idols; prostrate yourselves to him, all gods.

8 Zion attentively heard and rejoiced, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of your judgments, Oh Jehovah,

9 Because you, Jehovah, are high over all the earth; you are ascended exceedingly above all gods.

10 You who love Jehovah, hate evil; he hedges about the souls of his merciful ones; he snatched them out of the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sown for the righteous, and rejoicing for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in Jehovah, you righteous, and raise your hands at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM 98

A Song Set to Music.

1 Oh sing to Jehovah a new song, because he has done wonders! His right hand and his outstretched holy arm has saved him.

2 Jehovah has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the eyes of the peoples.

3 He has remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout unto Jehovah, all the earth; break out, and shout, and sing with playing.

5 Sing with playing to Jehovah on the harp, with the harp and the voice of a psalm.

6 Shout before the face of the King, Jehovah, with trumpets, and the voice of the trumpet.

7 Let the sea and its fullness be violently agitated, the inhabited earth, and they who dwell in it.

8 Let the streams clap *their* palms; let the hills shout together

9 Before the face of Jehovah, because he comes to judge the earth; he will judge the inhabited earth with righteousness, and the peoples with evenness.

PSALM 99

1 Jehovah reigns; the peoples are agitated; he sits *between* the cherubs; the earth quakes.

2 Jehovah in Zion *is* great; and he *is* high above all the peoples.

3 They will raise their hands to your great and terrible name! He *is* holy!

4 And the king's strength loves judgment; you set up evenness; you do judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt Jehovah, our God, and prostrate yourselves at his footstool; he *is* holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them who called upon his name; they called upon Jehovah, and he answered them.

PSALMS 100-102 *Shout unto Jehovah, all you lands; I will sing of mercy and judgment*

7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they hedged about his testimonies, and he gave them the enactments.

8 Oh Jehovah our God, you answered them; you were God who lifted them, and you avenged against their doings.

9 Exalt Jehovah, our God, and prostrate yourselves to his holy hill, because holy *is* Jehovah, our God.

PSALM 100

A Psalm for Raising your Hands.

1 Shout unto Jehovah, all you lands.

2 Serve Jehovah with rejoicing! Come before his face with shouting.

3 Know that Jehovah, he *is* God! He has made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his shepherding.

4 Enter into his gates with raising your hands, his courts with praise; raise your hands to him; bless his name,

5 Because Jehovah *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting, and his truth to all generations.

PSALM 101

A Psalm of David.

1 I will sing of mercy and judgment; to you, Oh Jehovah, I will sing with playing.

2 I will be intelligently successful in a complete way. Oh when will you come to me? I will walk with a complete heart in the midst of my house.

3 I will not place in front of my eyes a worthless word; the doing of them who turn aside I hate; it

shall not cling to me.

4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know a wicked one.

5 I will pull him up by the roots who wags his tongue secretly against his neighbor; I am not able *to bear* him who has a lofty eye and a heart open *to deception*. Pro 21:4; 28:25

6 My eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land that they may dwell with me; he who walks in a complete way, he shall serve me.

7 He who works treachery shall not dwell in the midst of my house; he that speaks lies shall not be set up in my eyes.

8 In the dawn I will pull up all the wicked of the land by the roots, that I may cut off all workers of vanity from the city of Jehovah.

PSALM 102

A Prayer of a Poor One when he languishes; before the face of Jehovah he pours out his utterance to Jehovah.

1 Attentively hear my prayer, Oh Jehovah, and let my cry for help come to you.

2 Do not hide your face from me in the day of oppression; spread out your ear to me; in the day I call, answer me, hurrying,

3 Because my days are ended in smoke, and my bones are burned in the fire.

4 My heart *is* struck like a plant and dried up so that I forget to eat my food.

5 My bones cling to my flesh from the voice of my groaning.

6 I am like a pelican of the desert; I am like an owl of the desolate places.

Bless Jehovah, Oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name **PSALMS 103**

7 I watch, and am like a little bird alone upon the house top.

8 All the day those hating me reproach me, and they who boast against me are sworn against me,

9 Because I have eaten food like ashes, and my drink is mixed with weeping,

10 Before the face of your fury and your wrath, because you have lifted me up and thrown me down.

11 My days *are* like a shadow stretched out, and I am dried up like a plant.

12 And you, Oh Jehovah, shall dwell forever, and your remembrance from generation to generation.

13 You will rise; have compassion upon Zion, because the time to stoop down to her in grace, assuredly, the appointed time has come,

14 Because your servants take pleasure in her stones, and stoop down in grace to her dust.

15 And the peoples shall fear the name of Jehovah, and all the kings of the earth your heavy glory,

16 Because Jehovah will build up Zion; he will be seen in his heavy glory.

17 He will face about to the prayer of the naked, and not despise their prayer.

18 This will be written for the generation to come, and the people who will be created will boast in Jehovah, *2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15*

19 Because he has leaned out to peer down from the height of his sanctuary; Jehovah looked intently from the heavens toward the earth,

20 To attentively hear the crying of the prisoner, to loose the children of death,

21 To tally up in Zion the name of Jehovah, and his praise in Jerusalem,

22 When the peoples are gathered as one, and the kingdoms to serve Jehovah.

23 He looked down with harshness on my power in the way; he cut off my days.

24 I said, Oh my God, do not cause me to ascend in the middle of my days; your years *are* from generations to generations.

25 You founded the earth before your face, and the heavens *are* the work of your hands.

26 They shall be lost, and you shall stand, and all of them shall wear out like clothing; you will change them as a garment, and they will be changed;

27 And you *are* the same, and your years are never completed.

28 The children of your servants will reside permanently, and their seed will be set up before your face.

PSALM 103

By David.

1 Bless Jehovah, Oh my soul, and all *that is* within me, *bless* his holy name.

2 Bless Jehovah, Oh my soul, and do not forget all his benefits,

3 The one redeeming all your iniquities, the one healing all your sicknesses,

PSALMS 103 *Jehovah is compassionate and gracious, waiting long before his nostrils burn*

4 The one redeeming your life from the pit, the one crowning you with mercy and compassions,

5 The one satisfying you with good ornaments;⁵ your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 Jehovah does righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses, his exploits to the children of Israel.

⁵ **103:5 ornaments, *adiy*.** Ornaments refer to the finer things of life beyond the actual necessities. The translation **mouth** in KJV is another instance of translators' forcing a word to mean something that seems to fit its use in the sentence, when the word does not have that meaning. *Adiy* means the ornaments that make the bare necessities more beautiful, more useful, and more enjoyable. The first place *adiy* appears in the Bible shows very clearly its meaning: Exo 33:4, **And when the people heard these evil words, they mourned, and no man put his ornaments on him.** After they realized their terrible sin in making and prostrating themselves to the golden calf that Aaron made, they were very repentant. They showed their sorrow by not putting on the ornaments that they normally used in dressing to look their best. They put on the bare necessities, so as to cover their nakedness as commanded by Jehovah, but added no ornaments to their appearance. Exo 33:6 makes it very clear that their ornaments included jewelry and other ornaments they wore for good appearance only. Since they had used jewelry to make the golden calf it was dangerous to them in their immature state of heart, and so God commanded them to strip off all the finer things, for them to determine if God was more important than their finer things, and for God to decide what to do with them. 33:5-6. David sang of the blessings Saul had been to all the daughters of Israel by raising their level of prosperity so that they could afford jewelry and fine clothing, 2 Sam 1:24. Psalm 32:9 refers to the harness the mule wears to control him, and does not mention the word mouth. All the rest of the references where *adiy* is used, Isa, Jer, and Ezk, all mean ornaments. Jehovah God is the one who gives us the finer things of life. We must never allow those things to come between us and God, but always praise Him for them, and use them for His glory. Having wealth and the finer things of life definitely is used by God to renew your strength and give you a brighter outlook on life. The Bible declares this over and over.

8 Jehovah *is* compassionate and gracious, waiting long before his nostrils burn, and abundant in mercy.

9 He will not always contend, and he will not keep *his anger* forever.

10 He has not done to us according to our sins, and he has not treated us according to our iniquities,

11 Because as the heavens *are* high above the earth, *so* prevailing *is* his mercy toward them who fear him.

12 As widely distanced as the east *is* from the west, he has widely distanced our transgressions from us.

13 Like a father has compassion on his children, so Jehovah has compassion on them who fear him,

14 Because he knows by seeing our form; he remembers that we *are* dust.

15 Man, his days *are* as grass; so he flourishes as something glistening in the field,

16 Because *his* breath crosses on from him, and he is not, and his place will recognize him no more.

17 And the mercy of Jehovah *is* from everlasting and to everlasting upon them who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

18 To those who hedge about his covenant, and to those who remember his visited mandates to do them.

19 Jehovah in the heavens has set up his throne, and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless Jehovah, Oh my soul. Oh Jehovah my God, you are exceedingly magnified **PSALMS 104**

20 Bless Jehovah, you his heavenly messengers, who are mighty in power, who do his words, attentively hearing the voice of his word.²⁰

21 Bless Jehovah, all you his hosts, ministers of his, the doers of his pleasure.

22 Bless Jehovah, all his works in all places of his dominion; bless Jehovah, Oh my soul.

PSALM 104

1 Bless Jehovah, Oh my soul. Oh Jehovah my God, you are exceedingly magnified; you are clothed with glorious authority and magnificence,

2 Being clothed in light as a robe, spreading out the heavens like a curtain,

3 Laying the beams of his upper rooms in the waters, putting the dark clouds as his chariot, walking upon the wings of the wind,

4 Making his heavenly messengers spirits, his ministers flaming fire,

5 Continuing the earth a habitation; it shall not waver forever.

6 You covered the deep with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

²⁰ **103:20** Verses 20-21 teach very clearly that God's messengers [the ones we call angels], those mighty in power, attentively hear God's words, His words in His mouth and His words in our mouths, and help us do them or do them for us. The Bible teaches that these messengers are our servants, Psa 103:21; Heb 1:14, to do what we need done. They perform in our lives based upon the confession of His words in our mouths, and the faith in our hearts, Rom 10:9-10.

