



# Psalms

## Roots of Assembly Song

The song of the Christian assembly has its roots in the psalms of the Hebrew people, our forebears in faith. Jesus' own prayer relied on the psalms. The apostle Paul encouraged the faithful to sing "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God" (Col. 3:16). Christians through the centuries have sung them daily.

Martin Luther considered the psalms the summary of all scripture, speaking to many situations and allowing the expression of a wide range of human response, such as adoration, praise, thanksgiving, lament, confession, intercession, and teaching. The psalms proclaim hope and faith, yet make room also for deep distress and questioning.

The 150 psalms presented here use a version intended for common sung prayer and proclamation, rather than a translation for study. Other singing versions of the psalms, including metrical paraphrases, are included among the service music and hymns in this volume. Translations of the psalms, such as the New Revised Standard Version, are readily available.

## Singing the Psalms

The psalms are intended for singing, as their use in worship through the ages testifies. Their meaning can certainly be communicated when spoken or read silently; yet this ancient poetry is inherently musical. This psalm version is therefore pointed simply for singing by a cantor, choir, or assembly.

Each psalm verse is divided into two parts; the second half of the verse is indented. Each part has a point ( **!** ) within it. This point indicates when the singer moves from the reciting note ( **||** ) and continues with the rest of the melody. For example, the text of Psalm 98:4 appears as follows:

Shout with joy to the Lord, **!** all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- **!** joice, and sing.

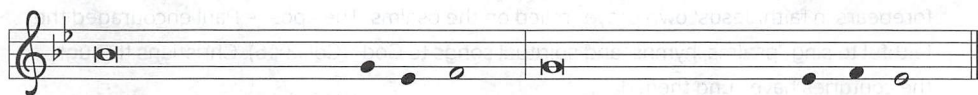
When using tone 7, this verse is sung as follows:



Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, re - joice and sing.

Whether sung by one person, a choir, or the assembly, it is important to remember that the melody is a vehicle for the natural expression of the words. The words should be sung with natural accents, as they would be if spoken. Rather than slowing down at the point ( **!** ), sing through to the end of the line.

The syllable just beyond the point is not necessarily a naturally accented syllable. In the first phrase of the example above, *LORD* naturally receives the accent instead of *all*. In the second phrase above, the natural accent falls on the second syllable of *rejoice* and therefore does receive the musical accent, although without a pause, as the singer moves from the reciting note through the rest of the melody. The same example, with natural accents underlined, may be sung as follows:



Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, re - joice and sing.

Singers may feel the natural accents in different places. However they are placed, it is important that the text is sung with a natural flow. A slight pause at a comma, and a slight break at a semi-colon or period, will also assist in achieving this goal. The final note of each musical phrase will always correspond to the final accented syllable of the text; additional unaccented syllables that may follow are sung on the same note.

Occasionally a three-syllable word is sung to the two black notes by eliding the middle syllable. For example, *glo-ri-ous* becomes *glo-rious*, *of-fer-ing* becomes *of-f'ring*, *mar-vel-ous* becomes *mar-v'lous*. *Blessed* is sung *blest*.

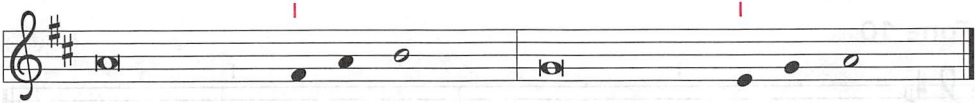
Any psalm can be sung to any tone. Within a particular context, however, one tone may be a better match to the mood of the text than another. Tones 12–16 are double tones. That is, they have four phrases instead of two, so that two verses are sung to one tone. The system of singing described above is used. When using a double tone, be certain that there is an even number of verses in the psalm. Exceptions may be made if singers are prepared to use the last two phrases of the tone—or the first and last phrase—for the final, single verse.

The tones presented here are a core selection and are not meant to limit the possibilities for additional tones and musical forms the assembly may use in singing the psalms.

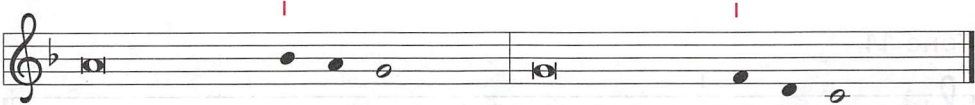


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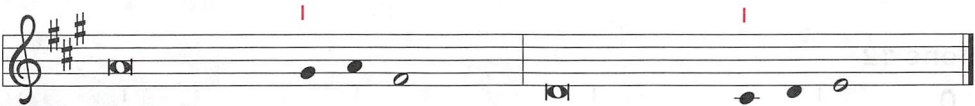
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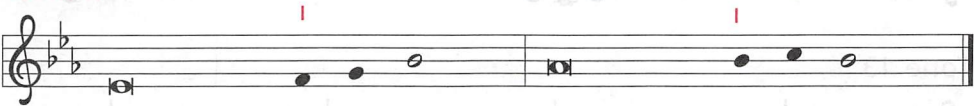
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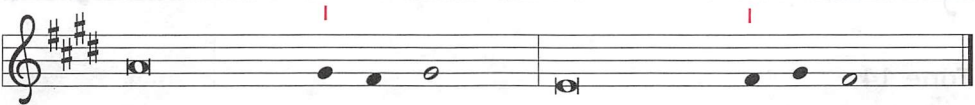
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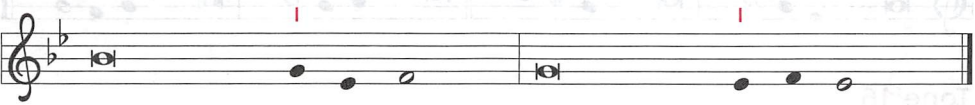
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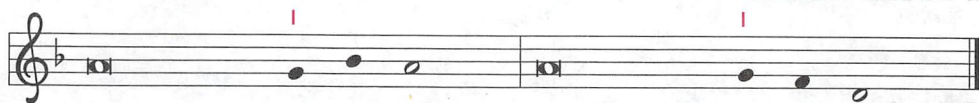
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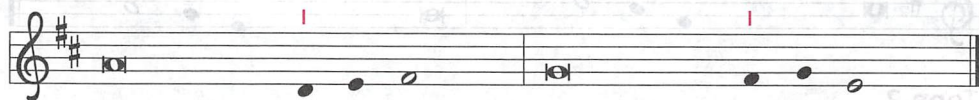
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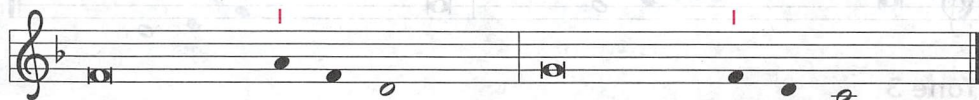
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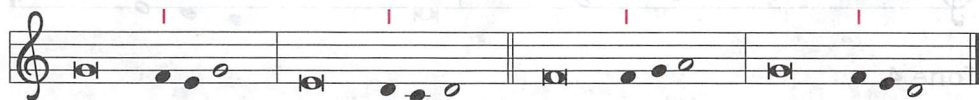
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### Tone 11



### Tone 12



### Tone 13



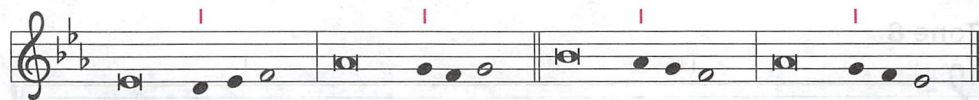
### Tone 14



### Tone 15



### Tone 16





# Psalms

1

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked  
in the counsel <sup>1</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats <sup>1</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> Their delight is  
in the law <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
and they meditate  
on God's teaching  
<sup>1</sup> day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that <sup>1</sup> do not wither;  
everything they <sup>1</sup> do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> It is not so <sup>1</sup> with the wicked;  
they are like chaff  
which the wind <sup>1</sup> blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand  
upright when <sup>1</sup> judgment comes,  
nor the sinner  
in the council <sup>1</sup> of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows  
the way <sup>1</sup> of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked  
shall <sup>1</sup> be destroyed.

2

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations <sup>1</sup> in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples  
mutter <sup>1</sup> empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the earth  
rise up in revolt,  
and the princes <sup>1</sup> plot together,  
against the LORD and  
against the <sup>1</sup> LORD's anointed?



<sup>3</sup> “Let us break their <sup>1</sup> yoke,” they say;  
“let us cast off  
their <sup>1</sup> bonds from us.”

<sup>4</sup> God whose throne is in heav- <sup>1</sup> en  
is laughing;  
the LORD holds them <sup>1</sup> in derision.

<sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God <sup>1</sup> speaks to them  
and in rage fills <sup>1</sup> them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> “As for me, I have anoint- <sup>1</sup> ed my king  
upon Zion, my <sup>1</sup> holy mountain.”

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce  
the decree <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who said to me, “You are my son;  
this day have I be- <sup>1</sup> gotten you.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you  
the nations for <sup>1</sup> your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth  
for <sup>1</sup> your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an <sup>1</sup> iron rod  
and shatter them  
like a <sup>1</sup> piece of pottery.”

<sup>10</sup> And now, you <sup>1</sup> kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers <sup>1</sup> of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the <sup>1</sup> LORD with fear,  
and with trembling <sup>1</sup> bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup> lest the LORD be angry,  
and you perish  
in a sudden <sup>1</sup> blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all  
who take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in God!

### 3

<sup>1</sup> LORD, how many <sup>1</sup> are my foes!  
How many there are  
who rise <sup>1</sup> up against me!

<sup>2</sup> How many there are who <sup>1</sup> say to me,  
“Your God <sup>1</sup> cannot help.”

<sup>3</sup> But you, O LORD,  
are a <sup>1</sup> shield about me;  
you are my glory,  
the one who lifts <sup>1</sup> up my head.

<sup>4</sup> I call aloud to <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
and you answer me  
from your <sup>1</sup> holy hill;

<sup>5</sup> I lie down and <sup>1</sup> go to sleep;  
I wake again,  
because <sup>1</sup> you sustain me.

<sup>6</sup> I do not fear the multi- <sup>1</sup> tudes of people  
who set themselves  
against me <sup>1</sup> all around.

<sup>7</sup> Rise up, O LORD;  
set me free, <sup>1</sup> O my God;  
surely, you will strike  
all my enemies across the face,  
you will break  
the teeth <sup>1</sup> of the wicked.

<sup>8</sup> Deliverance belongs <sup>1</sup> to the LORD.  
Your blessing  
be up- <sup>1</sup> on your people!

### 4

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God,  
defender <sup>1</sup> of my cause;  
you set me free  
when I was in distress;  
have mercy on me  
and <sup>1</sup> hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> “You mortals, how long  
will you dishon- <sup>1</sup> or my glory;  
how long will you love illusions  
and seek <sup>1</sup> after lies?”

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD  
does wonders <sup>1</sup> for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me <sup>1</sup> when I call.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and <sup>1</sup> do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence  
up- <sup>1</sup> on your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed <sup>1</sup> sacrifices,  
and put your trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
“Who will show us <sup>1</sup> any good?”  
Let the light of your face  
shine upon <sup>1</sup> us, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness <sup>1</sup> in my heart,  
more than when grain  
and <sup>1</sup> wine abound.

<sup>8</sup> In peace, I will lie <sup>1</sup> down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD,  
make me <sup>1</sup> rest secure.

## 5

- <sup>1</sup> Give ear to my <sup>1</sup> words, O LORD;  
give heed <sup>1</sup> to my sighing.
- <sup>2</sup> Listen to my cry for help,  
my king <sup>1</sup> and my God,  
for I <sup>1</sup> plead to you.
- <sup>3</sup> In the morning, LORD,  
you <sup>1</sup> hear my voice;  
early in the morning  
I make my appeal  
and <sup>1</sup> watch for you.
- <sup>4</sup> For you are not a God  
who takes plea- <sup>1</sup> sure in wickedness,  
and evil cannot <sup>1</sup> dwell with you.
- <sup>5</sup> Braggarts cannot stand <sup>1</sup> in your sight;  
you hate all those  
<sup>1</sup> who work wickedness.
- <sup>6</sup> You destroy those <sup>1</sup> who speak lies;  
the bloodthirsty and deceitful,  
O LORD, <sup>1</sup> you abhor.
- <sup>7</sup> But as for me,  
through the abundance  
of your steadfast love  
I will go in- <sup>1</sup> to your house;  
I will bow down  
toward your holy temple  
in <sup>1</sup> awe of you.
- <sup>8</sup> Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness,  
because of those  
who lie in <sup>1</sup> wait for me;  
make your way <sup>1</sup> straight before me.
- <sup>9</sup> For there is no truth in their mouth;  
there is destruction <sup>1</sup> in their heart;  
their throat is an open grave;  
they deceive <sup>1</sup> with their tongue.
- <sup>10</sup> Declare them guilty, O God;  
let them fall, because <sup>1</sup> of their schemes.  
Because of their many  
transgressions cast them out,  
for they have re- <sup>1</sup> belled against you.
- <sup>11</sup> But all who take refuge in you  
will be glad;  
they will sing out their <sup>1</sup> joy forever.  
You will shelter them,  
so that those who love your name  
may ex- <sup>1</sup> ult in you.

- <sup>12</sup> For you, O LORD,  
will <sup>1</sup> bless the righteous;  
you will defend them  
with your favor  
as <sup>1</sup> with a shield.

## 6

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, do not rebuke me <sup>1</sup> in your anger;  
do not punish me <sup>1</sup> in your wrath.
- <sup>2</sup> Have pity on me, LORD, for <sup>1</sup> I am weak;  
heal me, LORD,  
for my bones <sup>1</sup> quake in terror.
- <sup>3</sup> My spirit quakes in <sup>1</sup> awful terror;  
how long, O <sup>1</sup> LORD, how long?
- <sup>4</sup> Turn, O LORD, and de- <sup>1</sup> liver me;  
save me for the sake  
of your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.
- <sup>5</sup> For in death no one re- <sup>1</sup> members you;  
and who will give you thanks  
<sup>1</sup> in the grave?
- <sup>6</sup> I grow weary because <sup>1</sup> of my groaning;  
every night I drench my pillow  
and flood my <sup>1</sup> bed with tears.
- <sup>7</sup> My eyes are wast- <sup>1</sup> ed with grief  
and worn away  
because of <sup>1</sup> all my enemies.
- <sup>8</sup> Depart from me, all <sup>1</sup> evildoers,  
for the LORD has heard  
the sound <sup>1</sup> of my weeping.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD has heard my <sup>1</sup> supplication;  
the LORD ac- <sup>1</sup> cepts my prayer.
- <sup>10</sup> All my enemies shall be confounded  
and <sup>1</sup> quake with fear;  
they shall turn back  
and suddenly be <sup>1</sup> put to shame.

## 7

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD my God, I take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in you;  
save and deliver me  
from all <sup>1</sup> who pursue me;
- <sup>2</sup> lest like a lion they tear <sup>1</sup> me in pieces  
and snatch me away  
with none to de- <sup>1</sup> liver me.



- <sup>3</sup> O LORD my God,  
if I have <sup>1</sup> done these things:  
if there is any wickedness  
<sup>1</sup> in my hands,
- <sup>4</sup> if I have repaid my <sup>1</sup> friend with evil,  
or plundered my enemy  
<sup>1</sup> without cause,
- <sup>5</sup> then let my enemy pursue  
and <sup>1</sup> overtake me,  
trample my life into the ground,  
and lay my honor <sup>1</sup> in the dust.
- <sup>6</sup> Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath;  
rise up against the fury  
<sup>1</sup> of my enemies.  
Awake, O my God, <sup>1</sup> decree justice.
- <sup>7</sup> Let the assembly  
of the peoples <sup>1</sup> gather round you.  
Be seated on your lofty throne,  
<sup>1</sup> O Most High.
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD, <sup>1</sup> judge the nations;  
give judgment for me according  
to my righteousness, O LORD,  
and according to my innocence,  
<sup>1</sup> O Most High.
- <sup>9</sup> Let the malice of the wicked  
come to an end,  
but estab- <sup>1</sup> lish the righteous;  
for you test the mind and heart,  
O <sup>1</sup> righteous God.
- <sup>10</sup> God is my shield <sup>1</sup> and defense,  
the savior of the <sup>1</sup> true in heart.
- <sup>11</sup> God is a <sup>1</sup> righteous judge;  
God sits in judgment <sup>1</sup> every day.
- <sup>12</sup> If they will not repent,  
God will sharp- <sup>1</sup> en the sword,  
bend the bow and <sup>1</sup> make it ready,
- <sup>13</sup> prepare instru- <sup>1</sup> ments of death,  
and make arrows into <sup>1</sup> shafts of fire.
- <sup>14</sup> Look at those  
who are in la- <sup>1</sup> bor with wickedness,  
who conceive evil,  
and give birth <sup>1</sup> to a lie.
- <sup>15</sup> They dig a pit and <sup>1</sup> make it deep  
and fall into the hole  
that <sup>1</sup> they have made.
- <sup>16</sup> Their malice turns back  
upon <sup>1</sup> their own head;  
their violence falls  
on <sup>1</sup> their own skull.
- <sup>17</sup> I will bear witness  
that the <sup>1</sup> LORD is righteous;  
I will praise the name  
of the <sup>1</sup> LORD Most High.

## 8

- <sup>1</sup> O <sup>1</sup> LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name  
in <sup>1</sup> all the earth!—
- <sup>2</sup> you whose glory is chanted  
above the heavens  
out of the mouths  
of in- <sup>1</sup> fants and children;  
you have set up a fortress  
against your enemies,  
to silence the foe <sup>1</sup> and avenger.
- <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens,  
the work <sup>1</sup> of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars  
you have set <sup>1</sup> in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you  
should be mind- <sup>1</sup> ful of them,  
human beings that you  
should <sup>1</sup> care for them?
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them  
little less <sup>1</sup> than divine;  
with glory and hon- <sup>1</sup> or  
you crown them.
- <sup>6</sup> You have made them rule  
over the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands;  
you have put all things  
un- <sup>1</sup> der their feet:
- <sup>7</sup> all <sup>1</sup> flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts <sup>1</sup> of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> the birds of the air,  
the fish <sup>1</sup> of the sea,  
and whatever passes along  
the paths <sup>1</sup> of the sea.
- <sup>9</sup> O <sup>1</sup> LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name  
in <sup>1</sup> all the earth!



## 9

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart;

I will tell  
of all your <sup>1</sup> marvelous works.

<sup>2</sup> I will be glad and re- <sup>1</sup> joice in you;  
I will sing to your name,  
<sup>1</sup> O Most High.

<sup>3</sup> When my enemies are <sup>1</sup> driven back,  
they will stumble and perish  
<sup>1</sup> at your presence.

<sup>4</sup> For you have maintained  
my right <sup>1</sup> and my cause;  
you sit upon your throne,  
O <sup>1</sup> righteous Judge.

<sup>5</sup> You have rebuked the nations  
and de- <sup>1</sup> stroyed the wicked;  
you have blotted out their name  
forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever.

<sup>6</sup> As for the enemy, they are finished,  
in per- <sup>1</sup> petual ruin,  
their cities plowed under,  
the memory <sup>1</sup> of them perished;

<sup>7</sup> but you, LORD,  
are en- <sup>1</sup> throned forever;  
you have set up  
your <sup>1</sup> throne for judgment.

<sup>8</sup> You rule the <sup>1</sup> world  
with righteousness;  
you judge the peo- <sup>1</sup> ples  
with equity.

<sup>9</sup> You, O LORD, will be a refuge  
for <sup>1</sup> the oppressed,  
a refuge in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble.

<sup>10</sup> Those who know your name  
will put their <sup>1</sup> trust in you,  
for you never forsake those  
who seek <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.

<sup>11</sup> Sing praise to the LORD,  
who <sup>1</sup> dwells in Zion;  
proclaim to the peoples  
the things <sup>1</sup> God has done.

<sup>12</sup> The avenger of blood  
will re- <sup>1</sup> member them  
and will not forget the cry  
of <sup>1</sup> the afflicted.

<sup>13</sup> Be gracious to <sup>1</sup> me, O LORD;  
see the misery I suffer  
from those who hate me,  
you that lift me up  
from the <sup>1</sup> gates of death;

<sup>14</sup> so that I may tell of all your praises  
and rejoice in <sup>1</sup> your salvation  
in the gates of the cit- <sup>1</sup> y of Zion.

<sup>15</sup> The nations have fallen  
into the <sup>1</sup> pit they dug;  
in the snare they set,  
their own <sup>1</sup> foot is caught.

<sup>16</sup> The LORD is revealed  
in <sup>1</sup> acts of justice;  
the wicked are trapped  
in the works of <sup>1</sup> their own hands.

<sup>17</sup> The nations go down <sup>1</sup> to the grave,  
all the peoples <sup>1</sup> that forget God.

<sup>18</sup> For the needy  
shall not always <sup>1</sup> be forgotten,  
nor shall the hope of the poor  
be tak- <sup>1</sup> en away.

<sup>19</sup> Rise up, O LORD, let not mortals  
have the <sup>1</sup> upper hand;  
let the nations  
be <sup>1</sup> judged before you.

<sup>20</sup> Put them in <sup>1</sup> fear, O LORD;  
let the nations know  
they <sup>1</sup> are but mortal.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> Why do you stand so far <sup>1</sup> off, O LORD,  
and hide yourself  
in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble?

<sup>2</sup> The wicked  
arrogantly perse- <sup>1</sup> cute the poor,  
but they are trapped  
in the schemes they <sup>1</sup> have devised.

<sup>3</sup> The wicked boast  
of their <sup>1</sup> heart's desire;  
the covetous curse  
and re- <sup>1</sup> vile the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are so proud  
that they care <sup>1</sup> not for God;  
they deny God with <sup>1</sup> every plot.

- <sup>5</sup> Their paths continually  
 twist and turn.  
 Your lofty judgments  
 are beyond them.  
 They sneer at their enemies.
- <sup>6</sup> They say in their heart,  
 "I shall not be shaken;  
 no harm shall happen to me ever."
- <sup>7</sup> Their mouth is full of cursing,  
 deceit, and oppression;  
 under their tongue  
 are mischief and wrong.
- <sup>8</sup> They lurk in ambush  
 in public squares,  
 and in secret places  
 they murder the innocent;  
 they spy out the helpless.
- <sup>9</sup> They lie in wait, like a lion in cover;  
 they lie in wait  
 to seize upon the lowly;  
 they seize the lowly  
 and drag them away in their net.
- <sup>10</sup> The innocent are broken  
 and humbled before them;  
 the helpless fall  
 before their power.
- <sup>11</sup> They say in their heart,  
 "God has forgotten;  
 God has turned away  
 and will never notice."
- <sup>12</sup> Rise up, O LORD;  
 lift up your hand, O God;  
 do not forget the afflicted.
- <sup>13</sup> Why should the wicked revile God?  
 Why should they say in their heart,  
 "You do not care?"
- <sup>14</sup> Surely, you behold  
 trouble and misery;  
 you see it  
 and take it into your own hand.  
 The helpless  
 commit themselves to you,  
 for you are the helper of orphans.
- <sup>15</sup> Break the power  
 of the wicked and evil;  
 search out their wickedness  
 until you find none.

- <sup>16</sup> O LORD, you rule forever and ever;  
 the nations have vanished  
 from your land.
- <sup>17</sup> You have heard the desire  
 of the afflicted;  
 you strengthen their heart  
 and you listen with your ear,  
 to give justice  
 to the orphan and oppressed,  
 so that mere mortals  
 may strike terror no more.

## 11

- <sup>1</sup> In the LORD I have taken refuge;  
 how then can you say to me,  
 "Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;  
 for see how the wicked string the bow  
 and fit their arrows to the string,  
 to shoot from the shadows  
 at the true of heart."
- <sup>3</sup> When the foundations  
 are being destroyed,  
 what can the righteous do?"
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD is in the holy temple,  
 enthroned in heaven.  
 God's eyes keep careful watch,  
 they weigh our worth.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD tests  
 both righteous and wicked  
 but abhors those  
 who love violence.
- <sup>6</sup> Upon the wicked  
 God shall rain coals of fire  
 and burning sulfur;  
 a scorching wind shall be their lot.
- <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is righteous,  
 delighting in righteous deeds;  
 and the just shall see God's face.

## 12

- <sup>1</sup> Help me, LORD,  
 for there is no godly one left;  
 the faithful have vanished  
 from among us.

<sup>2</sup> People tell lies <sup>1</sup> to each other;  
they use smooth words  
but speak from a <sup>1</sup> double heart.

<sup>3</sup> May the LORD cut off  
all <sup>1</sup> lips that flatter,  
and the tongues  
<sup>1</sup> that speak boastfully—

<sup>4</sup> those who say,  
“With our tongue we <sup>1</sup> will prevail;  
our lips are our own;  
who is lord <sup>1</sup> over us?”

<sup>5</sup> “Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry <sup>1</sup> out in misery,  
I will rise up,” says the LORD,  
“and give them  
the <sup>1</sup> help they long for.”

<sup>6</sup> The words of the <sup>1</sup> LORD are pure,  
like silver refined from ore  
and purified seven times  
<sup>1</sup> in the fire.

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, watch <sup>1</sup> over us  
and save us  
from this genera- <sup>1</sup> tion forever.

<sup>8</sup> The wicked prowl on <sup>1</sup> every side,  
and everyone prizes  
that <sup>1</sup> which is worthless.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD?  
Will you forget <sup>1</sup> me forever?  
How long  
will you hide your <sup>1</sup> face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long  
shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart,  
day <sup>1</sup> after day?  
How long  
shall my enemy triumph <sup>1</sup> over me?

<sup>3</sup> Look upon me and answer me,  
O <sup>1</sup> LORD my God;  
give light to my eyes,  
lest I <sup>1</sup> sleep in death;

<sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say,  
“I <sup>1</sup> have defeated you,”  
and my foes rejoice  
that <sup>1</sup> I have fallen.

<sup>5</sup> But I trust in your un- <sup>1</sup> failing love;  
my heart is joyful  
because of your <sup>1</sup> saving help.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing <sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
who has dealt <sup>1</sup> with me richly.

## 14

<sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts,  
“There <sup>1</sup> is no God.”  
They are corrupt, every deed is vile;  
there is no one who does <sup>1</sup> any good.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven  
up- <sup>1</sup> on us all,  
to see if there is anyone who is wise,  
who seeks <sup>1</sup> after God.

<sup>3</sup> They have all proved faithless;  
all alike <sup>1</sup> have turned bad;  
there is none who does good;  
<sup>1</sup> no, not one.

<sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge,  
all those <sup>1</sup> evildoers  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call up- <sup>1</sup> on the LORD?

<sup>5</sup> See how they trem- <sup>1</sup> ble with fear,  
because God is in the company  
<sup>1</sup> of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> Your aim is to confound the plans  
of <sup>1</sup> the afflicted,  
but the LORD <sup>1</sup> is their refuge.

<sup>7</sup> Oh, that Israel’s deliverance  
would come <sup>1</sup> out of Zion!  
When the LORD restores  
the fortunes of the people,  
Jacob will rejoice  
and Israel <sup>1</sup> will be glad.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell  
in your <sup>1</sup> tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup> holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> Those who lead a blameless life  
and do <sup>1</sup> what is right,  
who speak the truth  
<sup>1</sup> from their heart;



- <sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue,  
they do no evil <sup>1</sup> to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit  
up- <sup>1</sup> on a neighbor.
- <sup>4</sup> In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
but they honor those  
who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health  
and do not take <sup>1</sup> back their word.
- <sup>5</sup> They do not give their money  
in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes  
a- <sup>1</sup> gainst the innocent.  
Those who do these things  
shall never be <sup>1</sup> overthrown.

## 16

- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God,  
for I take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in you;  
I have said to the LORD,  
“You are my Lord,  
my good a- <sup>1</sup> bove all other.”
- <sup>2</sup> All my delight is in the godly  
that are <sup>1</sup> in the land,  
upon those who are noble  
a- <sup>1</sup> mong the people.
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after <sup>1</sup> other gods  
shall have their troubles <sup>1</sup> multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> I will not pour out drink offerings  
<sup>1</sup> to such gods,  
never take their names  
up- <sup>1</sup> on my lips.
- <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion  
<sup>1</sup> and my cup;  
it is you who up- <sup>1</sup> hold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> My boundaries  
enclose a <sup>1</sup> pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a <sup>1</sup> rich inheritance.
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD  
who <sup>1</sup> gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me  
night <sup>1</sup> after night.
- <sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD  
al- <sup>1</sup> ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand,  
I shall <sup>1</sup> not be shaken.

- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad,  
and my spir- <sup>1</sup> it rejoices;  
my body also shall <sup>1</sup> rest in hope.

- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me  
<sup>1</sup> to the grave,  
nor let your holy one <sup>1</sup> see the pit.

- <sup>11</sup> You will show me the <sup>1</sup> path of life;  
in your presence  
there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand  
are pleasures for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.

## 17

- <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD;  
give heed <sup>1</sup> to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which  
does not come from <sup>1</sup> lying lips.
- <sup>2</sup> Let my vindication  
come forth <sup>1</sup> from your presence;  
let your eyes be <sup>1</sup> fixed on justice.
- <sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit <sup>1</sup> me by night,  
melt me down;  
you will find no impuri- <sup>1</sup> ty in me.
- <sup>4</sup> I have not regarded what <sup>1</sup> others do;  
at the word of your lips  
I have avoided  
the ways <sup>1</sup> of the violent.
- <sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast  
to your <sup>1</sup> well-worn path;  
and my feet <sup>1</sup> do not slip.
- <sup>6</sup> I call upon you, O God,  
for you will <sup>1</sup> answer me;  
incline your ear to me  
and <sup>1</sup> hear my words.
- <sup>7</sup> Show me  
your marvelous <sup>1</sup> lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those  
who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who <sup>1</sup> rise against them.
- <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple <sup>1</sup> of your eye;  
hide me  
under the shadow <sup>1</sup> of your wings,
- <sup>9</sup> from the wicked <sup>1</sup> who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies  
<sup>1</sup> who surround me.

<sup>10</sup> They have closed their **l** callous hearts,  
and their mouth  
**l** speaks proud things.

<sup>11</sup> They track me down;  
now **l** they surround me,  
watching how they may  
cast me **l** to the ground,

<sup>12</sup> like a lion, greedy **l** for its prey,  
and like a young lion  
lurking in **l** secret places.

<sup>13</sup> Arise, O LORD;  
confront them and **l** bring them down;  
deliver me from the wicked  
**l** by your sword;

<sup>14</sup> deliver me by your hand  
from those whose portion in life  
is **l** in this world;  
whose bellies you fill  
with your treasure,  
whose children have plenty,  
who leave wealth  
to their **l** little ones.

<sup>15</sup> But at my vindication  
I shall **l** see your face;  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied,  
behold- **l** ing your likeness.

## 18

<sup>1</sup> I love you, O **l** LORD my strength,  
O LORD my stronghold,  
my crag, **l** and my haven;

<sup>2</sup> my God, my rock  
in whom I **l** put my trust,  
my shield,  
the horn of my salvation,  
**l** and my refuge.

<sup>3</sup> I will call upon the LORD,  
who is worthy **l** to be praised,  
and so shall I be saved  
**l** from my enemies.

<sup>4</sup> The breakers of death rolled **l** over me,  
and the torrents of oblivion  
made **l** me afraid.

<sup>5</sup> The cords of Sheol en- **l** tangled me,  
and the snares of death  
were **l** set for me.

<sup>6</sup> I called upon the LORD in my distress  
and cried out to my **l** God for help.  
From the heavens  
the LORD heard my voice;  
my cry **l** reached God's ears.

<sup>7</sup> The earth **l** reeled and rocked;  
the roots of the mountains shook;  
they reeled because **l** of God's anger.

<sup>8</sup> Smoke rose from the LORD's nostrils  
and a consuming fire  
out **l** of God's mouth;  
hot burning **l** coals blazed forth.

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, you parted the heavens  
**l** and came down  
with a storm cloud  
un- **l** der your feet.

<sup>10</sup> You mounted on cheru- **l** bim and flew;  
you swooped  
on the wings **l** of the wind.

<sup>11</sup> You wrapped darkness  
a- **l** bout yourself;  
you made dark waters  
and thick clouds **l** your pavilion.

<sup>12</sup> From the brightness of your presence,  
**l** through the clouds,  
burst hailstones and **l** coals of fire.

<sup>13</sup> You thundered **l** out of heaven;  
O Most High,  
you ut- **l** tered your voice.

<sup>14</sup> You loosed arrows  
and **l** scattered them,  
hurled thunderbolts  
and **l** routed them.

<sup>15</sup> The beds of the seas were uncovered,  
and the foundations  
of the **l** world laid bare,  
at your roaring, O LORD,  
at the blast  
of the breath **l** of your nostrils.

<sup>16</sup> You reached down  
from on **l** high and grasped me;  
you drew me out **l** of great waters.

<sup>17</sup> You delivered me  
from my strong enemies  
and from those who **l** hated me,  
for they were too might- **l** y for me.



- 18 They confronted me  
in the day of <sup>1</sup> my disaster;  
but you, LORD, were <sup>1</sup> my support.
- 19 You brought me out  
into an <sup>1</sup> open place;  
you rescued me  
because you delight- <sup>1</sup> ed in me.
- 20 The LORD rewarded me  
because of my <sup>1</sup> righteous dealing;  
because my hands were clean  
God re- <sup>1</sup> warded me;
- 21 for I have kept the ways <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
and have not offended  
a- <sup>1</sup> gainst my God;
- 22 for all God's judgments <sup>1</sup> are before me,  
and the decrees of the LORD  
I have not put a- <sup>1</sup> way from me;
- 23 for I have been blame- <sup>1</sup> less with God  
and have kept myself  
<sup>1</sup> from iniquity;
- 24 therefore the LORD rewarded me  
according to my <sup>1</sup> righteous dealing,  
because of the cleanness  
of my hands <sup>1</sup> in God's sight.
- 25 With the faithful  
you show yourself faith- <sup>1</sup> ful, O God;  
with the blameless  
you show <sup>1</sup> yourself blameless.
- 26 With the pure  
you show <sup>1</sup> yourself pure,  
but with the crooked <sup>1</sup> you are wily.
- 27 Indeed, you will save a <sup>1</sup> lowly people,  
but you will humble  
the <sup>1</sup> haughty eyes.
- 28 Surely you, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> light my lamp;  
my God makes my <sup>1</sup> darkness bright.
- 29 With you  
I will break down <sup>1</sup> an enclosure;  
with the help of my God  
I will scale <sup>1</sup> any wall.
- 30 Your way, O God, is perfect;  
your word is re- <sup>1</sup> fined in fire;  
you are a shield  
to all who <sup>1</sup> trust in you.
- 31 For who is God, <sup>1</sup> but the LORD?  
Who is the rock, ex- <sup>1</sup> cept our God?
- 32 It is God  
who girds me a- <sup>1</sup> bout with strength  
and makes my <sup>1</sup> way secure.
- 33 O LORD,  
you make me sure-footed <sup>1</sup> like a deer  
and let me stand firm  
<sup>1</sup> on the heights.
- 34 You train my <sup>1</sup> hands for battle  
and my arms for bending  
even a <sup>1</sup> bow of bronze.
- 35 You have given me  
your <sup>1</sup> shield of victory;  
your right hand also sustains me;  
your loving care <sup>1</sup> makes me great.
- 36 You lengthen my <sup>1</sup> stride beneath me,  
and my ankles do <sup>1</sup> not give way.
- 37 I pursue my enemies  
and <sup>1</sup> overtake them;  
I will not turn back  
till I <sup>1</sup> have destroyed them.
- 38 I strike them down,  
and they <sup>1</sup> cannot rise;  
they fall defeated <sup>1</sup> at my feet.
- 39 You have girded me  
with strength <sup>1</sup> for the battle;  
you have cast down  
my adversar- <sup>1</sup> ies beneath me.
- 40 You have put my ene- <sup>1</sup> mies to flight;  
I destroy <sup>1</sup> those who hate me.
- 41 They cry out,  
but there is <sup>1</sup> none to save them;  
they cry to the LORD,  
but no <sup>1</sup> answer comes.
- 42 I grind them small  
like dust be- <sup>1</sup> fore the wind;  
I empty them out  
like mud in- <sup>1</sup> to the streets.
- 43 You deliver me  
from the strife of the peoples;  
you put me at the head  
<sup>1</sup> of the nations;  
a people I have not <sup>1</sup> known  
shall serve me.
- 44 No sooner shall they hear  
than they <sup>1</sup> shall obey me;  
strangers will <sup>1</sup> cringe before me.