7 At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hurried in fear.

8 They ascend mountains; they descend valleys to the place which you have founded for them.

9 You have put a boundary; they do not cross over; they do not return to cover the earth.

10 He sends the springs into the streams; they walk between the hills.

11 They give drink to every living creature of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

12 By them the birds of the heavens have their lodging, giving voice among the branches.

13 He waters the hills from his upper rooms; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works.

14 He causes *the* grass to sprout for the animals, and *the* plant for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth,

15 And wine rejoicing the heart of man, oil to cause *his* face to shine, and food to sustain man's heart.

16 The trees of Jehovah are full, the cedars of Lebanon which he has planted,

17 Where the little birds make their nests, the stork, the cypress trees *are* her house.

18 The high hills *are* for the ibex; the lofty rocks *are* a refuge for the rock rabbit.¹⁸

19 He made the moon for seasons; the sun knows his sunset.

¹⁸ **104:18** rock rabbit, *shaphan*, coney.

PSALMS 105 *Oh raise your hands to Jehovah; call upon his name; make known his exploits*

20 You place darkness, and it is night, when all the living creatures of the woods creep.

21 The young lions roar after their fresh food, and seek their food from God.

22 The sun rises, they gather themselves together, and they lie down in their homes.

23 Man goes out to his work, and to his service until the dusk.

24 How manifold are your works, Oh Jehovah! You have made them all in wisdom; the earth is full of your creations.

25 This great and broad sea on all hands, where are creeping things and without number, living creatures, small and great.

26 There the ships walk; leviathan,²⁶ this you have shaped to laugh there.

27 All wait expectantly upon you, that you may give their food on time.

28 You give to them; they gather; you open your hand; they are filled to satisfaction with good.

29 You hide your face; they tremble with alarm; you gather their breath; they die, and turn back to their dust.

30 You send forth your Spirit; they are created, and you renew the face of the soil.

31 The heavy glory of Jehovah will be forever; Jehovah will rejoice in his works.

32 He looks intently on the earth, and it shudders; he touches the hills, and they smoke.

33 I will sing to Jehovah as long as I live; I will sing with playing to my God continually.

34 My uttered contemplation of him shall be sweet; I will rejoice in Jehovah.

35 Let the sinners be completed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless you, Oh my soul, Jehovah. Boast in Jehovah.³⁵

PSALM 105

1 Oh raise your hands to Jehovah; call upon his name; make known his exploits among the people.

2 Sing to him; sing with playing to him; ponder all his wonders.

3 Boast in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoice who seek Jehovah.

4 Tread seeking Jehovah and his strength; seek his face constantly.

5 Remember his wonders that he has done, his miracles and the judgments of his mouth,

6 Oh you seed of Abraham, his servant, you children of Jacob, his chosen.

7 He *is* Jehovah, our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth.

8 He has remembered his covenant forever, the word he commanded to a thousand generations.

9 Which he cut with Abraham, and his oath to Isaac;

10 And caused *it* to stand to Jacob for an enactment, to Israel, an everlasting covenant,

²⁶ 104:26 leviathan. See Note Job 41:1.

³⁵ 104:35 Boast in Jehovah is our word, hallelujah; *hallal* is boast, and *jah* is Jehovah.

Saying, I will give to you the land of Canaan, the line of your inheritance **PSALMS 105**

11 Saying, I will give to you the land of Canaan, the line of your inheritance,

12 When they were very few adult men in number, and strangers in it.

13 When they walked from people to people, from one kingdom to another people;

14 He did not leave a man to press upon them; and he made kings right for their sakes;

15 Do not touch my anointed, and do not crush my prophets.^{1 Chr 16:22}

16 And he called for a famine upon the land; he broke the whole branch of food.

17 He sent a man before their face; Joseph was sold as a servant;

18 They harshly placed his feet in fetters; he came in iron,

19 Until the time that his word came; the saying of Jehovah refined him.

20 The king sent and shook him loose, and the ruler of the peoples opened up for him.

21 He put him lord of his house, and ruler of all his acquisitions,

22 To yoke his chief rulers as his soul *desired*, and to make his elders wise.

23 Israel also came into Egypt, and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And he bore fruit of his people greatly, and made them stronger than their oppressors.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to conspire against his servants.

26 He sent Moses, his servant; Aaron, whom he had chosen, *was* there.

27 They put there his words as signs and miracles in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark, and they did not rebel at his word.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and killed their fish.

30 Their land swarmed with frogs in abundance, in the apartments of their kings.

31 He spoke, and there came flies, lice in all their boundaries. Note Exo 8:16

32 He gave their rains, hail, fire flashing in their land.

33 He struck their vines and fig trees also, and shattered the trees of their boundaries.

34 He said, and the multiplying locusts came, and voracious locusts, and that without number,

35 And ate up all the plants in their land, and ate the fruit of their soil.

36 And he struck all the first-born in their land, the beginning of all their effectiveness.

37 And he brought them out with silver and gold, and there was not a feeble one among their tribes.

38 Egypt rejoiced when they went out, because the fear of them fell upon them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light in the night.

40 They asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the food of the heavens.

PSALMS 106 *Boast in Jehovah. Oh raise your hands to Jehovah, because he is good*

41 He opened the strong rock, and the waters flowed out; they⁴¹ walked in the parched places *like* a river,

42 Because he remembered his holy word to Abraham, his servant.

43 And he brought out his people with joy, his chosen with shouting,

44 And gave them the lands of the peoples, and they possessed the wearisome toil of the communities in their place,⁴⁴

45 That they might hedge about his enactments, and guard his laws. Boast in Jehovah.

PSALM 106

1 Boast in Jehovah. Oh raise your hands to Jehovah, because *he is good*, because his mercy *is forever*.

2 Who can utter the might of Jehovah, to cause all his praise to be intelligently heard?

3 Righteously happy *are* they who hedge about judgment, doing righteousness at all time.

4 Remember me, Oh Jehovah, with delight in your people; Oh visit me with your salvation,

5 That I may see the good of your chosen, that I may rejoice in the joy of your people, that I may

⁴¹ 105:41 **they** refers to the waters walking in the dry places like rivers.

⁴⁴ 105:44 This verse means that the Israelites by the power of God came in and took all the accumulations of things these worshippers of gods of nothingness had wearily labored for all their lives. Israel destroyed or took the results of the wearisome labor of the Canaanites, and possessed the land in their place. The wearisome labor of the Canaanites in worshipping good for nothing gods is one of the main thoughts in this statement. Psa 96:5.

boast with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand your miracles; they did not remember your abundant mercies, and rebelled at the sea, at the Red Sea.

8 And he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his might.

9 And he rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up, and he caused them to walk through the depths, as through the desert.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him who hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of him hating *them*.

11 And the waters covered their oppressors; not one of them was left.

12 And they believed his words; they sang his praise.

13 Flowing easily they forgot his works; they did not wait¹⁴ for his counsel,

14 And wished after a craving in the desert, and tested God in the wasteland.

15 And he gave them their request, and sent emaciation into their soul.

16 And they envied Moses in the camp, Aaron the holy one of Jehovah.

17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

¹⁴106:13 **wait**, *chakah*, to wait on someone because you are pierced together with him and cannot move without him. See Note Isa 64:4.

And a fire was kindled in their company; the flash licked up the wicked **PSALMS 106**

18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flash licked up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and prostrated themselves to the molten image.

20 And they exchanged their heavy glory into the likeness of a bullock that eats plants. Rom 1:25

21 They forgot God their savior, who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonders in the land of Ham, and fearful things by the Red Sea.

23 And he said that he would desolate them, if Moses his chosen had not stood in the break before his face, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.

24 And they despised the pleasant land; they did not believe his word;

25 And obstinately grumbled in their tents, and did not attentively hear the voice of Jehovah. Deu 1:27; Isa 29:24

26 And he lifted his hand against them, to make them fall in the desert;

27 And to make their seed fall among the peoples, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They fastened themselves also to Baal Peor, and ate the sacrifices to the dead. Num 25:3-5

29 And they provoked him with their works, and the plague broke out upon them.

30 And Phinehas stood up, and judged in prayer, and the plague was restrained.

31 And that was calculated to him for righteousness from generation to generation forever.

32 And they enraged him at the waters of strife, and it broke up Moses on account of them,

33 Because they provoked his spirit, and he spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They did not desolate the peoples, which Jehovah said to them,

35 And they gave security to the peoples, and learned their works.

36 And they served their carved images, and they became a snare to them.

37 And they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons,
Note Lev 18:21

38 And spilled out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the carved images of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood.

39 And they were defiled with their own activities, and went a whoring with their own works.

40 And the nostrils of Jehovah blazed up against his people, and he detested his own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the peoples, and they who hated them ruled over them.

42 And those who hated them oppressed them, and they bent their knees under their hand.

43 Many times he snatched them out, and they provoked *him* with their counsel, and tumbled into ruin for their iniquity.

PSALMS 107*And he saw their oppression, when he attentively heard their cry*

44 And he saw their oppression, when he attentively heard their cry,

45 And he remembered his covenant for them, and comforted himself according to the abundance of his mercies.

46 And he gave them compassions before the face all those who transported them into captivity.

47 Save us, Oh Jehovah, our God, and gather us out of the peoples, to raise our hands to your holy name, shouting loudly your praise.

48 Blessed *is* Jehovah God of Israel from everlasting and to everlasting; and let all the people say, Amen. Boast in Jehovah.

PSALM 107

1 Oh raise your hands to Jehovah, because *he is* good, because his mercy *is* forever.

2 Let the redeemed of Jehovah say *so*, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the oppressor,

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4 They wandered in the desert in a desolate way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their souls languished within them.

6 And they cried to Jehovah in their oppression; he snatched them out of their distresses.

7 And he walked them by the right way, that they might walk to a city to dwell in.

8 Raise your hands to Jehovah for his mercy and for his wonders to the children of Adam,

9 Because he satisfies the roaming soul, and he fills the hungry soul with goodness.

10 They dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and iron,

11 Because they rebelled against the sayings of God, and they scorned the counsel of the Most High;

12 And he caused their hearts to bend their knees with wearisome toil; they tottered weak legged, and there was none to surround *them* with help.

13 Then they cried to Jehovah in their oppression, and he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and he tore away their chastisement.

15 Raise your hands to Jehovah for his mercy, and for his wonders to the children of Adam!

16 Because he has broken the gates of bronze, and cut down the bolts of iron.

17 Fools cause themselves to be looked down on with harshness by their way of transgression and by their iniquities.

18 Their souls detest all manner of food, and they touch upon the gates of death.

19 And they cry to Jehovah in their oppression; he saves them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and caused them to escape from their pitfalls.

Raise your hands to Jehovah for his mercy and for his wonders to the children... **PSALMS 107**

21 Raise your hands to Jehovah for his mercy and for his wonders to the children of Adam!

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of raising their hands, and tally up his works with shouting.

23 They who go down to the sea in ships, who do business in abundant waters,

24 These see the works of Jehovah, and his wonders in the deep.

25 And he says, and the stormy wind stands up, which raises up its waves.

26 They ascend to the heavens, they descend to the depths; their souls are melted in evil.

27 They move in a circle, and stagger like a drunkard, and all their wisdoms are swallowed up.

28 And they cry to Jehovah in their oppression, and he brings them out of their distresses.

29 He raises²⁹ the storm up to silence, and its waves hush.

²⁹ **107:29 raises, quwm.** Raise is not used here the way we would use it, but to be absolutely accurate and consistent we must translate it as raise, because it means to rise or raise. *Quwm* is the same word used when Cain rose up and killed Abel, Gen 4:8. It is the same word that is used when God said, I will raise up my covenant with you, Gen 6:18;9:9,11,17, *et al.* It is a very common word always meaning to rise or raise up. It means that God raised the storm up from off the waters so that they became quiet. We do say the storm lifted, which is the same thing.

I have said it many times in many places in my messages. It is appropriate here, so let me say it here: The Bible is not man's idea of God. It is not man's feeble effort at expressing the mind and words of God. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself in His own words. The Bible is not man's feeble attempt to search out God. The Bible is God's perfect revelation of Himself. Do not ever forget that, and do not try to change God's way of expressing Himself. Change your own mind and way of seeing and expressing things to agree with God's reality.

30 And they rejoice because they subside, and he guides them to their desired harbor.

31 Raise your hands to Jehovah for his mercy, and for his wonders to the children of Adam!

32 And let them exalt him in the congregation of the people, and boast in him in the dwelling of the elders

33 He puts rivers into a desert, and the going out of waters into *the* thirsty land,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, for the evil of them who dwell there.

Gen 19:24-26

35 He puts the desert into marshes of water, and *the* going out of waters into parched ground.

36 And he causes the hungry to dwell there, and they set up a city for dwelling;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, and they make fruit of income.

38 And he blesses them, and they increase exceedingly, and he does not decrease their animals.

39 And they are decreased and sink down through restraint, evil, and sorrow.

40 He pours disrespect upon *the* generous, and causes them to wander in the wasteland *where there is no way.*

41 And he lifts up the poor on high from affliction, and puts families like a flock.

42 The righteous shall see and rejoice, and all wickedness shall close her mouth.

43 Who *is* wise, and will hedge these about, even they shall understand the mercy of Jehovah.

PSALM 108

A Song. A Psalm of David.

1 My heart is set up, Oh God; I will sing, and sing with playing, yes, my heavy glory.

2 Wake up, lyre and harp; I will wake up at dawn.

3 I will raise my hands to you, Oh Jehovah, among the peoples, and I will sing with playing to you among the communities,

4 Because your mercy *is* great above the heavens, and your truth is as far as the skies.

5 Be exalted, Oh God, above the heavens, and above all the earth your heavy glory,

6 That your beloved may be equipped for war; save *me with* your right hand, and answer me.

7 God has spoken in his holiness; I will jump for joy, I will apportion Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; and Ephraim is the fortress of my head; Judah is my lawgiver;
Note Gen 49:10

9 Moab is my washpot; I will throw out my shoe over Edom; I will shout *in triumph* over Palestine.

10 Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who will guide me into Edom?

11 *Is it* not God who has pushed us aside, and will not God go out with our hosts?

12 Give us help from oppression, and man's salvation is ruinous.

13 We shall make resources through God, and he shall trample under our oppressors.

PSALM 109

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Oh God of my praise, do not remain silent,

2 Because the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me; they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 And they surrounded me with words of hate; and devoured against me without cause.

4 In return for my love they accuse me, and I pray.

5 And they have put evil upon me in place of good, and hate in place of my love.

6 Visit over him a wicked one, and let Satan stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him go condemned, and let his prayer be sin.

8 Let his days be few, and let another take his office. Acts 1:20

9 Let his children be orphans, and his wife a widow.

10 Staggering, let his children stagger and beg; let them tread seeking as in desolate places.

11 Let the mortgage holder entrap all that is his, and let strangers plunder that for which he labored.

12 Let there be none to draw out mercy to him, and let there be none to stoop down in grace to his bereaved.

13 Let his posterity be cut off; let their name be rubbed out in the generation following.

Jehovah said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I place those hating you... **PSALMS 110**

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered to Jehovah, and do not let the sin of his mother be rubbed out.

15 Let them be in front of Jehovah continually, and let their memory be cut off from the earth,

16 Because that he did not remember to do mercy, and ran after a depressed and poor man, and afflicted his heart to death.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; and he did not delight in blessing, so let it be widely distanced from him.

18 And he clothed himself with cursing like a garment; so let it come into his insides like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be to him as a garment covering him, and let him continually gird it on for a belt.

20 This *shall be* the wages of my accusers from Jehovah, and of them who speak evil against my soul.

21 And you, Oh Jehovah Lord, do for me, for your name's sake, because your mercy *is* good; snatch me out,

22 Because I *am* depressed and poor, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I have walked like a stretched out shadow; I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees totter from fasting, and my flesh loses its fatness.

25 And I am a reproach to them; they saw me; they shook their heads.

26 Help me, Oh Jehovah, my God; Oh save me according to your mercy,

27 That they may know that this is your hand, that you, Jehovah, have done it.

28 Let them make light of, and you bless; they rise; let them pale in shame, and let your servant rejoice.

29 Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace, and let them cover themselves as with a robe of their own confusion.

30 I will raise my hands exceedingly to Jehovah with my mouth, and I will boast in him in the midst of the multitude,

31 Because he shall stand at the right hand of the poor to save *him* from those who judge his soul.

PSALM 110

A Psalm of David.

1 Jehovah said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I place those hating you as the footstool of your feet.

2 Jehovah shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion; tread down in the midst of those hating you. Gen 1:26,28

3 Your people freely offer themselves in the day of your resources, in the magnificence of holiness out of the womb of the breaking of the dawn, to you in the dew of your youth.

4 Jehovah has sworn, and will not have to comfort himself,⁴ You are a priest forever after the

⁴ **110:4 comfort himself**, *nacham*, the same word used of God in Gen 6:6 when God had to breathe hard, sigh deeply, and be comforted, and start over with Noah and his family. In the case of the Son of God's coming into the world as Jesus, God swore that He would never have to sigh deeply over Him, nor have to comfort Himself and start over with someone else. He guaranteed the success

PSALMS 111,112 *I will raise my hands to Jehovah with my whole heart; Righteously happy is...*
order of Melchizedek. Heb 7:11,17

5 The Lord at your right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his *burning* nostrils.

6 He shall judge evenly among the peoples; he shall fill them with dead bodies; he shall strike through the heads over many lands.

7 He shall drink of the stream in the way; therefore he shall lift up the head.

PSALM 111

1 Boast in Jehovah. I will raise my hands to Jehovah with my whole heart, in the assembled counsel of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 Great *are* the works of Jehovah, sought out of all them who have pleasure in them.

3 Glorious authority and magnificence *are his* work, and his righteousness stands forever.

4 He has made his wonders to be remembered; Jehovah *is* gracious and compassionate.

5 He has given fresh food to them who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

6 He has caused the power of his works to stand out boldly to his people, that he may give them as the heritage of the peoples.

7 The works of his hands *are* truth and judgment; all his visited mandates *are* faithful.

8 They take hold forever and ever, made in truth and uprightness.

of the life of Christ from the beginning, by placing the Son of God as one with the man Jesus, and guaranteeing that His nature could not go wrong even though genuinely tempted in all things, Heb 4:15.

9 He made his people a distinct precedence; he has commanded his covenant forever; holy and revered *is* his name.

10 The beginning of wisdom *is* the fear of Jehovah; intelligent success *is* good to all them who do it; his praise stands forever.

PSALM 112

1 Boast in Jehovah. Righteously happy is the man fearing Jehovah; he delights in his commandments exceedingly.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house, and his righteousness stands forever.

4 Light rises in the darkness to the upright; he *is* gracious, and compassionate, and righteous.

5 A good man will stoop down in grace, and join himself *to him in need*; he will measure out his words with judgment,

6 Because he shall not waver forever; the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is set up, trusting in Jehovah.

8 His heart is upheld; he will not fear while he sees his oppressors.

9 He has dispersed; he has given to the poor; his righteousness stands forever; his horn shall be exalted with heavy glory.

10 The wicked shall see, and be provoked; he shall grate his teeth, and melt away; the craving of the wicked shall be lost.

PSALM 113

1 Boast in Jehovah. Boast, Oh you servants of Jehovah, boast in the name of Jehovah.

2 Let the name of Jehovah be blessed from this time forth and forever.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down, boast in the name of Jehovah.