- <sup>45</sup> The foreign peoples <sup>1</sup> will lose heart;  
they shall come trembling  
out <sup>1</sup> of their strongholds.
- <sup>46</sup> The LORD lives! Blessed <sup>1</sup> is my rock!  
Exalted is the God of <sup>1</sup> my salvation!
- <sup>47</sup> This is the God who vindi- <sup>1</sup> cated me  
and cast down the peo- <sup>1</sup> ples  
beneath me.
- <sup>48</sup> You rescued me from my enemies;  
even over those who attacked me  
<sup>1</sup> you exalted me;  
you saved me from my <sup>1</sup> deadly foe.
- <sup>49</sup> Therefore I will extol you  
among the na- <sup>1</sup> tions, O LORD,  
and sing praises <sup>1</sup> to your name.
- <sup>50</sup> You multiply the victories <sup>1</sup> of your king;  
you keep faith with your anointed,  
with David and his descen- <sup>1</sup> dants  
forever.

## 19

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare  
the glo- <sup>1</sup> ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims  
its <sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale <sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night  
imparts knowledge <sup>1</sup> to another.
- <sup>3</sup> Although they have  
no <sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices <sup>1</sup> are not heard,  
<sup>4</sup> their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message  
to the ends <sup>1</sup> of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent  
<sup>1</sup> for the sun.
- <sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom  
out <sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion  
to <sup>1</sup> run its course.
- <sup>6</sup> It goes forth  
from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of <sup>1</sup> it again;  
nothing is hidden  
from its <sup>1</sup> burning heat.

- <sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect  
and re- <sup>1</sup> vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom <sup>1</sup> to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD are just  
and re- <sup>1</sup> joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD  
is clear and gives light <sup>1</sup> to the eyes.
- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean  
and en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD  
are true and righteous <sup>1</sup> altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than <sup>1</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey <sup>1</sup> in the comb.
- <sup>11</sup> By them also  
is your ser- <sup>1</sup> vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them  
there is <sup>1</sup> great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> Who can detect one's <sup>1</sup> own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my <sup>1</sup> secret faults.
- <sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant  
from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion <sup>1</sup> over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a <sup>1</sup> great offense.
- <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable <sup>1</sup> in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength  
and <sup>1</sup> my redeemer.

## 20

- <sup>1</sup> May the LORD  
answer you in the <sup>1</sup> day of trouble,  
the name of the God of Ja- <sup>1</sup> cob  
defend you;
- <sup>2</sup> send you help from the <sup>1</sup> sanctuary  
and strengthen you <sup>1</sup> out of Zion;
- <sup>3</sup> may the LORD  
remember <sup>1</sup> all your offerings  
and accept <sup>1</sup> your burnt sacrifice;
- <sup>4</sup> grant you your <sup>1</sup> heart's desire  
and prosper <sup>1</sup> all your plans.

- <sup>5</sup> We will shout for joy at your victory  
and unfurl our banners  
in the name <sup>1</sup> of our God;  
may the LORD  
grant all <sup>1</sup> your requests.
- <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the LORD  
gives victory to the a- <sup>1</sup> nointed one;  
God will answer out of holy heaven,  
gaining victory  
with a <sup>1</sup> strong right hand.
- <sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots  
and <sup>1</sup> some in horses,  
but we rely  
on the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD our God.
- <sup>8</sup> They collapse <sup>1</sup> and fall down,  
but we will arise <sup>1</sup> and stand upright.
- <sup>9</sup> O LORD, give victory <sup>1</sup> to the king  
and answer us <sup>1</sup> when we call.

## 21

- <sup>1</sup> The king rejoices in your <sup>1</sup> strength,  
O LORD;  
how greatly he exults  
<sup>1</sup> in your victory!
- <sup>2</sup> You have given him his <sup>1</sup> heart's desire;  
you have not denied him  
the request <sup>1</sup> of his lips.
- <sup>3</sup> For you meet him  
with blessings <sup>1</sup> of prosperity,  
and set a crown of fine gold  
up- <sup>1</sup> on his head.
- <sup>4</sup> He asked you for life,  
and you gave <sup>1</sup> it to him:  
length of days, forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever.
- <sup>5</sup> His honor is great,  
because <sup>1</sup> of your victory;  
splendor and majesty  
you be- <sup>1</sup> stow upon him.
- <sup>6</sup> For you will give him  
ever- <sup>1</sup> lasting blessings  
and will make him glad  
with the joy <sup>1</sup> of your presence.
- <sup>7</sup> For the king puts his trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD;  
because of the lovingkindness  
of the Most High,  
he <sup>1</sup> will not fall.

- <sup>8</sup> Your hand will find <sup>1</sup> all your enemies;  
your right hand will find  
<sup>1</sup> all who hate you.
- <sup>9</sup> You will make them like a fiery furnace  
at the time  
of your appear- <sup>1</sup> ing, O LORD;  
you will swallow them up  
in your wrath,  
and fire <sup>1</sup> shall consume them.
- <sup>10</sup> You will destroy their offspring  
<sup>1</sup> from the land  
and their descendants from among  
the peoples <sup>1</sup> of the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> Though they intend evil against you  
and devise <sup>1</sup> wicked schemes,  
yet they shall <sup>1</sup> not prevail.
- <sup>12</sup> For you will put <sup>1</sup> them to flight  
and aim your ar- <sup>1</sup> rows at them.
- <sup>13</sup> Be exalted, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> in your might;  
we will sing and <sup>1</sup> praise your power.

## 22

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God,  
why have you for- <sup>1</sup> saken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far  
from the words <sup>1</sup> of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup> My God, I cry out by day,  
but you <sup>1</sup> do not answer;  
by night, but I <sup>1</sup> find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are the <sup>1</sup> Holy One,  
enthroned on the prais- <sup>1</sup> es of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> Our ancestors put their <sup>1</sup> trust in you,  
they trusted,  
and you <sup>1</sup> rescued them.
- <sup>5</sup> They cried out to you  
and <sup>1</sup> were delivered;  
they trusted in you  
and were not <sup>1</sup> put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup> But as for me,  
I am a worm <sup>1</sup> and not human,  
scorned by all  
and despised <sup>1</sup> by the people.
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh <sup>1</sup> me to scorn;  
they curl their lips;  
they <sup>1</sup> shake their heads.

- 8 "Trust in the LORD;  
 let the <sup>1</sup>LORD deliver;  
 let God rescue him  
 if God so de- <sup>1</sup>lights in him."
- 9 Yet you are the one  
 who drew me forth <sup>1</sup>from the womb,  
 and kept me safe  
 on my <sup>1</sup>mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you  
 ever since <sup>1</sup>I was born;  
 you were my God when I was still  
 in my <sup>1</sup>mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me,  
 for trou- <sup>1</sup>ble is near,  
 and there is no <sup>1</sup>one to help.
- 12 Many young bulls en- <sup>1</sup>circle me;  
 strong bulls of Ba- <sup>1</sup>shan  
 surround me.
- 13 They open wide their <sup>1</sup>jaws at me,  
 like a slashing and <sup>1</sup>roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;  
 all my bones are <sup>1</sup>out of joint;  
 my heart within my breast  
 is <sup>1</sup>melting wax.
- 15 My strength is dried up  
 like a potsherd;  
 my tongue sticks to the roof  
 of my mouth;  
 and you have laid me  
 in the <sup>1</sup>dust of death.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in,  
 a band of evildoers  
 circles round me;  
 they pierce my hands <sup>1</sup>and my feet.
- 17 I can count <sup>1</sup>all my bones  
 while they stare at <sup>1</sup>me and gloat.
- 18 They divide my gar- <sup>1</sup>ments  
 among them;  
 for my clothing, <sup>1</sup>they cast lots.
- 19 But you, O LORD, be not <sup>1</sup>far away;  
 O my help, hasten <sup>1</sup>to my aid.
- 20 Deliver me <sup>1</sup>from the sword,  
 my life from the power <sup>1</sup>of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the <sup>1</sup>lion's mouth!  
 From the horns of wild bulls  
 you have <sup>1</sup>rescued me.
- 22 I will declare your name <sup>1</sup>to my people;  
 in the midst of the assembly  
 I will praise you.
- 23 You who fear the LORD, give praise!  
 All you of Jacob's <sup>1</sup>line, give glory.  
 Stand in awe of the LORD,  
 all you off- <sup>1</sup>spring of Israel.
- 24 For the LORD does not despise  
 nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
 neither is the LORD's face  
 hid- <sup>1</sup>den from them;  
 but when they cry out,  
 the LORD hears them.
- 25 From you comes my praise  
 in the <sup>1</sup>great assembly;  
 I will perform my vows  
 in the sight of those  
 who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD.
- 26 The poor shall eat <sup>1</sup>and be satisfied.  
 Let those who seek the LORD  
 give praise!  
 May your hearts <sup>1</sup>live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth  
 shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup>to the LORD;  
 all the families of nations  
 shall bow <sup>1</sup>before God.
- 28 For dominion belongs <sup>1</sup>to the LORD,  
 who rules o- <sup>1</sup>ver the nations.
- 29 Indeed, all who sleep in the earth  
 shall bow <sup>1</sup>down in worship;  
 all who go down to the dust,  
 though they be dead,  
 shall kneel be- <sup>1</sup>fore the LORD.
- 30 Their descendants  
 shall <sup>1</sup>serve the LORD,  
 whom they shall proclaim  
 to genera- <sup>1</sup>tions to come.
- 31 They shall proclaim God's deliverance  
 to a people <sup>1</sup>yet unborn,  
 saying to them,  
 "The <sup>1</sup>LORD has acted!"



## 23

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD <sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD makes me lie down  
<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways  
<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I shall <sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they <sup>1</sup> comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence <sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil,  
and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running over.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me  
all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell  
in the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD forever.

## 24

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's  
and all <sup>1</sup> that is in it,  
the world and those  
who <sup>1</sup> dwell therein.
- <sup>2</sup> For the LORD has founded it  
up- <sup>1</sup> on the seas  
and established it up- <sup>1</sup> on the rivers.
- <sup>3</sup> Who may ascend  
the mountain <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
and who may stand  
in God's <sup>1</sup> holy place?
- <sup>4</sup> Those of innocent hands  
and puri- <sup>1</sup> ty of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being,  
nor do they pledge by <sup>1</sup> what is false.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall receive blessing  
<sup>1</sup> from the LORD  
and righteousness  
from the God of <sup>1</sup> their salvation.

- <sup>6</sup> Such is the generation  
of those who seek <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face,  
O <sup>1</sup> God of Jacob.
- <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates;  
and be lifted up, O ever- <sup>1</sup> lasting doors,  
that the King of glory <sup>1</sup> may come in.
- <sup>8</sup> Who is this <sup>1</sup> King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, might- <sup>1</sup> y in battle!
- <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates;  
and be lifted up, O ever- <sup>1</sup> lasting doors,  
that the King of glory <sup>1</sup> may come in.
- <sup>10</sup> Who is this <sup>1</sup> King of glory?  
Truly, the LORD of hosts  
is the <sup>1</sup> King of glory.

## 25

- <sup>1</sup> To <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
I lift <sup>1</sup> up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup> My God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be <sup>1</sup> put to shame,  
nor let my enemies  
triumph <sup>1</sup> over me.
- <sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you  
be <sup>1</sup> put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame  
<sup>1</sup> who are treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup> Show me your <sup>1</sup> ways, O LORD,  
and teach <sup>1</sup> me your paths.
- <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your <sup>1</sup> truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted  
all <sup>1</sup> the day long.
- <sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD,  
your compas- <sup>1</sup> sion and love,  
for they are from <sup>1</sup> everlasting.
- <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth  
and <sup>1</sup> my transgressions;  
remember me  
according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake  
of your good- <sup>1</sup> ness, O LORD.

- <sup>8</sup> You are gracious and up-<sup>1</sup>right,  
O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners  
in your way.
- <sup>9</sup> You lead the low-<sup>1</sup>ly in justice  
and teach the low-<sup>1</sup>ly your way.
- <sup>10</sup> All your paths, O LORD,  
are steadfast<sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant  
and your<sup>1</sup> testimonies.
- <sup>11</sup> For your name's<sup>1</sup> sake, O LORD,  
forgive my sin, for<sup>1</sup> it is great.
- <sup>12</sup> Who are they who<sup>1</sup> fear the LORD?  
You will teach them the way  
that<sup>1</sup> they should choose.
- <sup>13</sup> They shall dwell<sup>1</sup> in prosperity,  
and their offspring  
shall inher-<sup>1</sup>it the land.
- <sup>14</sup> You, LORD, are a friend  
to<sup>1</sup> those who fear you,  
and will show<sup>1</sup> them your covenant.
- <sup>15</sup> My eyes are ever looking  
to<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
for you will pluck my feet  
out<sup>1</sup> of the net.
- <sup>16</sup> Turn to me and have pit-<sup>1</sup>y on me,  
for I am left alone<sup>1</sup> and in misery.
- <sup>17</sup> The sorrows of my heart  
have increased;  
bring me out<sup>1</sup> of my troubles.
- <sup>18</sup> Look upon my adversi-<sup>1</sup>ty and misery  
and forgive me<sup>1</sup> all my sin.
- <sup>19</sup> Look upon my enemies,  
for<sup>1</sup> they are many,  
and they bear a violent ha-<sup>1</sup> tred  
against me.
- <sup>20</sup> Protect my life and de-<sup>1</sup> liver me;  
let me not be put to shame,  
for I have trust-<sup>1</sup>ed in you.
- <sup>21</sup> Let integrity and upright-<sup>1</sup>ness  
preserve me,  
for my hope has<sup>1</sup> been in you.
- <sup>22</sup> Deliver Isra-<sup>1</sup>el, O God,  
out of<sup>1</sup> all its troubles.

## 26

- <sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O LORD,  
for I have lived<sup>1</sup> with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD  
and<sup>1</sup> have not faltered.
- <sup>2</sup> Test me, O<sup>1</sup> LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart<sup>1</sup> and my mind.
- <sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love  
is be-<sup>1</sup>fore my eyes;  
I have walked  
faithful-<sup>1</sup>ly with you.
- <sup>4</sup> I have not sat<sup>1</sup> with the worthless,  
nor do I consort  
with<sup>1</sup> the deceitful.
- <sup>5</sup> I have hated the company  
of<sup>1</sup> evildoers;  
I will not sit down  
with the wicked.
- <sup>6</sup> I will wash my hands  
in inno-<sup>1</sup>cence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession  
round your altar,
- <sup>7</sup> singing aloud  
a song<sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and recounting  
all your won-<sup>1</sup>derful deeds.
- <sup>8</sup> LORD, I love the house  
in<sup>1</sup> which you dwell  
and the place  
where your glo-<sup>1</sup>ry abides.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not sweep me a-<sup>1</sup>way  
with sinners,  
nor my life  
with those who<sup>1</sup> thirst for blood,
- <sup>10</sup> whose hands are full of<sup>1</sup> evil plots,  
and their right hands  
full of bribes.
- <sup>11</sup> As for me, I will live<sup>1</sup> with integrity;  
redeem me,  
and be gra-<sup>1</sup>cious to me.
- <sup>12</sup> I take my stand on<sup>1</sup> level ground;  
in the full assembly  
I will<sup>1</sup> bless the LORD.



## 27

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold  
of my life;  
of whom shall I <sup>1</sup> be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When evildoers close in against me  
to de- <sup>1</sup> vour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies,  
will stum- <sup>1</sup> ble and fall.

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart <sup>1</sup> will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me,  
my trust will <sup>1</sup> not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup> One thing I ask of the LORD;  
one <sup>1</sup> thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house  
of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to seek God <sup>1</sup> in the temple.

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble  
God will <sup>1</sup> give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places  
of the sanctuary,  
and raise me high up- <sup>1</sup> on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Even now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies <sup>1</sup> who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice  
in the sanctuary,  
sacrifices of rejoicing;  
I will sing and make music  
<sup>1</sup> to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> when I call;  
have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> answer me.

<sup>8</sup> My heart speaks your message—  
<sup>1</sup> “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> I will seek.

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me,  
turn not away  
from your ser- <sup>1</sup> vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—  
you have been my helper;  
forsake me not,  
O God of <sup>1</sup> my salvation.

<sup>10</sup> Though my father and my moth- <sup>1</sup> er  
forsake me,  
the LORD will <sup>1</sup> take me in.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your <sup>1</sup> way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path,  
because of <sup>1</sup> my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup> Subject me not to the will <sup>1</sup> of my foes,  
for they rise up against me,  
false witnesses <sup>1</sup> breathing violence.

<sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see  
the goodness <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
in the land <sup>1</sup> of the living!

<sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD <sup>1</sup> and be strong.  
Take heart and wait <sup>1</sup> for the LORD!

## 28

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, I call to you;  
my rock, do not be deaf <sup>1</sup> to my cry;  
lest, if you do not hear me,  
I become like those  
who go down <sup>1</sup> to the pit.

<sup>2</sup> Hear the voice of my prayer  
when I cry <sup>1</sup> out to you,  
when I lift up my hands  
to your ho- <sup>1</sup> ly of holies.

<sup>3</sup> Do not snatch me away  
with the wicked or with the <sup>1</sup> evildoers,  
who speak peaceably  
with their neighbors,  
while strife is <sup>1</sup> in their hearts.

<sup>4</sup> Repay them according to their deeds,  
and according to the wickedness  
<sup>1</sup> of their actions.

According to the work  
of their hands repay them,  
and give them their <sup>1</sup> just deserts.

<sup>5</sup> They have no understanding  
of the LORD’s works  
or the deeds <sup>1</sup> of God’s hands;  
therefore God will break them down  
and not <sup>1</sup> build them up.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed <sup>1</sup> be the LORD,  
who has heard the voice  
<sup>1</sup> of my prayer.

<sup>7</sup> You, LORD, are my strength  
and my shield; my heart trusts in you,  
and I <sup>1</sup> have been helped;  
so my heart exults, and  
with my song I give <sup>1</sup> thanks to you.



<sup>8</sup> You, LORD, are the strength  
of your people,  
a safe refuge for your anointed.

<sup>9</sup> Save your people  
and bless your inheritance;  
shepherd them  
and carry them forever.

## 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD  
glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD  
the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD  
in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD  
is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD  
is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD  
is a voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD  
breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD  
breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> the LORD makes Lebanon  
skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon  
like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD  
shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD  
shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak  
trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD  
all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned  
above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned  
as king forevermore.

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD,  
the blessings of peace.

## 30

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies  
triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD,  
from the dead;  
you restored my life  
as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> Sing praise to the LORD,  
all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.

<sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short;  
God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup> While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed."

<sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor,  
made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face,  
and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup> I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood,  
if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you  
or declare your faithfulness?"

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD,  
and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing  
into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you  
without ceasing;  
O LORD my God,  
I will give you thanks forever.

## 31

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be <sup>1</sup> put to shame;  
deliver me <sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.
- <sup>2</sup> Incline your <sup>1</sup> ear to me;  
make haste to de- <sup>1</sup> liver me.
- <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock,  
a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name,  
lead <sup>1</sup> me and guide me.
- <sup>4</sup> Take me out of the net  
that they have secretly <sup>1</sup> set for me,  
for you are my tow- <sup>1</sup> er of strength.
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hands  
I com- <sup>1</sup> mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, <sup>1</sup> God of truth.
- <sup>6</sup> I hate those who cling  
to <sup>1</sup> worthless idols,  
and I put my trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> I will rejoice and be glad  
because of your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love;  
for you have seen my affliction;  
you know <sup>1</sup> my distress.
- <sup>8</sup> You have not handed me over  
to the power <sup>1</sup> of the enemy;  
you have set my feet  
in an <sup>1</sup> open place.
- <sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O LORD,  
for I <sup>1</sup> am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat <sup>1</sup> and my belly.
- <sup>10</sup> For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my <sup>1</sup> years with sighing;  
my strength fails me  
because of affliction,  
and my bones <sup>1</sup> are consumed.
- <sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my enemies,  
a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to <sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street  
<sup>1</sup> they avoid me.
- <sup>12</sup> Like the dead I am forgotten,  
<sup>1</sup> out of mind;  
I am as useless as a <sup>1</sup> broken pot.
- <sup>13</sup> For I have heard  
the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is <sup>1</sup> all around;  
they put their heads together  
against me;  
they plot to <sup>1</sup> take my life.
- <sup>14</sup> But as for me,  
I have trusted in <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You <sup>1</sup> are my God.
- <sup>15</sup> My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;  
rescue me  
from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.
- <sup>16</sup> Let your face shine  
up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant;  
save me in your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love."
- <sup>17</sup> LORD, let me not be put to shame,  
for I have <sup>1</sup> called on you;  
rather, let the wicked  
be put to shame;  
let them be silenced <sup>1</sup> by the grave.
- <sup>18</sup> Let the lying lips be silenced  
that speak a- <sup>1</sup> gainst the righteous,  
haughtily, disdainfully,  
and <sup>1</sup> with contempt.
- <sup>19</sup> How great is your goodness,  
which you have laid up  
for <sup>1</sup> those who fear you;  
which you have done  
in the sight of all  
for those  
who put their <sup>1</sup> trust in you.
- <sup>20</sup> You hide them  
in the protection of your presence  
from those who <sup>1</sup> slander them;  
you keep them in your shelter  
from the <sup>1</sup> strife of tongues.
- <sup>21</sup> Blessed are <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD!  
for you have shown me  
the wonders of your love  
when I was <sup>1</sup> under siege.
- <sup>22</sup> I said in my alarm,  
"I have been cut off from the sight  
<sup>1</sup> of your eyes."  
Nevertheless,  
you heard the sound of my plea  
when I cried <sup>1</sup> out to you.



<sup>23</sup> Love the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you saints;  
the LORD protects the faithful,  
but repays in full  
those <sup>1</sup> who act haughtily.

<sup>24</sup> Be strong  
and let your <sup>1</sup> heart take courage,  
all you who wait <sup>1</sup> for the LORD.

## 32

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they  
whose transgressions <sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup> Happy are they  
to whom the LORD im- <sup>1</sup> puts no guilt,  
and in whose spirit  
there <sup>1</sup> is no guile!

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue,  
my bones with- <sup>1</sup> ered away,  
because of my groaning  
<sup>1</sup> all day long.

<sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me  
<sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up  
as in the <sup>1</sup> heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not con- <sup>1</sup> ceal my guilt.  
I said, “I will confess  
my transgressions to the LORD.”  
Then you forgave me  
the guilt <sup>1</sup> of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make  
their prayers to you in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow,  
they <sup>1</sup> shall not reach them.

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve <sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me  
with shouts <sup>1</sup> of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> “I will instruct you and teach you  
in the way that <sup>1</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you <sup>1</sup> with my eye.

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule,  
which have no <sup>1</sup> understanding;  
who must be fitted  
with bit and bridle,  
or else they will <sup>1</sup> not stay near you.”

<sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations  
<sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those  
who trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous,  
and rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy,  
all who are <sup>1</sup> true of heart.

## 33

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the <sup>1</sup> LORD, you righteous;  
praise is fitting <sup>1</sup> for the upright.

<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD <sup>1</sup> with the lyre;  
make music for God  
with a <sup>1</sup> ten-stringed harp.

<sup>3</sup> Sing for the LORD <sup>1</sup> a new song;  
play your instrument skillfully  
with <sup>1</sup> joyful sounds.

<sup>4</sup> For your word, O <sup>1</sup> LORD, is right,  
and faithful are <sup>1</sup> all your works.

<sup>5</sup> You love righteous- <sup>1</sup> ness and justice;  
your steadfast love  
fills <sup>1</sup> the whole earth.

<sup>6</sup> By your word were the <sup>1</sup> heavens made,  
by the breath of your mouth  
all the <sup>1</sup> hosts of heaven.

<sup>7</sup> You gather up the waters of the ocean  
as <sup>1</sup> in a water-skin  
and store up the depths <sup>1</sup> of the sea.

<sup>8</sup> Let all the earth <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD;  
let all who dwell in the world  
<sup>1</sup> stand in awe.

<sup>9</sup> For God spoke, and it <sup>1</sup> came to pass;  
God commanded, and <sup>1</sup> it stood fast.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD brings the will  
of the na- <sup>1</sup> tions to nothing  
and thwarts the designs  
<sup>1</sup> of the peoples.

<sup>11</sup> Your will, O LORD, stands <sup>1</sup> fast forever,  
and the designs of your heart  
from <sup>1</sup> age to age.

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation  
whose God <sup>1</sup> is the LORD!  
Happy the people  
chosen to <sup>1</sup> be God’s heritage!



- <sup>13</sup> The LORD looks **!** down from heaven,  
and sees all **!** humankind.
- <sup>14</sup> God sits firmly en- **!** throned  
and watches  
all who dwell **!** on the earth.
- <sup>15</sup> God fashions **!** all their hearts  
and observes **!** all their deeds.
- <sup>16</sup> A king is not saved  
by the size **!** of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued  
by **!** their great strength.
- <sup>17</sup> The horse gives vain **!** hope for victory;  
despite its great strength  
it **!** cannot save.
- <sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those  
who fear **!** you, O LORD,  
upon those  
who wait for your **!** steadfast love,
- <sup>19</sup> to deliver their **!** lives from death,  
and to keep them alive  
in **!** time of famine.
- <sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for **!** you,  
O LORD,  
our helper **!** and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup> Surely, our heart rejoic- **!** es in you,  
for in your holy name  
we **!** put our trust.
- <sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD,  
**!** be upon us,  
even as we place our **!** hope in you.

## 34

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD **!** at all times;  
the praise of God  
shall ever be **!** in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> I will glory **!** in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear **!** and rejoice.
- <sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me  
the greatness **!** of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's **!** name together.
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD,  
who **!** answered me  
and delivered me  
from **!** all my terrors.
- <sup>5</sup> Look upon the LORD **!** and be radiant,  
and let not your faces **!** be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup> I called in my affliction,  
and **!** the LORD heard me  
and saved me from **!** all my troubles.
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around  
those who **!** fear the LORD  
and de- **!** livers them.
- <sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the **!** LORD is good;  
happy are they  
who take ref- **!** uge in God!
- <sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD,  
you saints **!** of the LORD,  
for those who fear the **!** LORD  
lack nothing.
- <sup>10</sup> The lions are in want  
and **!** suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD  
lack nothing **!** that is good.
- <sup>11</sup> Come, children, and lis- **!** ten to me;  
I will teach you reverence  
**!** for the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup> Who among you  
takes plea- **!** sure in life  
and desires long life  
to en- **!** joy prosperity?
- <sup>13</sup> Keep your **!** tongue from evil  
and your lips from **!** lying words.
- <sup>14</sup> Turn from evil **!** and do good;  
seek peace **!** and pursue it.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD  
are up- **!** on the righteous,  
and God's ears are open  
**!** to their cry.
- <sup>16</sup> The face of the LORD  
is against those **!** who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them  
**!** from the earth.
- <sup>17</sup> The righteous cry,  
and **!** the LORD hears them,  
and delivers them  
from **!** all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near  
to the **!** brokenhearted  
and saves those  
whose spir- **!** its are crushed.

<sup>19</sup> Many are the troubles <sup>1</sup> of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them  
from <sup>1</sup> every one.

<sup>20</sup> God will keep safe <sup>1</sup> all their bones;  
not one of them <sup>1</sup> shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup> Evil will bring death <sup>1</sup> to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous  
<sup>1</sup> will be punished.

<sup>22</sup> O LORD, you redeem  
the life <sup>1</sup> of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you  
will <sup>1</sup> not be punished.

## 35

<sup>1</sup> Fight those  
who fight <sup>1</sup> me, O LORD;  
attack those  
who are at- <sup>1</sup> tacking me.

<sup>2</sup> Take up <sup>1</sup> shield and armor  
and rise <sup>1</sup> up to help me.

<sup>3</sup> Draw the sword and bar the way  
against those <sup>1</sup> who pursue me;  
say to my soul,  
“I am <sup>1</sup> your salvation.”

<sup>4</sup> Let those who seek after my life  
be <sup>1</sup> shamed and humbled;  
let those who plot my ruin  
fall back and <sup>1</sup> be dismayed.

<sup>5</sup> Let them be like chaff  
be- <sup>1</sup> fore the wind,  
and let the angel of the LORD  
drive <sup>1</sup> them away.

<sup>6</sup> Let their way be <sup>1</sup> dark and slippery,  
and let the angel of the <sup>1</sup> LORD  
pursue them.

<sup>7</sup> For they have secretly  
laid a trap for me <sup>1</sup> without cause;  
for no reason  
they have hunt- <sup>1</sup> ed me down.

<sup>8</sup> Let ruin come upon them <sup>1</sup> unawares;  
let them be caught  
in the net they hid;  
let them fall into <sup>1</sup> their own ruin.

<sup>9</sup> Then I will be joyful in <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;  
I will glory <sup>1</sup> in your victory.

<sup>10</sup> My very bones will say,  
“LORD, <sup>1</sup> who is like you?  
You deliver the poor from those  
who are too strong for them,  
the poor and needy from <sup>1</sup> those  
who rob them.”

<sup>11</sup> Witnesses rise up, <sup>1</sup> full of malice;  
they charge me with matters  
of which <sup>1</sup> I know nothing.

<sup>12</sup> They repay me evil  
in ex- <sup>1</sup> change for good;  
my soul is full <sup>1</sup> of despair.

<sup>13</sup> But when they were sick  
I dressed in sackcloth  
and humbled my- <sup>1</sup> self by fasting.  
I prayed with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart.

<sup>14</sup> I mourned as one would  
for a friend <sup>1</sup> or a brother;  
I behaved like one  
who mourns for his mother,  
bowed <sup>1</sup> down and grieving.

<sup>15</sup> But when I stumbled,  
they rejoiced and gathered together;  
gathered together to attack,  
and I did not <sup>1</sup> even know it;  
they tore me to pieces  
and <sup>1</sup> would not stop.

<sup>16</sup> Like the godless  
viciously laughing over a <sup>1</sup> loaf of bread,  
they gnash their teeth <sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>17</sup> O Lord,  
how long will <sup>1</sup> you look on?  
Rescue my soul  
from their destruction,  
my precious life <sup>1</sup> from these lions.

<sup>18</sup> I will give you thanks  
in the <sup>1</sup> great assembly;  
I will praise you  
in the <sup>1</sup> mighty throng.

<sup>19</sup> Do not let my treacherous foes  
rejoice <sup>1</sup> over me,  
nor let those  
who hate me without cause  
wink <sup>1</sup> at each other.

<sup>20</sup> For they do not <sup>1</sup> plan for peace,  
but invent deceitful schemes  
against the quiet <sup>1</sup> in the land.



- <sup>21</sup> They opened their mouths at **I** me  
and said,  
“Aha! we saw it  
with **I** our own eyes.”
- <sup>22</sup> You saw it, O LORD;  
do **I** not be silent;  
O Lord, be not **I** far from me.
- <sup>23</sup> Awake, arise, **I** to my cause,  
to my defense,  
my God **I** and my Lord!
- <sup>24</sup> Give me justice, O LORD my God,  
according **I** to your righteousness;  
do not let them gloat **I** over me.
- <sup>25</sup> Do not let them say in their hearts,  
“Aha! **I** how delicious!”  
Do not let them say,  
“We have swal- **I** lowed you whole.”
- <sup>26</sup> Let all who rejoice at my ruin  
be ashamed **I** and disgraced;  
let those who boast against me  
be clothed with dis- **I** may  
and shame.
- <sup>27</sup> Let those who favor my cause  
sing out with joy **I** and be glad;  
let them say always,  
“Great are you, LORD;  
you desire the well-being  
**I** of your servant.”
- <sup>28</sup> And my tongue shall be talking  
**I** of your righteousness  
and of your praise  
all **I** the day long.
- <sup>4</sup> They plot wickedness upon their beds  
and have set themselves  
in a way that **I** is not good;  
they do not abhor  
that **I** which is evil.
- <sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD,  
reaches **I** to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness **I** to the clouds.
- <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness  
is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like **I** the great deep;  
you save humankind and ani- **I** mals,  
O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your **I** love, O God!  
All people take refuge  
under the shadow **I** of your wings.
- <sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance  
**I** of your house;  
you give them drink  
from the river of **I** your delights.
- <sup>9</sup> For with you is the **I** well of life,  
and in your light **I** we see light.
- <sup>10</sup> Continue your lovingkindness  
to **I** those who know you,  
and your favor  
to those who are **I** true of heart.
- <sup>11</sup> Let not the foot of the **I** proud  
come near me,  
nor the hand of the wicked  
push **I** me aside.
- <sup>12</sup> See how they are fallen,  
those **I** who work wickedness!  
They are cast down  
and shall not be a- **I** ble to rise.

## 36

- <sup>1</sup> There is a voice of rebellion  
deep in the heart **I** of the wicked;  
there is no fear of God  
be- **I** fore their eyes.
- <sup>2</sup> They flatter themselves  
in **I** their own eyes  
that their hateful sin  
will not **I** be found out.
- <sup>3</sup> The words of their mouths  
are wicked **I** and deceitful;  
they have stopped acting wisely  
and **I** doing good.

## 37

- <sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by **I** evildoers;  
do not be jealous  
of those **I** who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither  
**I** like the grass,  
and like the green grass **I** fade away.
- <sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD  
**I** and do good;  
dwell in the land  
and **I** find safe pasture.



- <sup>4</sup> Take delight <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
who shall give you  
your <sup>1</sup> heart's desire.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
put your trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
and see what <sup>1</sup> God will do.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD will make your vindication  
as clear <sup>1</sup> as the light  
and the justice of your case  
like the <sup>1</sup> noonday sun.
- <sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD  
and wait <sup>1</sup> patiently.  
Do not be provoked  
by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds  
in <sup>1</sup> evil schemes.
- <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, leave <sup>1</sup> rage alone;  
do not be provoked;  
it leads on- <sup>1</sup> ly to evil.
- <sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall <sup>1</sup> be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD  
shall pos- <sup>1</sup> sess the land.
- <sup>10</sup> In a little while  
the wicked shall <sup>1</sup> be no more;  
even if you search out their place,  
they will <sup>1</sup> not be there.
- <sup>11</sup> But the lowly shall pos- <sup>1</sup> sess the land;  
they will delight  
in abun- <sup>1</sup> dance of peace.
- <sup>12</sup> The wicked plot  
a- <sup>1</sup> gainst the righteous  
and gnash at them <sup>1</sup> with their teeth.
- <sup>13</sup> The LORD laughs <sup>1</sup> at the wicked,  
seeing that their day of judg- <sup>1</sup> ment  
is coming.
- <sup>14</sup> The wicked draw their sword  
and bend their bow to strike down  
the <sup>1</sup> poor and needy,  
to slaughter those  
whose <sup>1</sup> ways are upright.
- <sup>15</sup> Their sword shall go  
through <sup>1</sup> their own heart,  
and their bow <sup>1</sup> shall be broken.
- <sup>16</sup> Better is the little  
that the <sup>1</sup> righteous have  
than the great riches <sup>1</sup> of the wicked.
- <sup>17</sup> For the power of the wicked  
<sup>1</sup> shall be broken,  
but the LORD  
up- <sup>1</sup> holds the righteous.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD knows  
the lives <sup>1</sup> of the godly,  
and their inheritance  
shall <sup>1</sup> last forever.
- <sup>19</sup> They shall not wither  
in times <sup>1</sup> of disaster,  
and in days of famine  
they shall be <sup>1</sup> fully satisfied.
- <sup>20</sup> As for the wicked, <sup>1</sup> they shall perish,  
and the enemies of the LORD  
shall vanish like flowers in a field;  
they shall van- <sup>1</sup> ish like smoke.
- <sup>21</sup> The wicked borrow and do <sup>1</sup> not repay,  
but the righteous  
are gener- <sup>1</sup> ous in giving.
- <sup>22</sup> Those who are blessed by God  
shall pos- <sup>1</sup> sess the land,  
but those who are cursed by God  
shall <sup>1</sup> be destroyed.
- <sup>23</sup> Our steps are made firm <sup>1</sup> by the LORD;  
God delights in <sup>1</sup> faithful ways.
- <sup>24</sup> If we stumble,  
we shall <sup>1</sup> not fall headlong,  
for the LORD holds us <sup>1</sup> by the hand.
- <sup>25</sup> I have been young and now <sup>1</sup> I am old,  
but never have I seen  
the righteous forsaken,  
or their children <sup>1</sup> begging bread.
- <sup>26</sup> The righteous are always generous  
<sup>1</sup> in their lending,  
and their children  
shall be- <sup>1</sup> come a blessing.
- <sup>27</sup> Turn from evil, <sup>1</sup> and do good,  
and dwell secure- <sup>1</sup> ly forever.
- <sup>28</sup> For the LORD loves justice,  
and will never forsake  
those <sup>1</sup> who are faithful;  
they shall be kept safe forever,  
but the offspring of the wicked  
shall <sup>1</sup> be destroyed.
- <sup>29</sup> The righteous shall inher- <sup>1</sup> it the land  
and dwell in <sup>1</sup> it forever.