4 Jehovah is high above all peoples; his heavy glory *is* above the heavens.

5 Who *is* like Jehovah our God? He dwells on high;

6 He brings himself low to see the heavens and the earth!

7 He raises up those dangling in need out of the dust; he raises the poor out of the garbage heap,

8 That he may sit down with the generous, with the generous of his people.

9 He causes the barren woman to sit down in the house a mother of children rejoicing. Boast in Jehovah.

PSALM 114

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a strange language,

2 Judah was his sanctuary, Israel his ruler.

3 The sea saw *it* and fled; Jordan turned back.

4 The mountains jumped like rams, the little hills like sons of the flock.

5 What *happened* to you, Oh sea, that you fled? You, Jordan, *that* you turned back?

6 You, mountains, you jumped like rams; you little hills, like sons of the flock?

7 You, earth, twist around at the face of the Lord, at the face of the God of Jacob;

8 He turned the strong rock into a marsh of waters, the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM 115

1 Not unto us, Oh Jehovah, not unto us, but unto your name give heavy glory, for your mercy, for your truth.

2 Why should the peoples say, Where now *is* their God?

3 And our God *is* in the heavens; he has done all that he pleased.

4 Their carved idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5 They *have* mouths, and they do not speak; they *have* eyes, and they do not see;

6 They *have* ears, and they do not intelligently hear; they *have* noses, but they do not smell;

7 They *have* hands, and they do not touch; they *have* feet, and they do not walk; neither do they speak through their throat.

8 They who make them are like them, everyone who trusts in them.

9 Oh Israel, you trust in Jehovah; he *is* their help and their shield.

10 Oh house of Aaron, trust in Jehovah; he *is* their help and their shield.

PSALMS 116 *I love Jehovah, because he has attentively heard the voice of my earnest prayers*

11 You who fear Jehovah, trust in Jehovah; he *is* their help and their shield.

12 Jehovah has remembered us; he will bless; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless them who fear Jehovah, the small with the great.

14 Jehovah shall increase you, you and your children.

15 You are blessed of Jehovah who made the heavens and earth.

16 The heavens - the heavens *are* Jehovah's, and he has given the earth to the children of Adam.

17 The dead do not boast in Jehovah, and not any who descend into silence.

18 And we will bless Jehovah from this time forth and forever. Boast in Jehovah.

PSALM 116

1 I love Jehovah, because he has attentively heard the voice of my earnest prayers for grace,

2 Because he has spread out his ear to me, and I will call upon him during my days;

3 The ropes of death surrounded me, and the distresses of the world of the dead came forth upon me; I found distress and affliction.

4 And I called upon the name of Jehovah; I ask you, Oh Jehovah, cause my soul to escape.

5 Jehovah *is* gracious, and righteous; yes, our God *is* compassionate.

6 Jehovah hedges about the one open *to him*; I was hanging down, and he saved me.

7 Return, Oh my soul, to your rest, because Jehovah has treated you good,

8 Because you have pulled my soul back from death, my eyes from weeping, my feet from falling;

9 I will walk before the face of Jehovah in the land of the living.

10 I believed, therefore I have spoken; I was greatly looked down on with harshness;

11 I said in my hurry in fear, All men *are* liars.

12 How shall I return to Jehovah all his benefits upon me?

13 I will lift the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of Jehovah.

14 I will complete my vows to Jehovah now in front of all his people.

15 Heavily precious in the eyes of Jehovah *is* the death of his merciful ones,

16 Oh Jehovah, because truly I *am* your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant, you have loosed my chastisements.

17 I will sacrifice the sacrifice of raising my hands to you, and I will call upon the name of Jehovah.

18 Now I will complete my vows to Jehovah in front of all his people,

19 In the courts of Jehovah's house, in the midst of you, Oh Jerusalem. Boast in Jehovah.

PSALM 117

1 Oh boast in Jehovah, all you peoples; shout loudly to him, all you communities,

2 Because his mercy *is* prevailing toward us, and the truth of Jehovah *is* forever. Boast in Jehovah.

PSALM 118

1 Oh raise your hands to Jehovah, because *he is* good, because his mercy *is* forever.

2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy *is* forever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say that his mercy *is* forever.

4 Now let them who fear Jehovah say that his mercy *is* forever.

5 Out of distress I called upon Jehovah; Jehovah answered me in a large place.

6 Jehovah *is* for me; I will not fear; what can man do to me?

7 Jehovah *is* for those who surround me with help, and I shall see them who hate me.

8 *It is* better to flee to Jehovah for refuge than trust man.

9 *It is* better to flee to Jehovah for refuge than to trust the generous.

10 All peoples surrounded me, but I cut them off in the name of Jehovah.

11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me, but I cut them off in the name of Jehovah.

12 They surrounded me like bees; they are extinguished as the fire of thorns, because I cut them off in the name of Jehovah.

13 Pushing, you pushed at me that I might fall, and Jehovah surrounded me with help.

14 Jehovah *is* my strength and song, and is my salvation.

15 The voice of shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of Jehovah makes resources.

16 The right hand of Jehovah rises; the right hand of Jehovah makes resources.

17 I shall not die, but live, and tally up the works of Jehovah.

18 Chastising, Jehovah has chastised me, and he has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them; I will raise my hands to Jehovah;

20 This gate of Jehovah, the righteous shall enter into it.

21 I will raise my hands to you, because you have answered me, and are my salvation.

22 The stone despised by the builders is the head of the corner.

23 This is from Jehovah; it is a wonder in our eyes.

24 This is the day Jehovah has made; we will spin in emotion and rejoice in it.

25 Please, Oh Jehovah, save, now; please, Oh Jehovah, prosper.

26 Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of Jehovah; we blest you out of the house of Jehovah.

27 Jehovah *is* God and light to us; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will raise my hands to you; my God, I will exalt you.

PSALMS 119 *Righteously happy are the complete in the way, those walking in the law¹ of Jehovah*

29 Oh raise your hands to Jehovah, because *he is* good, because his mercy *is* forever.

PSALM 119

1 Righteously happy are the complete in the way, those walking in the law¹ of Jehovah.

2 Righteously happy are they who guard his testimonies, treading to seek him with the whole heart.

3 Also they do not practice wickedness; they walk in his ways.

4 You have commanded us to vehemently hedge about your visited mandates.

5 Oh that my ways were set up to hedge about your enactments!

6 Then I shall not pale in shame, when I look intently to all your commandments.

7 When I have learned your righteous judgments I will raise my hands to you with uprightness of heart.

8 I will hedge about your enactments; Oh do not forsake me utterly.

9 How will a young man purify his way? By hedging about your word.

10 I have treaded seeking you with my whole heart; Oh let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I have hid your saying in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

12 You *are* blessed, Oh Jehovah; teach me your enactments.

13 I have tallied up all the judgments of your mouth with my lips.

14 I have rejoiced for the way of your testimonies more than for all riches.

15 I will ponder your visited mandates, and look intently to your well-trod paths.

16 I will delight myself in your enactments; I will not forget your word.

17 Deal bountifully with your servant; I will live and hedge about your word.

18 Uncover my eyes, and I will look intently at wonders out of your law.

19 I *am* a stranger in the earth; do not hide your commandments from me.

20 My soul is crushed, longing for your judgments at all times.

21 You have rebuked the cursed arrogant, those straying from your commandments.

¹ **119:1 law**, *towrah* or Torah as it appears in English. Here begins a list of words applied to the law of God. (1) **Torah**, the law which flows as water from God, the Lawgiver, and his prophets. (2) **Edah**, testimony, what God knows first hand of Himself, and to which He testifies. (3) **Derek**, way, a well trod road, proven and safe way. (4) **Piquwd**, is from *paqad*, to visit officially. *Piquwd* means the commands God left with us when He officially visited His prophets and spoke through them. (5) **choq**, written statute, enactment. The emphasis is on its being written or engraved. This is a form of the word for scribe. (6) **mitsvah**, command, collectively, the law. When a Jewish child has his *bar mitsvah*, he becomes a son of the law, that is, has reached the age of responsibility to be personally responsible before God and His law. (7) **mishpat**, judgment, the verdict of a judgment. (8) **dabar**, [in verse 9] word, an arrangement of a thought or thoughts into a word. (9) **imrah**, saying [in verse 11], from *amar*, to say, to bring to the light, as in Gen 1:3, **And God said, Light, be, and light was**. The Word of God is the collective title that includes all the others. The Law of God and the Word of God are identical. That is absolutely clear by their use in the Bible, including the writings of Saint Paul.

Roll away from me reproach and disrespect, because I have guarded your... **PSALMS 119**

22 Roll away from me reproach and disrespect, because I have guarded your testimonies.

23 Also chief rulers sat in judgment, speaking against me; your servant pondered your enactments.

24 Also your testimonies *are* my delight, the men²⁴ who counsel me.

25 My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word.

26 I have tallied up my ways, and you answered me; teach me your enactments.

27 The way of your visited mandates causes me to understand, and I shall ponder your wonders.

28 My soul weeps for sorrow; raise me up according to your word.

29 Remove the way of lying from me, and by your law stoop down in grace to me.

30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I hold your judgments in balance.

31 I have clung to your testimonies; Oh Jehovah, do not let me pale in shame.

32 I will run in the way of your commandments, because you enlarge my heart.

33 Cause the way of your enactments to flow to me, Oh Jehovah, and I shall guard it to the end.

34 Cause me to understand, and I shall guard your law; and I shall hedge it about with my whole heart.

35 Cause me to tread in the path of your commandments, because I delight in them.

²⁴ **119:24** As chief rulers, v.23, seek counsel from men advisors, the believer looks to

36 Stretch out my heart to your testimonies, and not to unrighteous gain. *Gen 37:26*

37 Cause my eyes to cross over from seeing ruin;³⁷ cause me to live in your ways.

38 Cause your saying to rise to your servant, to those fearing you.

39 Cause my reproach which I fear to cross over, because your judgments *are* good.

40 Behold, I have longed after your visited mandates; cause me to live in your righteousness.

41 And let your mercies come to me, Oh Jehovah, your salvation, according to your saying.

42 And I shall answer him who reproaches me, because I trust in your word.

43 And do not snatch the word of faithfulness out of my mouth utterly, because I wait expectantly upon your judgments.

44 And I shall hedge about your law continuously forever and ever.

45 And I will walk in a broad place, because I tread seeking your visited mandates.

46 And I will speak of your testimonies before kings, and will not pale in shame.

47 And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I have loved.

48 And I will lift up my palms to your commandments, which I have loved, and I will ponder your enactments.

God's testimonies as the men who counsel him or her.

³⁷ **119:37** *ruin, shav.* The main idea is of being brought down to nothingness, being ruined by doing evil.

PSALMS 119 *Remember the word to your servant, upon which you have caused me to...*

49 Remember the word to your servant, upon which you have caused me to expectantly wait.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction, because your saying has made me to live.

51 The arrogant have mocked me greatly; I have not stretched away from your law.

52 I remembered your eternal judgments, Oh Jehovah, and have comforted myself.

53 A violent heat has seized me because of the wicked forsaking your law.

54 My songs have been your enactments in the house of my temporary lodging.

55 I have remembered your name in the night, Oh Jehovah, and have hedged about your law.

56 This was mine, because I guarded your visited mandates.

57 Oh Jehovah, I said, My allotment *is* to hedge about your words.

58 I rubbed your face with my whole heart; stoop down to me in grace according to your saying.

59 I mentally calculated on my ways, and turned my feet to your testimonies.

60 I hurried, and did not ask why I should hedge about your commandments.

61 The portions of the wicked have testified to me; I have not forgotten your law.

62 In the middle of the night I will rise to raise my hands to you because of your righteous judgments.

63 I *am* a companion of all who fear you and hedge about your visited mandates.

64 Oh Jehovah, Your mercy has filled the earth; your enactments teach me.

65 You have done good with your servant, Oh Jehovah, according to your word.

66 Teach me good taste and knowledge, because I have believed your commandments.

67 Before I was looked down on with harshness I strayed, and now I have hedged about your saying.

68 You *are* good, and do good; teach me your enactments.

69 The arrogant have falsely patched together a lie against me; I will guard your visited mandates with my whole heart.

70 Their heart *is* thick as fat; I delight in your law.

71 *It is* good for me that I have been looked down on with harshness, so that I might learn your enactments.

72 The law of your mouth *is* better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

73 Your hands have made me and set me up; give me understanding, and I will learn your commandments.

74 They who fear you see me and rejoice, because I have waited expectantly for your word.

75 I know by seeing, Oh Jehovah, that your judgments *are* right, and you have faithfully looked down on me with harshness.

Please let your mercy be for my comfort, according to your saying **PSALMS 119**

76 Please let your mercy be for my comfort, according to your saying to your servant.

77 Let your compassions come to me, and cause me to live, because your law *is* my delight.

78 Let the arrogant pale in shame, because they twisted me in falsehood; I will ponder your visited mandates.

79 Let those who fear you turn back to me, and those who have known your testimonies.

80 Let my heart be complete in your enactments, so that I do not pale in shame.

81 My soul fails for your salvation; I wait expectantly for your word.

82 My eyes fail for your saying, saying, When will you comfort me?

83 Because I am become like a skin bottle in the smoke; I do not forget your enactments.

84 What *are* the days of your servant? When will you do judgment on them who run after me?

85 The arrogant have dug pits for me, that *are* not according to your law.

86 All your commandments *are* faithful; they run after me wrongfully; surround me with help.

87 They had almost finished me upon earth, and I did not forsake your visited mandates.

88 Cause me to live in your mercy, and I shall hedge about the testimony of your mouth.

89 Oh Jehovah, your word is stationed forever in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness *is* generation to generation; you set up the earth, and it stands.

91 They stand this day according to your judgments, because all *are* your servants.

92 Unless your law *had been* my delights, I should then have been lost in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your visited mandates, because you have caused me to live with them.

94 I *am* yours; save me, because I have treaded seeking your visited mandates.

95 The wicked have bound themselves together against me to cause me to be lost; I will understand your testimonies.

96 I have seen an end to all perfection; your command *is* exceedingly broad.

97 Oh how I love your law! It is my uttered contemplation⁹⁷ all the day.

98 Your commandments have made me wiser than those hating me, because they *are* with me forever.

99 I have intelligent success more than all my teachers, because your testimonies *are* my uttered contemplation.

100 I understand more than the aged, because I guard your visited mandates.

101 I have shut off my feet from every evil well-trod road, that I might hedge about your word.

⁹⁷ **119:97 uttered contemplation**, *siychah*, from *siyach*, to talk aloud to yourself and God. See Note Psa 77:1.

PSALMS 119 *I have not departed from your judgments, because you have caused them to flow to me*

102 I have not departed from your judgments, because you have caused *them* to flow to me.

103 How pleasant to my taste are your sayings, more than honey to my mouth!

104 Through your visited mandates I get understanding; therefore I hate every false well-trod road.

105 Your word *is* a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

106 I have sworn, and I rise *to it*: I will hedge about your righteous judgments.

107 I am looked down on with harshness very much; Oh Jehovah, cause me to live according to your word.

108 Please be satisfied with the freewill offerings of my mouth, Oh Jehovah, and teach me your judgments.

109 My soul is constantly in the palm of my hand, and I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have given a snare for me, and I did not vacillate from your visited mandates.

★ 111 I have taken your testimonies as a heritage forever, because they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have stretched out my heart to always do your enactments to the end.

113 I hate a divided mind, and I love your law.

114 You *are* my hiding place and my shield; I wait on your word.

115 Depart from me, you good for nothings, and I will guard the commandments of my God.

116 Take hold of me according to your saying and I will live, and let me not pale in shame of my

hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe; and I will gaze at your enactments continually.

118 You have weighed all them who stray from your enactments, because their deceit is falsehood.

119 You have caused all the wicked of the earth to cease like refuse; therefore I love your testimonies.

120 My flesh bristles for fear of you, and I fear your judgments.

121 I have done judgment and justice; do not leave me to my oppressors.

122 Be security for your servant for good; do not let the arrogant oppress me.

123 My eyes fail for your salvation, and for the saying of your righteousness.

124 Do with your servant according to your mercy, and teach me your enactments.

125 I am your servant; give me understanding that I may know by seeing your testimonies.

126 It is time for you, Oh Jehovah, to work; they have broken your law.

127 Therefore I love your commandments above gold, even above pure gold.

128 Therefore all *your* visited mandates, all *are* right; I hate every false well-trod road.

129 Miracles *are* your testimonies; therefore my soul guards them.

130 The opening of your words enlightens; *it is* discernment to the one *who is* open.

I opened my mouth, and eagerly inhaled, because I desired your... **PSALMS 119**

131 I opened my mouth, and eagerly inhaled, because I desired your commandments.

132 Face about to me, and stoop down in grace to me, as *is* your formal judgment to those who love your name.

133 My steps are set up in your saying, and do not let any vanity rule over me.

134 Redeem me from the oppressive fraud of man, and I will hedge about your visited mandates.

135 Cause your face to shine upon your servant, and teach me your enactments.

136 Rivers of waters run down my eyes, because they do not hedge about your law.

137 You *are* righteous, Oh Jehovah, and your judgments *are* upright.

138 You have commanded your testimonies *in* righteousness and exceeding faithfulness.

139 My jealousy *for* God has pulled me up by the roots, because my oppressors have forgotten your words.

140 Your saying is very pure, and your servant loves it.

141 I *am* small and despised; I do not forget your visited mandates.

142 Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and your law *is* truth.

143 Oppression and distress have found me; your commandments are my enjoyments.

144 Your testimonies *are* righteous forever; cause me to understand and I shall live.

145 I called out with my whole heart; attentively hear me, Oh Jehovah; I will guard your enactments.

146 I called out to you, Save me, and I shall hedge about your testimonies.

147 I went before the twilight and cried for help; I waited patiently in hope in your word.

148 My eyes go before the night watches, that I might ponder your word.

149 Attentively hear my voice according to your mercy; Oh Jehovah, cause me to live according to your judgment.

150 They draw near who run after an *evil* scheme; they are widely distanced from your law.

151 You *are* near, Oh Jehovah, and all your commandments *are* truth.

152 I have known before from your testimonies that you have founded them forever.

153 See my affliction, and equip me, because I do not forget your law.

154 Defend my controversy, and be my kinsman redeemer; cause me to live according to your saying.

155 Salvation *is* far distant from the wicked, because they do not tread seeking your enactments.

156 Your compassions *are* great, Oh Jehovah; cause me to live according to your judgments.

157 Many *are* they who run after me and they who oppress me; I do not bend away from your testimonies.

PSALMS 120,121 *I saw acts of deceit, and detested it; I will lift up my eyes to the hills...*

158 I saw acts of deceit and detested it, because they have not hedged about your saying.

159 See that I love your visited mandates; Oh Jehovah, cause me to live according to your mercy.

160 The head of your word *is* truth, and every judgment of your righteousness *is* forever.

161 Chief rulers run after me without cause, and my heart fears your words.

162 I rejoice at your saying, as one who finds great plunder.

163 I hate and detest lying; I love your law.

164 Seven *times* a day I boast in you, because of your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace *is* to them who love your law; and there does not exist to them a stumbling block.

166 I have waited expectantly for your salvation, Oh Jehovah, and have done your commandments.

167 My soul has hedged about your testimonies, and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have hedged about your visited mandates and your testimonies, because all my ways *are* in front of you.

169 Let my cry come near before your face, Oh Jehovah; according to your word cause me to discern.

170 Let my stooping down asking for grace come before your face; snatch me out according to your saying.

171 My lips shall gush forth with praise, because you have taught me your enactments.

172 Let my tongue answer your saying, that all your commandments *are* righteous.

173 Let your hand be to surround me with help, because I have chosen your visited mandates.

174 I have longed for your salvation, Oh Jehovah, and your law is my enjoyment.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall boast in you; and let your judgments surround me with help.

176 I wander like a lost flock animal; seek your servant because I do not forget your commandments.

PSALM 120

A song of the Ascents

1 I called out to Jehovah in my distress, and he heard me.

2 Oh Jehovah, snatch my soul away from lying lips, from a treacherous tongue.

3 What shall be given to you? And what shall be added to you, treacherous tongue?

4 Arrows of a mighty one, pointed with coals of a broom plant.

5 Woe is me, that I turn aside in Mesech, that I lodge in the tents of Kedar!

6 My soul has lodged long with him who hates peace.

7 I *am* for peace, and because I speak, they *are* for war.

PSALM 121

A Song of the Ascents

1 I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

2 My help *is* from Jehovah, who made the heavens and earth.

Let us walk into the house of Jehovah; I lift up my eyes to you; now let Israel say... **PSALMS 124**

3 He will not give your foot to fall; he who hedges you about does not slumber.

4 Behold, he who hedges Israel about shall not slumber, and shall not sleep.

5 Jehovah *is* the one who hedges you about; Jehovah *is* your shade upon your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day, and the moon by night.