- 30 The mouths of the righteous  
utter wisdom,  
and their tongues speak justice.
- 31 The teaching of their God  
is in their heart,  
and their footsteps do not falter.
- 32 The wicked spy on the righteous  
and seek occasion to kill them.
- 33 The LORD will not abandon the  
righteous to the hand of the wicked,  
nor let them be found guilty  
when brought to trial.
- 34 Wait upon the LORD and keep the way  
of God, who will raise you up  
to possess the land;  
and when the wicked are cut off,  
you will see it.
- 35 I have seen  
the frightfully wicked flourishing  
like a tree in native soil.
- 36 Suddenly they vanished  
and were not there;  
I searched for them,  
but they could not be found.
- 37 Mark those who are blameless;  
obey the upright;  
for there is a future  
for people who are at peace.
- 38 Transgressors shall be destroyed,  
one and all;  
the future of the wicked is cut off.
- 39 But the deliverance of the righteous  
comes from you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold  
in time of trouble.
- 40 You, O LORD, will help them  
and rescue them;  
you will rescue them  
from the wicked and deliver them,  
because in you they seek refuge.
- 2 For your arrows  
have already pierced me,  
and your hand presses hard upon me.
- 3 There is no health in my flesh,  
because of your indignation;  
there is no soundness in my body,  
because of my sin.
- 4 For my iniquities overwhelm me;  
like a heavy burden  
they are too much for me to bear.
- 5 My wounds stink and fester  
by reason of my foolishness.
- 6 I am utterly bowed down  
and prostrate;  
I go about in mourning  
all the day long.
- 7 My loins are filled with searing pain;  
there is no health in my body.
- 8 I am utterly numb and crushed;  
I wail, because of the groaning  
of my heart.
- 9 O Lord, you know all my desires,  
and my sighing  
is not hidden from you.
- 10 My heart is pounding,  
my strength has failed me,  
and the brightness of my eyes  
is gone from me.
- 11 My friends and companions  
draw back from my affliction;  
my neighbors stand afar off.
- 12 Those who seek after my life  
lay snares for me;  
those who strive to hurt me  
speak of my ruin  
and plot treachery all the day long.
- 13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear,  
like those who are mute  
and do not open their mouth.
- 14 I have become like one  
who does not hear  
and from whose mouth  
comes no defense.
- 15 For in you, O LORD,  
have I fixed my hope;  
you will answer me,  
O Lord my God.

## 38

- 1 O LORD, do not rebuke me  
in your anger;  
do not punish me  
in your wrath.



- <sup>16</sup> For I said, “Do not let them rejoice  
at <sup>1</sup> my expense,  
those who gloat over me  
when <sup>1</sup> my foot slips.”
- <sup>17</sup> Truly, I am on the <sup>1</sup> verge of falling,  
and my pain is al- <sup>1</sup> ways with me.
- <sup>18</sup> For I admit <sup>1</sup> my iniquity  
and am deeply troubled.  
o- <sup>1</sup> ver my sinfulness.
- <sup>19</sup> Many are those  
who are my <sup>1</sup> mortal enemies,  
and numerous are those li- <sup>1</sup> ars  
who hate me.
- <sup>20</sup> They repay e- <sup>1</sup> vil for good;  
they accuse me,  
though I pursue <sup>1</sup> what is right.
- <sup>21</sup> O LORD, do <sup>1</sup> not forsake me;  
be not far from me, <sup>1</sup> O my God.
- <sup>22</sup> Make <sup>1</sup> haste to help me,  
O Lord of <sup>1</sup> my salvation.

## 39

- <sup>1</sup> I said, “I will keep watch  
upon my ways,  
so that I do not offend <sup>1</sup> with my tongue.  
I will put a muzzle on my mouth  
while the wicked  
are <sup>1</sup> in my presence.”
- <sup>2</sup> So I held my tongue <sup>1</sup> and said nothing;  
I refrained from rash words;  
but my pain be- <sup>1</sup> came unbearable.
- <sup>3</sup> My heart was hot within me;  
while I pondered,  
the fire burst <sup>1</sup> into flame;  
I spoke out <sup>1</sup> with my tongue:
- <sup>4</sup> “LORD, let me know my end  
and the number <sup>1</sup> of my days,  
so that I may know  
how <sup>1</sup> short my life is.
- <sup>5</sup> You have given me  
a mere handful of days,  
and my lifetime  
is as nothing <sup>1</sup> in your sight;  
truly, even those who stand proudly  
are but a <sup>1</sup> puff of wind.

- <sup>6</sup> We walk about like a shadow,  
and in vain we <sup>1</sup> are in turmoil;  
we heap up riches and cannot tell  
who will <sup>1</sup> gather them.
- <sup>7</sup> So now, what <sup>1</sup> is my longing?  
O Lord, my hope <sup>1</sup> is in you.
- <sup>8</sup> Deliver me from all <sup>1</sup> my transgressions  
and do not make me  
the taunt <sup>1</sup> of the fool.
- <sup>9</sup> I fell silent  
and did not o- <sup>1</sup> pen my mouth,  
for surely it was <sup>1</sup> you that did it.
- <sup>10</sup> Take your af- <sup>1</sup> fliction from me;  
I am worn down  
by the blows <sup>1</sup> of your hand.
- <sup>11</sup> With rebukes for sin you punish us;  
like a moth you eat away  
<sup>1</sup> all we treasure;  
truly, everyone is but a <sup>1</sup> puff of  
wind.
- <sup>12</sup> Hear my prayer, O LORD,  
and listen to my cry;  
do not shut your ears <sup>1</sup> to my weeping.  
For I am but a sojourner with you,  
a passing guest,  
as all my <sup>1</sup> forebears were.
- <sup>13</sup> Turn your gaze from me,  
that I may <sup>1</sup> smile again,  
before I go my way and <sup>1</sup> am no more.”

## 40

- <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently up- <sup>1</sup> on the LORD,  
who stooped to me  
and <sup>1</sup> heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD lifted me  
out of the desolate pit,  
out of the <sup>1</sup> miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff,  
making my <sup>1</sup> footing sure.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise <sup>1</sup> to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies  
or to those who <sup>1</sup> follow lies.



- <sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done,  
O LORD my God!  
In your plans for us,  
none can be com-<sup>1</sup>pared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known  
and tell them!  
But they are more than <sup>1</sup>I can count.
- <sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering  
you do <sup>1</sup>not desire;  
you have opened my ears:  
burnt-offering and sin-offering  
you have <sup>1</sup>not required.
- <sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I <sup>1</sup>am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book  
it is writ-<sup>1</sup>ten of me:
- <sup>8</sup> "I love to do your will, <sup>1</sup>O my God;  
your law is <sup>1</sup>deep within me."
- <sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness  
in the <sup>1</sup>great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips,  
O <sup>1</sup>LORD, you know.
- <sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your righteousness  
in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and <sup>1</sup>your deliverance;  
I have not concealed  
your steadfast love and truth  
from the <sup>1</sup>great assembly.
- <sup>11</sup> You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compas-<sup>1</sup>sion  
from me;  
may your steadfast love  
and your truth  
continually <sup>1</sup>keep me safe.
- <sup>12</sup> For troubles without number  
have crowded upon me;  
my sins have overtaken me,  
and I <sup>1</sup>cannot see;  
they are more than  
the hairs of my head,  
and <sup>1</sup>my heart fails me.
- <sup>13</sup> Be pleased, O LORD, to de-<sup>1</sup>liver me;  
O LORD, make <sup>1</sup>haste to help me.
- <sup>14</sup> Let them be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed  
who seek after my life <sup>1</sup>to destroy it;  
let them draw back and be disgraced  
who delight in <sup>1</sup>my misfortune.
- <sup>15</sup> Let those who say "A-<sup>1</sup> ha, aha!"  
be appalled at <sup>1</sup>their own shame.
- <sup>16</sup> Let all who seek you  
rejoice in you <sup>1</sup>and be glad;  
let those who love your salvation  
continually say,  
"Great <sup>1</sup>is the LORD!"
- <sup>17</sup> Though I am poor and afflicted,  
the LORD has <sup>1</sup>plans for me.  
You are my help and my savior;  
do not delay, <sup>1</sup>O my God.

## 41

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they who re-<sup>1</sup>gard the poor!  
The LORD will deliver them  
in the <sup>1</sup>time of trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD protects and revives them,  
those blessed <sup>1</sup>in the land,  
and does not hand them over  
to the power <sup>1</sup>of their enemies.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD sustains them  
<sup>1</sup>on their sickbed  
and ministers to them  
<sup>1</sup>in their illness.
- <sup>4</sup> I said, "LORD, be merci-<sup>1</sup>ful to me;  
heal me,  
for I have <sup>1</sup>sinned against you."
- <sup>5</sup> My enemies are saying  
wicked <sup>1</sup>things about me,  
asking when I will die,  
and <sup>1</sup>my name perish.
- <sup>6</sup> Even if they come to see me,  
they speak <sup>1</sup>empty words;  
their heart collects false rumors;  
they go out-<sup>1</sup>side and spread them.
- <sup>7</sup> All my enemies  
whisper togeth-<sup>1</sup>er about me  
and devise e-<sup>1</sup>vil against me.
- <sup>8</sup> "A deadly thing," they say,  
"has fas-<sup>1</sup>tened on him;  
he has taken to his bed  
and will never get <sup>1</sup>up again."
- <sup>9</sup> Even my best friend, whom I trusted,  
who broke <sup>1</sup>bread with me,  
has violently <sup>1</sup>turned against me.

<sup>10</sup> But you, O LORD,  
be merciful to me and <sup>1</sup>raise me up,  
and I <sup>1</sup>shall repay them.

<sup>11</sup> By this I know  
you are <sup>1</sup>pleased with me:  
that my enemy  
does not triumph <sup>1</sup>over me.

<sup>12</sup> In my integrity you <sup>1</sup>hold me fast,  
and shall set me  
before your <sup>1</sup>face forever.

<sup>13</sup> Blessed be the LORD <sup>1</sup>God of Israel,  
from age to age. A- <sup>1</sup>men. Amen.

## 42

<sup>1</sup> As the deer  
longs <sup>1</sup>for the water-brooks,  
so longs my soul for <sup>1</sup>you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> I thirst for God, for the <sup>1</sup>living God;  
when shall I come to appear  
before the pres- <sup>1</sup>ence of God?

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food  
<sup>1</sup>day and night,  
while all day long they say to me,  
“Where now <sup>1</sup>is your God?”

<sup>4</sup> I pour out my soul  
when I think <sup>1</sup>on these things;  
how I went with the multitude  
and led them into the house of God,  
with shouts of thanksgiving,  
among those <sup>1</sup>keeping festival.

<sup>5</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness,  
O my soul, and why are you  
so disquiet- <sup>1</sup>ed within me?  
Put your trust in God,  
for I will yet give thanks to the one  
who is my help <sup>1</sup>and my God.

<sup>6</sup> My soul is heav- <sup>1</sup>y within me;  
therefore I will remember you  
from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar  
among the <sup>1</sup>heights of Hermon.

<sup>7</sup> One deep calls to another  
in the roar of <sup>1</sup>your cascades;  
all your rapids and floods  
have gone <sup>1</sup>over me.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD grants lovingkindness  
<sup>1</sup>in the daytime;  
in the night season  
the LORD's song is with me,  
a prayer to the God <sup>1</sup>of my life.

<sup>9</sup> I will say to the God of my strength,  
“Why have you re- <sup>1</sup>jected me,  
and why do I wander in such gloom  
while the enemy op- <sup>1</sup>presses me?”

<sup>10</sup> While my bones are being broken,  
my enemies mock me <sup>1</sup>to my face;  
all day long  
they mock me and say to me,  
“Where now <sup>1</sup>is your God?”

<sup>11</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness,  
O my soul, and why are you  
so disquiet- <sup>1</sup>ed within me?  
Put your trust in God,  
for I will yet give thanks to the one  
who is my help <sup>1</sup>and my God.

## 43

<sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause  
against an un- <sup>1</sup>godly people;  
deliver me from the deceitful  
<sup>1</sup>and the wicked.

<sup>2</sup> For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you re- <sup>1</sup>jected me,  
and why do I wander in such gloom  
while the enemy op- <sup>1</sup>presses me?

<sup>3</sup> Send out your light and your truth,  
that <sup>1</sup>they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your <sup>1</sup>sanctuary;

<sup>4</sup> that I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my <sup>1</sup>joy and gladness;  
and on the harp I will give thanks  
to you, O <sup>1</sup>God my God.

<sup>5</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness,  
O my soul, and why are you  
so disquiet- <sup>1</sup>ed within me?  
Put your trust in God,  
for I will yet give thanks to the one  
who is my help <sup>1</sup>and my God.



## 44

- <sup>1</sup> We have heard with our ears, O God,  
our fore-<sup>1</sup> bears have told us,  
what you did in their days,  
in the<sup>1</sup> days of old.
- <sup>2</sup> With your hand  
you drove the nations out  
and plant-<sup>1</sup> ed your people;  
you afflicted peoples  
<sup>1</sup> and dispersed them.
- <sup>3</sup> For they did not take the land  
by their sword,  
nor did their arm  
win the victo-<sup>1</sup> ry for them;  
but your right hand, your arm,  
and the light of your face,  
because you<sup>1</sup> favored them.
- <sup>4</sup> You are my king<sup>1</sup> and my God;  
you command victo-<sup>1</sup> ries for Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup> Through you  
we pushed back our<sup>1</sup> adversaries;  
through your name  
we trampled on those  
who rose<sup>1</sup> up against us.
- <sup>6</sup> For I do not rely<sup>1</sup> on my bow,  
and my sword  
does not give<sup>1</sup> me the victory.
- <sup>7</sup> Surely, you gave us victory  
over our<sup>1</sup> adversaries  
and put those who hate<sup>1</sup> us  
to shame.
- <sup>8</sup> Every day we glo-<sup>1</sup> ried in God,  
and we will praise your<sup>1</sup> name  
forever.
- <sup>9</sup> Nevertheless, you have rejected  
and<sup>1</sup> humbled us  
and do not go forth  
<sup>1</sup> with our armies.
- <sup>10</sup> You have made us fall back  
before our<sup>1</sup> adversary,  
and our enemies  
have<sup>1</sup> plundered us.
- <sup>11</sup> You have made us  
like sheep<sup>1</sup> to be eaten  
and have scattered us  
a-<sup>1</sup> mong the nations.
- <sup>12</sup> You are selling your people<sup>1</sup> for a trifle  
and have kept your price low  
<sup>1</sup> for their sale.
- <sup>13</sup> You have made us the scorn  
<sup>1</sup> of our neighbors,  
a mockery and derision  
to<sup>1</sup> those around us.
- <sup>14</sup> You have made us a byword  
a-<sup>1</sup> mong the nations,  
a laughingstock a-<sup>1</sup> mong the peoples.
- <sup>15</sup> My humiliation is dai-<sup>1</sup> ly before me,  
and shame has cov-<sup>1</sup> ered my face;
- <sup>16</sup> because of the taunts  
of the mockers<sup>1</sup> and blasphemers,  
because of the enemy<sup>1</sup> and avenger.
- <sup>17</sup> All this has<sup>1</sup> come upon us;  
yet we have not forgotten you, nor  
have we be-<sup>1</sup> trayed your covenant.
- <sup>18</sup> Our heart has<sup>1</sup> not turned back,  
nor have our steps strayed  
<sup>1</sup> from your path;
- <sup>19</sup> though you thrust us down  
into a<sup>1</sup> place of misery,  
and covered us over  
<sup>1</sup> with deep darkness.
- <sup>20</sup> If we have forgotten  
the name<sup>1</sup> of our God,  
or stretched out our hands  
to<sup>1</sup> some strange god,
- <sup>21</sup> will not God<sup>1</sup> find it out?  
For God knows the secrets  
<sup>1</sup> of the heart.
- <sup>22</sup> Indeed, for your sake  
we are being killed<sup>1</sup> all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep  
<sup>1</sup> for the slaughter.
- <sup>23</sup> Awake, O Lord! Why<sup>1</sup> are you sleeping?  
Arise! Do not reject<sup>1</sup> us forever.
- <sup>24</sup> Why have you hid-<sup>1</sup> den your face  
and forgotten our affliction  
<sup>1</sup> and oppression?
- <sup>25</sup> We sink down in-<sup>1</sup> to the dust;  
our body cleaves<sup>1</sup> to the ground.
- <sup>26</sup> Rise<sup>1</sup> up, and help us,  
and save us,  
for the sake of your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love.



## 45

- <sup>1</sup> My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite  
what I have fashioned <sup>1</sup> for the king;  
my tongue shall be the pen  
of a <sup>1</sup> skillful writer.
- <sup>2</sup> You are the noblest  
a- <sup>1</sup> mong the people;  
grace flows from your lips, because  
God has blessed <sup>1</sup> you forever.
- <sup>3</sup> Strap your sword upon your thigh,  
O <sup>1</sup> mighty warrior,  
in your pride and <sup>1</sup> in your majesty.
- <sup>4</sup> Ride out and conquer  
in the cause of truth  
and for the <sup>1</sup> sake of justice.  
Your right hand will show you  
<sup>1</sup> marvelous things.
- <sup>5</sup> Your arrows have been sharpened;  
people fall <sup>1</sup> under you;  
and the enemies of the <sup>1</sup> king  
lose heart.
- <sup>6</sup> Your throne, O God, endures  
forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
a scepter of righteousness  
is the scepter <sup>1</sup> of your kingdom.
- <sup>7</sup> You love righteousness  
and <sup>1</sup> hate iniquity;  
therefore God, your God,  
has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness  
above <sup>1</sup> your companions.
- <sup>8</sup> All your garments are fragrant  
with myrrh, al- <sup>1</sup> oes, and cassia,  
and the music of strings  
from ivory palaces <sup>1</sup> makes you glad.
- <sup>9</sup> Kings' daughters stand  
among the ladies <sup>1</sup> of the court;  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the <sup>1</sup> gold of Ophir.
- <sup>10</sup> "Hear, O daughter;  
consider and <sup>1</sup> listen closely;  
forget your people  
and your <sup>1</sup> father's house.
- <sup>11</sup> The king will de- <sup>1</sup> sire your beauty;  
he is your master,  
so <sup>1</sup> bow before him.

<sup>12</sup> The city of <sup>1</sup> Tyre brings tribute;  
the wealthiest of the people  
<sup>1</sup> seek your favor."

<sup>13</sup> All glorious is the princess  
<sup>1</sup> as she enters;  
her gown is <sup>1</sup> cloth-of-gold.

<sup>14</sup> In embroidered apparel  
she is brought <sup>1</sup> to the king;  
after her the bridesmaids  
follow <sup>1</sup> in procession.

<sup>15</sup> With joy and gladness  
<sup>1</sup> they are brought,  
and enter into the palace  
<sup>1</sup> of the king.

<sup>16</sup> "In place of ancestors, O king,  
you <sup>1</sup> shall have sons;  
you shall make them princes  
over <sup>1</sup> all the earth.

<sup>17</sup> I will make your name  
to be remembered  
from one generation <sup>1</sup> to another;  
therefore nations will praise you  
forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever."

## 46

- <sup>1</sup> God is our ref- <sup>1</sup> uge and strength,  
a very present <sup>1</sup> help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear,  
though the <sup>1</sup> earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake  
in the depths <sup>1</sup> of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters <sup>1</sup> rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble  
<sup>1</sup> with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams  
make glad the cit- <sup>1</sup> y of God,  
the holy habitation  
of <sup>1</sup> the Most High.
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city;  
it shall <sup>1</sup> not be shaken;  
God shall help it  
at the <sup>1</sup> break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> The nations rage,  
and the <sup>1</sup> kingdoms shake;  
God speaks,  
and the earth <sup>1</sup> melts away.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of <sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup> is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> Come now,  
regard the works <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
what desolations  
God has brought up- <sup>1</sup> on the earth;

<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease  
in <sup>1</sup> all the world;  
who breaks the bow,  
and shatters the spear,  
and burns the <sup>1</sup> shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> “Be still, then,  
and know that <sup>1</sup> I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted <sup>1</sup> in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of <sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup> is our stronghold.

## 47

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, <sup>1</sup> all you peoples;  
shout to God with a <sup>1</sup> joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup> For the LORD Most High  
is <sup>1</sup> to be feared:  
a great king over <sup>1</sup> all the earth,

<sup>3</sup> who subdues the <sup>1</sup> peoples under us,  
and the nations un- <sup>1</sup> der our feet;

<sup>4</sup> who chooses our inheri- <sup>1</sup> tance for us,  
the pride of Jacob,  
<sup>1</sup> whom God loves.

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up <sup>1</sup> with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound  
<sup>1</sup> of the ram’s horn.

<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to <sup>1</sup> God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our <sup>1</sup> king,  
sing praises.

<sup>7</sup> For God is king of <sup>1</sup> all the earth;  
sing praises <sup>1</sup> with a song.

<sup>8</sup> God reigns o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations;  
God is en- <sup>1</sup> throned on high.

<sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples  
have gathered  
as the people of the <sup>1</sup> God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth  
belong to God,  
who is high- <sup>1</sup> ly exalted.

## 48

<sup>1</sup> Great is the LORD,  
and highly <sup>1</sup> to be praised,  
in the city of our God,  
on the LORD’s <sup>1</sup> holy mountain.

<sup>2</sup> Beautiful and lofty,  
the joy of all the earth, <sup>1</sup> is Mount Zion,  
the summit of the north  
and city of <sup>1</sup> the great king.

<sup>3</sup> God is in the citadels <sup>1</sup> of Jerusalem;  
revealed to be the sure refuge  
<sup>1</sup> of the city.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, the <sup>1</sup> kings assembled  
and marched for- <sup>1</sup> ward together.

<sup>5</sup> As they looked, they <sup>1</sup> were astounded;  
dismayed, they <sup>1</sup> fled in terror.

<sup>6</sup> Trembling <sup>1</sup> seized them there;  
they writhed  
like a wo- <sup>1</sup> man in childbirth;

<sup>7</sup> with an east wind you <sup>1</sup> shattered them  
like the <sup>1</sup> ships of Tarshish.

<sup>8</sup> As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the LORD of hosts,  
in the city <sup>1</sup> of our God—  
may God establish <sup>1</sup> it forever!

<sup>9</sup> In the midst of your tem- <sup>1</sup> ple, O God,  
we meditate on your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.

<sup>10</sup> Your praise, like your name, O God,  
reaches to the ends <sup>1</sup> of the earth;  
your right hand  
is <sup>1</sup> full of righteousness.

<sup>11</sup> Let Mount Zion be glad  
and the towns of Ju- <sup>1</sup> dah rejoice,  
because <sup>1</sup> of your judgments.

<sup>12</sup> Make the circuit of Zion;  
walk <sup>1</sup> round about it;  
count the number  
of the <sup>1</sup> city’s towers.

<sup>13</sup> Consider well its ramparts;  
exam- <sup>1</sup> ine its strongholds;  
that you may tell  
those <sup>1</sup> who come after.

<sup>14</sup> Mark this—  
God is our God forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
guiding us even <sup>1</sup> to the end.



## 49

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, <sup>1</sup> all you peoples;  
give ear,  
all you who dwell <sup>1</sup> in the world,  
<sup>2</sup> you of high de- <sup>1</sup> gree and low,  
rich and <sup>1</sup> poor together.  
<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall <sup>1</sup> speak of wisdom,  
and my heart  
shall meditate on <sup>1</sup> understanding.  
<sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear <sup>1</sup> to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle  
up- <sup>1</sup> on the harp.  
<sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in <sup>1</sup> evil days,  
when the wickedness  
of those at my <sup>1</sup> heels surrounds me,  
<sup>6</sup> the wickedness of those who trust  
in <sup>1</sup> their own prowess,  
and boast of <sup>1</sup> their great riches?  
<sup>7</sup> One can never re- <sup>1</sup> deem another,  
or give to God the ransom  
for an- <sup>1</sup> other's life;  
<sup>8</sup> for the ransom of a life <sup>1</sup> is so great  
that there would never be  
e- <sup>1</sup> nough to pay it,  
<sup>9</sup> in order to live forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever  
and never <sup>1</sup> see the grave.  
<sup>10</sup> For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stu- <sup>1</sup> pid they perish  
and leave their wealth  
to those who come <sup>1</sup> after them.  
<sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes  
forever, their dwelling places  
from generation to <sup>1</sup> generation,  
though they had named lands  
af- <sup>1</sup> ter themselves.  
<sup>12</sup> Even though honored,  
they cannot <sup>1</sup> live forever;  
they are like the <sup>1</sup> beasts that perish.  
<sup>13</sup> Such is the way of self-con- <sup>1</sup> fident fools,  
and the end of those  
who delight in <sup>1</sup> their own words.  
<sup>14</sup> Like sheep they are destined to die;  
death will shep- <sup>1</sup> herd and rule them;  
straight away to the grave,  
their form wastes away,  
and Sheol is their splen- <sup>1</sup> did abode.

- <sup>15</sup> But God will ran- <sup>1</sup> som my life  
and will snatch me  
from the <sup>1</sup> grasp of death.  
<sup>16</sup> Do not be envious  
when some <sup>1</sup> become rich,  
or when the grandeur  
of their <sup>1</sup> house increases;  
<sup>17</sup> for they will carry nothing  
away <sup>1</sup> at their death,  
nor will their grandeur  
<sup>1</sup> follow them.  
<sup>18</sup> Though they think highly  
of themselves <sup>1</sup> while they live,  
and are praised for <sup>1</sup> their success,  
<sup>19</sup> they shall join the company  
<sup>1</sup> of their forebears,  
who will never see the <sup>1</sup> light again.  
<sup>20</sup> Those who are honored,  
but have no <sup>1</sup> understanding,  
are like the <sup>1</sup> beasts that perish.

## 50

- <sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the <sup>1</sup> LORD,  
has spoken;  
calling the earth  
from the rising of the sun  
<sup>1</sup> to its setting.  
<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect <sup>1</sup> in its beauty,  
God shines <sup>1</sup> forth in glory.  
<sup>3</sup> Our God will come  
and will <sup>1</sup> not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before,  
and round about a <sup>1</sup> raging storm.  
<sup>4</sup> God calls the heavens and the earth  
<sup>1</sup> from above  
to witness the judgment  
<sup>1</sup> of the people.  
<sup>5</sup> "Gather before me  
my <sup>1</sup> loyal followers,  
those who have made  
a covenant with me  
and sealed <sup>1</sup> it with sacrifice."  
<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare  
the rightness <sup>1</sup> of God's cause,  
for it is God <sup>1</sup> who is judge.



7 "Listen, my people, and I will speak:  
Israel, I will bear witness  
against you;  
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you  
because of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings  
are always before me.

9 I will not accept a calf  
from your stalls,  
nor goats from your pens;

10 for all the wild animals of the forest  
are mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.

11 I know every bird of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the fields  
are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine  
and all that is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God  
a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows  
to the Most High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you,  
and you shall honor me."

16 But to the wicked God says:  
"Why do you recite my statutes,  
and take my covenant  
upon your lips;

17 since you refuse discipline,  
and throw my words  
behind your back?

18 You make friends with a thief  
when you see one,  
and you cast in your lot  
with adulterers.

19 You have loosed your lips for evil,  
and your tongue devises deceit.

20 You are always speaking evil  
of your kin  
and slandering  
your own mother's child.

21 These things you have done,  
and I kept still,  
and you thought that I am like you.  
I have made my accusation;  
I have put my case  
in order before you.

22 Consider this well,  
you who forget God,  
lest I tear you apart  
and there be none to deliver you.

23 Whoever offers me  
a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;  
I will show the salvation of God  
to those who go the right way."

## 51

1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion  
blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through  
from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak  
and right in your judgment.

5 Indeed, I was born  
steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

6 Indeed, you delight in truth  
deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom  
deep within.

7 Remove my sins with hyssop,  
and I shall be clean;  
wash me,  
and I shall be purer than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken  
may rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup> heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- <sup>1</sup> it within me.

<sup>11</sup> Cast me not away <sup>1</sup> from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- <sup>1</sup> it  
from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of <sup>1</sup> your salvation  
and sustain me  
with your boun- <sup>1</sup> tiful Spirit.

<sup>13</sup> Let me teach your ways <sup>1</sup> to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- <sup>1</sup> stored  
to you.

<sup>14</sup> Rescue me from bloodshed,  
O God of <sup>1</sup> my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing  
<sup>1</sup> of your righteousness.

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, o- <sup>1</sup> pen my lips,  
and my mouth  
shall pro- <sup>1</sup> claim your praise.

<sup>16</sup> For you take no delight in sacrifice,  
or <sup>1</sup> I would give it.  
You are not pleased  
<sup>1</sup> with burnt offering.

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice of God  
is a <sup>1</sup> troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God,  
you will <sup>1</sup> not despise.

<sup>18</sup> Favor Zion with <sup>1</sup> your good pleasure;  
build up the walls <sup>1</sup> of Jerusalem.

<sup>19</sup> Then you will delight  
in the appointed sacrifices,  
in burnt <sup>1</sup> and whole offerings;  
then young bulls shall be offered  
up- <sup>1</sup> on your altar.

## 52

<sup>1</sup> You mighty,  
why do you <sup>1</sup> boast of wickedness  
against the godly <sup>1</sup> all day long?

<sup>2</sup> Continually <sup>1</sup> you plot ruin;  
your tongue  
is like a sharpened razor  
that com- <sup>1</sup> mits deceit.

<sup>3</sup> You love evil <sup>1</sup> more than good  
and lying  
more than speak- <sup>1</sup> ing the truth.

<sup>4</sup> You love all words <sup>1</sup> that devour,  
O you de- <sup>1</sup> ceitful tongue.

<sup>5</sup> Oh, that God would  
demol- <sup>1</sup> ish you utterly,  
topple you,  
and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out  
of the land <sup>1</sup> of the living!

<sup>6</sup> The righteous shall see  
<sup>1</sup> and be awestruck,  
and they shall laugh <sup>1</sup> at you,  
saying,

<sup>7</sup> "This is the one  
who did not take God <sup>1</sup> for a refuge,  
but trusted in great wealth  
and found strength <sup>1</sup> in destruction."

<sup>8</sup> But I am like a green olive tree  
in the <sup>1</sup> house of God;  
I trust in the steadfast love of God  
forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever.

<sup>9</sup> I will thank you forever  
for what <sup>1</sup> you have done;  
in the presence of the faithful  
I will long for your name,  
for <sup>1</sup> it is good.

## 53

<sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts,  
"There <sup>1</sup> is no God."

They are corrupt,  
every deed is vile;  
there is no one  
who does <sup>1</sup> any good.

<sup>2</sup> God looks down from heaven  
up- <sup>1</sup> on us all,  
to see if there is anyone  
who is wise,  
who seeks <sup>1</sup> after God.

<sup>3</sup> They have all proved faithless;  
all alike <sup>1</sup> have turned bad;  
there is none who does good,  
<sup>1</sup> no, not one.

<sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge,  
those <sup>1</sup> evildoers  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call <sup>1</sup> upon God?



<sup>5</sup> See how greatly they tremble,  
such trembling as <sup>1</sup> never was;  
for God has scattered  
the bones of the enemy;  
they are put to shame,  
because God has re-<sup>1</sup>jected them.

<sup>6</sup> Oh, that Israel's deliverance  
would come <sup>1</sup> out of Zion!  
When God restores  
the fortunes of the people,  
Jacob will rejoice  
and Israel <sup>1</sup> will be glad.

## 54

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, <sup>1</sup> by your name;  
in your might, de-<sup>1</sup>fend my cause.  
<sup>2</sup> Hear my <sup>1</sup> prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words <sup>1</sup> of my mouth.  
<sup>3</sup> For strangers have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have <sup>1</sup> sought my life,  
those who have no re-<sup>1</sup>gard  
for God.  
<sup>4</sup> Behold, God <sup>1</sup> is my helper;  
it is the Lord  
who sus-<sup>1</sup>tains my life.  
<sup>5</sup> Render evil to those who <sup>1</sup> spy on me;  
in your faithful-<sup>1</sup>ness,  
destroy them.  
<sup>6</sup> I will offer you a <sup>1</sup> freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O LORD,  
for <sup>1</sup> it is good.  
<sup>7</sup> For you have rescued me  
from <sup>1</sup> every trouble,  
and my eye looks down  
<sup>1</sup> on my enemies.

## 55

<sup>1</sup> Hear my <sup>1</sup> prayer, O God;  
do not hide yourself  
from <sup>1</sup> my petition.  
<sup>2</sup> Listen to me and <sup>1</sup> answer me;  
I am restless in my complaint;  
I <sup>1</sup> am distraught,

<sup>3</sup> because of the noise of the enemy  
and the oppression <sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
for they bring evil upon me  
and are set against <sup>1</sup> me in fury.

<sup>4</sup> My heart <sup>1</sup> quakes within me,  
and the terrors of death  
have fall-<sup>1</sup>en upon me.

<sup>5</sup> Fear and trembling  
have come <sup>1</sup> over me,  
and horror <sup>1</sup> overwhelms me.

<sup>6</sup> I said,  
"Oh, that I had wings <sup>1</sup> like a dove!  
I would fly away and <sup>1</sup> be at rest.

<sup>7</sup> I would flee to a <sup>1</sup> far-off place  
and make my lodging  
<sup>1</sup> in the wilderness.

<sup>8</sup> I would hurry to find shelter  
<sup>1</sup> for myself  
from the stormy <sup>1</sup> wind  
and tempest."

<sup>9</sup> Confuse them, Lord,  
con-<sup>1</sup>found their speech  
for I have seen violence and strife  
<sup>1</sup> in the city.

<sup>10</sup> Day and night the sentries  
make their rounds up-<sup>1</sup>on its walls,  
but the real trouble and misery  
are in the midst <sup>1</sup> of the city.

<sup>11</sup> There is corruption with-<sup>1</sup> in the city;  
its streets are never free  
of oppression <sup>1</sup> and deceit.

<sup>12</sup> For had it been an adversary  
who taunted me,  
then I <sup>1</sup> could have borne it;  
or had it been an enemy  
who rose up against me,  
then I could have hidden  
<sup>1</sup> from that danger.

<sup>13</sup> But it was you,  
one after <sup>1</sup> my own heart,  
my companion,  
my own fa-<sup>1</sup>miliar friend,

<sup>14</sup> with whom I kept <sup>1</sup> pleasant company  
and walked with the throng  
in the <sup>1</sup> house of God.