7 Jehovah shall hedge you about from all evil; he shall hedge about your soul.

8 Jehovah shall hedge about your going out and your coming in from this time *forth* and forever.

PSALM 122

A Song of the Ascents, by David

1 I rejoiced when they said to me, Let us walk into the house of Jehovah.

2 Our feet shall stand within your gates, Oh Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is compacted as a unit,

4 Where the tribes go up, the tribes of Jehovah, to the testimony of Israel, to hold out the hand to the name of Jehovah;

5 Because there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall be at peace who love you.

7 Peace be within your fortifications, tranquil security within your citadels.

8 For the sake of my brothers and companions I now speak, Peace *be* to you.

9 Because of the house of Jehovah our God, I will seek your good.

PSALM 123

A Song of the Ascents

1 I lift up my eyes to you, Oh you who dwells in the heavens.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *are* toward the hand of their lords, and as the eyes of a maid-servant *are* toward the hand of her lady master, so our eyes are toward Jehovah our God, until that he stoops down to us in grace.

3 Stoop down to us in grace, Oh Jehovah, stoop down to us in grace, because we are exceedingly filled with disrespect.

4 Exceedingly filled is our soul with the scorning of those who are secure in their haughtiness, *with* the disrespect of the haughty doves.

PSALM 124

A Song of the Ascents, by David

1 If *it had not been* Jehovah who was on our side - now let Israel say:

2 If *it had not been* Jehovah who was on our side, when men rose up against us,

3 Then they would have swallowed us alive, when their nostrils were kindled against us;

4 Then the waters would have flushed us *down*; the stream would have crossed over our soul;

5 Then the boiling waters would have crossed over our soul.

6 Blessed *is* Jehovah who has not given us to be fresh food for their teeth.

PSALMS 125-127 *They who trust in Jehovah; the return of Zion; If Jehovah does not build...*

7 Our soul has escaped as a little bird out of the springnet of those who would ensnare us; the springnet is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help *is* in the name of Jehovah, who made the heavens and the earth.

PSALM 125

A Song of the Ascents

1 They who trust in Jehovah shall be as Mount Zion; it cannot waver; it abides forever.

2 Jerusalem, the mountains encircle her, and Jehovah encircles his people from this time and forever,

3 Because the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous send out their hands to evil.

4 Oh Jehovah, be good to the good and to the upright in their hearts.

5 As for those who turn aside to their crooked ways, Jehovah shall walk them forth with the workers of vanity. Peace *be* upon Israel!

PSALM 126

A Song of the Ascents

1 When Jehovah turned back the return of Zion, we were like them who dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouting; then they said among the peoples, Jehovah has done great things for them.

3 Jehovah has done great things for us; we are joyful.

4 Oh Jehovah, turn back our captivity as the channels in the Negev.

5 They who sow in tears shall reap with shouting.

6 He walking, walking and weeping, lifting, drawing out and sowing seed, coming, shall come again with shouting, lifting his sheaves.⁶

PSALM 127

A Song of the Ascents, By Solomon

1 If Jehovah does not build the house, they wearily toil for ruin who build it; if Jehovah does not hedge about the city, the watchman goes without sleep for ruin.

2 *It is* ruinous for you to load up early, to sit up late, to eat the food of wearisome toil; rightly he gives his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children *are* a heritage of Jehovah; the fruit of the womb *is* a reward.

4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty one, so are children of the youth.

5 Righteously happy *is* the mighty man whose arrow case is full of them; they shall not pale in shame, but they shall speak with those in the gate who hate him.

⁶ 126:6 Note the amount of activity indicated in this verse. We have translated it literally as it reads in the Hebrew. You will come again with shouting, lifting your sheaves, only if you have done a lot of going and sowing and coming and going to the work. The reason the person in this verse is rejoicing with a full harvest is because he has been busy - in the right things.

Exalted in happiness is every one who fears Jehovah; let Israel now say... **PSALMS 131**

PSALM 128

A Song

1 Exalted in happiness *is* every one who fears Jehovah, who walks in his ways.

2 The labor of your palms, that you shall eat; righteously happy you *shall be*, and it shall be well with you.

3 Your wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of your house; your children like olive plants encircling your table.

4 Behold, that thus the mighty man shall be blessed who fears Jehovah.

5 Jehovah shall kneel down with goodness to you out of Zion. and you shall see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

6 And you shall see your children's children. Peace *be* upon Israel.

PSALM 129

A Song of the Ascents

1 Many times they have distressed me from my youth; let Israel now say:

2 Many times they have distressed me from my youth; yet they were not able *to prevail* against me.

3 The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows.

4 Jehovah *is* righteous; he has chopped off the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them pale in shame and retreat backwards, all who hate Zion.

6 Let them be as the grass on the roofs, which before it is pulled up is dried up;

7 Reaping does not fill his palm, nor the bosom of him who gathers grain;

8 And they do not say, they who cross by, The blessing of Jehovah *be* upon you; we bless you in the name of Jehovah.

PSALM 130

A Song of the Ascents

1 I called out of the depths to you, Oh Jehovah.

2 Lord, attentively hear my voice; prick up your ears to the voice of my earnest prayers for grace.

3 If you should hedge about iniquities, Oh Jehovah, Oh Lord, who shall stand?

4 But with you *there is* forgiveness, that you may be feared.

5 I am bound to Jehovah in expectation, my soul is bound in expectation, and in his word I wait in hope,

6 My soul *waits* for the Lord, more than they who hedge about the dawn, *more than* they who hedge about the dawn.

7 Let Israel wait in hope toward Jehovah, because with Jehovah *is* mercy, and with him is abundant distinctive precedence.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his perversity.

PSALM 131

A Song of the Ascents, by David

1 Jehovah, my heart is not haughty, and my eyes are not raised; and I do not walk as *some* great one, and in things too wondrous for me.

PSALMS 132-134*Behold, how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity*

2 Surely I have leveled out and stilled my soul, as a weaned child by his mother; my soul is upon me as a weaned child.

3 Let Israel wait in hope in Jehovah from this time and forever.

PSALM 132*A Song of the Ascents*

1 Oh Jehovah, remember David in all his afflictions,

2 How he swore to Jehovah, he vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

3 I will not come into the tent of my house, I will not go up into the room of my canopied bed,

4 I will not give sleep to my eyes, to my eyelids slumber,

5 Until I find out a place for Jehovah, a tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.

6 Lo, we attentively heard of it at Ephratah; we found it in the fields of the woods.

7 We will go into his tabernacles; we will prostrate ourselves at the footstool of his feet.

8 Rise up, Oh Jehovah, into your rest, you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your merciful ones shout.

10 For David's sake, your servant, do not turn away the face of your anointed.

11 Jehovah has sworn to David in truth; he will not turn from it: I will place upon your throne from the fruit of your body;

12 If your children will hedge about my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, also

their children forever, they shall sit upon your throne forever,

13 Because Jehovah has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his seat.

14 This is my rest forever; I will sit down forever in this place, because I have desired it.

15 I will bless her hunt; I will bless; I will fill to satisfaction her poor with food.

16 And I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her merciful ones will shout.

17 I will cause the horn of David to sprout there; I have arranged a lamp for my anointed.

18 I will clothe those hating him with shame, and his crown will shine upon him.

PSALM 133*A Song of the Ascents, by David*

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brothers to dwell together in unity,

2 Like the good perfumed ointment upon the head, running down upon the beard, Aaron's beard, running down upon the extremities of his garments,

3 As the dew of Hermon descending upon the mountains of Zion, because there Jehovah commanded the blessing, life forever.

PSALM 134*A Song of the Ascents*

1 Behold, bless Jehovah, all you servants of Jehovah, those standing in the house of Jehovah by night.

2 Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless Jehovah;

Hallelu-Jah! Boast¹ in the name of Jehovah! Hold out your hand to Jehovah **PSALMS 136**

3 Out of Zion bless Jehovah who made the heavens and the earth.

PSALM 135

1 Hallelu-Jah! Boast¹ in the name of Jehovah! Boast, Oh you servants of Jehovah.

2 You who stand in the house of Jehovah, in the courts of the house of our God,

3 Hallelu-Jah! Because Jehovah *is* good; sing with playing to his name, because it is delightful,

4 Because Jehovah has chosen Jacob to himself, Israel for his private property,

5 Because I know by seeing that Jehovah *is* great, and that our Lord *is* above all gods.

6 All to which Jehovah is inclined, he does in the heavens, and in earth, in the seas, and in all depths.

7 He causes the mists to ascend from the extremities of the earth; he makes lightnings for the rain; he brings the wind out of his treasures,

8 Who struck the firstborn of Egypt, of man and animal,

9 *Who* sent signs and miracles into the midst of you, Oh Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants,

10 Who struck great peoples, and fatally struck mighty kings,

¹ 135:1 **Hallelu** and **Boast** are the same word. Where it has *Yah* or *Jah* after it, we have translated it **boast in Jehovah** or **hallelujah**. Where it is not followed by *Jah*, we have translated it **Boast in**, because that is what *hallelu* means; *Jah* is the shortened form of *Jehovah*..

11 Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan;

12 And gave their land a heritage, a heritage to Israel, his people.

13 Oh Jehovah, your name *is* forever; your memorial, Oh Jehovah, generation to generation,

14 Because Jehovah will regulate his people, and he will comfort his servants.

15 The idols of the peoples *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16 They *have* mouths, and they do not speak; they *have* eyes, and they do not see;

17 They *have* ears, and they do not broaden their ears. There exists no spirit in their mouths.

18 Those who make them are like them, everyone who is trusting in them.

19 Oh house of Israel, bless Jehovah; Oh house of Aaron, bless Jehovah;

20 Oh house of Levi, bless Jehovah; you who fear Jehovah, bless Jehovah.

21 Blessed *be* Jehovah out of Zion, who lodges at Jerusalem. Hallelu-Jah!

PSALM 136

1 Hold out your hand to Jehovah, because *he is* good, because his mercy *is* forever.

2 Oh boast in the God of gods, because his mercy *is* forever.

3 Boast in the Lord of lords, because his mercy *is* forever.

PSALMS 137 ...because his mercy is forever...; By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down...