<sup>15</sup> Let death come upon them suddenly;  
let them go down alive in-<sup>1</sup> to the grave;  
for wickedness is in their dwellings,  
in their<sup>1</sup> very midst.

<sup>16</sup> But I will call<sup>1</sup> upon God,  
and the LORD will de-<sup>1</sup> liver me.

<sup>17</sup> In the evening, in the morning,  
and at noonday,  
I will complain<sup>1</sup> and lament,  
and God will<sup>1</sup> hear my voice.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD will bring me safely back  
from the battle<sup>1</sup> waged against me;  
for there are man-<sup>1</sup> y who fight me.

<sup>19</sup> God, who is enthroned of old,  
will hear me and<sup>1</sup> bring them down;  
because they never change  
and do<sup>1</sup> not fear God.

<sup>20</sup> This friend of mine laid<sup>1</sup> hands on me,  
and has brok-<sup>1</sup> en our covenant.

<sup>21</sup> My friend's speech  
is smoother than butter,  
but war<sup>1</sup> lurks within;  
my friend's words,  
as soothing as lotion,  
are in<sup>1</sup> fact drawn swords.

<sup>22</sup> Cast your burden upon the LORD,  
who<sup>1</sup> will sustain you,  
who will never  
let the<sup>1</sup> righteous stumble.

<sup>23</sup> But you, O God,  
will bring murderers and deceivers  
down to the<sup>1</sup> lowest pit;  
they will not live out half their days,  
but I will put my<sup>1</sup> trust in you.

## 56

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
for people are<sup>1</sup> hounding me;  
all day long  
they assault<sup>1</sup> and oppress me.

<sup>2</sup> My enemies hound me all<sup>1</sup> the day long;  
truly there are many who fight  
against me<sup>1</sup> from high ground.

<sup>3</sup> Whenever I<sup>1</sup> am afraid,  
I will put my<sup>1</sup> trust in you.

<sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust and will not<sup>1</sup> be afraid,  
for what can flesh<sup>1</sup> do to me?

<sup>5</sup> All day long they dam-<sup>1</sup> age my cause;  
their only thought  
is to<sup>1</sup> do me harm.

<sup>6</sup> They band together; they<sup>1</sup> lie in wait;  
they spy upon my footsteps;  
because they<sup>1</sup> seek my life.

<sup>7</sup> Deliver them o-<sup>1</sup> ver to trouble;  
O God, in your anger,  
cast<sup>1</sup> down the peoples.

<sup>8</sup> You have noted my lamentation;  
put my tears in-<sup>1</sup> to your bottle;  
are they not recorded<sup>1</sup> in your book?

<sup>9</sup> Whenever I call upon you,  
my enemies will be<sup>1</sup> put to flight;  
this I know, for God is<sup>1</sup> on my side.

<sup>10</sup> In God, whose<sup>1</sup> word I praise;  
in the LORD, whose<sup>1</sup> word I praise—

<sup>11</sup> in God I trust and will not<sup>1</sup> be afraid,  
for what can mortals<sup>1</sup> do to me?

<sup>12</sup> I am bound by the vow  
I made to<sup>1</sup> you, O God;  
I will present to<sup>1</sup> you thank-offerings;

<sup>13</sup> for you have rescued  
my soul from death  
and my<sup>1</sup> feet from stumbling,  
that I may walk before God  
in the light<sup>1</sup> of the living.

## 57

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful,  
for I have taken ref-<sup>1</sup> uge in you;  
in the shadow of your wings  
will I take refuge  
until this time of trouble  
<sup>1</sup> has gone by.

<sup>2</sup> I will call upon the<sup>1</sup> Most High God,  
the God who is with me<sup>1</sup> to the end.

<sup>3</sup> O God, you will send from heaven  
and save me, rebuking those  
who tram-<sup>1</sup> ple upon me,  
you will send forth  
your love<sup>1</sup> and your faithfulness.

<sup>4</sup> I lie in the midst of lions  
that de-<sup>1</sup>vour the people;  
their teeth are spears and arrows,  
their tongue <sup>1</sup>a sharp sword.

<sup>5</sup> Exalt yourself above the heav-<sup>1</sup>ens,  
O God,  
and your glory over <sup>1</sup>all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> They have laid a net for my feet,  
and I <sup>1</sup>am bowed low;  
they have dug a pit before me,  
but have fallen into <sup>1</sup>it themselves.

<sup>7</sup> My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my <sup>1</sup>heart is steadfast;  
I will sing <sup>1</sup>and make melody.

<sup>8</sup> Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, <sup>1</sup>lute and harp;  
I myself will wak-<sup>1</sup>en the dawn.

<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you  
among the peo-<sup>1</sup>ples, O LORD;  
I will sing praise to you  
a-<sup>1</sup>mong the nations.

<sup>10</sup> For your steadfast love  
is greater <sup>1</sup>than the heavens,  
and your faithfulness  
reaches <sup>1</sup>to the clouds.

<sup>11</sup> Exalt yourself above the heav-<sup>1</sup>ens,  
O God,  
and your glory over <sup>1</sup>all the earth.

## 58

<sup>1</sup> Do you indeed decree righteous-<sup>1</sup>ness,  
you gods?

Do you judge the peo-<sup>1</sup>ples  
with equity?

<sup>2</sup> No; you devise evil <sup>1</sup>in your hearts,  
and your hands  
deal out violence <sup>1</sup>in the earth.

<sup>3</sup> The wicked are perverse  
<sup>1</sup>from the womb;  
liars go astray <sup>1</sup>from their birth.

<sup>4</sup> They are as venomous  
<sup>1</sup>as a serpent;  
they are like the deaf adder,  
which <sup>1</sup>stops its ears,

<sup>5</sup> which does not heed  
the voice <sup>1</sup>of the charmer,  
no matter how skill-<sup>1</sup>ful  
the charming.

<sup>6</sup> O God, break their teeth  
<sup>1</sup>in their mouths;  
pull the fangs of the young li-<sup>1</sup>ons,  
O LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Let them vanish  
like water <sup>1</sup>that runs off;  
let them wither  
like <sup>1</sup>trodden grass.

<sup>8</sup> Let them be like the snail  
that <sup>1</sup>melts away,  
like an untimely birth  
that never <sup>1</sup>sees the sun.

<sup>9</sup> Sooner than your pots  
can feel the heat of thorns,  
whether green <sup>1</sup>or ablaze,  
may they be <sup>1</sup>swept away.

<sup>10</sup> The righteous will be glad  
when they <sup>1</sup>see the vengeance;  
they will bathe their feet  
in the blood <sup>1</sup>of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup> Then all will say, "Surely, there is  
a reward <sup>1</sup>for the righteous;  
surely, there is a God  
who rules <sup>1</sup>in the earth."

## 59

<sup>1</sup> Rescue me from my ene-<sup>1</sup>mies, O God;  
protect me from those  
who rise <sup>1</sup>up against me.

<sup>2</sup> Rescue me from <sup>1</sup>evildoers  
and save me from those  
who thirst <sup>1</sup>for my blood.

<sup>3</sup> See how they lie in wait for my life,  
how the mighty gather togeth-<sup>1</sup>er  
against me;  
not for any offense or fault  
of <sup>1</sup>mine, O LORD.

<sup>4</sup> Though I did no wrong,  
they run around <sup>1</sup>and prepare;  
rouse yourself,  
come to my <sup>1</sup>side, and see.



<sup>5</sup> For you, LORD God of hosts,  
are <sup>1</sup> Israel's God.

Awake, and attend  
to all the nations;  
show no mercy to those  
who are faith- <sup>1</sup>less and evil.

<sup>6</sup> They go to and fro <sup>1</sup> in the evening;  
they snarl like dogs  
and run a- <sup>1</sup>bout the city.

<sup>7</sup> Their mouths spew forth,  
with swords be- <sup>1</sup>tween their lips;  
“For who,” they <sup>1</sup>say, “will hear us?”

<sup>8</sup> But you, O LORD, you <sup>1</sup>laugh at them;  
you laugh all the na- <sup>1</sup>tions to scorn.

<sup>9</sup> I will watch for you, <sup>1</sup> O my strength;  
for you, O God, <sup>1</sup>are my fortress.

<sup>10</sup> My merciful God <sup>1</sup>comes to meet me;  
God will let me look in triumph  
<sup>1</sup>on my enemies.

<sup>11</sup> Slay them, O God,  
lest my peo- <sup>1</sup>ple forget;  
send them reeling by your might  
and put them down,  
O <sup>1</sup>Lord our shield.

<sup>12</sup> For the sins of their mouths,  
for the words of their lips,  
for the cursing and lies <sup>1</sup>that they utter,  
let them be caught <sup>1</sup>in their pride.

<sup>13</sup> Make an end of them in your wrath;  
make an end of them,  
and they shall <sup>1</sup>be no more.  
Let everyone know  
that God rules in Jacob,  
and to the ends <sup>1</sup>of the earth.

<sup>14</sup> They go to and fro <sup>1</sup> in the evening;  
they snarl like dogs  
and run a- <sup>1</sup>bout the city.

<sup>15</sup> They for- <sup>1</sup>age for food,  
and if they are not <sup>1</sup>filled, they howl.

<sup>16</sup> For my part, I will sing of your strength;  
I will celebrate your love  
<sup>1</sup>in the morning;  
for you have become my stronghold,  
a refuge in the day <sup>1</sup>of my trouble.

<sup>17</sup> To you, O my strength, <sup>1</sup> I will sing;  
for you, O God, are my fortress  
and my mer- <sup>1</sup>ciful God.

## 60

<sup>1</sup> O God, you have cast us off  
and <sup>1</sup>broken us;  
you have been angry;  
now take us <sup>1</sup>back to you.

<sup>2</sup> You have shaken the earth  
and <sup>1</sup>split it open;  
repair the cracks in it,  
<sup>1</sup>for it totters.

<sup>3</sup> You have made your peo- <sup>1</sup>ple  
know hardship;  
you have given us wine  
that <sup>1</sup>makes us stagger.

<sup>4</sup> You have set up a banner  
for <sup>1</sup>those who fear you,  
to be a refuge  
from the power <sup>1</sup>of the bow.

<sup>5</sup> Save us by your right hand  
and <sup>1</sup>answer us,  
that those who are dear to you  
may <sup>1</sup>be delivered.

<sup>6</sup> God spoke from the holy <sup>1</sup>place  
and said:  
“I will exult and parcel out Shechem;  
I will divide the val- <sup>1</sup>ley of Succoth.

<sup>7</sup> Gilead is mine  
and Manas- <sup>1</sup>seh is mine;  
Ephraim is my helmet  
and Ju- <sup>1</sup>dah my scepter.

<sup>8</sup> Moab is my washbasin;  
I throw down my sandal <sup>1</sup>upon Edom,  
and over Philistia  
will I <sup>1</sup>shout in triumph.”

<sup>9</sup> Who will carry me in procession  
into the for- <sup>1</sup>tified city?  
Who will bring me <sup>1</sup>into Edom?

<sup>10</sup> Have you not cast us <sup>1</sup>off, O God?  
You no longer go out, O God,  
<sup>1</sup>with our armies.

<sup>11</sup> Grant us your help  
a- <sup>1</sup>gainst the enemy,  
for human <sup>1</sup>help is worthless.

<sup>12</sup> With God we will do <sup>1</sup>valiant deeds;  
God shall tread our enemies  
<sup>1</sup>under foot.



## 61

- <sup>1</sup> Hear my <sup>1</sup> cry, O God,  
and listen <sup>1</sup> to my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup> From the end of the earth  
I call upon you  
as my <sup>1</sup> heart grows faint;  
set me upon the rock  
that is high- <sup>1</sup> er than I.
- <sup>3</sup> For you have <sup>1</sup> been my refuge,  
a strong tower a- <sup>1</sup> gainst the enemy.
- <sup>4</sup> I will dwell in your <sup>1</sup> house forever;  
I will take refuge  
under the cover <sup>1</sup> of your wings.
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O God, have <sup>1</sup> heard my vows;  
you have granted me the heritage  
of those who <sup>1</sup> fear your name.
- <sup>6</sup> Add length of days  
to the life <sup>1</sup> of the king;  
let his years extend  
over many <sup>1</sup> generations.
- <sup>7</sup> Let the king sit enthroned  
before <sup>1</sup> God forever;  
bid love and faithfulness  
watch <sup>1</sup> over him.
- <sup>8</sup> So will I always sing  
the praise <sup>1</sup> of your name,  
and day by day  
I will ful- <sup>1</sup> fill my vows.

## 62

- <sup>1</sup> For God alone I <sup>1</sup> wait in silence;  
from God comes <sup>1</sup> my salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> God alone is my rock and <sup>1</sup> my salvation,  
my stronghold,  
so that I shall nev- <sup>1</sup> er be shaken.
- <sup>3</sup> How long will all of you  
assail <sup>1</sup> me to crush me  
as if I were a leaning fence,  
a <sup>1</sup> toppling wall?
- <sup>4</sup> They seek only to bring me down  
from my place of honor;  
they take plea- <sup>1</sup> sure in lies.  
They bless with their lips,  
but in their <sup>1</sup> hearts they curse.

- <sup>5</sup> For God alone I <sup>1</sup> wait in silence;  
truly, my hope <sup>1</sup> is in God.
- <sup>6</sup> God alone is my rock  
and <sup>1</sup> my salvation,  
my stronghold,  
so that I shall nev- <sup>1</sup> er be shaken.
- <sup>7</sup> In God is my deliverance  
<sup>1</sup> and my honor;  
God is my strong rock  
<sup>1</sup> and my refuge.
- <sup>8</sup> Put your trust in God al- <sup>1</sup> ways,  
O people,  
pour out your hearts  
before the one who <sup>1</sup> is our refuge.
- <sup>9</sup> Those of high degree  
are but a fleeting breath;  
those of low estate can- <sup>1</sup> not be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together  
they weigh even less <sup>1</sup> than a breath.
- <sup>10</sup> Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no <sup>1</sup> empty pride;  
though wealth increase,  
set not your <sup>1</sup> heart upon it.
- <sup>11</sup> God has spoken once,  
twice <sup>1</sup> have I heard it,  
that power be- <sup>1</sup> longs to God.
- <sup>12</sup> Steadfast love belongs to <sup>1</sup> you, O Lord,  
for you repay all  
according <sup>1</sup> to their deeds.

## 63

- <sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God;  
eager- <sup>1</sup> ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you,  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land  
where there <sup>1</sup> is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore I have gazed upon you  
in your <sup>1</sup> holy place,  
that I might behold your power  
<sup>1</sup> and your glory.
- <sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love  
is better than <sup>1</sup> life itself;  
my lips shall <sup>1</sup> give you praise.
- <sup>4</sup> So will I bless you as long <sup>1</sup> as I live  
and lift up my hands <sup>1</sup> in your name.

- <sup>5</sup> My spirit is content,  
as with the rich-<sup>1</sup> est of foods,  
and my mouth praises you  
with <sup>1</sup> joyful lips,
- <sup>6</sup> when I remember you up-<sup>1</sup> on my bed,  
and meditate on you  
in <sup>1</sup> the night watches.
- <sup>7</sup> For you have <sup>1</sup> been my helper,  
and under the shadow  
of your wings  
I <sup>1</sup> will rejoice.
- <sup>8</sup> My whole being <sup>1</sup> clings to you;  
your right hand <sup>1</sup> holds me fast.
- <sup>9</sup> May those who seek my life  
<sup>1</sup> to destroy it  
go down into the depths  
<sup>1</sup> of the earth;
- <sup>10</sup> let them be thrown  
upon the edge <sup>1</sup> of the sword,  
and let them be <sup>1</sup> food for jackals.
- <sup>11</sup> But the king will rejoice in God;  
all those who swear by God's name  
<sup>1</sup> will be glad;  
for the mouth of those  
who speak lies <sup>1</sup> shall be stopped.

## 64

- <sup>1</sup> Hear my voice, O God,  
when <sup>1</sup> I complain;  
protect my life  
from fear <sup>1</sup> of the enemy.
- <sup>2</sup> Hide me from the conspiracy  
<sup>1</sup> of the wicked,  
from the mob of <sup>1</sup> evildoers.
- <sup>3</sup> They sharpen their tongue  
<sup>1</sup> like a sword,  
and aim their bitter <sup>1</sup> words  
like arrows,
- <sup>4</sup> that they may shoot down  
the blame-<sup>1</sup> less from ambush;  
they shoot without warning  
and are <sup>1</sup> not afraid.
- <sup>5</sup> They hold fast to their <sup>1</sup> evil course;  
they plan how they  
may <sup>1</sup> hide their snares.

- <sup>6</sup> They say, "Who will see us?  
Who will find <sup>1</sup> out our crimes?  
We have thought out a <sup>1</sup> perfect plot."
- <sup>7</sup> The human mind and heart  
<sup>1</sup> are a mystery;  
but God will loose an arrow at them,  
and suddenly they <sup>1</sup> will be wounded.
- <sup>8</sup> God will make them trip  
o-<sup>1</sup> ver their tongues,  
and all who see them  
will <sup>1</sup> flee in horror.
- <sup>9</sup> Everyone will stand in awe  
and de-<sup>1</sup> clare God's works;  
they will ponder  
what <sup>1</sup> God has done.
- <sup>10</sup> The righteous will rejoice  
and put their trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
and all who are true of <sup>1</sup> heart  
will glory.

## 65

- <sup>1</sup> You are to be praised, O <sup>1</sup> God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows <sup>1</sup> be fulfilled.
- <sup>2</sup> To you, the one who <sup>1</sup> answers prayer,  
to you all <sup>1</sup> flesh shall come.
- <sup>3</sup> Our sins are strong-<sup>1</sup> er than we are,  
but you blot out  
<sup>1</sup> our transgressions.
- <sup>4</sup> Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your <sup>1</sup> courts  
to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied  
by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness <sup>1</sup> of your temple.
- <sup>5</sup> Awesome things will you show us  
in your righteousness,  
O God of <sup>1</sup> our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the oceans <sup>1</sup> far away.
- <sup>6</sup> You make firm the mountains  
<sup>1</sup> by your power;  
you are girded a-<sup>1</sup> bout with might.
- <sup>7</sup> You still the roaring <sup>1</sup> of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor <sup>1</sup> of the peoples.



<sup>8</sup> Those who dwell  
at the ends of the earth  
will tremble at your <sup>1</sup> marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk  
to <sup>1</sup> sing for joy.

<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth  
and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is <sup>1</sup> full of water.  
You prepare the grain,  
for so you provide <sup>1</sup> for the earth.

<sup>10</sup> You drench the furrows  
and smooth <sup>1</sup> out the ridges;  
with heavy rain  
you soften the ground  
and <sup>1</sup> bless its increase.

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year  
<sup>1</sup> with your goodness,  
and your paths over- <sup>1</sup> flow  
with plenty.

<sup>12</sup> May the fields of the wilderness  
be <sup>1</sup> rich for grazing,  
and the hills be <sup>1</sup> clothed with joy.

<sup>13</sup> May the meadows  
cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys  
cloak them- <sup>1</sup> selves with grain;  
let them shout for <sup>1</sup> joy and sing.

## 66

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
be joyful, <sup>1</sup> all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing the glory <sup>1</sup> of God's name;  
sing the glory <sup>1</sup> of God's praise.

<sup>3</sup> Say to God,  
"How awesome <sup>1</sup> are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength  
your enemies <sup>1</sup> cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> All the earth bows <sup>1</sup> down before you,  
sings to you,  
sings <sup>1</sup> out your name."

<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the <sup>1</sup> works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds  
<sup>1</sup> toward all people.

<sup>6</sup> God turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went  
through the wa- <sup>1</sup> ter on foot,  
and there we re- <sup>1</sup> joiced in God.

<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might,  
God keeps watch o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations;  
let no rebels ex- <sup>1</sup> alt themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Bless our <sup>1</sup> God, you peoples;  
let the sound of <sup>1</sup> praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us  
a- <sup>1</sup> mong the living  
and has not allowed our <sup>1</sup> feet to slip.

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have <sup>1</sup> tested us;  
you have tried us  
just as sil- <sup>1</sup> ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> You brought us in- <sup>1</sup> to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens  
up- <sup>1</sup> on our backs.

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads;  
we went through <sup>1</sup> fire and water,  
but you brought us out  
into a place <sup>1</sup> of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup> I will enter your house  
<sup>1</sup> with burnt offerings  
and will pay <sup>1</sup> you my vows—

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised <sup>1</sup> with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth  
when I <sup>1</sup> was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> I will offer you burnt offerings  
of fatlings with the <sup>1</sup> smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- <sup>1</sup> en and goats.

<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you <sup>1</sup> who believe,  
and I will tell you  
what God has <sup>1</sup> done for me.

<sup>17</sup> I called out to God <sup>1</sup> with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord  
<sup>1</sup> with my tongue.

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil <sup>1</sup> in my heart,  
the Lord would <sup>1</sup> not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup> but in truth <sup>1</sup> God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound  
<sup>1</sup> of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God,  
who has not reject- <sup>1</sup> ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing <sup>1</sup> love from me.



## 67

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to <sup>1</sup> us  
and bless us;  
may the light of God's face  
<sup>1</sup> shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup> Let your way be known <sup>1</sup> upon earth,  
your saving health  
a- <sup>1</sup> mong all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup> you, O God;  
let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad  
and <sup>1</sup> sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples  
with equity  
and guide all the na- <sup>1</sup> tions on earth.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup> you, O God;  
let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has brought <sup>1</sup> forth  
its increase;  
God, our own <sup>1</sup> God, has blessed us.
- <sup>7</sup> May God <sup>1</sup> give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth  
<sup>1</sup> stand in awe.

## 68

- <sup>1</sup> Let God arise,  
and let God's ene- <sup>1</sup> mies be scattered;  
let those who <sup>1</sup> hate God flee.
- <sup>2</sup> As smoke is driven away,  
so you should drive <sup>1</sup> them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire,  
so let the wicked perish  
at the pres- <sup>1</sup> ence of God.
- <sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad  
and rejoice <sup>1</sup> before God;  
let them also be mer- <sup>1</sup> ry and joyful.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing to God,  
sing praises to God's name;  
exalt the one who <sup>1</sup> rides the clouds;  
I AM is that name,  
rejoice <sup>1</sup> before God!
- <sup>5</sup> In your holy habita- <sup>1</sup> tion, O God,  
you are a father to orphans,  
defend- <sup>1</sup> er of widows;
- <sup>6</sup> you give the solitary a home and  
bring forth prisoners <sup>1</sup> into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live  
in <sup>1</sup> desert places.
- <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth  
be- <sup>1</sup> fore your people,  
when you marched  
<sup>1</sup> through the wilderness,
- <sup>8</sup> the earth quaked,  
and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God,  
the <sup>1</sup> God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God,  
the <sup>1</sup> God of Israel.
- <sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful <sup>1</sup> rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance  
<sup>1</sup> when it languished.
- <sup>10</sup> Your people found their <sup>1</sup> home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have  
made provision <sup>1</sup> for the poor.
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord <sup>1</sup> gives the word;  
great is the company of women  
who an- <sup>1</sup> nounce the tidings:
- <sup>12</sup> "Kings with their armies  
are flee- <sup>1</sup> ing away;  
the women at home  
are divid- <sup>1</sup> ing the spoils."
- <sup>13</sup> Though you lingered  
a- <sup>1</sup> mong the sheepfolds,  
you shall be like a dove  
whose wings are covered with silver,  
whose feathers are <sup>1</sup> like green gold.
- <sup>14</sup> When the Almighty <sup>1</sup> scattered kings,  
snow <sup>1</sup> fell on Zalmon.
- <sup>15</sup> O mighty mountain, O <sup>1</sup> hill of Bashan!  
O rugged mountain,  
O <sup>1</sup> hill of Bashan!
- <sup>16</sup> Why do you look with envy,  
O rugged mountain, at the hill  
which God chose for a <sup>1</sup> resting-place,  
where the LORD  
will re- <sup>1</sup> side forever?
- <sup>17</sup> The chariots of God  
are twenty thousand,  
even thou- <sup>1</sup> sands of thousands;  
the Lord comes in holi- <sup>1</sup> ness  
from Sinai.

- 18 You have gone up on high  
and led captivity captive;  
you have received <sup>1</sup> gifts from people,  
from those who rebel  
against the LORD <sup>1</sup> God  
who dwells there.
- 19 Blessed be the Lord  
who bears us up <sup>1</sup> day by day;  
God is <sup>1</sup> our salvation.
- 20 This is our God,  
the God of <sup>1</sup> our salvation;  
God is the LORD,  
by whom we <sup>1</sup> escape death.
- 21 God shall crush the en- <sup>1</sup>emies' heads,  
and the hairy scalp  
of those who continue  
<sup>1</sup> in their wickedness.
- 22 The LORD has said,  
"I will bring them <sup>1</sup> back from Bashan;  
I will bring them back  
from the depths <sup>1</sup> of the sea;  
23 that your foot may be <sup>1</sup> dipped in blood,  
the tongues of your dogs  
in the blood <sup>1</sup> of your enemies."
- 24 They see your proces- <sup>1</sup>sion, O God,  
your procession into the sanctuary,  
my <sup>1</sup> sovereign God:
- 25 the singers go before,  
musicians <sup>1</sup> follow after;  
in the midst are maidens  
playing <sup>1</sup> tambourines.
- 26 Bless God in <sup>1</sup> the assemblies;  
bless the LORD,  
you that are of the foun- <sup>1</sup>tain  
of Israel.
- 27 There is Benjamin,  
least of the tribes, at the head;  
the princes of Judah <sup>1</sup> in a company;  
and the princes  
of Zebul- <sup>1</sup>un and Naphtali.
- 28 Your God has or- <sup>1</sup>dained  
your strength;  
your strength, God,  
which you dis- <sup>1</sup>played for us.
- 29 Kings shall bring <sup>1</sup> gifts to you,  
for your temple's sake  
<sup>1</sup> at Jerusalem.
- 30 Rebuke the wild animals  
that live among the reeds,  
and the herd of bulls  
with the calves <sup>1</sup> of the peoples.  
Trample down those  
who demand silver from us;  
scatter the peoples  
that de- <sup>1</sup>light in war.
- 31 Let tribute be brought <sup>1</sup> out of Egypt;  
let Ethiopia stretch out its <sup>1</sup> hands  
to God.
- 32 Sing to God, O kingdoms <sup>1</sup> of the earth;  
sing praises <sup>1</sup> to the Lord.
- 33 You ride in the heavens, O God,  
in the <sup>1</sup> ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice,  
your <sup>1</sup> mighty voice.
- 34 Ascribe pow- <sup>1</sup>er to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel;  
whose strength is <sup>1</sup> in the skies.
- 35 How wonderful you are  
in your holy places, O <sup>1</sup> God of Israel,  
giving strength and power  
to your people! <sup>1</sup> Blessed be God!

## 69

- <sup>1</sup> Save <sup>1</sup> me, O God,  
for the waters have risen  
up <sup>1</sup> to my neck.
- <sup>2</sup> I am sinking in deep mire,  
and there <sup>1</sup> is no foothold.  
I have come into deep waters,  
and the torrent washes <sup>1</sup> over me.
- <sup>3</sup> I have grown weary with my crying;  
my <sup>1</sup> throat is parched;  
my eyes are worn out  
from looking <sup>1</sup> for my God.
- <sup>4</sup> Those who hate me without a cause  
are more than the hairs of my head;  
my lying foes who would destroy <sup>1</sup> me  
are mighty.  
Must I then give back  
what I <sup>1</sup> never stole?
- <sup>5</sup> O God, you <sup>1</sup> know my foolishness,  
and my faults  
are not hid- <sup>1</sup>den from you.



- <sup>6</sup> Let not those who hope in you  
be put to shame through me,  
Lord <sup>1</sup> God of hosts;  
let not those who seek you  
be disgraced because of me,  
O <sup>1</sup> God of Israel.
- <sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake  
I have suf- <sup>1</sup> fered reproach,  
and shame has cov- <sup>1</sup> ered my face.
- <sup>8</sup> I have become a stranger  
to <sup>1</sup> my own kindred,  
an alien to my <sup>1</sup> mother's children.
- <sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eat- <sup>1</sup> en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you  
has fall- <sup>1</sup> en upon me.
- <sup>10</sup> I humbled my- <sup>1</sup> self with fasting,  
but that was turned  
to <sup>1</sup> my reproach.
- <sup>11</sup> I put on <sup>1</sup> sackcloth also,  
and became a by- <sup>1</sup> word  
among them.
- <sup>12</sup> Those who sit at the gate  
mur- <sup>1</sup> mur against me,  
and the drunkards  
make <sup>1</sup> songs about me.
- <sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you,  
at the time you have <sup>1</sup> set, O LORD:  
"In your great mercy, O God,  
answer me  
with your un- <sup>1</sup> failing help.
- <sup>14</sup> Save me from the mire;  
do not <sup>1</sup> let me sink;  
let me be rescued  
from those who hate me  
and out of <sup>1</sup> the deep waters.
- <sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters  
wash over me,  
neither let the deep swal- <sup>1</sup> low me up;  
do not let the pit  
shut its <sup>1</sup> mouth upon me.
- <sup>16</sup> Answer me, O LORD,  
for your <sup>1</sup> love is kind;  
in your great compassion,  
<sup>1</sup> turn to me.
- <sup>17</sup> Hide not your face <sup>1</sup> from your servant;  
be swift and answer me,  
for I am <sup>1</sup> in distress.
- <sup>18</sup> Draw near to me <sup>1</sup> and redeem me;  
because of my enemies  
de- <sup>1</sup> liver me.
- <sup>19</sup> You know my reproach, my shame,  
and <sup>1</sup> my dishonor;  
my adversaries  
are all <sup>1</sup> in your sight."
- <sup>20</sup> Reproach has broken my heart,  
and I am sick <sup>1</sup> beyond healing;  
I looked for sympathy,  
but there was none,  
for comforters,  
but I <sup>1</sup> could find no one.
- <sup>21</sup> They gave me <sup>1</sup> gall to eat,  
and when I was thirsty,  
they gave me vine- <sup>1</sup> gar to drink.
- <sup>22</sup> Let the table before them <sup>1</sup> be a trap  
and their sacred <sup>1</sup> feasts a snare.
- <sup>23</sup> Let their eyes be darkened,  
that they <sup>1</sup> may not see,  
and give them continual trembling  
<sup>1</sup> in their loins.
- <sup>24</sup> Pour out your indigna- <sup>1</sup> tion  
upon them,  
and let your fierce anger  
<sup>1</sup> overtake them.
- <sup>25</sup> Let their <sup>1</sup> camp be desolate,  
and let there be none  
to dwell <sup>1</sup> in their tents.
- <sup>26</sup> For they persecute the one  
whom <sup>1</sup> you have stricken  
and add to the pain of those  
whom <sup>1</sup> you have pierced.
- <sup>27</sup> Lay to their charge guilt <sup>1</sup> upon guilt,  
and let them not receive  
your <sup>1</sup> vindication.
- <sup>28</sup> Let them be wiped out  
of the book <sup>1</sup> of the living  
and not be written  
a- <sup>1</sup> mong the righteous.
- <sup>29</sup> As for me, I am afflicted <sup>1</sup> and in pain;  
your help, O God,  
will lift me <sup>1</sup> up on high.
- <sup>30</sup> I will praise your name, O <sup>1</sup> God,  
in song;  
I will proclaim your greatness  
<sup>1</sup> with thanksgiving.

- <sup>31</sup> This will please the LORD  
more than an of-<sup>1</sup>fering of oxen,  
more than young bulls  
with <sup>1</sup>horns and hoofs.
- <sup>32</sup> The afflicted shall see <sup>1</sup>and be glad;  
you who seek God,  
your <sup>1</sup>heart shall live.
- <sup>33</sup> For the LORD listens <sup>1</sup>to the needy,  
and does not de-<sup>1</sup>spise  
the prisoners.
- <sup>34</sup> Let the heavens and the <sup>1</sup>earth  
praise God,  
the seas  
and all that <sup>1</sup>moves in them;
- <sup>35</sup> for God will save Zion  
and rebuild the cit-<sup>1</sup>ies of Judah;  
they shall live there  
and have it as <sup>1</sup>their possession.
- <sup>36</sup> The children of God's servants  
will in-<sup>1</sup>herit it,  
and those who love God's name  
will <sup>1</sup>dwell therein.

## 70

- <sup>1</sup> Be pleased, O God, to de-<sup>1</sup>liver me;  
O LORD, make <sup>1</sup>haste to help me.
- <sup>2</sup> Let those who seek my life  
be put to shame <sup>1</sup>and confounded;  
let those who take pleasure  
in my misfortune  
draw back and <sup>1</sup>be disgraced.
- <sup>3</sup> Let those who say to me "Aha!"  
and gloat <sup>1</sup>over me  
turn back because <sup>1</sup>of their shame.
- <sup>4</sup> Let all who seek you  
rejoice and be <sup>1</sup>glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation  
say forever,  
"Great <sup>1</sup>is the LORD!"
- <sup>5</sup> But as for me, I am poor and needy;  
come to me quick-<sup>1</sup>ly, O God.  
You are my helper  
and my deliverer;  
O LORD, <sup>1</sup>do not tarry.

## 71

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I <sup>1</sup>taken refuge;  
let me never be <sup>1</sup>put to shame.
- <sup>2</sup> In your righteousness,  
deliver me and <sup>1</sup>set me free;  
incline your ear to <sup>1</sup>me and save me.
- <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock,  
a castle to <sup>1</sup>keep me safe;  
you are my crag  
<sup>1</sup>and my stronghold.
- <sup>4</sup> Deliver me, my God,  
from the hand <sup>1</sup>of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer  
and <sup>1</sup>the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> For you are my hope, <sup>1</sup>O Lord God,  
my confidence since <sup>1</sup>I was young.
- <sup>6</sup> I have been sustained by you  
ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb  
you have <sup>1</sup>been my strength;  
my praise shall be al-<sup>1</sup>ways of you.
- <sup>7</sup> I have become a por-<sup>1</sup>tent to many;  
but you are my refuge  
<sup>1</sup>and my strength.
- <sup>8</sup> Let my mouth be full <sup>1</sup>of your praise  
and your glory all <sup>1</sup>the day long.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not cast me off in <sup>1</sup>my old age;  
forsake me not  
when <sup>1</sup>my strength fails.
- <sup>10</sup> For my enemies are talk-<sup>1</sup>ing  
against me,  
and those who lie in wait for my life  
take coun-<sup>1</sup>sel together.
- <sup>11</sup> They say, "Pursue and seize that one  
whom God <sup>1</sup>has forsaken;  
because there is none  
<sup>1</sup>who will save."
- <sup>12</sup> O God, be not <sup>1</sup>far from me;  
come quickly to help me,  
<sup>1</sup>O my God.
- <sup>13</sup> May my accusers be put to shame  
and <sup>1</sup>waste away;  
let those who seek my misfortune  
be engulfed by scorn <sup>1</sup>and reproach.



- <sup>14</sup> But I shall always <sup>1</sup> wait in patience,  
and shall praise you  
<sup>1</sup> more and more.
- <sup>15</sup> My mouth shall recount  
your mighty acts and saving deeds  
<sup>1</sup> all day long;  
though I cannot <sup>1</sup> know  
their number.
- <sup>16</sup> I will begin with the mighty works  
of <sup>1</sup> the Lord God;  
I will recall your righteousness,  
<sup>1</sup> yours alone.
- <sup>17</sup> O God, you have taught me  
since <sup>1</sup> I was young,  
and to this day  
I tell of your won- <sup>1</sup> derful works.
- <sup>18</sup> Now that I am old and gray-headed,  
O God, do <sup>1</sup> not forsake me,  
till I make known your strength  
to this generation  
and your power  
to all who <sup>1</sup> are to come.
- <sup>19</sup> Your righteousness, O God,  
reaches <sup>1</sup> to the heavens;  
you have done great things;  
who is like <sup>1</sup> you, O God?
- <sup>20</sup> You have shown me  
great troubles <sup>1</sup> and adversities,  
but you will restore my life  
and bring me up again  
from the deep places <sup>1</sup> of the earth.
- <sup>21</sup> You strengthen me <sup>1</sup> more and more;  
you enfold and <sup>1</sup> comfort me.
- <sup>22</sup> Therefore I will praise you  
upon the lyre  
for your faithfulness, <sup>1</sup> O my God;  
I will sing to you with the harp,  
O Holy <sup>1</sup> One of Israel.
- <sup>23</sup> My lips will sing with joy  
when I <sup>1</sup> play to you,  
and so will my soul,  
which you <sup>1</sup> have redeemed.
- <sup>24</sup> My tongue will proclaim  
your righteousness <sup>1</sup> all day long,  
for they are shamed and disgraced  
who sought to <sup>1</sup> do me harm.

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- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your jus- <sup>1</sup> tice, O God,  
and your righteousness  
to <sup>1</sup> the king's son;
- <sup>2</sup> that he may rule  
your <sup>1</sup> people righteously  
and the <sup>1</sup> poor with justice;
- <sup>3</sup> that the mountains  
may bring prosperity <sup>1</sup> to the people,  
and the <sup>1</sup> hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> Let him defend the needy  
a- <sup>1</sup> mong the people,  
rescue the poor,  
and crush <sup>1</sup> the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> May he live as long  
as the sun and <sup>1</sup> moon endure,  
from one generation <sup>1</sup> to another.
- <sup>6</sup> Let him come down like rain  
upon <sup>1</sup> the mown field,  
like showers that wa- <sup>1</sup> ter the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his time  
may the <sup>1</sup> righteous flourish;  
and let there be  
an abundance of peace  
till the moon shall <sup>1</sup> be no more.
- <sup>8</sup> May he rule from <sup>1</sup> sea to sea,  
and from the river Euphrates  
to the ends <sup>1</sup> of the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> May his foes bow <sup>1</sup> down before him,  
and his enemies <sup>1</sup> lick the dust.
- <sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish  
and of the <sup>1</sup> isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba  
<sup>1</sup> offer gifts.
- <sup>11</sup> May all kings bow <sup>1</sup> down before him,  
and all the nations <sup>1</sup> do him service.
- <sup>12</sup> For the king delivers the poor  
who cry out <sup>1</sup> in distress,  
the oppressed,  
and those who <sup>1</sup> have no helper.
- <sup>13</sup> He has compassion  
on the low- <sup>1</sup> ly and poor,  
and preserves the lives  
<sup>1</sup> of the needy.

- <sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence  
he re-<sup>1</sup> deems their lives,  
and precious is their blood  
<sup>1</sup> in his sight.
- <sup>15</sup> Long may he live!  
And may there be given to him  
<sup>1</sup> gold of Sheba;  
may prayer be made for him always,  
and may they bless him  
all <sup>1</sup> the day long.
- <sup>16</sup> May there be an abundance of grain  
in the land, growing thick  
even <sup>1</sup> on the hilltops;  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,  
and may people flourish in cities  
like the grass <sup>1</sup> of the field.
- <sup>17</sup> May the king's name remain forever  
and be established  
as long as the <sup>1</sup> sun endures;  
may all the nations  
bless themselves in him  
and <sup>1</sup> call him blessed.
- <sup>18</sup> Blessed are you, LORD God,  
the <sup>1</sup> God of Israel;  
you alone do <sup>1</sup> wondrous deeds!
- <sup>19</sup> And blessed be your glorious <sup>1</sup> name  
forever,  
and may all the earth  
be filled with your glory.  
A-<sup>1</sup> men. Amen.
- ## 73
- <sup>1</sup> Truly, God is <sup>1</sup> good to Israel,  
to those who are <sup>1</sup> pure in heart.
- <sup>2</sup> But as for me,  
my feet had <sup>1</sup> nearly slipped;  
I had almost <sup>1</sup> tripped and fallen;  
<sup>3</sup> because I en-<sup>1</sup> vied the proud  
and saw the prosperity  
<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.
- <sup>4</sup> For their entire lives  
seem <sup>1</sup> free of pain,  
and they have their <sup>1</sup> fill to eat;  
<sup>5</sup> in the misfortunes of others  
they <sup>1</sup> have no share;  
they are not afflicted as <sup>1</sup> others are;
- <sup>6</sup> therefore they wear their pride  
<sup>1</sup> like a necklace  
and wrap their violence about them  
<sup>1</sup> like a cloak.
- <sup>7</sup> Their iniquity  
comes <sup>1</sup> from gross minds,  
and their hearts overflow  
with <sup>1</sup> wicked thoughts.
- <sup>8</sup> They scoff and <sup>1</sup> speak maliciously;  
out of their haughtiness  
they <sup>1</sup> plan oppression.
- <sup>9</sup> They set their mouths  
a-<sup>1</sup> gainst the heavens,  
and their evil speech  
runs <sup>1</sup> through the world.
- <sup>10</sup> Therefore the people <sup>1</sup> turn to them  
and they enjoy full-<sup>1</sup> ness of days.
- <sup>11</sup> They say, "How <sup>1</sup> should God know?  
Is there knowledge  
in <sup>1</sup> the Most High?"
- <sup>12</sup> So then, these <sup>1</sup> are the wicked;  
always at ease,  
they in-<sup>1</sup> crease their wealth.
- <sup>13</sup> In vain have I kept <sup>1</sup> my heart clean,  
and washed my <sup>1</sup> hands  
in innocence.
- <sup>14</sup> I have been afflicted <sup>1</sup> all day long,  
and punished <sup>1</sup> every morning.
- <sup>15</sup> Had I gone on speak-<sup>1</sup> ing this way,  
I should have betrayed  
the generation <sup>1</sup> of your children.
- <sup>16</sup> When I tried to under-<sup>1</sup> stand  
these things,  
it was too <sup>1</sup> hard for me;
- <sup>17</sup> until I entered God's <sup>1</sup> sanctuary  
and discerned the end <sup>1</sup> of the wicked.
- <sup>18</sup> Surely, you set them in <sup>1</sup> slippery places;  
you cast them <sup>1</sup> down in ruin.
- <sup>19</sup> Oh, how suddenly  
do they come <sup>1</sup> to destruction,  
come to an end,  
and per-<sup>1</sup> ish from terror!
- <sup>20</sup> Like a dream when one awak-<sup>1</sup> ens,  
O Lord,  
when you arise  
you will make their <sup>1</sup> image vanish.



<sup>21</sup> When my mind be-<sup>1</sup> came embittered,  
I was sorely wounded<sup>1</sup> in my heart.

<sup>22</sup> I was stupid  
and had no<sup>1</sup> understanding;  
I was like a brute beast<sup>1</sup>  
in your presence.

<sup>23</sup> Yet I am al-<sup>1</sup> ways with you;  
you hold me by<sup>1</sup> my right hand.

<sup>24</sup> You will guide me<sup>1</sup> by your counsel,  
and afterwards  
receive<sup>1</sup> me with glory.

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heav-<sup>1</sup> en but you?  
And having you,  
I desire nothing<sup>1</sup> upon earth.

<sup>26</sup> Though my flesh and my heart  
should<sup>1</sup> waste away,  
God is the strength of my heart  
and my por-<sup>1</sup> tion forever.

<sup>27</sup> Truly, those who forsake<sup>1</sup> you  
will perish;  
you destroy all who<sup>1</sup> are unfaithful.

<sup>28</sup> But it is good for me to<sup>1</sup> be near God;  
I have made you  
my refuge, Lord God,  
to tell of<sup>1</sup> all your works.

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<sup>1</sup> O God,  
why have you utterly<sup>1</sup> cast us off?  
Why is your wrath so hot  
against the sheep<sup>1</sup> of your pasture?

<sup>2</sup> Remember your congregation  
that you purchased<sup>1</sup> long ago,  
the tribe you redeemed  
to be your inheritance,  
and Mount Zion<sup>1</sup> where you dwell.

<sup>3</sup> Turn your steps  
toward the<sup>1</sup> endless ruins;  
the enemy has laid waste everything  
in your<sup>1</sup> sanctuary.

<sup>4</sup> Your adversaries roared  
in your<sup>1</sup> holy place;  
they set up their standards  
as sym-<sup>1</sup> bols of victory.

<sup>5</sup> They came like people<sup>1</sup> bearing axes  
to cut down a<sup>1</sup> grove of trees.

<sup>6</sup> They broke down  
all<sup>1</sup> your carved work  
with hatch-<sup>1</sup> ets and hammers.

<sup>7</sup> They set fire to your<sup>1</sup> holy place;  
they defiled  
the dwelling-place of your name  
and razed it<sup>1</sup> to the ground.

<sup>8</sup> They said to themselves,  
“Let us destroy them<sup>1</sup> altogether.”  
They burned down  
all the meeting-places of God<sup>1</sup>  
in the land.

<sup>9</sup> There are no signs for us to see;  
there is no<sup>1</sup> prophet left;  
there is not one among us  
who<sup>1</sup> knows how long.

<sup>10</sup> How long, O God,  
will the adver-<sup>1</sup> sary scoff?  
Will the enemy  
blaspheme your<sup>1</sup> name forever?

<sup>11</sup> Why do you draw<sup>1</sup> back your hand?  
Why does your right hand  
lie weary<sup>1</sup> in your bosom?

<sup>12</sup> Yet God is my king  
from<sup>1</sup> ancient times,  
victorious in the midst<sup>1</sup> of the earth.

<sup>13</sup> You divided the sea<sup>1</sup> by your might  
and shattered the heads  
of the dragons up-<sup>1</sup> on the waters;

<sup>14</sup> you crushed the heads<sup>1</sup> of Leviathan  
and gave it to desert crea-<sup>1</sup> tures  
for food.

<sup>15</sup> You split open<sup>1</sup> spring and torrent;  
you dried up ever-<sup>1</sup> flowing rivers.

<sup>16</sup> Yours is the day,  
yours al-<sup>1</sup> so the night;  
you established  
the moon<sup>1</sup> and the sun.

<sup>17</sup> You fixed all the boundaries<sup>1</sup>  
of the earth;  
you made both sum-<sup>1</sup> mer  
and winter.

<sup>18</sup> Remember, O LORD,  
how the en-<sup>1</sup> emy scoffed,  
how a foolish people  
de-<sup>1</sup> spised your name.

- <sup>19</sup> Do not hand over  
the life of your dove <sup>1</sup>to wild beasts;  
never forget the lives <sup>1</sup>of your poor.
- <sup>20</sup> Look up- <sup>1</sup>on your covenant;  
the dark places of the earth  
are <sup>1</sup>haunts of violence.
- <sup>21</sup> Let not the oppressed be <sup>1</sup>put to shame;  
let the poor and needy  
<sup>1</sup>praise your name.
- <sup>22</sup> Arise, O God, main- <sup>1</sup>tain your cause;  
remember how fools revile you  
<sup>1</sup>all day long.
- <sup>23</sup> Forget not the clamor  
of your <sup>1</sup>adversaries,  
the continuous tumult  
raised <sup>1</sup>by your enemies.

## 75

- <sup>1</sup> We give you thanks, O God,  
we <sup>1</sup>give you thanks,  
calling upon your name and  
declaring all your won- <sup>1</sup>derful deeds.
- <sup>2</sup> "I will appoint a <sup>1</sup>time," says God;  
"I will <sup>1</sup>judge with equity.
- <sup>3</sup> Though the earth  
and all its inhab- <sup>1</sup>itants crumble,  
I will make its <sup>1</sup>pillars fast.
- <sup>4</sup> I will say to the boasters,  
<sup>1</sup>'Boast no more,'  
and to the wicked,  
<sup>1</sup>'Do not <sup>1</sup>lift your horns;
- <sup>5</sup> do not lift your <sup>1</sup>horns so high,  
nor speak with <sup>1</sup>a proud neck.'"
- <sup>6</sup> For exaltation comes neither  
from the east nor <sup>1</sup>from the west,  
nor does it come  
<sup>1</sup>from the wilderness.
- <sup>7</sup> It is <sup>1</sup>God who judges,  
who puts down one  
and lifts <sup>1</sup>up another.
- <sup>8</sup> For in the LORD's hand there is a cup  
full of spiced and <sup>1</sup>foaming wine;  
the LORD will pour it out,  
and all the wicked of the earth  
shall drink and <sup>1</sup>drain the dregs.

- <sup>9</sup> But I will re- <sup>1</sup>joice forever;  
I will sing praises  
to the <sup>1</sup>God of Jacob.

- <sup>10</sup> "I will break off all the horns  
<sup>1</sup>of the wicked;  
but the horns of the righteous  
shall <sup>1</sup>be exalted."

## 76

- <sup>1</sup> In Judah, O God, <sup>1</sup>you are known;  
your name is <sup>1</sup>great in Israel.
- <sup>2</sup> At Salem is your <sup>1</sup>tabernacle,  
and your dwelling <sup>1</sup>is in Zion.
- <sup>3</sup> There you broke the <sup>1</sup>flashing arrows,  
the shield, the sword,  
and the weap- <sup>1</sup>ons of battle.
- <sup>4</sup> How glo- <sup>1</sup>rious you are!  
More splendid  
than the ever- <sup>1</sup>lasting mountains!
- <sup>5</sup> The strong of heart  
have been despoiled;  
they sink <sup>1</sup>into sleep;  
none of the warriors can <sup>1</sup>lift a hand.
- <sup>6</sup> At your rebuke, O <sup>1</sup>God of Jacob,  
both horse and rid- <sup>1</sup>er lie stunned.
- <sup>7</sup> What terror <sup>1</sup>you inspire!  
Who can stand before you  
when <sup>1</sup>you are angry?
- <sup>8</sup> From heaven  
you <sup>1</sup>pronounced judgment;  
the earth was afraid <sup>1</sup>and was still,
- <sup>9</sup> when God rose <sup>1</sup>up to judgment  
and to save all the oppressed  
<sup>1</sup>of the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> Surely, human wrath  
gives <sup>1</sup>praise to you,  
and the survivor of your wrath  
<sup>1</sup>you restrain.
- <sup>11</sup> Make a vow to the LORD your <sup>1</sup>God  
and keep it;  
let all around bring gifts  
to the one <sup>1</sup>who is awesome,
- <sup>12</sup> who breaks the spir- <sup>1</sup>it of princes,  
and strikes terror  
in the rulers <sup>1</sup>of the earth.



## 77

- <sup>1</sup> I will cry a-<sup>1</sup> loud to God;  
I will cry aloud,  
and <sup>1</sup> God will hear me.
- <sup>2</sup> In the day of my trouble  
I <sup>1</sup> sought the Lord;  
my hand was stretched out by night  
and did not tire;  
I refused <sup>1</sup> to be comforted.
- <sup>3</sup> I think of God, <sup>1</sup> I am restless,  
I ponder, and my <sup>1</sup> spirit faints.
- <sup>4</sup> You will not let my <sup>1</sup> eyelids close;  
I am troubled and I <sup>1</sup> cannot speak.
- <sup>5</sup> I consider the <sup>1</sup> days of old;  
I remember the <sup>1</sup> years long past;
- <sup>6</sup> I commune with my heart  
<sup>1</sup> in the night;  
I ponder and <sup>1</sup> search my mind:
- <sup>7</sup> “Will the Lord cast me <sup>1</sup> off forever  
and never again <sup>1</sup> show me favor?”
- <sup>8</sup> Has God’s steadfast love  
come to an <sup>1</sup> end forever?  
Has the Lord’s promise failed  
<sup>1</sup> for all time?
- <sup>9</sup> Has God forgotten <sup>1</sup> to be gracious,  
and in anger with-<sup>1</sup> held compassion?
- <sup>10</sup> And I said, “My <sup>1</sup> grief is this:  
The right hand of the Most <sup>1</sup> High  
has changed.”
- <sup>11</sup> I will remember  
the works <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
and call to mind  
your won-<sup>1</sup> ders of old.
- <sup>12</sup> I will meditate on <sup>1</sup> all your acts  
and ponder your <sup>1</sup> mighty deeds.
- <sup>13</sup> Your way, O <sup>1</sup> God, is holy;  
who is so great a god  
<sup>1</sup> as our God?
- <sup>14</sup> You are the God <sup>1</sup> who works wonders  
and have declared your power  
a-<sup>1</sup> mong the peoples.
- <sup>15</sup> By your strength  
you have re-<sup>1</sup> deemed your people,  
the descendants of Ja-<sup>1</sup> cob  
and Joseph.

- <sup>16</sup> The waters saw you, O God;  
the waters saw <sup>1</sup> you and trembled;  
the very <sup>1</sup> depths were shaken.
- <sup>17</sup> The clouds poured out water;  
<sup>1</sup> the skies thundered;  
your lightning bolts  
flashed <sup>1</sup> to and fro;
- <sup>18</sup> the sound of your thunder  
was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit <sup>1</sup> up the world;  
the earth trem-<sup>1</sup> bled and shook.
- <sup>19</sup> Your way was in the sea,  
and your paths in <sup>1</sup> the great waters,  
yet your footsteps <sup>1</sup> were not seen.
- <sup>20</sup> You led your people <sup>1</sup> like a flock  
by the hand of Mo-<sup>1</sup> ses and Aaron.

## 78

- <sup>1</sup> Hear my teaching, <sup>1</sup> O my people;  
incline your ears  
to the words <sup>1</sup> of my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth <sup>1</sup> in a parable;  
I will declare the mysteries  
of <sup>1</sup> ancient times—
- <sup>3</sup> that which we have heard and known,  
and what our fore-<sup>1</sup> bears have told us,  
we will not hide  
<sup>1</sup> from their children.
- <sup>4</sup> We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds  
and the power <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
and the wonderful works  
<sup>1</sup> God has done.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD gave a decree in Jacob  
and established a <sup>1</sup> law in Israel,  
commanding our ancestors  
to teach it <sup>1</sup> to their children;
- <sup>6</sup> that the generations to come might know,  
and the children <sup>1</sup> yet unborn;  
that they in their turn  
might tell it <sup>1</sup> to their children;
- <sup>7</sup> so that they might  
put their <sup>1</sup> trust in God,  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep <sup>1</sup> God’s commandments,

- 8 and not be like their ancestors,  
 a stubborn and rebellious <sup>1</sup> generation,  
 a generation  
 whose heart was not steadfast,  
 and whose spirit was not faith- <sup>1</sup> ful  
 to God.
- 9 The people of Ephraim,  
 armed <sup>1</sup> with the bow,  
 turned back in the <sup>1</sup> day of battle;
- 10 they did not keep the cove- <sup>1</sup> nant of God,  
 and refused to walk <sup>1</sup> in God's law;
- 11 they forgot what <sup>1</sup> God had done,  
 and the wonders  
 that <sup>1</sup> had been shown them.
- 12 God worked marvels  
 in the sight <sup>1</sup> of their ancestors,  
 in the land of Egypt,  
 in the <sup>1</sup> field of Zoan,
- 13 splitting open the sea  
 and letting <sup>1</sup> them pass through;  
 making the waters stand <sup>1</sup> up  
 like walls;
- 14 leading them with a <sup>1</sup> cloud by day,  
 and all the night with a <sup>1</sup> glow of fire;
- 15 splitting the rocks <sup>1</sup> in the wilderness  
 and giving them drink  
 as <sup>1</sup> from the deep;
- 16 bringing streams out <sup>1</sup> of a rock,  
 making them flow down  
 like a river.
- 17 But they went on sinning <sup>1</sup> against God,  
 rebelling in the desert  
 against <sup>1</sup> the Most High.
- 18 They tested God <sup>1</sup> in their hearts,  
 demanding food <sup>1</sup> for themselves.
- 19 They railed against <sup>1</sup> God and said,  
 "Can God set a table  
 in the wilderness?"
- 20 True, God struck the rock,  
 the waters gushed out,  
 and the torrents <sup>1</sup> overflowed;  
 but is God able to give bread  
 or to provide meat <sup>1</sup> for this people?"
- 21 Hearing this,  
 the LORD was <sup>1</sup> full of wrath;  
 a fire was kindled against Jacob,  
 and anger mounted <sup>1</sup> against Israel;
- 22 for they had no <sup>1</sup> faith in God,  
 nor did they put their trust  
 in God's <sup>1</sup> saving power.
- 23 So God commanded the <sup>1</sup> clouds above  
 and opened the <sup>1</sup> doors of heaven,
- 24 raining down manna upon <sup>1</sup> them to eat  
 and giving them <sup>1</sup> grain from heaven.
- 25 So mortals ate the <sup>1</sup> bread of angels;  
 God provided for them <sup>1</sup> food enough.
- 26 The LORD caused the east wind  
 to blow <sup>1</sup> in the heavens  
 and powerfully led out  
 the south wind,
- 27 raining down flesh upon <sup>1</sup> them like dust  
 and flying birds  
 like the sand <sup>1</sup> of the seas,
- 28 letting them fall in the midst <sup>1</sup> of the camp  
 and round a- <sup>1</sup> bout the dwellings.
- 29 So the people ate and <sup>1</sup> were well filled,  
 for God gave them  
 what they craved.
- 30 But before they had satis- <sup>1</sup> fied  
 their craving,  
 while the food  
 was still <sup>1</sup> in their mouths,
- 31 God's anger mount- <sup>1</sup> ed against them;  
 God slew their strongest men  
 and laid low the <sup>1</sup> youth of Israel.
- 32 In spite of all this,  
 they <sup>1</sup> went on sinning  
 and had no faith  
 in God's won- <sup>1</sup> derful works.
- 33 So the LORD brought their days  
 to an end <sup>1</sup> like a breath  
 and their years in <sup>1</sup> sudden terror.
- 34 Whenever God slew them,  
 they would seek God,  
 and repent,  
 and diligently <sup>1</sup> search for God.
- 35 They would remember  
 that God <sup>1</sup> was their rock,  
 and the Most High God  
 their redeemer.
- 36 But they flattered God  
 with their mouths  
 and lied to God <sup>1</sup> with their tongues.



- 37 Their heart <sup>1</sup> was not steadfast,  
and they were not faithful  
<sup>1</sup> to the covenant.
- 38 Yet God, being merciful,  
forgave their sins  
and did <sup>1</sup> not destroy them;  
holding back anger many times  
and not giving <sup>1</sup> way to wrath;
- 39 remembering that they <sup>1</sup> were but flesh,  
a breath that goes forth  
and does <sup>1</sup> not return.
- 40 How often the people disobeyed  
<sup>1</sup> in the wilderness  
and offended <sup>1</sup> in the desert!
- 41 Again and again they <sup>1</sup> tested God  
and provoked  
the Holy <sup>1</sup> One of Israel.
- 42 They did not remem- <sup>1</sup> ber God's power  
in the day when they were ransomed  
<sup>1</sup> from the enemy;
- 43 how God showed <sup>1</sup> signs in Egypt  
and omens in the <sup>1</sup> fields of Zoan,  
44 turning their rivers <sup>1</sup> into blood,  
so that they could not drink  
<sup>1</sup> of their streams,
- 45 sending swarms of flies among them,  
which <sup>1</sup> ate them up,  
and frogs, <sup>1</sup> which destroyed them,
- 46 giving their crops to the <sup>1</sup> caterpillar,  
the fruit of their toil <sup>1</sup> to the locust,  
47 killing their <sup>1</sup> vines with hail  
and their syca- <sup>1</sup> mores with frost,  
48 delivering their cat- <sup>1</sup> tle to hailstones  
and their livestock  
to <sup>1</sup> bolts of lightning.
- 49 God poured out upon them  
<sup>1</sup> blazing anger:  
fury, indignation, and distress,  
a troop of de- <sup>1</sup> stroying angels.
- 50 Giving full rein to anger,  
God did not spare <sup>1</sup> them from death,  
but delivered their lives <sup>1</sup> to the plague,
- 51 striking down  
all the first- <sup>1</sup> born of Egypt,  
the flower of youth  
in the dwell- <sup>1</sup> ings of Ham.
- 52 God led out the peo- <sup>1</sup> ple like sheep  
and guided them in the wilderness  
<sup>1</sup> like a flock.
- 53 God led them to safety,  
and they were <sup>1</sup> not afraid;  
but the sea  
over- <sup>1</sup> whelmed their enemies.
- 54 God brought them to the <sup>1</sup> holy hill,  
the mountain won  
by <sup>1</sup> God's right hand.
- 55 The LORD drove out nations  
before them  
and apportioned an inheritance  
to <sup>1</sup> them by lot,  
settling the tribes of Israel  
<sup>1</sup> in their tents.
- 56 But they tested the Most High God,  
<sup>1</sup> and rebelled,  
and did not keep <sup>1</sup> God's decrees.
- 57 They turned away  
and were disloyal <sup>1</sup> like their ancestors;  
they were undependable  
like <sup>1</sup> a warped bow.
- 58 They grieved God  
with <sup>1</sup> their high places  
and provoked displeasure  
<sup>1</sup> with their idols.
- 59 Hearing this, the <sup>1</sup> LORD was angry  
and utterly re- <sup>1</sup> jected Israel;
- 60 forsaking the taberna- <sup>1</sup> cle at Shiloh,  
the tent where God lived  
<sup>1</sup> among mortals,
- 61 delivering the ark in- <sup>1</sup> to captivity  
and glory into the adver- <sup>1</sup> sary's hand;
- 62 handing over the people <sup>1</sup> to the sword  
and becoming angry  
against <sup>1</sup> God's own heritage.
- 63 The fire consumed <sup>1</sup> their young men;  
there were no wedding songs  
<sup>1</sup> for their maidens.
- 64 Their priests fell <sup>1</sup> by the sword,  
and their widows  
made no <sup>1</sup> lamentation.
- 65 Then the LORD woke  
as <sup>1</sup> though from sleep,  
like a warrior <sup>1</sup> flushed with wine.

- <sup>66</sup> God beat <sup>1</sup>back the enemies  
and put them to per- <sup>1</sup>petual shame.
- <sup>67</sup> God rejected the <sup>1</sup>tent of Joseph  
and did not choose  
the <sup>1</sup>tribe of Ephraim,  
<sup>68</sup> choosing instead the <sup>1</sup>tribe of Judah  
and Mount Zion,  
be- <sup>1</sup>loved by God,  
<sup>69</sup> where a sanctuary was built  
like the <sup>1</sup>heights of heaven,  
like the ever- <sup>1</sup>lasting earth.
- <sup>70</sup> God chose David <sup>1</sup>to be servant,  
and took him away  
<sup>1</sup>from the sheepfolds,  
<sup>71</sup> bringing him  
from tending the <sup>1</sup>nursing ewes  
to be a shepherd  
over God's people Jacob,  
over the inheri- <sup>1</sup>tance of Israel.
- <sup>72</sup> So David shepherded them  
with a <sup>1</sup>blameless heart  
and guided them  
with <sup>1</sup>skillful hands.

## 79

- <sup>1</sup> O God, the nations have come  
into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your <sup>1</sup>holy temple;  
they have made Jerusalem  
a <sup>1</sup>heap of rubble.
- <sup>2</sup> They have given the bodies  
of your servants as food  
for the birds <sup>1</sup>of the air,  
and the flesh of your faithful ones  
to the beasts <sup>1</sup>of the field.
- <sup>3</sup> They have shed their blood like water  
on every side <sup>1</sup>of Jerusalem,  
and there was no one  
to <sup>1</sup>bury them.
- <sup>4</sup> We have become a reproach  
<sup>1</sup>to our neighbors,  
an object of scorn and derision  
to <sup>1</sup>those around us.
- <sup>5</sup> How long will you be an- <sup>1</sup>gry, O LORD?  
Will your fury blaze  
like <sup>1</sup>fire forever?

- <sup>6</sup> Pour out your wrath upon the nations  
who <sup>1</sup>have not known you  
and upon the kingdoms that  
have not called up- <sup>1</sup>on your name.
- <sup>7</sup> For they have de- <sup>1</sup>voured Jacob  
and made his dwell- <sup>1</sup>ing a ruin.
- <sup>8</sup> Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion  
be <sup>1</sup>swift to meet us;  
for we have been brought <sup>1</sup>very low.
- <sup>9</sup> Help us, O God our Savior,  
for the glory <sup>1</sup>of your name;  
deliver us and forgive us our sins,  
<sup>1</sup>for your name's sake.
- <sup>10</sup> Why should the nations say,  
“Where <sup>1</sup>is their God?”  
Let it be known among the nations  
and in our sight  
that you avenge the shedding  
of your <sup>1</sup>servants' blood.
- <sup>11</sup> Let the sorrowful sighing  
of the prisoners <sup>1</sup>come before you,  
and by your great might spare those  
who are con- <sup>1</sup>demned to die.
- <sup>12</sup> Pay back sevenfold  
into the bosom <sup>1</sup>of our neighbors  
the mockery with which  
they mocked <sup>1</sup>you, O Lord.
- <sup>13</sup> For we are your people  
and the sheep <sup>1</sup>of your pasture;  
we will give you thanks forever  
and show forth your praise  
from <sup>1</sup>age to age.

## 80

- <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
leading Joseph <sup>1</sup>like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned  
up- <sup>1</sup>on the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin,  
<sup>1</sup>and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength  
and <sup>1</sup>come to help us.
- <sup>3</sup> Restore <sup>1</sup>us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us,  
and we <sup>1</sup>shall be saved.



<sup>4</sup> O LORD <sup>1</sup> God of hosts,  
 how long will your anger fume  
 when your <sup>1</sup> people pray?  
<sup>5</sup> You have fed them  
 with the <sup>1</sup> bread of tears;  
 you have given them  
 bowls of <sup>1</sup> tears to drink.  
<sup>6</sup> You have made us  
 the derision <sup>1</sup> of our neighbors,  
 and our enemies  
 laugh <sup>1</sup> us to scorn.  
<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O <sup>1</sup> God of hosts;  
 let your face shine upon us,  
 and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.  
<sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine  
<sup>1</sup> out of Egypt;  
 you cast out the nations  
 and <sup>1</sup> planted it.  
<sup>9</sup> You cleared the <sup>1</sup> ground for it;  
 it took root and <sup>1</sup> filled the land.  
<sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered  
<sup>1</sup> by its shadow  
 and the towering cedar trees  
<sup>1</sup> by its boughs.  
<sup>11</sup> You stretched out its tendrils  
<sup>1</sup> to the sea  
 and its branches <sup>1</sup> to the river.  
<sup>12</sup> Why have you broken <sup>1</sup> down its wall,  
 so that all who pass by  
 pluck <sup>1</sup> off its grapes?  
<sup>13</sup> The wild boar of the forest  
 has <sup>1</sup> ravaged it,  
 and the beasts of the field  
 have <sup>1</sup> grazed upon it.  
<sup>14</sup> Turn now, O <sup>1</sup> God of hosts,  
 look <sup>1</sup> down from heaven;  
<sup>15</sup> behold and <sup>1</sup> tend this vine;  
 preserve what your right <sup>1</sup> hand  
 has planted.  
<sup>16</sup> They burn it with <sup>1</sup> fire like rubbish;  
 at the rebuke of your countenance  
<sup>1</sup> let them perish.  
<sup>17</sup> Let your hand be upon the one  
 at <sup>1</sup> your right hand,  
 the one you have made so strong  
<sup>1</sup> for yourself.

<sup>18</sup> And so will we never  
 turn a- <sup>1</sup> way from you;  
 give us life,  
 that we may call up- <sup>1</sup> on your name.  
<sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD <sup>1</sup> God of hosts;  
 let your face shine upon us,  
 and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.

## 81

<sup>1</sup> Sing with joy to <sup>1</sup> God our strength  
 and raise a loud shout  
 to the <sup>1</sup> God of Jacob.  
<sup>2</sup> Raise a song and <sup>1</sup> sound the timbrel,  
 the merry harp, <sup>1</sup> and the lyre.  
<sup>3</sup> Blow the ram's horn at <sup>1</sup> the new moon,  
 and at the full moon,  
 the day <sup>1</sup> of our feast;  
<sup>4</sup> for this is a stat- <sup>1</sup> ute for Israel,  
 a law of the <sup>1</sup> God of Jacob.  
<sup>5</sup> God laid it  
 as a solemn charge upon Joseph,  
 going out over the <sup>1</sup> land of Egypt,  
 where I heard a voice  
 I <sup>1</sup> did not know:  
<sup>6</sup> "I eased your shoulder  
<sup>1</sup> from the burden;  
 your hands were set free  
 from the grave- <sup>1</sup> digger's basket.  
<sup>7</sup> You called on me in trouble,  
 and I de- <sup>1</sup> livered you;  
 I answered you  
 from the secret place of thunder  
 and tested you  
 at the wa- <sup>1</sup> ters of Meribah.  
<sup>8</sup> Hear, O my people,  
 and I will ad- <sup>1</sup> monish you:  
 O Israel,  
 if you would but lis- <sup>1</sup> ten to me!  
<sup>9</sup> There shall be no strange <sup>1</sup> god  
 among you;  
 you shall not worship a <sup>1</sup> foreign god.  
<sup>10</sup> I am the LORD your God,  
 who brought you  
 out of the <sup>1</sup> land of Egypt.  
 Open your mouth wide,  
 and <sup>1</sup> I will fill it.

- <sup>11</sup> Yet my people did not<sup>1</sup> hear my voice,  
and Israel would<sup>1</sup> not obey me.
- <sup>12</sup> So I gave them over  
to the stubbornness<sup>1</sup> of their hearts,  
to follow their<sup>1</sup> own devices.
- <sup>13</sup> Oh, that my people would lis-<sup>1</sup>ten to me,  
that Israel would walk<sup>1</sup> in my ways!
- <sup>14</sup> I would quickly sub-<sup>1</sup>due their enemies  
and turn my hand  
a-<sup>1</sup>gainst their foes.
- <sup>15</sup> Those who hate the LORD  
would<sup>1</sup> cringe in fear,  
and their punishment  
would<sup>1</sup> last forever.
- <sup>16</sup> But I would feed you  
with the<sup>1</sup> finest wheat  
and satisfy you  
with honey<sup>1</sup> from the rock.”

## 82

- <sup>1</sup> God stands to charge  
the divine coun-<sup>1</sup>cil assembled,  
giving judgment  
in the midst<sup>1</sup> of the gods:
- <sup>2</sup> “How long will you<sup>1</sup> judge unjustly,  
and show favor<sup>1</sup> to the wicked?
- <sup>3</sup> Save the weak<sup>1</sup> and the orphan;  
defend the hum-<sup>1</sup>ble and needy;
- <sup>4</sup> rescue the weak<sup>1</sup> and the poor;  
deliver them  
from the power<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup> They do not know,  
neither do they understand;  
they wander a-<sup>1</sup>bout in darkness;  
all the foundations of the<sup>1</sup> earth  
are shaken.
- <sup>6</sup> Now I say to you,<sup>1</sup> “You are gods,  
and all of you children  
of<sup>1</sup> the Most High;
- <sup>7</sup> nevertheless,  
you shall<sup>1</sup> die like mortals,  
and fall like<sup>1</sup> any prince.”
- <sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, and<sup>1</sup> rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations  
<sup>1</sup>for your own.

## 83

- <sup>1</sup> O God, do<sup>1</sup> not be silent;  
do not keep still  
nor hold your<sup>1</sup> peace, O God;
- <sup>2</sup> for your enemies<sup>1</sup> are in tumult,  
and those who hate you  
have lifted<sup>1</sup> up their heads.
- <sup>3</sup> They take secret counsel  
a-<sup>1</sup>gainst your people  
and plot against those  
whom<sup>1</sup> you protect.
- <sup>4</sup> They have said,  
“Come, let us wipe them out<sup>1</sup>  
as a people;  
let the name of Israel  
be remem-<sup>1</sup>bered no more.”
- <sup>5</sup> With one mind  
they have con-<sup>1</sup>spired together;  
they have made an alli-<sup>1</sup>ance  
against you:
- <sup>6</sup> the tents of Edom<sup>1</sup> and the Ishmaelites;  
the Moabites<sup>1</sup> and the Hagarenes;
- <sup>7</sup> Gebal, and Am-<sup>1</sup>mon, and Amalek;  
the Philistines  
and those who<sup>1</sup> dwell in Tyre.
- <sup>8</sup> The Assyrians  
al-<sup>1</sup>so have joined them,  
empowering the descen-<sup>1</sup>dants  
of Lot.
- <sup>9</sup> Do to them as you<sup>1</sup> did to Midian,  
to Sisera, and to Jabin  
at the riv-<sup>1</sup>er of Kishon:
- <sup>10</sup> they were de-<sup>1</sup>stroyed at Endor;  
they became like dung  
up-<sup>1</sup>on the ground.
- <sup>11</sup> Make their leaders  
like Or-<sup>1</sup>eb and Zeeb,  
and all their commanders  
like Zebah<sup>1</sup> and Zalmunna,
- <sup>12</sup> who said, “Let us take<sup>1</sup> for ourselves  
the fields of God  
as<sup>1</sup> our possession.”
- <sup>13</sup> O my God,  
make them like<sup>1</sup> whirling dust  
and like chaff be-<sup>1</sup>fore the wind.