4 To him who does great wonders alone, because his mercy *is* forever.

5 To him who made the heavens by understanding, because his mercy *is* forever.

6 To him who hammered out the earth above the waters, because his mercy *is* forever.

7 To him who made great lights, because his mercy *is* forever;

8 The sun to rule by day, because his mercy *is* forever;

9 The moon and stars to rule by night, because his mercy *is* forever;

10 To him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, because his mercy *is* forever;

11 And brought out Israel from among them, because his mercy *is* forever;

12 With a strong hand and with an outstretched arm, because his mercy *is* forever;

13 To him who cut off the Red Sea into cut off portions, because his mercy *is* forever;

14 And caused Israel to cross over through the midst of it, because his mercy *is* forever;

15 And tumbled Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, because his mercy *is* forever;

16 To him who walked his people through the desert, because his mercy *is* forever;

17 To him who struck great kings, because his mercy *is* forever;

18 And fatally struck very great kings, because his mercy *is* forever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, because his mercy *is* forever;

20 And Og, the king of Bashan, because his mercy *is* forever;

21 And gave their land for a heritage, because his mercy *is* forever;

22 A heritage to Israel his servant, because his mercy *is* forever;

23 In our humble rank he remembered us, because his mercy *is* forever;

24 And broke us off from our oppressors, because his mercy *is* forever;

25 Who gives food to all flesh, because his mercy *is* forever;

26 Hold out your hand to the God of the heavens, because his mercy *is* forever.

PSALM 137

1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down; also we wept when we remembered Zion.

2 We hung our harps upon the willows in its midst,

3 Because there they demanded of us, they who transported us into captivity, a word, a song, and they who caused us to wail *required of us* rejoicing, *saying*, Sing for us from a song of Zion.

4 How shall we sing Jehovah's song upon foreign soil?

5 If I forget you, Oh Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *how to function*.

6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not cause Jerusalem to ascend above the head of my rejoicing.

I will hold out my hand to you...; Oh Jehovah, you have searched me... **PSALMS 139**

7 Remember, Oh Jehovah, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem, those saying, Demolish! Demolish *it* to its foundation.

8 Oh daughter of Babylon, who ravages, he who makes you complete, treating you as you have treated us, *shall be* righteously happy.

9 Righteously happy *shall he be* who seizes and dashes in pieces your nursing babies against the lofty rocks.

PSALM 138

By David

1 I will hold out my hand to you with my whole heart; I will sing and play to you in front of gods.

2 I will prostrate myself toward your holy temple, and hold out my hand to your name for your mercy, and for your truth, because you have made your saying great upon all your name.²

² 138:2 **you have made your saying great upon all your name.** The KJV has, magnified thy word above all thy name. Although in years past before *The Heritage Bible* translation, I quoted this verse in KJV on various occasions, the wording never made sense to me, because, how could God magnify His Word above His name? His name is His character, and His Word is true because His character is true. It never made sense to me that God could magnify one above the other, since His name and His Word have to be equal in character and power. I take this phrase, literally translated from the Hebrew, **because you have made your saying great upon all your name**, to mean, God has made great every saying He has said by placing it squarely upon His name, that is, His name stands behind and unequivocally supports every saying of His mouth just as true as His character revealed in His name. The meaning of the sentence hinges upon the meaning of *al*, which according to Strong means above, over, upon, or against. It is constantly translated upon and against in the KJV as well as other trans-

3 In the day I called out and you answered me, you emboldened my soul strongly.

4 They shall hold out their hand to you, Oh Jehovah - all the kings of the earth - because they will attentively hear the sayings of your mouth.

5 And they will sing in the ways of Jehovah, because the heavy glory of Jehovah is great.

6 Although Jehovah *is* high, yet he sees the lowly, and the arrogant he knows by seeing at a distance.

7 If I walk in the midst of distress, you will revive me; you shall stretch forth your hand against the nostrils of those hating me, and your right hand will save me.

8 Jehovah will completely finish with me; your mercy, Oh Jehovah, *is* forever; do not slack off from the works of your hands.

PSALM 139

To the Chief Musician, by David, a Psalm

1 Oh Jehovah, you have searched me and known *me* by seeing;

2 You know by seeing my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thought afar off.

3 You sift my well-trod road and my lying down, and you are *the* familiar helper with all my ways,

Note Job 22:2

4 Because there does not exist a word of discourse in my tongue, *but* lo, Oh Jehovah, you **know by seeing it all.**

lations. Upon or resting upon or resting against is the correct translation here. This, I believe to be the true interpretation of these words: **because you have made your saying great upon all your name.**

PSALMS 140 *You have pressed upon me...; Equip me, Oh Jehovah, against evil man*

5 You have pressed upon me, behind and in front of me, and placed your palm upon me.

6 *It is* miraculous knowledge to me! It is high! I am not able to attain to it.

7 Where shall I walk from your Spirit? And where shall I flee from your face?

8 If I go up into the heavens, there you *are*; if I spread out my bed in the world of the dead, behold, you *are there*.

9 *If I* lift up *with* wings of the dawn, lodging in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10 Even there your hand shall guide me, and your right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me, even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yes, the darkness cannot make it dark from you, and the night shines as the day; as *is* the darkness, so *is* the brightness,

13 Because you erected my kidneys as your possession; you entwined me in my mother's womb.

14 I will hold out my hand to you, because I am awesome, distinct; your works *are* distinguished, and my soul knows *it* very strongly.

15 My being bound together was not hid from you when I was made, hidden,¹⁵ embroidered in the lowest depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed mass, and all *my members* were written in your book, the days

of their being squeezed into shape, and united to me into one.

17 And how heavy *are* your thoughts to me, Oh God! How the head of them *is* bound fast!

18 I will tally them up; they increase more than the sand; I awake; still *I am* with you.

19 Oh that you would cut off the wicked, Oh God, and you mortal men of blood, depart from me,

20 Who say of you, The one whose plan is wicked! They, your enemies, lift themselves up in ruin.

21 Oh Jehovah, do I not hate them who hate you? And I detest those who rise up against you!

22 With a completing²² hatred, I hate them; they are those hating me.

23 Examine me intimately, Oh God, and know by seeing my heart; test me, and know by seeing my thoughts;

24 And see if any idolatrous way *is* in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140

To the Chief Musician, a Psalm by David

1 Equip me, Oh Jehovah, against evil man; guard me against the violent man

2 Who calculates wickedness in the heart; every day they lodge war.

3 They pointed their tongues like a snake; *the* heat of *the* poison of the asp *is* under their lips.

Pause.

¹⁵ 139:15 hidden, *cether*, covered, hidden in the mother's womb, called **the lowest depths of the earth**, the inmost cavity of the body.

²² 139:22 completing, *takliyth*, to end something by completing it.

Hedge me about, Oh Jehovah...; Oh Jehovah, I call out to you

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4 Hedge me about, Oh Jehovah, from the hands of the wicked; guard me from the violent man who has calculated to push down my steps.

5 The lofty hid a *trap* plate for me, and ropes; they spread out a net by the hand of the path; they have placed snares for me. *Pause.*

6 I said to Jehovah, You *are* my God; broaden your ear, Oh Jehovah, to the voice of my earnest prayers for grace.

7 Oh Jehovah, Lord, the strength of my salvation, you have entwined my head in the day of being armed.

8 Oh Jehovah, do not give the desires of the wicked; do not furnish his wicked plot with success; they exalt themselves. *Pause.*

9 The head of those around me - let the wearisome toil of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals be shaken upon them; let them fall into the fire, into deep pits, not rising up again.

11 Do not let man's tongue be set up in the earth; evil shall hunt for the violent man to push *him* into ruin.

12 I know by seeing that Jehovah will do the cause of him who is looked down on with harshness; he will render a right verdict for the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall hold out their hand to your name; the upright shall dwell before your face.

A Psalm by David

1 Oh Jehovah, I call out to you; be eager with excitement toward me; when I call out to you broaden *your* ear to my voice.

2 Let my prayer be set up as perfumed incense before your face, raising up my palms with the food offering at the dusk.

3 Oh Jehovah, place a hedge around my mouth, a guard upon the door of my lips.

4 Do not allow my heart to stretch out to an evil word, to glean wicked exploits with men who do vanity, and let me eat nothing of their delicacies.

5 Let the Righteous One strike me down; *it shall be* mercy; and let him make me right; it shall be oil for my head, not uncleanness for my head, because my prayer *is* continuing also in *the midst* of their evils.

6 Their judges will be flung down on the hands of the lofty rock; they shall attentively hear my words because they are pleasant.

7 Thus, furrowing and slicing open the earth, our bones are scattered at the mouth of the world of the dead,⁷

8 Because, Oh Jehovah Lord, my eyes *are* unto you; I trust in you; do not leave my soul empty.

9 Hedge me about from the springnets they have laid for me, and the snares of the workers of vanity.

⁷ **141:7** The bones of the bodies of the righteous are scattered over the entire earth at the mouth of the world of the dead, ready to furrow and rip open the earth at the resurrection.

PSALMS 142-143 *I cry to Jehovah with my voice; Oh Jehovah, attentively bear my prayer*

10 Let the wicked fall into their own dark nets while I cross on by whole.

PSALM 142

A Teaching Poem by David while he was in the cave. A Prayer 1 Sam 22:1; 24:3

1 I cry to Jehovah *with* my voice; I stooped down to Jehovah, asking for grace *with* my voice.

2 I poured out my uttered contemplation before his face; I caused my distress to stand out boldly before his face.

3 My spirit languished within me, and you knew by seeing my path; they have hidden a springnet for me in the well-trod road that I walked.

4 I looked intently on my right hand, and I saw, and there existed no one that would recognize me; refuge was lost to me; there existed no one who treaded seeking for my soul.