- <sup>14</sup> As fire burns <sup>1</sup> down a forest,  
as flames set moun- <sup>1</sup> tains ablaze,  
<sup>15</sup> so drive them <sup>1</sup> with your tempest  
and terrify them <sup>1</sup> with your storm;  
<sup>16</sup> cover their faces with <sup>1</sup> shame, O LORD,  
that they may <sup>1</sup> seek your name.  
<sup>17</sup> Let them be disgraced  
and terri- <sup>1</sup> fied forever;  
let them be put to confu- <sup>1</sup> sion  
and perish.  
<sup>18</sup> Let them know that you,  
whose name <sup>1</sup> is I AM—  
you alone are the Most High  
over <sup>1</sup> all the earth.

## 84

- <sup>1</sup> How dear to me <sup>1</sup> is your dwelling,  
O <sup>1</sup> LORD of hosts!  
<sup>2</sup> My soul has a desire and longing  
for the courts <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice  
in the <sup>1</sup> living God.  
<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest  
where she may <sup>1</sup> lay her young,  
by the side of your altars,  
O LORD of hosts,  
my king <sup>1</sup> and my God.  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are they  
who dwell <sup>1</sup> in your house!  
They will always be <sup>1</sup> praising you.  
<sup>5</sup> Happy are the people  
whose strength <sup>1</sup> is in you,  
whose hearts are set  
on the <sup>1</sup> pilgrims' way.  
<sup>6</sup> Those who go  
through the balsam valley  
will find it a <sup>1</sup> place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it  
with <sup>1</sup> pools of water.  
<sup>7</sup> They will climb from <sup>1</sup> height to height,  
and the God of gods  
will be <sup>1</sup> seen in Zion.  
<sup>8</sup> LORD God of hosts, <sup>1</sup> hear my prayer;  
give ear, O <sup>1</sup> God of Jacob.

- <sup>9</sup> Behold our defend- <sup>1</sup> er, O God;  
and look upon the face  
of <sup>1</sup> your anointed.  
<sup>10</sup> For one day in your courts is better  
than a <sup>1</sup> thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather stand at the threshold  
of the house of my God than dwell  
in the tents <sup>1</sup> of the wicked.  
<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God  
is both sun and shield,  
bestowing <sup>1</sup> grace and glory;  
no good thing will the LORD withhold  
from those who walk <sup>1</sup> with integrity.  
<sup>12</sup> O <sup>1</sup> LORD of hosts,  
happy are they  
who put their <sup>1</sup> trust in you!

## 85

- <sup>1</sup> You have been gracious to your <sup>1</sup> land,  
O LORD;  
you have restored  
the good for- <sup>1</sup> tune of Jacob.  
<sup>2</sup> You have forgiven the iniquity  
<sup>1</sup> of your people  
and blotted out <sup>1</sup> all their sins.  
<sup>3</sup> You have withdrawn <sup>1</sup> all your fury  
and turned yourself  
from your wrathful <sup>1</sup> indignation.  
<sup>4</sup> Restore us then, O <sup>1</sup> God our Savior;  
let your anger de- <sup>1</sup> part from us.  
<sup>5</sup> Will you be displeased with <sup>1</sup> us  
forever?  
Will you prolong your anger  
from <sup>1</sup> age to age?  
<sup>6</sup> Will you not give us <sup>1</sup> life again,  
that your people  
may re- <sup>1</sup> joice in you?  
<sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast <sup>1</sup> love, O LORD,  
and grant us <sup>1</sup> your salvation.  
<sup>8</sup> I will listen  
to what the LORD <sup>1</sup> God is saying;  
for you speak peace  
to your faithful people  
and to those  
who turn their <sup>1</sup> hearts to you.

- <sup>9</sup> Truly, your salvation is very near  
to <sup>1</sup> those who fear you,  
that your glory  
may dwell <sup>1</sup> in our land.
- <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness  
have <sup>1</sup> met together;  
righteousness and peace  
have <sup>1</sup> kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness shall spring up  
<sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
and righteousness  
shall look <sup>1</sup> down from heaven.
- <sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed <sup>1</sup> grant prosperity,  
and our land will <sup>1</sup> yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup> Righteousness  
shall go be- <sup>1</sup> fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for <sup>1</sup> God a pathway.

## 86

- <sup>1</sup> Bow down your ear, O LORD,  
and <sup>1</sup> answer me,  
for I am poor <sup>1</sup> and in misery.
- <sup>2</sup> Keep watch over my life,  
for <sup>1</sup> I am faithful;  
save your servant  
who <sup>1</sup> trusts in you.
- <sup>3</sup> Be merciful to me, O LORD,  
for you <sup>1</sup> are my God;  
I call upon you all <sup>1</sup> the day long.
- <sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul <sup>1</sup> of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord,  
I lift <sup>1</sup> up my soul.
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord,  
are good <sup>1</sup> and forgiving,  
and abundant in mercy  
to all who <sup>1</sup> call upon you.
- <sup>6</sup> Give ear, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> to my prayer,  
and attend to the voice  
of my <sup>1</sup> supplications.
- <sup>7</sup> In the time of my trouble  
I will <sup>1</sup> call upon you,  
for you will <sup>1</sup> answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> Among the gods  
there is none like <sup>1</sup> you, O Lord,  
nor anything <sup>1</sup> like your works.

- <sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made  
will come and worship <sup>1</sup> you, O Lord,  
and glori- <sup>1</sup> fy your name.
- <sup>10</sup> For you are great;  
you do <sup>1</sup> wondrous things;  
and you a- <sup>1</sup> lone are God.
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and I will walk <sup>1</sup> in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart  
to re- <sup>1</sup> vere your name.
- <sup>12</sup> I will thank you, O Lord my God,  
with <sup>1</sup> all my heart,  
and glorify your name  
for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.
- <sup>13</sup> For great is your <sup>1</sup> love toward me;  
you have delivered me  
from the <sup>1</sup> pit of death.
- <sup>14</sup> The arrogant rise up  
against me, O God,  
and a band of violent people  
<sup>1</sup> seeks my life;  
they have not set you  
be- <sup>1</sup> fore their eyes.
- <sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are gracious  
and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger,  
and full of kind- <sup>1</sup> ness and truth.
- <sup>16</sup> Turn to me and have mer- <sup>1</sup> cy on me;  
give your strength  
to your servant,  
and save the child  
<sup>1</sup> of your handmaid.
- <sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it  
and be <sup>1</sup> put to shame;  
because you, LORD, have helped me  
and com- <sup>1</sup> forted me.

## 87

- <sup>1</sup> On the <sup>1</sup> holy mountain  
stands the city <sup>1</sup> God has founded;
- <sup>2</sup> the LORD loves the <sup>1</sup> gates of Zion  
more than all the dwell- <sup>1</sup> ings  
of Jacob.
- <sup>3</sup> Glorious things are spo- <sup>1</sup> ken of you,  
O city <sup>1</sup> of our God.



<sup>4</sup> I count Egypt and Babylon  
among <sup>1</sup> those who know me;  
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:  
in Zion <sup>1</sup> were they born.

<sup>5</sup> Of the city it shall be said,  
“Everyone was <sup>1</sup> born in Zion,  
and the Most High  
shall sus- <sup>1</sup> tain the city.”

<sup>6</sup> Enrolling the nations,  
the <sup>1</sup> LORD records:  
“These al- <sup>1</sup> so were born there.”

<sup>7</sup> The singers and the danc- <sup>1</sup> ers will say,  
“All my fresh springs <sup>1</sup> are in you.”

## 88

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, my <sup>1</sup> God, my Savior,  
by day and night I <sup>1</sup> cry to you.

<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer  
enter in- <sup>1</sup> to your presence;  
incline your ear to my <sup>1</sup> lamentation.

<sup>3</sup> For I am <sup>1</sup> full of trouble;  
my life is at the brink <sup>1</sup> of the grave.

<sup>4</sup> I am counted among those  
who go down <sup>1</sup> to the pit;  
I have become like one  
who <sup>1</sup> has no strength;

<sup>5</sup> lost among the dead,  
like the slain who lie <sup>1</sup> in the grave,  
whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off <sup>1</sup> from your hand.

<sup>6</sup> You have laid me in the depths  
<sup>1</sup> of the pit,  
in dark places, and in <sup>1</sup> the abyss.

<sup>7</sup> Your anger weighs up- <sup>1</sup> on me heavily,  
and all your great waves  
<sup>1</sup> overwhelm me.

<sup>8</sup> You have put my friends far from me;  
you have made me  
to be ab- <sup>1</sup> horred by them;  
I am in prison and can- <sup>1</sup> not get free.

<sup>9</sup> My sight has failed me  
be- <sup>1</sup> cause of trouble;  
LORD, I have called upon you daily;  
I have stretched out my <sup>1</sup> hands  
to you.

<sup>10</sup> Do you work wonders <sup>1</sup> for the dead?  
Will those who have died  
stand up and <sup>1</sup> give you thanks?

<sup>11</sup> Will your lovingkindness  
be declared <sup>1</sup> in the grave,  
your faithfulness  
in the land <sup>1</sup> of destruction?

<sup>12</sup> Will your wonders  
be known <sup>1</sup> in the dark  
or your righteousness  
in the country where all <sup>1</sup> is forgotten?

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, O LORD,  
I cry to <sup>1</sup> you for help;  
in the morning  
my prayer <sup>1</sup> comes before you.

<sup>14</sup> LORD, why have you re- <sup>1</sup> jected me?  
Why have you hidden your <sup>1</sup> face  
from me?

<sup>15</sup> Ever since my youth,  
I have been wretched  
and at the <sup>1</sup> point of death;  
I have borne your terrors  
<sup>1</sup> and am helpless.

<sup>16</sup> Your blazing anger has swept <sup>1</sup> over me;  
your terrors <sup>1</sup> have destroyed me;

<sup>17</sup> they surround me all day long  
<sup>1</sup> like a flood;  
they encompass me on <sup>1</sup> every side.

<sup>18</sup> My friend and my neighbor  
you have put a- <sup>1</sup> way from me,  
and darkness  
is my on- <sup>1</sup> ly companion.

## 89

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O LORD, forever <sup>1</sup> will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth  
will pro- <sup>1</sup> claim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> For I am persuaded  
that your steadfast love  
is estab- <sup>1</sup> lished forever;  
you have set your faithfulness  
firmly <sup>1</sup> in the heavens.

<sup>3</sup> “I have made a covenant  
with my <sup>1</sup> chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath  
to Da- <sup>1</sup> vid my servant:

- <sup>4</sup> 'I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne  
for all generations.'"
- <sup>5</sup> The heavens praise your wonders,  
O LORD,  
and your faithfulness  
in the assembly of the holy ones;
- <sup>6</sup> for who in the skies  
can be compared to the LORD?  
Who is like the LORD  
among the gods?—
- <sup>7</sup> a God who is feared  
in the council of the holy ones,  
great and awesome  
to those all around.
- <sup>8</sup> Who is like you, LORD God of hosts?  
O mighty LORD,  
your faithfulness is all around you.
- <sup>9</sup> You rule the raging of the sea  
and still the surging of its waves.
- <sup>10</sup> You have crushed Rahab  
with a deadly wound;  
you have scattered your enemies  
with your mighty arm.
- <sup>11</sup> Yours are the heavens;  
the earth also is yours;  
you laid the foundations of the world  
and all that is in it.
- <sup>12</sup> You have made the north and the south;  
Tabor and Hermon  
rejoice in your name.
- <sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm;  
strong is your hand  
and high is your right hand.
- <sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice  
are the foundations of your throne;  
love and truth go before your face.
- <sup>15</sup> Happy are the people  
who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD,  
in the light of your presence.
- <sup>16</sup> They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant  
in your righteousness.
- <sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor  
our might is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup> Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- <sup>19</sup> You spoke once in a vision  
and said to your faithful people:  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one  
chosen out of the people.
- <sup>20</sup> I have found David my servant;  
with my holy oil  
I have anointed him.
- <sup>21</sup> My hand will hold him fast  
and my arm will make him strong.
- <sup>22</sup> No enemy shall deceive him,  
nor shall the wicked bring him down.
- <sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.
- <sup>24</sup> My faithfulness and steadfast love  
are with him,  
and he shall be victorious  
through my name.
- <sup>25</sup> I will set his hand on the sea,  
and his right hand on the rivers.
- <sup>26</sup> He will say to me,  
'You are my father,  
my God,  
and the rock of my salvation.'
- <sup>27</sup> I will make him my firstborn  
and higher than the kings  
of the earth.
- <sup>28</sup> I will keep my love for him forever,  
and my covenant  
will stand firm for him.
- <sup>29</sup> I will establish his line forever  
and his throne as the days of heaven.
- <sup>30</sup> If his children forsake my teaching  
and do not walk  
according to my judgments;
- <sup>31</sup> if they break my statutes  
and do not keep  
my commandments;
- <sup>32</sup> I will punish their transgressions  
with a rod  
and their iniquities with the lash;
- <sup>33</sup> but I will not take my love from him,  
nor let my faithfulness  
prove false.



34 I will not <sup>1</sup>break my covenant,  
 nor change  
 what has gone out <sup>1</sup>of my lips.  
 35 Once for all  
 I have sworn <sup>1</sup>by my holiness:  
 I will not <sup>1</sup>lie to David.  
 36 His line shall en- <sup>1</sup>dure forever  
 and his throne  
 as the <sup>1</sup>sun before me;  
 37 it shall stand fast forevermore  
<sup>1</sup>like the moon,  
 the abiding witness <sup>1</sup>in the sky."  
 38 But you have cast off  
 and rejected <sup>1</sup>your anointed;  
 you have become en- <sup>1</sup>raged at him.  
 39 You have broken your covenant  
<sup>1</sup>with your servant,  
 defiled his crown,  
 and hurled it <sup>1</sup>to the ground.  
 40 You have breached <sup>1</sup>all his walls  
 and laid his strong- <sup>1</sup>holds in ruins.  
 41 All who pass by <sup>1</sup>plunder him;  
 he has become  
 the scorn <sup>1</sup>of his neighbors.  
 42 You have exalted  
 the right hand <sup>1</sup>of his foes  
 and made all his ene- <sup>1</sup>mies rejoice.  
 43 You have turned back  
 the edge <sup>1</sup>of his sword  
 and have not sustained <sup>1</sup>him  
 in battle.  
 44 You have put an end <sup>1</sup>to his splendor  
 and cast his throne <sup>1</sup>to the ground.  
 45 You have cut short  
 the days <sup>1</sup>of his youth  
 and have covered <sup>1</sup>him with shame.  
 46 How long  
 will you hide yourself, O LORD?  
 Will you hide your- <sup>1</sup>self forever?  
 How long  
 will your anger <sup>1</sup>burn like fire?  
 47 Remember, LORD, how <sup>1</sup>short life is,  
 how frail you have <sup>1</sup>made all mortals.  
 48 Who can live and <sup>1</sup>not see death?  
 Who can escape  
 the power <sup>1</sup>of the grave?

49 Where, Lord,  
 is your steadfast <sup>1</sup>love of old,  
 which you promised David  
<sup>1</sup>in your faithfulness?  
 50 Remember, Lord,  
 how your ser- <sup>1</sup>vants are mocked,  
 how I carry in my bosom  
 the taunts of <sup>1</sup>many peoples,  
 51 the taunts your enemies have <sup>1</sup>hurled,  
 O LORD,  
 which they hurled at the heels  
 of <sup>1</sup>your anointed.  
 52 Blessed be the <sup>1</sup>LORD forever!  
 Amen <sup>1</sup>and Amen.

## 90

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have <sup>1</sup>been our refuge  
 from one generation <sup>1</sup>to another.  
<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains  
 were brought forth,  
 or the land and the <sup>1</sup>earth were born,  
 from age to age <sup>1</sup>you are God.  
<sup>3</sup> You turn us back to the <sup>1</sup>dust and say,  
 "Turn back, O chil- <sup>1</sup>dren of earth."  
<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight  
 are like yesterday when <sup>1</sup>it is past  
 and like a watch <sup>1</sup>in the night;  
<sup>5</sup> you sweep them away <sup>1</sup>like a dream,  
 they fade away suddenly  
<sup>1</sup>like the grass:  
<sup>6</sup> in the morning  
 it is <sup>1</sup>green and flourishes;  
 in the evening  
 it is dried <sup>1</sup>up and withered.  
<sup>7</sup> For we are consumed <sup>1</sup>by your anger;  
 we are afraid  
 because <sup>1</sup>of your wrath.  
<sup>8</sup> Our iniquities  
 you have <sup>1</sup>set before you,  
 and our secret sins  
 in the light <sup>1</sup>of your countenance.  
<sup>9</sup> When you are angry,  
 all our <sup>1</sup>days are gone;  
 we bring our years to an end  
<sup>1</sup>like a sigh.

- <sup>10</sup> The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength <sup>1</sup> even eighty;  
yet the sum of them  
is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly  
and <sup>1</sup> we are gone.
- <sup>11</sup> Who regards the power <sup>1</sup> of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears  
your <sup>1</sup> indignation?
- <sup>12</sup> So teach us to num- <sup>1</sup> ber our days  
that we may apply our <sup>1</sup> hearts  
to wisdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Return, O LORD;  
how long <sup>1</sup> will you tarry?  
Be gracious <sup>1</sup> to your servants.
- <sup>14</sup> Satisfy us by your steadfast love  
<sup>1</sup> in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad  
<sup>1</sup> all our days.
- <sup>15</sup> Make us glad as many days  
as you af- <sup>1</sup> flicted us  
and as many years  
as we suf- <sup>1</sup> fered adversity.
- <sup>16</sup> Show your ser- <sup>1</sup> vants your works,  
and your splendor <sup>1</sup> to their children.
- <sup>17</sup> May the graciousness of the Lord  
our God <sup>1</sup> be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands;  
pros- <sup>1</sup> per our handiwork.
- ## 91
- <sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter  
of <sup>1</sup> the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow  
of <sup>1</sup> the Almighty—
- <sup>2</sup> you will say to the LORD,  
“My refuge <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I <sup>1</sup> put my trust.”
- <sup>3</sup> For God will rescue you  
from the snare <sup>1</sup> of the hunter  
and from the <sup>1</sup> deadly plague.
- <sup>4</sup> God’s wings will cover you,  
and you will find ref- <sup>1</sup> uge  
beneath them;  
God’s faithfulness will be your  
shield <sup>1</sup> and defense.
- <sup>5</sup> You shall not fear  
any terror <sup>1</sup> in the night,  
nor the arrow that <sup>1</sup> flies by day;
- <sup>6</sup> nor the plague  
that stalks <sup>1</sup> in the darkness,  
nor the sickness  
that lays <sup>1</sup> waste at noon.
- <sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side  
and ten thousand at <sup>1</sup> your right hand,  
but it will <sup>1</sup> not come near you.
- <sup>8</sup> You will only have to look  
<sup>1</sup> with your eyes,  
and you will see the reward  
<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the <sup>1</sup> LORD  
your refuge,  
and the Most High your <sup>1</sup> habitation,
- <sup>10</sup> no evil <sup>1</sup> will befall you,  
nor shall affliction  
come <sup>1</sup> near your dwelling.
- <sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels  
charge <sup>1</sup> over you,  
to guard you in <sup>1</sup> all your ways.
- <sup>12</sup> Upon their hands  
they will <sup>1</sup> bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot  
a- <sup>1</sup> gainst a stone.
- <sup>13</sup> You will tread  
upon the lion <sup>1</sup> cub and viper;  
you will trample down  
the lion <sup>1</sup> and the serpent.
- <sup>14</sup> I will deliver those who <sup>1</sup> cling to me;  
I will uphold them,  
because they <sup>1</sup> know my name.
- <sup>15</sup> They will call me,  
and I will <sup>1</sup> answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble;  
I will rescue and <sup>1</sup> honor them.
- <sup>16</sup> With long life will I <sup>1</sup> satisfy them,  
and show them <sup>1</sup> my salvation.
- ## 92
- <sup>1</sup> It is a good thing  
to give thanks <sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name,  
<sup>1</sup> O Most High;



- <sup>2</sup> to herald your love <sup>1</sup> in the morning  
and your faithful- <sup>1</sup> ness at night;
- <sup>3</sup> on the psaltery, and <sup>1</sup> on the lyre,  
and to the melody <sup>1</sup> of the harp.
- <sup>4</sup> For you have made me glad  
by your <sup>1</sup> acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy  
because of the works  
<sup>1</sup> of your hands.
- <sup>5</sup> LORD, how great <sup>1</sup> are your works!  
Your thoughts are <sup>1</sup> very deep.
- <sup>6</sup> The dullard <sup>1</sup> does not know,  
nor does the fool <sup>1</sup> understand,
- <sup>7</sup> that though the wicked  
grow like weeds,  
and all the workers of iniqui- <sup>1</sup> uity  
flourish,  
they flourish only  
to be de- <sup>1</sup> stroyed forever;
- <sup>8</sup> but <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
are exalted for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.
- <sup>9</sup> For lo, your enemies, O LORD,  
lo, your ene- <sup>1</sup> mies shall perish,  
and all the workers of iniquity  
<sup>1</sup> shall be scattered.
- <sup>10</sup> But you have raised up my horns  
like those of <sup>1</sup> a wild ox;  
I am anointed <sup>1</sup> with fresh oil.
- <sup>11</sup> My eyes spy out  
<sup>1</sup> those who watch me;  
my ears hear  
when enemies rise <sup>1</sup> up against me.
- <sup>12</sup> The righteous shall flourish  
<sup>1</sup> like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad  
like a ce- <sup>1</sup> dar of Lebanon.
- <sup>13</sup> Those who are planted  
in the house <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
shall flourish  
in the courts <sup>1</sup> of our God;
- <sup>14</sup> they shall still bear fruit <sup>1</sup> in old age;  
they shall be <sup>1</sup> green and succulent;
- <sup>15</sup> that they may show  
how up- <sup>1</sup> right the LORD is,  
my rock,  
in whom there is <sup>1</sup> no injustice.

## 93

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is king, robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty  
and <sup>1</sup> armed with strength.  
The LORD has made the world so sure  
that it can- <sup>1</sup> not be moved.
- <sup>2</sup> Ever since the world began,  
your throne has <sup>1</sup> been established;  
you are from <sup>1</sup> everlasting.
- <sup>3</sup> The waters have lifted up, O LORD,  
the waters have lifted <sup>1</sup> up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up  
their <sup>1</sup> pounding waves.
- <sup>4</sup> Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers <sup>1</sup> of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD  
who <sup>1</sup> dwells on high.
- <sup>5</sup> Your testimonies are <sup>1</sup> very sure,  
and holiness befits your house,  
O LORD, forever and for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.

## 94

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, a- <sup>1</sup> venging God,  
O God of vengeance, <sup>1</sup> show yourself.
- <sup>2</sup> Rise up, O Judge <sup>1</sup> of the world;  
give to the arrogant  
their <sup>1</sup> just deserts.
- <sup>3</sup> How long shall the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed, O Lord,  
how long shall the <sup>1</sup> wicked triumph?
- <sup>4</sup> They bluster <sup>1</sup> in their insolence;  
all evildoers are <sup>1</sup> full of boasting.
- <sup>5</sup> They crush your peo- <sup>1</sup> ple, O Lord,  
and afflict your <sup>1</sup> very own.
- <sup>6</sup> They kill the widow <sup>1</sup> and the stranger  
and put the or- <sup>1</sup> phans to death.
- <sup>7</sup> And they say, "The LORD <sup>1</sup> does not see,  
the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup> takes no notice."
- <sup>8</sup> Consider well,  
you most <sup>1</sup> brutish people;  
you fools, when will <sup>1</sup> you be wise?
- <sup>9</sup> Does the one who planted the <sup>1</sup> ear  
not hear?  
Does the one who formed the <sup>1</sup> eye  
not see?

- <sup>10</sup> Does the one  
who disciplines the na-<sup>1</sup>tions  
not punish?  
Does the one  
who teaches all human-<sup>1</sup>kind  
lack knowledge?
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD knows our <sup>1</sup>human thoughts;  
how like a puff of <sup>1</sup>wind they are.
- <sup>12</sup> Happy are they  
whom you disci-<sup>1</sup>pline, O LORD,  
those whom you teach  
<sup>1</sup>from your law;
- <sup>13</sup> you give them rest in <sup>1</sup>evil days,  
until a pit is dug <sup>1</sup>for the wicked.
- <sup>14</sup> For you will not aban-<sup>1</sup>don your people,  
nor will you forsake your <sup>1</sup>very own.
- <sup>15</sup> For judgment will a-<sup>1</sup>gain be just,  
and all the upright of heart  
will <sup>1</sup>follow it.
- <sup>16</sup> Who will rise up for me  
a-<sup>1</sup>gainst the wicked?  
Who will take a stand for me  
against the <sup>1</sup>evildoers?
- <sup>17</sup> If the Lord had not <sup>1</sup>been my help,  
I should soon have dwelt  
in the <sup>1</sup>land of silence.
- <sup>18</sup> As often as I said,  
“My <sup>1</sup>foot has slipped,”  
your steadfast love, O <sup>1</sup>LORD,  
upheld me.
- <sup>19</sup> When anxious thoughts <sup>1</sup>fill my mind,  
your consolations <sup>1</sup>cheer my soul.
- <sup>20</sup> Can a seat of injustice  
be al-<sup>1</sup>lied with you,  
one which frames evil <sup>1</sup>into law?
- <sup>21</sup> They conspire  
against the life <sup>1</sup>of the righteous  
and condemn the inno-<sup>1</sup>cent  
to death.
- <sup>22</sup> But the LORD  
has be-<sup>1</sup>come my stronghold,  
my God is my <sup>1</sup>rock of refuge,
- <sup>23</sup> who will turn back  
their wickedness against them  
and destroy them in <sup>1</sup>their own sin;  
the LORD our God  
<sup>1</sup>will destroy them.

## 95

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing <sup>1</sup>to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy  
to the rock of <sup>1</sup>our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come before God's presence  
<sup>1</sup>with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout  
to the <sup>1</sup>LORD with psalms.
- <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, <sup>1</sup>are a great God,  
and a great ruler a-<sup>1</sup>bove all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In your hand  
are the caverns <sup>1</sup>of the earth;  
the heights of the hills  
are <sup>1</sup>also yours.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, <sup>1</sup>for you made it,  
and your hands  
have molded <sup>1</sup>the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship <sup>1</sup>and bow down,  
let us kneel before the <sup>1</sup>LORD  
our maker.
- <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep <sup>1</sup>of God's hand.  
Oh, that today  
you would <sup>1</sup>hear God's voice!
- <sup>8</sup> “Harden <sup>1</sup>not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day  
at Massah <sup>1</sup>in the desert.
- <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors <sup>1</sup>tested me,  
they put me to the test,  
though they had <sup>1</sup>seen my works.
- <sup>10</sup> Forty years I loathed that gener-<sup>1</sup>ation,  
saying,  
“The heart of this people goes astray;  
they do not <sup>1</sup>know my ways.”
- <sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore <sup>1</sup>in my anger,  
“They shall never come <sup>1</sup>to my rest.””

## 96

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup>a new song;  
sing to the LORD, <sup>1</sup>all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD,  
bless the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation  
from <sup>1</sup>day to day.



- <sup>3</sup> Declare God's glory  
a-<sup>1</sup> mong the nations  
and God's wonders  
a-<sup>1</sup> mong all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD  
and greatly<sup>1</sup> to be praised,  
more to be feared<sup>1</sup> than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations,  
they<sup>1</sup> are but idols;  
but you, O LORD,  
have<sup>1</sup> made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Majesty and magnificence  
are<sup>1</sup> in your presence;  
power and splendor  
are in your<sup>1</sup> sanctuary.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD,  
you families<sup>1</sup> of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD  
hon-<sup>1</sup> or and power.
- <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the honor  
due the<sup>1</sup> holy name;  
bring offerings  
and enter the courts<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD  
in the beau-<sup>1</sup> ty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD,  
<sup>1</sup> all the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations:  
"The<sup>1</sup> LORD is king!  
The one who made the world  
so firm that it cannot be moved  
will judge the peo-<sup>1</sup> ples  
with equity."
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice,  
and let the<sup>1</sup> earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder  
and all that is in it;  
let the field be joyful  
and all that<sup>1</sup> is therein.
- <sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood  
shout for joy  
at your com-<sup>1</sup> ing, O LORD,  
for you come to<sup>1</sup> judge the earth.
- <sup>13</sup> You will judge the<sup>1</sup> world  
with righteousness  
and the peoples<sup>1</sup> with your truth.

## 97

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns;  
let the<sup>1</sup> earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the<sup>1</sup> isles  
be glad.
- <sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness  
sur-<sup>1</sup> round the LORD,  
righteousness and justice  
are the foundations  
<sup>1</sup> of God's throne.
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes be-<sup>1</sup> fore the LORD,  
burning up enemies  
on<sup>1</sup> every side.
- <sup>4</sup> Lightnings light<sup>1</sup> up the world;  
the earth<sup>1</sup> sees and trembles.
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains<sup>1</sup> melt like wax  
before the Lord of<sup>1</sup> all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare  
your righteous-<sup>1</sup> ness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples  
<sup>1</sup> see your glory.
- <sup>7</sup> Confounded be all  
who worship carved images  
and delight<sup>1</sup> in false gods!  
Bow down before the LORD,  
<sup>1</sup> all you gods.
- <sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad,  
and the cities of Ju-<sup>1</sup> dah rejoice,  
because of your judg-<sup>1</sup> ments,  
O LORD.
- <sup>9</sup> For you are the LORD,  
most high over<sup>1</sup> all the earth;  
you are exalted far a-<sup>1</sup> bove all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> You who love the<sup>1</sup> LORD, hate evil!  
God guards the lives of the saints  
and rescues them  
from the hand<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup> Light dawns<sup>1</sup> for the righteous,  
and joy for the hon-<sup>1</sup> est of heart.
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the<sup>1</sup> LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks  
to God's<sup>1</sup> holy name.

## 98

- <sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the LORD,  
who has done <sup>1</sup> marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm  
have <sup>1</sup> won the victory.
- <sup>2</sup> O LORD, you have made <sup>1</sup> known  
your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness  
in the sight <sup>1</sup> of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> You remember  
your steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the <sup>1</sup> house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth  
have seen the victory <sup>1</sup> of our God.
- <sup>4</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD,  
<sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing.
- <sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with the harp,  
with the harp and the <sup>1</sup> voice of song.
- <sup>6</sup> With trumpets  
and the sound <sup>1</sup> of the horn  
shout with joy  
before the <sup>1</sup> king, the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and <sup>1</sup> all that fills it,  
the world and those  
who <sup>1</sup> dwell therein.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers <sup>1</sup> clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy  
before the LORD,  
who comes to <sup>1</sup> judge the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD will judge the <sup>1</sup> world  
with righteousness  
and the peo- <sup>1</sup> ples with equity.

## 99

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is king;  
let the <sup>1</sup> people tremble.  
The LORD is enthroned  
upon the cherubim;  
let <sup>1</sup> the earth shake.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD, <sup>1</sup> great in Zion,  
is high a- <sup>1</sup> bove all peoples.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name,  
which is <sup>1</sup> great and awesome;  
God is the <sup>1</sup> Holy One.

- <sup>4</sup> O mighty king,  
lover of justice,  
you have es- <sup>1</sup> tablished equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteous- <sup>1</sup> ness in Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD  
and fall down be- <sup>1</sup> fore God's footstool;  
God is the <sup>1</sup> Holy One.
- <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among your priests,  
and Samuel among those  
who call upon your <sup>1</sup> name, O LORD;  
they called upon you,  
and you <sup>1</sup> answered them,
- <sup>7</sup> you spoke to them  
out of the pil- <sup>1</sup> lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies  
and the decree <sup>1</sup> that you gave them.
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD our God,  
you answered <sup>1</sup> them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them  
for their <sup>1</sup> evil deeds.
- <sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD  
and worship upon God's <sup>1</sup> holy hill;  
for the LORD our God  
is the <sup>1</sup> Holy One.

## 100

- <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD,  
<sup>1</sup> all you lands!
- <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness;  
come into God's presence  
<sup>1</sup> with a song.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God,  
our maker to whom <sup>1</sup> we belong;  
we are God's people  
and the sheep <sup>1</sup> of God's pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the LORD  
with thanksgiving  
and the <sup>1</sup> courts with praise;  
give thanks  
and bless God's <sup>1</sup> holy name.
- <sup>5</sup> Good indeed is the LORD,  
whose steadfast love is <sup>1</sup> everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures  
from <sup>1</sup> age to age.



## 101

- <sup>1</sup> I will sing of mer-<sup>1</sup>cy and justice;  
to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.
- <sup>2</sup> I will strive to follow a blameless course;  
when shall I attain it?  
I will walk with sincerity of heart  
with-<sup>1</sup>in my house.
- <sup>3</sup> I will set no worthless thing  
be-<sup>1</sup>fore my eyes;  
I hate the doers of evil deeds;  
they shall not re-<sup>1</sup>main with me.
- <sup>4</sup> A crooked heart shall be<sup>1</sup> far from me;  
I will<sup>1</sup> not know evil.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who secretly  
slander their neighbors I<sup>1</sup> will destroy;  
those who have a haughty look  
and a proud heart I can-<sup>1</sup>not abide.
- <sup>6</sup> My eyes are upon the faithful  
in the land,  
that they may<sup>1</sup> dwell with me,  
and those who walk in integrity  
shall<sup>1</sup> be my servants.
- <sup>7</sup> Those who act deceitfully  
shall not dwell<sup>1</sup> in my house,  
and those who tell lies  
shall not continue<sup>1</sup> in my sight.
- <sup>8</sup> Morning by morning  
I will destroy all the wicked  
in the land,  
that I may root out all evildoers  
from the city<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

## 102

- <sup>1</sup> Hear my<sup>1</sup> prayer, O LORD,  
and let my cry<sup>1</sup> come before you.
- <sup>2</sup> Hide not your face from me  
when I<sup>1</sup> am in trouble.  
Incline your ear to me; when I call,  
make haste to<sup>1</sup> answer me,
- <sup>3</sup> for my days drift a-<sup>1</sup>way like smoke,  
and my bones are hot  
as<sup>1</sup> burning coals.
- <sup>4</sup> My heart is stricken like<sup>1</sup> grass  
and withered,  
so that I forget to<sup>1</sup> eat my bread.

- <sup>5</sup> Because of the voice<sup>1</sup> of my groaning  
I am but<sup>1</sup> skin and bones.
- <sup>6</sup> I have become like a vulture<sup>1</sup>  
in the wilderness,  
like an owl a-<sup>1</sup>mong the ruins.
- <sup>7</sup> I lie a-<sup>1</sup>wake and groan;  
I am like a sparrow,  
lonely<sup>1</sup> on a housetop.
- <sup>8</sup> My enemies revile me<sup>1</sup> all day long,  
and those who scoff at me  
have taken an<sup>1</sup> oath against me.
- <sup>9</sup> For I have eaten ash-<sup>1</sup>es for bread  
and mingled my<sup>1</sup> drink with weeping.
- <sup>10</sup> Because of your indigna-<sup>1</sup>tion and wrath  
you have lifted me up  
and thrown<sup>1</sup> me away.
- <sup>11</sup> My days pass away<sup>1</sup> like a shadow,  
and I wither<sup>1</sup> like the grass.
- <sup>12</sup> But you, O LORD, en-<sup>1</sup>dure forever,  
and your name from<sup>1</sup> age to age.
- <sup>13</sup> You will arise  
and have compassion on Zion,  
for it is time to have mercy  
up-<sup>1</sup>on Jerusalem;  
indeed, the appointed<sup>1</sup> time has come.
- <sup>14</sup> For your servants  
love the city's<sup>1</sup> very rubble,  
and are moved to pity  
even<sup>1</sup> for its dust.
- <sup>15</sup> The nations shall fear your<sup>1</sup> name,  
O LORD,  
and all the rulers of the<sup>1</sup> earth  
your glory.
- <sup>16</sup> For you will<sup>1</sup> build up Zion,  
and your glory<sup>1</sup> will appear.
- <sup>17</sup> You will look with favor  
on the prayer<sup>1</sup> of the homeless;  
you will not de-<sup>1</sup>spise their plea.
- <sup>18</sup> Let this be written  
for a future<sup>1</sup> generation,  
so that a people yet unborn  
may<sup>1</sup> praise the LORD.
- <sup>19</sup> For you looked down  
from your holy<sup>1</sup> place on high;  
from the heavens  
you beheld the<sup>1</sup> earth, O LORD,

- 20 that you might hear the groan  
 of the captive  
 and set free those  
 con- demned to die;
- 21 that they may declare your name  
 in Zion  
 and your praise in Jerusalem;
- 22 when the peoples  
 are gathered together,  
 and the kingdoms also,  
 to serve the LORD.
- 23 God has brought down my strength  
 before my time,  
 shortening the number of my days;
- 24 and I said, "O my God,  
 do not take me away  
 in the midst of my days;  
 your years endure  
 throughout all generations."
- 25 Long ago, O LORD,  
 you laid the foundations of the earth,  
 and the heavens  
 are the work of your hands.
- 26 They shall perish, but you will endure;  
 they all shall wear out like a garment;  
 as clothing you will change them,  
 and they shall be changed;
- 27 but you are always the same,  
 and your years will never end.
- 28 The children of your servants  
 shall continue,  
 and their descendants  
 shall stand fast in your sight.

## 103

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
 and all that is within me,  
 bless God's holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
 and forget not all God's benefits—
- 3 who forgives all your sins  
 and heals all your diseases;
- 4 who redeems your life from the grave  
 and crowns you  
 with steadfast love and mercy;
- 5 who satisfies your desires  
 with good things  
 so that your youth is renewed  
 like an eagle's.
- 6 O LORD, you provide vindication  
 and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 You made known your ways to Moses  
 and your works  
 to the children of Israel.
- 8 LORD, you are full of compassion  
 and mercy,  
 slow to anger  
 and abounding in steadfast love;
- 9 you will not always accuse us,  
 nor will you keep your anger  
 forever.
- 10 You have not dealt with us  
 according to our sins,  
 nor repaid us  
 according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens  
 are higher above the earth,  
 so great is your steadfast love  
 for those who fear you.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,  
 so far have you removed  
 our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father has compassion  
 for his children,  
 so you have compassion  
 for those who fear you, O LORD.
- 14 For you know well how we are formed;  
 you remember that we are but dust.
- 15 As for mortals,  
 their days are like the grass;  
 they flourish  
 like a flower of the field;
- 16 when the wind passes over it, it is gone,  
 and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But your steadfast love, O LORD,  
 is forever with those who fear you,  
 and your righteousness  
 is for the children's children;
- 18 for those who keep your covenant  
 and remember to do  
 your commandments.



- <sup>19</sup> The LORD's throne  
is estab-<sup>l</sup>ished in heaven;  
God's dominion rules<sup>l</sup> over all.
- <sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, you angels,  
you mighty ones who<sup>l</sup> do God's bidding,  
who obey the voice<sup>l</sup> of God's word.
- <sup>21</sup> Bless the LORD, all you<sup>l</sup> hosts of God,  
you servants who<sup>l</sup> do God's will.
- <sup>22</sup> Bless the LORD, all you works of God,  
in all places<sup>l</sup> where God rules;  
bless the LORD,<sup>l</sup> O my soul.

## 104

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
O LORD my God,  
you are<sup>l</sup> very great!  
You are clothed  
with majes-<sup>l</sup>ty and splendor.
- <sup>2</sup> You wrap yourself with light  
as<sup>l</sup> with a cloak  
and stretch out the heavens<sup>l</sup>  
like a tent.
- <sup>3</sup> You lay the beams of your chambers  
in the wa-<sup>l</sup>ters above;  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings<sup>l</sup> of the wind.
- <sup>4</sup> You make the<sup>l</sup> winds your messengers  
and flames of<sup>l</sup> fire your servants.
- <sup>5</sup> You set the earth  
upon<sup>l</sup> its foundations,  
so that from now until forever  
it shall nev-<sup>l</sup>er be moved.
- <sup>6</sup> You covered it with the deep  
as<sup>l</sup> with a garment;  
the waters stood  
a-<sup>l</sup>bove the mountains.
- <sup>7</sup> At your rebuke the<sup>l</sup> waters fled,  
scattered by your<sup>l</sup> voice of thunder.
- <sup>8</sup> They went up into the mountains  
and descended down<sup>l</sup> to the valleys,  
to the place  
where<sup>l</sup> you assigned them.
- <sup>9</sup> You set the limits  
that they<sup>l</sup> should not pass;  
never shall they return  
to cover the<sup>l</sup> earth again.
- <sup>10</sup> You made the springs<sup>l</sup> into rivers  
that flow be-<sup>l</sup>tween the mountains.
- <sup>11</sup> All the animals  
drink their<sup>l</sup> fill from them,  
and the wild donkeys<sup>l</sup>  
quench their thirst.
- <sup>12</sup> Beside them the birds of the air  
<sup>l</sup>make their nests;  
among the branches  
they<sup>l</sup> lift their voice.
- <sup>13</sup> From your dwelling on high,  
you wa-<sup>l</sup>ter the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied  
with the fruit<sup>l</sup> of your works.
- <sup>14</sup> You make grass grow for the cattle,  
and plants to serve<sup>l</sup> humankind;  
that they may bring forth food<sup>l</sup>  
from the earth,
- <sup>15</sup> wine to gladden human hearts,  
oil to<sup>l</sup> make the face shine,  
and bread to strengthen  
the<sup>l</sup> human heart.
- <sup>16</sup> The trees of the LORD are<sup>l</sup> well supplied,  
the cedars of Lebanon<sup>l</sup>  
that you planted,
- <sup>17</sup> in which the birds<sup>l</sup> build their nests,  
while the stork makes the fir<sup>l</sup> trees  
its dwelling.
- <sup>18</sup> The high hills belong  
to the<sup>l</sup> mountain goats,  
and the stony cliffs are a refuge<sup>l</sup>  
for the badgers.
- <sup>19</sup> You made the moon  
to<sup>l</sup> mark the seasons,  
and the sun knows the time<sup>l</sup>  
of its setting.
- <sup>20</sup> You bring on darkness  
that it<sup>l</sup> may be night,  
in which all the beasts  
of the<sup>l</sup> forest prowl.
- <sup>21</sup> The lions roar<sup>l</sup> for their prey  
seeking their<sup>l</sup> food from God.
- <sup>22</sup> The sun rises, and<sup>l</sup> they withdraw  
and lay themselves down<sup>l</sup>  
in their dens.
- <sup>23</sup> People go forth<sup>l</sup> to their work  
and to their labor un-<sup>l</sup>til the evening.

- <sup>24</sup> How manifold are your <sup>1</sup> works,  
O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full <sup>1</sup> of your creatures.
- <sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
with its swarms too man- <sup>1</sup> y to number,  
living things both <sup>1</sup> small and great.
- <sup>26</sup> There go the ships <sup>1</sup> to and fro,  
and Leviathan,  
which you made for the <sup>1</sup> sport of it.
- <sup>27</sup> All of them <sup>1</sup> look to you  
to give them their food  
<sup>1</sup> in due season.
- <sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they <sup>1</sup> gather it;  
you open your hand,  
and they are filled <sup>1</sup> with good things.
- <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face,  
<sup>1</sup> they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return <sup>1</sup> to their dust.
- <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit,  
and they <sup>1</sup> are created;  
and so you renew  
the face <sup>1</sup> of the earth.
- <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD  
en- <sup>1</sup> dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in <sup>1</sup> all your works.
- <sup>32</sup> You look at the earth <sup>1</sup> and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains  
<sup>1</sup> and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long <sup>1</sup> as I live;  
I will praise my God  
while I <sup>1</sup> have my being.
- <sup>34</sup> May these words of <sup>1</sup> mine please God.  
I will rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth  
and the wicked <sup>1</sup> be no more.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!
- 105**
- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD  
and call up- <sup>1</sup> on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD  
a- <sup>1</sup> mong the peoples.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the <sup>1</sup> LORD, sing praises,  
and speak  
of all God's <sup>1</sup> marvelous works.
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in God's <sup>1</sup> holy name;  
let the hearts of those  
who seek the <sup>1</sup> LORD rejoice.
- <sup>4</sup> Search for the strength <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
continually <sup>1</sup> seek God's face.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember the marvels <sup>1</sup> God has done,  
the wonders  
and the judgments <sup>1</sup> of God's mouth,
- <sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abra- <sup>1</sup> ham,  
God's servant,  
O children of Jacob,  
God's <sup>1</sup> chosen ones.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD <sup>1</sup> is our God,  
whose judgments prevail  
in <sup>1</sup> all the world,
- <sup>8</sup> who has always been mindful  
<sup>1</sup> of the covenant,  
the promise made  
for a thousand <sup>1</sup> generations:
- <sup>9</sup> the covenant <sup>1</sup> made with Abraham,  
the oath <sup>1</sup> sworn to Isaac,
- <sup>10</sup> which God established  
as a stat- <sup>1</sup> ute for Jacob,  
an everlasting cove- <sup>1</sup> nant for Israel,
- <sup>11</sup> saying, "To you will I give  
the <sup>1</sup> land of Canaan  
to be your allot- <sup>1</sup> ted inheritance."
- <sup>12</sup> When they were <sup>1</sup> few in number,  
of little account,  
and sojourners <sup>1</sup> in the land,
- <sup>13</sup> wandering from na- <sup>1</sup> tion to nation  
and from one kingdom <sup>1</sup> to another,
- <sup>14</sup> God let no <sup>1</sup> one oppress them  
and rebuked kings <sup>1</sup> for their sake,
- <sup>15</sup> saying, "Do not touch  
my a- <sup>1</sup> noointed ones  
and do my proph- <sup>1</sup> ets no harm."
- <sup>16</sup> Then God called for a famine  
<sup>1</sup> in the land  
and destroyed the sup- <sup>1</sup> ply of bread.
- <sup>17</sup> The LORD sent a <sup>1</sup> man before them,  
Joseph, who was sold <sup>1</sup> as a slave.



18 They bruised his <sup>1</sup> feet in fetters;  
     his neck they put in an <sup>1</sup> iron collar.  
 19 Until his prediction <sup>1</sup> came to pass,  
     the word of the LORD <sup>1</sup> tested him.  
 20 The king sent <sup>1</sup> and released him;  
     the ruler of the peoples <sup>1</sup> set him free,  
 21 setting him as a master  
     o-<sup>1</sup> ver his household,  
     as a ruler over all <sup>1</sup> his possessions,  
 22 to instruct his princes  
     according <sup>1</sup> to his will  
     and to teach his <sup>1</sup> elders wisdom.  
 23 Israel came <sup>1</sup> into Egypt,  
     and Jacob became a sojourner  
     in the <sup>1</sup> land of Ham.  
 24 The LORD made the people of Israel  
     <sup>1</sup> very fruitful,  
     more numerous <sup>1</sup> than their enemies,  
 25 whose hearts God turned,  
     so that they hat-<sup>1</sup> ed God's people,  
     and dealt unjustly  
     with the ser-<sup>1</sup> vants of God.  
 26 O LORD, you sent Mo-<sup>1</sup> ses  
     your servant,  
     and Aaron, your <sup>1</sup> chosen one.  
 27 They worked your <sup>1</sup> signs among them,  
     and portents in the <sup>1</sup> land of Ham.  
 28 You sent darkness, and <sup>1</sup> it grew dark;  
     but the Egyptians rebelled  
     a-<sup>1</sup> gainst your words.  
 29 You turned their waters <sup>1</sup> into blood  
     and caused their <sup>1</sup> fish to die.  
 30 Their land was over-<sup>1</sup> run by frogs,  
     in the very chambers <sup>1</sup> of their kings.  
 31 You spoke,  
     and there came <sup>1</sup> swarms of insects  
     and gnats within <sup>1</sup> all their borders.  
 32 You gave them hailstones  
     in-<sup>1</sup> stead of rain,  
     and flames of fire  
     through-<sup>1</sup> out their land.  
 33 You blasted their vines  
     <sup>1</sup> and their fig trees  
     and shattered every tree  
     <sup>1</sup> in their country.

34 You spoke, and the <sup>1</sup> locust came,  
     and young locusts <sup>1</sup> without number,  
 35 which ate up all the green plants  
     <sup>1</sup> in their land  
     and devoured the fruit <sup>1</sup> of their soil.  
 36 You struck down the firstborn  
     <sup>1</sup> of their land,  
     the firstfruits of <sup>1</sup> all their strength.  
 37 You led out your people  
     with sil-<sup>1</sup> ver and gold;  
     in all their tribes  
     there was not <sup>1</sup> one that stumbled.  
 38 Egypt was glad to <sup>1</sup> see them go,  
     because they were a-<sup>1</sup> fraid of them.  
 39 You spread out a cloud <sup>1</sup> for a covering  
     and a fire to give <sup>1</sup> light by night.  
 40 They asked, and <sup>1</sup> you brought quail,  
     and satisfied them  
     with <sup>1</sup> bread from heaven.  
 41 You opened the rock,  
     and <sup>1</sup> water flowed,  
     so the river ran in <sup>1</sup> the dry places.  
 42 For you remembered your <sup>1</sup> holy word  
     and Abra-<sup>1</sup> ham your servant.  
 43 So you led forth your peo-<sup>1</sup> ple  
     with gladness,  
     your chosen with <sup>1</sup> shouts of joy.  
 44 You gave your people  
     the lands <sup>1</sup> of the nations,  
     and they took the fruit  
     of <sup>1</sup> others' toil,  
 45 that they might <sup>1</sup> keep your statutes  
     and observe your teachings.  
     <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## 106

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD,  
     for the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good,  
     for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup> dures forever.  
 2 Who can declare  
     the mighty acts <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
     or proclaim in <sup>1</sup> full God's praise?  
 3 Happy are those who <sup>1</sup> act with justice  
     and always do <sup>1</sup> what is right.

- 4 Remember me, O LORD,  
with the favor  
you have <sup>1</sup> for your people,  
and visit me with <sup>1</sup> your salvation;
- 5 that I may see the prosperity  
of your elect and be glad  
with the gladness <sup>1</sup> of your people,  
that I may glory  
with <sup>1</sup> your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our <sup>1</sup> forebears did;  
we have done wrong  
<sup>1</sup> and dealt wickedly.
- 7 In Egypt they did not consider  
your marvelous works,  
nor remember the abundance  
of your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love;  
they rebelled by the sea,  
<sup>1</sup> by the Red Sea.
- 8 But you saved them  
<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake,  
to make your <sup>1</sup> power known.
- 9 You rebuked the Red Sea,  
and <sup>1</sup> it dried up,  
and you led them through the deep  
as <sup>1</sup> through a desert.
- 10 You saved them from the hand  
of those who <sup>1</sup> hated them  
and redeemed them  
from the hand <sup>1</sup> of the enemy.
- 11 The waters covered <sup>1</sup> their oppressors;  
not one of <sup>1</sup> them was left.
- 12 Then they be- <sup>1</sup> lieved your words  
and sang songs of <sup>1</sup> praise to you.
- 13 But they soon for- <sup>1</sup> got your deeds  
and did not wait <sup>1</sup> for your counsel.
- 14 A craving seized them  
<sup>1</sup> in the wilderness,  
in the desert,  
they put you <sup>1</sup> to the test.
- 15 You gave them <sup>1</sup> what they asked,  
but then sent them  
a wast- <sup>1</sup> ing disease.
- 16 When they envied Moses  
<sup>1</sup> in the camp,  
and Aaron, the holy one  
<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,
- 17 the earth opened  
and <sup>1</sup> swallowed Dathan  
and covered  
the company <sup>1</sup> of Abiram.
- 18 Fire blazed up a- <sup>1</sup> gainst their company,  
and flames de- <sup>1</sup> voured the wicked.
- 19 They made a bull- <sup>1</sup> calf at Horeb  
and worshiped a <sup>1</sup> molten image;
- 20 thus they ex- <sup>1</sup> changed their glory  
for the image of an ox  
that <sup>1</sup> feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot <sup>1</sup> God their Savior,  
who had done great <sup>1</sup> things  
in Egypt,
- 22 wonderful deeds in the <sup>1</sup> land of Ham,  
and fearful things <sup>1</sup> at the Red Sea.
- 23 So you would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses your chosen  
stood <sup>1</sup> in the breach,  
to turn away your wrath  
from con- <sup>1</sup> suming them.
- 24 Then they refused the <sup>1</sup> pleasant land  
and would not be- <sup>1</sup> lieve  
your promise.
- 25 They grumbled <sup>1</sup> in their tents  
and would not obey  
the voice <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.
- 26 So your hand  
was lift- <sup>1</sup> ed against them,  
to cast them down  
<sup>1</sup> in the wilderness,
- 27 to cast out their seed  
a- <sup>1</sup> mong the nations,  
and to scatter them  
through- <sup>1</sup> out the lands.
- 28 They joined themselves to <sup>1</sup> Ba'al-Peor  
and ate sacrifices  
offered <sup>1</sup> to the dead.
- 29 They provoked you to anger  
<sup>1</sup> with their actions,  
and a plague  
broke <sup>1</sup> out among them.
- 30 Then Phinehas stood up  
and <sup>1</sup> interceded,  
and the plague came <sup>1</sup> to an end.



31 This was reckoned to | him  
 as righteousness  
 throughout all genera- | tions  
 forever.  
 32 Again they angered you  
 at the wa- | ters of Meribah,  
 so that you punished Moses  
 be- | cause of them;  
 33 for they so embit- | tered his spirit  
 that he spoke rash words  
 | with his lips.  
 34 They did not de- | stroy the peoples  
 as the LORD had com- | manded them;  
 35 they intermingled | with the nations  
 and | learned their ways.  
 36 They wor- | shipped their idols,  
 which became a | snare to them.  
 37 They sacri- | ficed their sons  
 and their daughters to | evil spirits.  
 38 They shed innocent blood,  
 the blood of their | sons and daughters,  
 whom they offered  
 to the idols of Canaan,  
 and the land was de- | filed with blood.  
 39 They became polluted  
 | with their ways  
 and went whoring  
 | through their deeds.  
 40 Therefore your wrath, O LORD,  
 was kindled a- | gainst your people  
 and you abhorred  
 your | own inheritance,  
 41 giving them into the hand  
 | of the nations,  
 and those who hated them  
 ruled | over them.  
 42 Their ene- | mies oppressed them,  
 and they were humbled  
 un- | der their hand.  
 43 Many times you delivered them,  
 but they rebelled  
 through | their own schemes,  
 and were brought down  
 in | their iniquity.  
 44 Nevertheless, you saw | their distress,  
 and heard their | lamentation.

45 You remembered  
 your cove- | nant with them  
 and relented  
 out of your | steadfast love.  
 46 You won for | them compassion  
 by all who | held them captive.  
 47 Save us, O LORD our God, and  
 gather us from a- | mong the nations,  
 that we may give thanks  
 to your holy name  
 and glory | in your praise.  
 48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
 from everlasting to | everlasting;  
 and let all the people say,  
 “Amen!” | Hallelujah!  
**107**  
 1 Give thanks to the LORD,  
 for the | LORD is good,  
 for God’s mercy en- | dures forever.  
 2 Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim  
 that God redeemed them  
 from the hand | of the foe,  
 3 gathering them in | from the lands;  
 from the east and from the west,  
 from the north and | from the south.  
 4 Some wandered in | desert wastes;  
 they found no path to a city  
 where | they might dwell.  
 5 They were hun- | gry and thirsty;  
 their spirits lan- | guished  
 within them.  
 6 Then in their trouble  
 they cried | to the LORD,  
 and you delivered them  
 from | their distress.  
 7 You led them | on a straight path  
 to go to a city  
 where | they might dwell.  
 8 Let them give thanks to you, LORD,  
 for your | steadfast love  
 and your wonderful works  
 | for all people.  
 9 For you satisfy the | thirsty soul  
 and fill the hungry | with good things.

- 10 Some dwelt in dark-<sup>1</sup>ness and gloom,  
 prisoners in miser-<sup>1</sup>y and irons;  
 11 because they rebelled  
 against the<sup>1</sup> words of God  
 and despised the counsel  
 of<sup>1</sup> the Most High.  
 12 So you humbled their hearts  
<sup>1</sup>with hard labor;  
 they stumbled,  
 and there was<sup>1</sup> none to help.  
 13 Then in their trouble  
 they cried<sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
 and you delivered them  
 from<sup>1</sup> their distress.  
 14 You led them out of dark-<sup>1</sup>ness  
 and gloom,  
 and broke their<sup>1</sup> bonds asunder.  
 15 Let them give thanks to you, LORD,  
 for your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love  
 and your wonderful works  
<sup>1</sup>for all people.  
 16 For you shatter the<sup>1</sup> doors of bronze  
 and break the iron<sup>1</sup> bars in two.  
 17 Some were fools  
 and took re-<sup>1</sup>bellious paths;  
 through their sins  
 they<sup>1</sup> were afflicted.  
 18 They loathed all man-<sup>1</sup>ner of food  
 and drew near<sup>1</sup> to death's door.  
 19 Then in their trouble  
 they cried<sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
 and you delivered them  
 from<sup>1</sup> their distress.  
 20 You sent forth your<sup>1</sup> word  
 and healed them  
 and rescued them<sup>1</sup> from the grave.  
 21 Let them give thanks to you, LORD,  
 for your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love  
 and your wonderful works  
<sup>1</sup>for all people.  
 22 Let them offer sacrifices  
<sup>1</sup>of thanksgiving  
 and tell of your deeds  
 with<sup>1</sup> shouts of joy.  
 23 Some went down to the<sup>1</sup> sea in ships,  
 plying their trade<sup>1</sup> in deep waters.  
 24 They beheld the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
 God's wonderful works  
<sup>1</sup>in the deep.  
 25 Then God spoke,  
 and a stormy<sup>1</sup> wind arose,  
 which tossed high  
 the waves<sup>1</sup> of the sea.  
 26 They mounted up to the heavens  
 and descended<sup>1</sup> to the depths;  
 their souls melted away  
<sup>1</sup>in their peril.  
 27 They staggered and<sup>1</sup> reeled  
 like drunkards,  
 and all their skill was of<sup>1</sup> no avail.  
 28 Then in their trouble  
 they cried<sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
 and you delivered them  
 from<sup>1</sup> their distress.  
 29 You stilled the storm<sup>1</sup> to a whisper  
 and silenced the waves<sup>1</sup> of the sea.  
 30 Then were they glad  
 when<sup>1</sup> it grew calm,  
 when you guided them  
 to the harbor<sup>1</sup> they desired.  
 31 Let them give thanks to you, LORD,  
 for your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love  
 and your wonderful works  
<sup>1</sup>for all people.  
 32 Let them exalt you  
 in the assembly<sup>1</sup> of the people;  
 in the council of the elders,  
 let them sing<sup>1</sup> hallelujah!  
 33 You change rivers<sup>1</sup> into deserts,  
 and water-springs  
 into<sup>1</sup> thirsty ground,  
 34 fruitful land into<sup>1</sup> salty waste,  
 because of the wickedness  
 of<sup>1</sup> those who dwell there.  
 35 You change deserts into<sup>1</sup> pools of water  
 and dry land into<sup>1</sup> water-springs.  
 36 You settle the<sup>1</sup> hungry there,  
 and they establish a cit-<sup>1</sup>y to dwell in.  
 37 They sow fields<sup>1</sup> and plant vineyards,  
 and bring in a<sup>1</sup> fruitful harvest.  
 38 By your blessing they<sup>1</sup> increase greatly;  
 you do not let their<sup>1</sup> herds decrease.



- 39 Yet when they are diminished  
and brought low,  
through oppression, trouble,  
and sorrow,  
40 you pour contempt on princes  
and make them wander  
in trackless wastes;  
41 but you lift up the poor out of misery  
and multiply their families  
like flocks of sheep.  
42 The upright see this and rejoice,  
but all wickedness shuts its mouth.  
43 Whoever is wise  
will ponder these things,  
and consider well  
the LORD's steadfast love.

## 108

- 1 My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing and make melody.  
2 Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, lute and harp;  
I myself will awaken in the dawn.  
3 I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
among the peoples;  
I will sing praise to you  
among the nations.  
4 For your steadfast love  
is greater than the heavens,  
and your faithfulness  
reaches to the clouds.  
5 Exalt yourself above the heavens,  
O God,  
and your glory over all the earth.  
6 Save us by your right hand  
and answer us,  
that those who are dear to you  
may be delivered.  
7 God spoke from the holy place  
and said:  
"I will exult and parcel out Shechem;  
I will divide the valley of Succoth.  
8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine;  
Ephraim is my helmet  
and Judah my scepter.

- 9 Moab is my washbasin;  
I throw down my sandals upon Edom,  
and over Philistia  
will I shout in triumph."  
10 Who will carry me in procession  
into the fortified city?  
Who will bring me into Edom?  
11 Have you not cast us off, O God?  
You no longer go out, O God,  
with our armies.  
12 Grant us your help against the enemy,  
for human help is worthless.  
13 With God we will do valiant deeds;  
God shall tread our enemies  
under foot.

## 109

- 1 O God of my praise,  
do not be silent!  
2 For the mouth of the wicked,  
the mouth of the deceitful,  
is opened against me;  
they have spoken against me  
with lying tongues.  
3 With hateful words,  
they encompass me;  
they attack me without cause.  
4 Despite my love, they accuse me;  
even though I pray for them.  
5 They repay me evil for good,  
and hatred for my love.  
6 Set wicked liars against them;  
and let accusers stand  
at their right hand.  
7 When they are judged,  
let them be found guilty,  
and let their prayer  
be counted as sin.  
8 Let their days be few,  
and let others take their offices.  
9 Let their children lack their presence,  
and their spouses mourn their death.  
10 Let their children be waifs and beggars;  
let them be driven  
from the ruins of their homes.

- <sup>11</sup> Let the creditor seize  
every- | thing they have;  
may strangers plun- | der their gains.
- <sup>12</sup> May there be no one  
to | show them mercy,  
and none to pity  
their | orphaned children.
- <sup>13</sup> May their descendants | be cut off,  
and their name be blotted out  
in the next | generation.
- <sup>14</sup> May the wickedness of their fathers  
be remembered be- | fore the LORD,  
and their mothers' sin  
not be | blotted out.
- <sup>15</sup> Let the LORD  
always remem- | ber their sin  
and erase their memory  
| from the earth;
- <sup>16</sup> because they did not remember  
| to show mercy,  
but hounded to death the poor,  
the needy, and the | brokenhearted.
- <sup>17</sup> My accusers loved cursing;  
let it | come upon them.  
They took no delight in blessing;  
let it be | far from them.
- <sup>18</sup> They clothed themselves with cursing  
as | with their garments;  
let it soak into their bodies like water,  
like oil in- | to their bones;
- <sup>19</sup> let it be to them like the cloaks  
they wrap a- | round themselves,  
and like the belts  
that they | wear continually.
- <sup>20</sup> Let this be the LORD's payment  
to | my accusers,  
to those who speak e- | vil against me.
- <sup>21</sup> But you, O LORD, my Lord,  
deal with me according | to your name;  
for your great mercy's sake,  
de- | liver me.
- <sup>22</sup> For I am | poor and needy,  
and my heart is | pierced within me.
- <sup>23</sup> I have faded away  
like a shad- | ow at evening;  
I am shaken off | like a locust.
- <sup>24</sup> My knees are | weak through fasting,  
and my flesh is wast- | ed and gaunt.
- <sup>25</sup> I have become a re- | proach to them;  
they see and | shake their heads.
- <sup>26</sup> Help me, O | LORD my God;  
save me  
according to your | steadfast love.
- <sup>27</sup> Let them know that this | is your hand,  
that you, O | LORD, have done it.
- <sup>28</sup> They may curse, but | you will bless;  
when they rise up  
they will be put to shame,  
and your servant | will rejoice.
- <sup>29</sup> Let my accusers  
be clothed | with disgrace  
and wrap themselves in their shame  
as | in a cloak.
- <sup>30</sup> I will give great thanks to the LORD  
| with my mouth;  
in the midst of the multitude  
will | I praise God,
- <sup>31</sup> who stands at the right hand  
| of the needy,  
to save them from those  
| who condemn them.

## 110

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD said to my Lord,  
“Sit | at my right hand,  
until I make your ene- | mies  
your footstool.”
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD will extend the scepter  
of your pow- | er from Zion,  
saying, “Rule in the midst  
| of your enemies.
- <sup>3</sup> Princely state has been yours  
from the day | of your birth;  
in the beauty of holiness  
have I begotten you,  
like dew  
from the womb | of the morning.”
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD has sworn  
and will | not recant:  
“You are a priest forever  
after the order | of Melchizedek.”



<sup>5</sup> The Lord is at **!** your right hand,  
smiting kings in the **!** day of wrath;  
<sup>6</sup> judging the nations,  
heaping **!** up the corpses,  
and smashing rulers  
through- **!** out the earth.

<sup>7</sup> The king will drink  
from the brook be- **!** side the way;  
therefore he will lift **!** high his head.

## 111

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the LORD  
with **!** my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright,  
in the **!** congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are your **!** works, O LORD,  
pondered by all  
who de- **!** light in them.

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor  
**!** mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness  
en- **!** dures forever.

<sup>4</sup> You cause your wonders  
to **!** be remembered;  
you are gracious  
and full **!** of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> You give food  
to **!** those who fear you,  
remembering forev- **!** er  
your covenant.

<sup>6</sup> You have shown your people  
the power **!** of your works  
in giving them  
the lands **!** of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands  
are faithful- **!** ness and justice;  
all of your pre- **!** cepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup> They stand fast forev- **!** er and ever,  
because they are done  
in **!** truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people  
and commanded your cove- **!** nant  
forever;  
holy and awesome **!** is your name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD  
is the begin- **!** ning of wisdom;  
all who practice this  
have a good understanding.  
God's praise en- **!** dures forever.

## 112

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who **!** fear the LORD  
and have great delight  
in **!** God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> Their descendants  
will be mighty **!** in the land;  
the generation of the upright  
**!** will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches  
will be **!** in their house,  
and their righteousness  
will **!** last forever.

<sup>4</sup> Light shines in the darkness  
**!** for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful  
and full **!** of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them  
to be gener- **!** ous in lending  
and to manage their af- **!** fairs  
with justice.

<sup>6</sup> For they will nev- **!** er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept  
in everlast- **!** ing remembrance.

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid  
of any **!** evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast,  
trusting **!** in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> Their heart is established  
and **!** will not shrink,  
until they see their desire  
up- **!** on their enemies.

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and  
their righteousness stands **!** fast forever;  
they will hold up their **!** head  
with honor.

<sup>10</sup> The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth  
and **!** pine away;  
the desires of the wick- **!** ed will perish.

## 113

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you servants <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.
- <sup>2</sup> Let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.
- <sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun  
to its <sup>1</sup> going down  
let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be praised.
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD is high a- <sup>1</sup> bove all nations,  
God's glory a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.
- <sup>5</sup> Who is like the <sup>1</sup> LORD our God,  
who sits en- <sup>1</sup> throned on high,  
<sup>6</sup> but stoops <sup>1</sup> to behold  
the heavens <sup>1</sup> and the earth?
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD takes up the weak  
out <sup>1</sup> of the dust  
and lifts up the poor <sup>1</sup> from the ashes,  
<sup>8</sup> enthroning them <sup>1</sup> with the rulers,  
with the rulers <sup>1</sup> of the people.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD makes the woman  
of a <sup>1</sup> childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children.  
<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## 114

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
When Israel came <sup>1</sup> out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob  
from a people <sup>1</sup> of strange speech,
- <sup>2</sup> Judah became God's <sup>1</sup> sanctuary  
and Israel <sup>1</sup> God's dominion.
- <sup>3</sup> The sea beheld <sup>1</sup> it and fled;  
Jordan turned <sup>1</sup> and went back.
- <sup>4</sup> The mountains <sup>1</sup> skipped like rams,  
and the little hills <sup>1</sup> like young sheep.
- <sup>5</sup> What ailed you, O sea, <sup>1</sup> that you fled,  
O Jordan, that <sup>1</sup> you turned back,
- <sup>6</sup> you mountains,  
that you <sup>1</sup> skipped like rams,  
you little hills <sup>1</sup> like young sheep?
- <sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth,  
at the presence <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
at the presence of the <sup>1</sup> God of Jacob,

- <sup>8</sup> who turned the hard rock  
into a <sup>1</sup> pool of water  
and flint-stone into a <sup>1</sup> flowing spring.

## 115

- <sup>1</sup> Not to us, O LORD, not to us,  
but to your <sup>1</sup> name give glory;  
because of your steadfast <sup>1</sup> love  
and faithfulness.
- <sup>2</sup> Why should the <sup>1</sup> nations say,  
“Where then <sup>1</sup> is their God?”
- <sup>3</sup> Our God <sup>1</sup> is in heaven;  
whatever God <sup>1</sup> wills, God does.
- <sup>4</sup> Their idols are sil- <sup>1</sup> ver and gold,  
the work of <sup>1</sup> human hands.
- <sup>5</sup> They have mouths,  
but they <sup>1</sup> cannot speak;  
eyes they have,  
but they <sup>1</sup> cannot see;
- <sup>6</sup> they have ears, but they <sup>1</sup> cannot hear;  
noses, but they <sup>1</sup> cannot smell;
- <sup>7</sup> they have hands, but they cannot feel;  
feet, but they <sup>1</sup> cannot walk;  
they make no sound  
<sup>1</sup> with their throat.
- <sup>8</sup> Those who make <sup>1</sup> them are like them,  
and so are all  
who put their <sup>1</sup> trust in them.
- <sup>9</sup> O Israel, trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
who is your help <sup>1</sup> and your shield.
- <sup>10</sup> O house of Aaron, trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
who is your help <sup>1</sup> and your shield.
- <sup>11</sup> You that fear the LORD,  
trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD,  
who is your help <sup>1</sup> and your shield.
- <sup>12</sup> The LORD has been mindful of us,  
<sup>1</sup> and will bless us;  
the LORD will bless the house of Israel  
and the <sup>1</sup> house of Aaron;
- <sup>13</sup> those who fear the LORD <sup>1</sup> will be blessed,  
both small and <sup>1</sup> great together.
- <sup>14</sup> May the LORD increase you  
<sup>1</sup> more and more,  
you and your <sup>1</sup> children after you.



<sup>15</sup> May you be blessed<sup>1</sup> by the LORD,  
the maker of heav-<sup>1</sup>en and earth.

<sup>16</sup> Heaven is the heaven<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
but the earth  
God entrusted<sup>1</sup> to its peoples.

<sup>17</sup> The dead do not<sup>1</sup> praise the LORD,  
nor all those  
who go down<sup>1</sup> into silence;

<sup>18</sup> but we will<sup>1</sup> bless the LORD,  
from this time forth forevermore.  
<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## 116

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD,  
who has<sup>1</sup> heard my voice,  
and listened to my<sup>1</sup> supplication,

<sup>2</sup> for the LORD has given<sup>1</sup> ear to me  
whenev-<sup>1</sup>er I called.