5 I cried to you, Oh Jehovah; I said, You *are* my refuge, my allotment in the land of the living.

6 Prick up your ears to my shout, because I hang down exceedingly; snatch me from those who run after me, because they are more powerfully alert than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison that I may hold out my hand to your name; the righteous ones will enclose me because you will treat me *well*.

PSALM 143

A Psalm, by David

1 Oh Jehovah, attentively hear my prayer; broaden *your* ear to my earnest prayers for grace; answer me in your faithfulness, in

your righteousness.

2 And do not enter into judgment with your servant, because none is righteous of all *the* living before your face,

3 Because he who hates me has run after my soul; he has crushed my life to the earth; he has caused me to dwell in darkness, as those long dead.

4 And my spirit languishes within me; my heart is stunned within me.

5 I remember the days before; I murmur in pleasure on all your works; I ponder the work of your hands.

6 I spread out my hands to you; my soul *is as* a land languishing in thirst after you. *Pause.*

7 Hurrying, hear me attentively, Oh Jehovah; my spirit is finished; do not hide your face from me, lest I be like them who go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to attentively hear your mercy in the dawn, because I trust in you; cause me to know by seeing the way that I should walk, because I lift up my soul to you.

9 Snatch me out from those who hate me, Oh Jehovah; I cover myself into you.

10 Teach me to do your delight, because you *are* my God; your Spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of evenness.

11 Oh Jehovah, revive me on account of your name; by your righteousness bring my soul out of distress.

Blessed is Jehovah ...who teaches my hands to war; I will exalt you... **PSALMS 145**

12 And by your mercy pull up by the roots those who hate me, and cause all them to be lost who bind my soul, because I *am* your servant.

PSALM 144

By David

1 Blessed *is* Jehovah, my strong rock who teaches my hands to war and my fingers to fight,

2 My mercy, and my net, my lofty cliff, and my deliverer, my shield, and he to whom I flee for refuge, who treads my people in pieces under me.

3 Jehovah, what *is* man, that you know him, the son of man, that you calculate him!

4 Man is like vanity; his days *are* as a shadow crossing by.

5 Oh Jehovah, spread out your heavens, and come down; touch the mountains, and they will smoke.

6 Light *the* lightning, and dash them to pieces; send out your arrows, and put them in commotion.

7 Send out your hand from the heights; tear *them* open for me, and snatch me out of abundant waters, from the hand of strange children,

8 Whose mouth speaks ruin, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

9 Oh God, upon a lyre I will sing a new song to you; I will sing and play to you *upon* an instrument of ten strings,

10 The one giving salvation to kings, who tears David, his servant, from the evil sword.

11 Tear open for me, and snatch me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaks ruin, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood;

12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth, our daughters as corner stones, carved resembling a temple,

13 Our granaries full, furnishing full nourishment to full nourishment, our flock animals bringing forth thousands multiplying in our outdoors,

14 Our oxen bearing loads, there existing no break, and no going out, and there existing no screech of anguish in our streets.

15 Righteously happy *is* the people to whom *this is* so; Oh how righteously happy *are* the people when Jehovah *is* their God.

PSALM 145

A Hymn, by David

1 I will exalt you, my God, Oh king, and I will bless your name forever and forever.

2 Every day I will bless you, and I will boast in your name forever and forever.

3 Great *is* Jehovah, and to be boasted in exceedingly, and there exists no searching of his greatness.

4 Generation to generation praises your works, and they shall cause your might to stand out boldly.

5 Magnificence and heavy glory *are* your glorious authority, and I will ponder your wondrous words;

PSALMS 146 *And they bring to light the might of your fearful deeds; Boast... in Jehovah*

6 And they⁶ bring to light the might of your fearful deeds, and I will tally up your greatness.

7 They shall gush forth the memory of your abundant goodness, and they will shout your righteousness.

8 Jehovah *is* gracious and compassionate, waiting long before his nostrils burn, and great *in* mercy.

9 Jehovah *is* good to all, and his compassions *are* upon all his works.

10 All your works will hold out their hand to you, Oh Jehovah, and your merciful ones shall bless you.

11 They shall bring to light the heavy glory of your kingdom, and shall speak of your might,

12 To cause the children of men to know by seeing his might, and the heavy glorious magnificence of his kingdom.

13 Your kingdom *is* a kingdom to the whole eternity, and your rule to all, generation to generation.

14 Jehovah takes hold of all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait expectantly upon you, and you give to them their food in time.

⁶ 145:6 they, in this verse, refers to God's wondrous words, in the previous verse; bring to light is *amar*, to say, or to bring to light. God's splendor and heavy glory are His majesty. By talking to yourself with His wondrous words you bring to light, that is, receive revelation knowledge of the might of His fearful deeds. As you receive revelation knowledge of His fearful deeds, you tally up His greatness, that is, you store it in your memory as an accumulated list of the mighty deeds of God to feed your faith, showing you what God will do for you as you go through life. The following verse, 7, declares that God's wondrous words will gush forth to your memory God's abundant goodness, and they, His words, will shout His righteousness to you.

16 You open your hand, and fill to satisfaction every living thing to its delight.

17 Jehovah *is* righteous in all his ways, and merciful in all his works.

18 Jehovah *is* near to all them who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

19 He will do the delight of them who fear him, and he will attentively hear their cry for help, and will save them.

20 Jehovah hedges about all them who love him, and he will make desolate all the wicked.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and forever.

PSALM 146

1 Hallelu-Jah. Boast, Oh my soul, in Jehovah.

2 I will boast in Jehovah while I live; I will sing and play to my God while I still *am*.

3 Do not trust in the generous; a son of man - there exists no salvation in him.

4 His spirit goes forth; he turns back to the soil; in that day his counsels are lost.

5 Righteously happy *is he* to whom the God of Jacob *is* his help, whose hope *is* waiting upon Jehovah, his God;

6 Who made the heavens and earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, who hedges about truth forever,

7 Who does judgment for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. Jehovah shakes *loose*

Hallelu-Jah, because it is good to sing and play to our God; Hallelu-Jah **PSALMS 148**
those yoked in bondage;

8 Jehovah opens *the eyes of* the blind; Jehovah raises them up who are bowed down; Jehovah loves the righteous;

9 Jehovah hedges about the sojourners; he testifies for the fatherless and widow; and he twists the way of the wicked.

10 Jehovah shall reign forever; your God, Oh Zion, generation to generation. Hallelu-Jah.

PSALM 147

1 Hallelu-Jah, because *it is* good to sing and play to our God, because it is delightful; praise *is* lovely.

2 Jehovah builds up Jerusalem; he gathers together those pushed down of Israel.

3 He heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds.

4 He weighs out the number of the stars; he calls out all their names.

5 Great *is* our Lord, and abundant in power; there exists no numbering to his understanding.

6 Jehovah testifies for the meek; he humiliates the wicked into the ground.

7 Answer Jehovah with raising your hands; sing and play to our God upon the harp,

8 Who covers the heavens with dark clouds, who sets up rain for the earth, who sprouts grass upon the mountains,

9 *Who* gives his food to the animals, to the offspring of ravens who call out.

10 He is not inclined toward the might of the horse, nor is he satisfied with the legs of a man.

11 Jehovah is satisfied in them who fear him, those who wait in hope of his mercy.

12 Call out loudly, Oh Jerusalem, to Jehovah; boast in your God, Oh Zion,

13 Because he makes strong the bolts of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

14 He puts peace in your borders, and fills you to satisfaction with the fattest of the wheat.

15 He sends forth his saying to earth; his word runs very swiftly.

16 He gives snow like wool; he scatters the white frost like ashes.

17 He throws out his ice like morsels; who can stand the face of his cold?

18 He sends forth his word, and melts them; he causes his wind to blow; the waters flow.

19 He causes his word to stand out boldly to Jacob, his enactments and his judgments to Israel.

20 He has not done so with any *other* people, and his judgments, they have not known them. Hallelu-Jah.

PSALM 148

1 Hallelu-Jah. Boast in Jehovah from the heavens; boast in him in the heights.

2 Boast in him, all his messengers; boast in him, all his hosts.

3 Boast in him, sun and moon; Boast in him, all you stars of light.

PSALMS 149,150 *Boast in him, Oh heavens of the heavens; Hallelu-Jah. Boast in God...*

4 Boast in him, Oh heavens of the heavens, and you waters which *are* above the heavens.

5 Let them boast in the name of Jehovah, because he commanded, and they were created.

6 And he has caused them to stand forever and forever; he gave an enactment, and it shall not cross over *it*.

7 Boast in Jehovah from the earth, you monsters and all depths;

8 Fire and hail, snow and smoke, rushing Spirit doing his word;

9 Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 The living thing and every animal; creeping things and flying bird;

11 Kings of the earth and all communities; chief rulers and all judges of the earth;

12 Young men and virgins; elders equally with youth;

13 Let them boast in the name of Jehovah, because his name is exalted alone; his glorious authority is above the earth and the heavens.

14 And he exalts the horn of his people, the praise of all his merciful ones, the children of Israel, a people near to him. Hallelu-Jah.

PSALM 149

1 Hallelu-Jah. Sing to Jehovah a new song, his praise in the congregation of merciful ones.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him who made him; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

3 Let them boast in his name in the dance; let them sing and play to him with the tambourine and harp,

4 Because Jehovah is satisfied in his people; he will beautify the meek with salvation.

5 Let the merciful ones jump for joy in heavy glory; let them shout upon their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their throat, and a two edged sword in their hand,

7 To do vengeance upon the peoples, rebuke upon the communities,

8 To yoke their kings in bondage with burning arrows, and those heavy in glory with fetters of iron,

9 To do to them the judgment written, his magnificence to all his merciful ones. Hallelu-Jah.

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1 Hallelu-Jah. Boast in God in his sanctuary; boast in him in the firmament of his power.

2 Boast in him for his might; boast in him according to his abundant greatness.

3 Boast in him with the blast of the trumpet; boast in him with the lyre and harp.

4 Boast in him with the tambourine and dance; boast in him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Boast in him upon the loud cymbals; boast in him upon the cymbals an acclamation of joy.

6 Every thing that breathes, let them Hallelu-Jah, Hallelu-Jah.