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me;  
the anguish of the grave  
<sup>1</sup> came upon me;  
I came to<sup>1</sup> grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> Then I called upon the name  
<sup>1</sup> of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you,<sup>1</sup> save my life.”

<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the<sup>1</sup> LORD and righteous;  
our God is full<sup>1</sup> of compassion.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD watches o-<sup>1</sup>ver  
the innocent;  
I was brought low,  
<sup>1</sup> and God saved me.

<sup>7</sup> Turn again to your rest,<sup>1</sup> O my soul.  
for the LORD  
has dealt<sup>1</sup> well with you.

<sup>8</sup> For you have rescued my<sup>1</sup> life  
from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
and my<sup>1</sup> feet from stumbling.

<sup>9</sup> I will walk in the presence<sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
in the land<sup>1</sup> of the living.

<sup>10</sup> I believed, even<sup>1</sup> when I said,  
“I am great-<sup>1</sup>ly afflicted.”

<sup>11</sup> In my dis-<sup>1</sup>tress I said,  
“No one<sup>1</sup> can be trusted.”

<sup>12</sup> How shall I re-<sup>1</sup>pay the LORD  
for all the good things  
God has<sup>1</sup> done for me?

<sup>13</sup> I will lift the cup<sup>1</sup> of salvation  
and call on the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows<sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
in the presence of<sup>1</sup> all God's people.

<sup>15</sup> Precious in your<sup>1</sup> sight, O LORD,  
is the death<sup>1</sup> of your servants.

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I<sup>1</sup> am your servant;  
I am your servant,  
the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me<sup>1</sup> from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> I will offer you  
the sacrifice<sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows<sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
in the presence of<sup>1</sup> all God's people,

<sup>19</sup> in the courts of<sup>1</sup> the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## 117

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you nations;  
extol God,<sup>1</sup> all you peoples.

<sup>2</sup> For great is God's steadfast<sup>1</sup> love  
toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD  
endures forever.<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## 118

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD,  
for the<sup>1</sup> LORD is good;  
God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel<sup>1</sup> now declare,  
“God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.”

<sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aar-<sup>1</sup>on declare,  
“God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.”

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the<sup>1</sup> LORD declare,  
“God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.”

<sup>5</sup> In distress I called<sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
who answered by set-<sup>1</sup>ting me free.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD is with me; I<sup>1</sup> shall not fear;  
what can anyone<sup>1</sup> do to me?

- <sup>7</sup> The LORD is with me | as my helper;  
I will look in triumph  
on | those who hate me.
- <sup>8</sup> It is better to take refuge | in the LORD  
than to | trust in mortals.
- <sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge | in the LORD  
than to | trust in rulers.
- <sup>10</sup> All the nations sur- | rounded me;  
in the name of the LORD  
I | drove them off!
- <sup>11</sup> They surrounded me,  
indeed they sur- | rounded me;  
in the name of the LORD  
I | drove them off!
- <sup>12</sup> They surrounded me like bees  
and blazed like a | fire of thorns;  
in the name of the LORD  
I | drove them off!
- <sup>13</sup> I was pressed and pressed  
to the | point of falling,  
but the LORD came | to my help.
- <sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> Shouts of rejoicing and salvation  
echo in the tents | of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the | LORD  
acts valiantly!
- <sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!  
The right hand of the | LORD  
acts valiantly!”
- <sup>17</sup> I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed  
pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver  
to death.
- <sup>19</sup> Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them  
and give thanks | to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup> “This is the gate | of the LORD;  
here the righ- | teous may enter.”
- <sup>21</sup> I give thanks to you,  
for you have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

- <sup>23</sup> By the LORD has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the | LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup> Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!  
We pray to you, LORD,  
pros- | per our days!
- <sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name | of the LORD;  
we bless you  
from the house | of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God  
and has giv- | en us light.  
Form a procession with branches  
up to the corners | of the altar.
- <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and | I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.
- <sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD,  
for the | LORD is good;  
God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

## 119

### Alef א

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they  
whose | way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching | of the  
LORD!
- <sup>2</sup> Happy are they  
who observe | your decrees  
and seek you with | all their hearts,
- <sup>3</sup> who never do | any wrong,  
but always walk | in your ways.
- <sup>4</sup> You laid down | your commandments,  
that we should | fully keep them.
- <sup>5</sup> Oh, that my ways were made | so direct  
that I might | keep your statutes!
- <sup>6</sup> Then I should not be | put to shame,  
when I regard  
all | your commandments.
- <sup>7</sup> I will thank you with | a true heart,  
when I have learned  
your | righteous judgments.
- <sup>8</sup> I will | keep your statutes;  
do not utter- | ly forsake me.



**Bet ב**

- <sup>9</sup> How shall the young  
keep | their way clean?  
By keeping | to your word.
- <sup>10</sup> With my whole | heart I seek you;  
let me not stray  
from | your commandments.
- <sup>11</sup> I treasure your promise | in my heart,  
that I may not | sin against you.
- <sup>12</sup> Blessed are | you, O LORD;  
instruct me | in your statutes.
- <sup>13</sup> With my lips | I recite  
all the judgments  
| of your mouth.
- <sup>14</sup> I take greater delight  
in the way of | your decrees  
than in all man- | ner of riches.
- <sup>15</sup> I will meditate  
on | your commandments  
and give attention | to your ways.
- <sup>16</sup> My delight is | in your statutes;  
I will not for- | get your word.

**Gimel ג**

- <sup>17</sup> Deal kindly | with your servant,  
that I may live and | keep your word.
- <sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that | I may see  
the wonders | of your teaching.
- <sup>19</sup> I am a stranger | here on earth;  
do not hide  
your command- | ments from me.
- <sup>20</sup> My soul is consumed | at all times  
with longing | for your judgments.
- <sup>21</sup> You have re- | buked the insolent;  
cursed are they who stray  
from | your commandments!
- <sup>22</sup> Take away from me  
their scorn | and contempt,  
for I have kept | your decrees.
- <sup>23</sup> Even though rulers  
sit and | plot against me,  
your servant will meditate  
| on your statutes.
- <sup>24</sup> For your decrees are | my delight,  
and they | are my counselors.

**Dalet ד**

- <sup>25</sup> My soul cleaves | to the dust;  
give me life according | to your word.
- <sup>26</sup> I have recounted my ways,  
and you | answered me;  
instruct me | in your statutes.
- <sup>27</sup> Make me understand  
the way of | your commandments,  
that I may meditate  
on your | marvelous works.
- <sup>28</sup> My soul melts a- | way from sorrow;  
sustain me according | to your word.
- <sup>29</sup> Take from me the | way of lying;  
let me find grace  
| through your teaching.
- <sup>30</sup> I have chosen the | way of faithfulness;  
I set your judg- | ments before me.
- <sup>31</sup> I hold fast to | your decrees;  
O LORD, do not put | me to shame.
- <sup>32</sup> I will run the way  
of | your commandments,  
for you increase my | heart's capacity.

**He ה**

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD,  
the way | of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it | to the end.
- <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding,  
and I shall | keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with | all my heart.
- <sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path  
of | your commandments,  
for that is | my desire.
- <sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to | your decrees  
and not to | unjust gain.
- <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes  
from be- | holding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.
- <sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.
- <sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach | that I dread,  
because your judg- | ments are good.
- <sup>40</sup> Behold, I long  
for | your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- | liven me.

**Vav ם**

- 41 Let your steadfast love  
come to **!** me, O LORD,  
and your salvation,  
according **!** to your promise.
- 42 Then shall I have a word  
for **!** those who taunt me,  
because I trust **!** in your word.
- 43 Do not take the word of truth  
out **!** of my mouth,  
for my hope is **!** in your judgments.
- 44 I will always **!** keep your teaching,  
forev- **!** er and ever.
- 45 I will **!** walk at liberty,  
because I study  
**!** your commandments.
- 46 I will tell of your decrees **!** before kings  
and will not **!** be ashamed.
- 47 I will delight in **!** your commandments,  
your commandments **!** that I love.
- 48 I will lift up my hands  
to **!** your commandments,  
and I will meditate  
**!** on your statutes.

**Zayin ם**

- 49 Remember your word **!** to your servant,  
because you have giv- **!** en me hope.
- 50 This is my comfort **!** in my trouble:  
that your promise en- **!** livens me.
- 51 The proud have derid- **!** ed me cruelly,  
but I have not turned  
**!** from your teaching.
- 52 When I remember  
your judg- **!** ments of old,  
O LORD, I **!** take great comfort.
- 53 I am filled with a **!** burning rage,  
because of the wicked  
who for- **!** sake your teaching.
- 54 Your statutes have been  
like **!** songs to me  
wherever **!** I have lived.
- 55 I remember your name  
in the **!** night, O LORD,  
and o- **!** bey your teaching.

- 56 This is how it has **!** been with me,  
because I have kept  
**!** your commandments.

**Khet ן**

- 57 You are my por- **!** tion, O LORD;  
I have promised to **!** keep your words.
- 58 I entreat you with **!** all my heart:  
Be merciful to me  
according **!** to your promise.
- 59 I have consid- **!** ered my ways  
and turned my feet  
toward **!** your decrees.
- 60 I hasten and do **!** not delay  
to keep **!** your commandments.
- 61 Though the cords of the wicked  
en- **!** tangle me,  
I do not for- **!** get your teaching.
- 62 At midnight I will rise  
to **!** give you thanks  
for your **!** righteous judgments.
- 63 I am a companion of **!** all who fear you  
and of those  
who keep **!** your commandments.
- 64 Your love, O LORD, **!** fills the earth;  
teach **!** me your statutes.

**Tet ן**

- 65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously  
**!** with your servant,  
according **!** to your word.
- 66 Teach me discern- **!** ment  
and knowledge,  
for I have believed  
in **!** your commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I **!** went astray,  
but now I **!** keep your word.
- 68 You are good  
and you **!** bring forth good;  
teach **!** me your statutes.
- 69 The proud have smeared **!** me with lies,  
but I will keep your commandments  
with **!** my whole heart.
- 70 Their heart is con- **!** gealed like fat,  
but my delight is **!** in your teaching.



<sup>71</sup> It is good for me  
that I have <sup>1</sup> been afflicted,  
that I might <sup>1</sup> learn your statutes.

<sup>72</sup> The teaching of your mouth  
is dear- <sup>1</sup> er to me  
than thousands in <sup>1</sup> gold and silver.

**Yod** י

<sup>73</sup> Your hands have made me  
and <sup>1</sup> fashioned me;  
give me understanding, that I may  
learn <sup>1</sup> your commandments.

<sup>74</sup> Those who fear you will be glad  
<sup>1</sup> when they see me,  
because I trust <sup>1</sup> in your word.

<sup>75</sup> I know, O LORD,  
that your judg- <sup>1</sup> ments are right  
and that in faithfulness  
you have af- <sup>1</sup> flicted me.

<sup>76</sup> Let your lovingkindness  
<sup>1</sup> be my comfort,  
as you have promised  
<sup>1</sup> to your servant.

<sup>77</sup> Let your compassion come to me,  
that <sup>1</sup> I may live,  
for your teaching is <sup>1</sup> my delight.

<sup>78</sup> Let the arrogant be put to shame,  
for they wrong <sup>1</sup> me with lies;  
but I will meditate  
on <sup>1</sup> your commandments.

<sup>79</sup> Let those who fear you re- <sup>1</sup> turn to me,  
those who know <sup>1</sup> your decrees.

<sup>80</sup> Let my heart be sound <sup>1</sup> in your statutes,  
that I may not be <sup>1</sup> put to shame.

**Kaf** כ

<sup>81</sup> I have longed for <sup>1</sup> your salvation;  
I have put my hope <sup>1</sup> in your word.

<sup>82</sup> My eyes have failed  
from watching <sup>1</sup> for your promise,  
and I say,  
“When will you <sup>1</sup> comfort me?”

<sup>83</sup> I have become  
like a water-skin <sup>1</sup> dried in smoke,  
but I have not forgot- <sup>1</sup> ten  
your statutes.

<sup>84</sup> How long can your <sup>1</sup> servant live?  
When will you give judgment  
against my <sup>1</sup> persecutors?

<sup>85</sup> The proud have dug <sup>1</sup> pits for me;  
they who do not <sup>1</sup> keep  
your teaching.

<sup>86</sup> All your command- <sup>1</sup> ments are true;  
help me,  
for they persecute <sup>1</sup> me with lies.

<sup>87</sup> They had almost  
made an end of <sup>1</sup> me on earth,  
but I have not forsaken  
<sup>1</sup> your commandments.

<sup>88</sup> In your lovingkind- <sup>1</sup> ness, revive me,  
that I may keep  
the decrees <sup>1</sup> of your mouth.

**Lamed** ל

<sup>89</sup> O LORD, your word is <sup>1</sup> everlasting;  
it stands firm <sup>1</sup> in the heavens.

<sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness remains  
from one generation <sup>1</sup> to another;  
you established the earth,  
and <sup>1</sup> it abides.

<sup>91</sup> By your decree  
these continue <sup>1</sup> to this day,  
for all things <sup>1</sup> are your servants.

<sup>92</sup> If my delight  
had not been <sup>1</sup> in your teaching,  
I would have perished  
in <sup>1</sup> my affliction.

<sup>93</sup> I will never forget  
<sup>1</sup> your commandments,  
because by them you <sup>1</sup> gave me life.

<sup>94</sup> O LORD, <sup>1</sup> I am yours;  
save me,  
for I study <sup>1</sup> your commandments.

<sup>95</sup> Though the wicked  
lie in wait for me <sup>1</sup> to destroy me,  
I will apply my mind  
to <sup>1</sup> your decrees.

<sup>96</sup> I see that all things come <sup>1</sup> to an end,  
but your commandment  
<sup>1</sup> has no bounds.

**Mem מ**

- 97 Oh, how I love your teaching!  
All the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment  
has made me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding  
than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders,  
because I observe  
your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way,  
that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not turn aside  
from your judgments,  
because you yourself  
have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words  
to my taste!  
They are sweeter than honey  
to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments  
I gain understanding;  
therefore I hate every lying way.

**Nun נ**

- 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light up on my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined  
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled;  
preserve my life, O LORD,  
according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD,  
the willing tribute of my lips,  
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in danger,  
yet I do not forget your teaching.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me,  
but I have not strayed  
from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees  
are my inheritance forever;  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

- 112 I have applied my heart  
to fulfill your statutes  
forever and to the end.

**Samekh ס**

- 113 I hate crooked people,  
but your teaching I love.
- 114 You are my refuge and shield;  
I hope for your word.
- 115 Turn away from me, you wicked,  
so I can keep the commandments  
of my God.
- 116 Sustain me according to your promise,  
that I may live,  
and do not thwart my hope.
- 117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe,  
and I shall always pay heed  
to your statutes.
- 118 You spurn all  
who stray from your statutes;  
their deceitfulness is in vain.
- 119 You clear away  
all the wicked of the earth like dross;  
therefore I love your decrees.
- 120 My flesh trembles with dread of you;  
I am afraid of your judgments.

**Ayin ע**

- 121 I have done what is just and right;  
do not deliver me  
to my oppressors.
- 122 Guarantee your servant's good;  
let not the proud oppress me.
- 123 My eyes have failed  
from watching for your salvation  
and for your righteous promise.
- 124 Deal with your servant  
according to your steadfast love,  
and teach me your statutes.
- 125 I am your servant;  
grant me understanding,  
that I may know your decrees.
- 126 It is time to act for the LORD,  
for they have violated  
your teaching.



<sup>127</sup> Truly, I love **l** your commandments  
more than gold,  
even the **l** purest gold.

<sup>128</sup> Truly, I hold all your commandments  
to be **l** right for me;  
all paths of falsehood **l** I abhor.

### Pe פ

<sup>129</sup> Your de- **l** crees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them  
with **l** all my heart.

<sup>130</sup> When your word is opened  
**l** it gives light;  
it gives understanding **l** to the simple.

<sup>131</sup> I open my **l** mouth and pant  
because I long  
for **l** your commandments.

<sup>132</sup> Turn to me and be gra- **l** cious to me,  
as you always do  
to those who **l** love your name.

<sup>133</sup> Order my footsteps **l** in your word;  
let no iniquity  
have dominion **l** over me.

<sup>134</sup> Rescue me from those **l** who oppress me,  
and I will keep  
**l** your commandments.

<sup>135</sup> Let your face shine up- **l** on your servant  
and teach **l** me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup> My eyes shed **l** streams of tears,  
because people  
do not **l** keep your teaching.

### Tsade צ

<sup>137</sup> You are righ- **l** teous, O LORD,  
and upright **l** are your judgments.

<sup>138</sup> You commanded your de- **l** crees  
in righteousness  
and **l** in all faithfulness.

<sup>139</sup> My indignation **l** has consumed me,  
because my enemies  
for- **l** get your words.

<sup>140</sup> Your word is **l** very pure,  
and your **l** servant loves it.

<sup>141</sup> I am small and of lit- **l** tle account,  
yet I do not forget  
**l** your commandments.

<sup>142</sup> Your righteousness is **l** everlasting  
and your teach- **l** ing is true.

<sup>143</sup> Trouble and distress  
have **l** come upon me,  
yet your commandments  
are **l** my delight.

<sup>144</sup> The righteousness of your decrees  
is **l** everlasting;  
grant me understanding,  
that **l** I may live.

### Kof ק

<sup>145</sup> I call with **l** my whole heart;  
answer me, O LORD,  
that I may **l** keep your statutes.

<sup>146</sup> I call **l** to you; save me!  
I will keep **l** your decrees.

<sup>147</sup> I arise early in the morning  
and I cry **l** out to you,  
I hope **l** for your word.

<sup>148</sup> My eyes are open in  
**l** the night watches,  
that I may meditate  
up- **l** on your promise.

<sup>149</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD,  
according to your **l** steadfast love;  
according to your ways,  
**l** give me life.

<sup>150</sup> They who pursue mal- **l** ice draw near;  
they are very far  
**l** from your teaching.

<sup>151</sup> You, O LORD, are **l** near at hand,  
and all your command- **l** ments  
are true.

<sup>152</sup> I have known of your de- **l** crees of old  
that you have established **l** them  
forever.

### Resh ר

<sup>153</sup> Behold my affliction and de- **l** liver me,  
for I do not for- **l** get your teaching.

<sup>154</sup> Plead my cause **l** and redeem me;  
according to your promise,  
**l** give me life.

<sup>155</sup> Deliverance is far **l** from the wicked,  
for they do not stud- **l** y your statutes.

- <sup>156</sup> Great is your compas-<sup>1</sup>sion, O LORD;  
preserve my life  
according<sup>1</sup> to your ways.
- <sup>157</sup> There are many  
who persecute<sup>1</sup> and oppress me,  
yet I have not swerved  
from<sup>1</sup> your decrees.
- <sup>158</sup> I look at the treacher-<sup>1</sup>ous  
with loathing,  
they who have not<sup>1</sup> kept your word.
- <sup>159</sup> See how I love<sup>1</sup> your commandments!  
O LORD, preserve me  
by your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love.
- <sup>160</sup> The sum of your<sup>1</sup> word is truth;  
your righteous justice<sup>1</sup> is eternal.

### Shin ך

- <sup>161</sup> Rulers have persecuted me  
<sup>1</sup>without cause;  
my heart stands in awe<sup>1</sup> of your word.
- <sup>162</sup> I rejoice o-<sup>1</sup>ver your promise  
as one who<sup>1</sup> finds great spoils.
- <sup>163</sup> Lies I hate<sup>1</sup> and abhor,  
your teach-<sup>1</sup>ing I love.
- <sup>164</sup> I praise you seven<sup>1</sup> times a day  
for your<sup>1</sup> righteous judgments.
- <sup>165</sup> Great peace have they  
who<sup>1</sup> love your teaching;  
for them there is no<sup>1</sup> stumbling block.
- <sup>166</sup> I have hoped  
for your salva-<sup>1</sup>tion, O LORD,  
and I have fulfilled  
<sup>1</sup>your commandments.
- <sup>167</sup> I have kept<sup>1</sup> your decrees  
and I have<sup>1</sup> loved them deeply.
- <sup>168</sup> I have kept your commandments  
<sup>1</sup>and decrees,  
indeed, all my ways<sup>1</sup> are before you.

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- <sup>169</sup> Let my cry come before<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;  
give me understanding,  
according<sup>1</sup> to your word.
- <sup>170</sup> Let my supplication<sup>1</sup> come before you;  
deliver me,  
according<sup>1</sup> to your promise.

- <sup>171</sup> My lips shall pour<sup>1</sup> forth your praise,  
when you teach<sup>1</sup> me your statutes.
- <sup>172</sup> My tongue shall sing<sup>1</sup> of your promise,  
for all your command-<sup>1</sup>ments  
are righteous.
- <sup>173</sup> Let your hand be read-<sup>1</sup>y to help me,  
for I have chosen  
<sup>1</sup>your commandments.
- <sup>174</sup> I long for your salva-<sup>1</sup>tion, O LORD,  
and your teaching is<sup>1</sup> my delight.
- <sup>175</sup> Let me live, and<sup>1</sup> I will praise you,  
and let your<sup>1</sup> judgments help me.
- <sup>176</sup> I have gone astray  
like a sheep<sup>1</sup> that is lost;  
search for your servant,  
for I do not forget  
<sup>1</sup>your commandments.

## 120

- <sup>1</sup> When I<sup>1</sup> was in trouble,  
I called to the LORD,  
who<sup>1</sup> answered me.
- <sup>2</sup> Deliver me, O LORD, from<sup>1</sup> lying lips  
and from the de-<sup>1</sup>ceitful tongue.
- <sup>3</sup> What shall be done to you,  
and what<sup>1</sup> more besides,  
O you de-<sup>1</sup>ceitful tongue?—
- <sup>4</sup> the sharpened arrows<sup>1</sup> of a warrior,  
along with hot<sup>1</sup> glowing coals!
- <sup>5</sup> How hateful it is  
that I must<sup>1</sup> lodge in Meshech  
and dwell  
among the<sup>1</sup> tents of Kedar!
- <sup>6</sup> Too long have I<sup>1</sup> had to live  
among the ene-<sup>1</sup>mies of peace.
- <sup>7</sup> I am on the<sup>1</sup> side of peace,  
but when I speak of it,  
they<sup>1</sup> are for war.

## 121

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes<sup>1</sup> to the hills;  
from where is my<sup>1</sup> help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes<sup>1</sup> from the LORD,  
the maker of heav-<sup>1</sup>en and earth.



- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let  
your<sup>1</sup> foot be moved  
nor will the one  
who watches over you<sup>1</sup> fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, the keep-<sup>1</sup>er of Israel  
will neither slum-<sup>1</sup>ber nor sleep;
- <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches<sup>1</sup> over you;  
the LORD is your shade  
at<sup>1</sup> your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> the sun will not strike<sup>1</sup> you by day,  
nor the<sup>1</sup> moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you  
<sup>1</sup> from all evil  
and will<sup>1</sup> keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will watch over  
your going out and your<sup>1</sup> coming in,  
from this time forth  
for-<sup>1</sup>evermore.

## 122

- <sup>1</sup> I was glad when they<sup>1</sup> said to me,  
“Let us go  
to the house<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.”
- <sup>2</sup> Now our<sup>1</sup> feet are standing  
within your gates,<sup>1</sup> O Jerusalem.
- <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built<sup>1</sup> as a city  
that is at unity<sup>1</sup> with itself;
- <sup>4</sup> to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.
- <sup>5</sup> For there are the<sup>1</sup> thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the<sup>1</sup> house of David.
- <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace<sup>1</sup> of Jerusalem:  
“May they pros-<sup>1</sup>per who love you.
- <sup>7</sup> Peace be with-<sup>1</sup> in your walls  
and quietness with-<sup>1</sup> in your towers.
- <sup>8</sup> For the sake  
of my kindred<sup>1</sup> and companions,  
I pray for<sup>1</sup> your prosperity.
- <sup>9</sup> Because of the house  
of the<sup>1</sup> LORD our God,  
I will seek to<sup>1</sup> do you good.”

## 123

- <sup>1</sup> To you I lift<sup>1</sup> up my eyes,  
to you enthroned<sup>1</sup> in the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> As the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid  
to the hand<sup>1</sup> of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you,  
O LORD our God,  
until you show<sup>1</sup> us your mercy.
- <sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O<sup>1</sup> LORD,  
have mercy,  
for we have had  
more than enough<sup>1</sup> of contempt,
- <sup>4</sup> too much of the scorn  
of the in-<sup>1</sup> dolent rich,  
and of the derision<sup>1</sup> of the proud.

## 124

- <sup>1</sup> If the LORD  
had not been<sup>1</sup> on our side,  
let Isra-<sup>1</sup>el now say;
- <sup>2</sup> if the LORD  
had not been<sup>1</sup> on our side,  
when enemies rose<sup>1</sup> up against us,
- <sup>3</sup> then would they have  
swallowed us<sup>1</sup> up alive  
in their fierce<sup>1</sup> anger toward us;
- <sup>4</sup> then would the waters  
have<sup>1</sup> overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone<sup>1</sup> over us;
- <sup>5</sup> then would the<sup>1</sup> raging waters  
have gone right<sup>1</sup> over us.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed<sup>1</sup> be the LORD  
who has not given us over  
to be a prey<sup>1</sup> for their teeth.
- <sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare<sup>1</sup> of the fowler;  
the snare is broken,  
and we<sup>1</sup> have escaped.
- <sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
the maker of heav-<sup>1</sup>en and earth.

## 125

- <sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the LORD  
are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved,  
but stands fast forever.
- <sup>2</sup> The mountains surround Jerusalem;  
so you surround  
your people, O LORD,  
from this time forth forevermore.
- <sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked  
shall not hold sway  
over the land allotted to the just,  
so that the just  
shall not put their hands to evil.
- <sup>4</sup> Show your goodness, O LORD,  
to those who are good  
and to those who are true of heart.
- <sup>5</sup> As for those  
who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the LORD will lead them away  
with the evildoers;  
but peace be upon Israel.

## 126

- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored  
the tunes of Zion,  
then were we  
like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth  
filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done  
great things for them.”
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.
- <sup>4</sup> Restore our tunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping,  
carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy,  
shouldering their sheaves.

## 127

- <sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house,  
their labor is in vain who build it.  
Unless the LORD  
watches over the city,  
in vain the sentinel keeps vigil.
- <sup>2</sup> It is in vain to rise so early  
and go to bed so late;  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil;  
for you, LORD, give sleep  
to your beloved.
- <sup>3</sup> Children are a heritage  
from the LORD,  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.
- <sup>5</sup> Happy is the one  
whose quiver is full of them!  
Such a one will not be put to shame  
when contending with enemies  
in the gate.

## 128

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they all  
who fear the LORD,  
and who follow in God's ways!
- <sup>2</sup> You shall eat the fruit of your labor;  
happiness and prosperity  
shall be yours.
- <sup>3</sup> Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
within your house,  
your children like olive shoots  
round about your table.
- <sup>4</sup> The one who fears the LORD  
shall thus indeed be blessed.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD bless you from Zion,  
and may you see  
the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.
- <sup>6</sup> May you live to see  
your children's children;  
may peace be upon Israel.



## 129

- <sup>1</sup> “Greatly have they oppressed me  
since my youth,”  
let Isra-<sup>1</sup>el now say;
- <sup>2</sup> “Greatly have they oppressed me  
since my youth,  
but they have not pre-<sup>1</sup>vailed  
against me.”
- <sup>3</sup> The farmers plowed up-<sup>1</sup> on my back  
and made their<sup>1</sup> furrows long.
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD, the<sup>1</sup> Righteous One,  
has cut the cords<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup> Let them be put to shame  
and thrown back,  
all those who are ene-<sup>1</sup>mies of Zion.
- <sup>6</sup> Let them be like grass  
up-<sup>1</sup> on the housetops,  
which withers  
before it<sup>1</sup> can be plucked;
- <sup>7</sup> which does not fill the hand<sup>1</sup> of the reaper,  
nor the arms of the one  
who<sup>1</sup> binds the sheaves;
- <sup>8</sup> so that those who go by do not say,  
“The blessing of the LORD<sup>1</sup> be upon you.  
We bless you  
in the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.”

## 130

- <sup>1</sup> Out<sup>1</sup> of the depths  
I cry to<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;
- <sup>2</sup> O LORD,<sup>1</sup> hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my<sup>1</sup> supplication.
- <sup>3</sup> If you were to keep watch<sup>1</sup> over sins,  
O LORD,<sup>1</sup> who could stand?
- <sup>4</sup> Yet with you<sup>1</sup> is forgiveness,  
in order that you<sup>1</sup> may be feared.
- <sup>5</sup> I wait for you, O LORD;<sup>1</sup> my soul waits;  
in your word<sup>1</sup> is my hope.
- <sup>6</sup> My soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who keep watch  
for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch  
for the morning.

- <sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for the LORD,  
for with the LORD  
there is<sup>1</sup> steadfast love;  
with the LORD  
there is plen-<sup>1</sup>teous redemption.

- <sup>8</sup> For the LORD shall<sup>1</sup> redeem Israel  
from<sup>1</sup> all their sins.

## 131

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, I am not proud;  
I have no<sup>1</sup> haughty looks.  
I do not occupy myself  
with great matters,  
or with things  
that are too<sup>1</sup> hard for me.
- <sup>2</sup> But I still my soul and make it quiet,  
like a child upon its<sup>1</sup> mother’s breast;  
my soul is quiet-<sup>1</sup>ed within me.
- <sup>3</sup> O Israel, wait up-<sup>1</sup> on the LORD,  
from this time forth for-<sup>1</sup>evermore.

## 132

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, re-<sup>1</sup>member David,  
and all the hardships<sup>1</sup> he endured;
- <sup>2</sup> how he swore an oath<sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
and vowed a vow  
to the Mighty<sup>1</sup> One of Jacob:
- <sup>3</sup> “I will not come under the roof  
of my house,  
nor climb up in-<sup>1</sup> to my bed;
- <sup>4</sup> I will not allow my<sup>1</sup> eyes to sleep,  
nor let my<sup>1</sup> eyelids slumber;
- <sup>5</sup> until I find a place<sup>1</sup> for the LORD,  
a dwelling  
for the Mighty<sup>1</sup> One of Jacob.”
- <sup>6</sup> “The ark! We heard it<sup>1</sup> was  
in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the<sup>1</sup> fields of Ja’ar.
- <sup>7</sup> Let us go to God’s<sup>1</sup> dwelling-place;  
let us fall upon our knees  
be-<sup>1</sup>fore God’s footstool.”
- <sup>8</sup> Arise, O LORD,  
into your<sup>1</sup> resting-place,  
you and the ark<sup>1</sup> of your strength.

- <sup>9</sup> Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- <sup>10</sup> For your servant David's sake,  
do not turn away the face of your anointed.
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD has sworn an oath to David,  
and in truth, will not break it:  
"A son, the fruit of your body,  
will I set up on your throne.
- <sup>12</sup> If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their children will sit upon your throne forevermore."
- <sup>13</sup> For the LORD has chosen Zion,  
desiring Jerusalem for a habitation:
- <sup>14</sup> "This shall be my resting-place forever;  
here will I dwell, for I delight in Zion.
- <sup>15</sup> I will surely bless the city's provisions,  
and satisfy the poor with bread.
- <sup>16</sup> I will clothe the priests with salvation,  
and the faithful in Zion will rejoice and sing.
- <sup>17</sup> There will I make the horn of David flourish;  
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
- <sup>18</sup> As for his enemies,  
I will clothe them with shame;  
but as for him, his crown will shine."

## 133

- <sup>1</sup> How good and how pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!
- <sup>2</sup> It is like fine oil upon the head,  
flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron,  
flowing down upon the collar of his robe.
- <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon  
flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:  
life forevermore.

## 134

- <sup>1</sup> Behold now! Bless the LORD,  
all you servants of the LORD,  
you that stand by night  
in the house of the LORD.
- <sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands in the holy place  
and bless the LORD.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD who made heaven and earth  
bless you out of Zion.

## 135

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Praise the name of the LORD;  
give praise,  
you servants of the LORD,
- <sup>2</sup> you who stand in the house of the LORD,  
in the courts of the house of our God.
- <sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
sing praises to God's name,  
for it is lovely!
- <sup>4</sup> For the LORD has chosen Jacob,  
and Israel for a possession.
- <sup>5</sup> For I know that the LORD is great,  
and that our Lord is above all gods.
- <sup>6</sup> Whatever the LORD pleases,  
the LORD does,  
in the heavens and on the earth,  
in the seas and all the deeps,
- <sup>7</sup> raising up clouds from the ends of the earth;  
making lightning for the rain,  
and bringing out the wind from its storehouse.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD struck down the firstborn of Egypt,  
the firstborn, both human and animal,
- <sup>9</sup> sending signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt,  
against Pharaoh and all his servants.



<sup>10</sup> The LORD struck down <sup>1</sup> many nations  
and killed <sup>1</sup> mighty kings:

<sup>11</sup> Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
and Og, the <sup>1</sup> king of Bashan,  
and all the royal- <sup>1</sup> ty of Canaan,

<sup>12</sup> giving their land to be <sup>1</sup> an inheritance,  
an inheritance  
for the peo- <sup>1</sup> ple of Israel.

<sup>13</sup> O LORD, your name is <sup>1</sup> everlasting;  
your renown, O LORD,  
endures from <sup>1</sup> age to age.

<sup>14</sup> For you, O LORD,  
cham- <sup>1</sup> pion your people  
and show compassion  
<sup>1</sup> to your servants.

<sup>15</sup> The idols of the nations  
are sil- <sup>1</sup> ver and gold,  
the work of <sup>1</sup> human hands.

<sup>16</sup> They have mouths,  
but they <sup>1</sup> cannot speak;  
eyes they have,  
but they <sup>1</sup> cannot see.

<sup>17</sup> They have ears, but they <sup>1</sup> cannot hear;  
neither is there any breath  
<sup>1</sup> in their mouths.

<sup>18</sup> Those who make <sup>1</sup> them are like them,  
and so are all  
who put their <sup>1</sup> trust in them.

<sup>19</sup> O house of Israel, <sup>1</sup> bless the LORD,  
O house of Aaron, <sup>1</sup> bless the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> O house of Levi, <sup>1</sup> bless the LORD!  
you who fear the LORD,  
<sup>1</sup> bless the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed from Zion <sup>1</sup> be the LORD,  
who dwells in Jerusalem.  
<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

<sup>4</sup> who alone <sup>1</sup> does great wonders,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>5</sup> who by wisdom <sup>1</sup> made the heavens,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>6</sup> who spread out the earth  
up- <sup>1</sup> on the waters,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>7</sup> who made <sup>1</sup> the great lights—  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>8</sup> the sun to gov- <sup>1</sup> ern the day,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>9</sup> the moon and the stars  
to gov- <sup>1</sup> ern the night,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>10</sup> who struck down  
the first- <sup>1</sup> born of Egypt,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>11</sup> and brought out Israel  
<sup>1</sup> from their midst,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>12</sup> with a mighty hand  
and an <sup>1</sup> outstretched arm,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>13</sup> who divided the Red <sup>1</sup> Sea in two,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>14</sup> and made Israel  
to pass <sup>1</sup> through the middle,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>15</sup> but swept Pharaoh and his army  
in- <sup>1</sup> to the Red Sea,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>16</sup> who led the people  
<sup>1</sup> through the wilderness,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>17</sup> who struck <sup>1</sup> down great kings,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>18</sup> and slew <sup>1</sup> mighty kings,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>19</sup> Sihon, king <sup>1</sup> of the Amorites,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>20</sup> and Og, the <sup>1</sup> king of Bashan,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

<sup>21</sup> and gave away their lands  
for <sup>1</sup> an inheritance,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

## 136

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD,  
for the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the <sup>1</sup> God of gods,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever.

<sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the <sup>1</sup> Lord of lords,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever;

- <sup>22</sup> an inheritance for Isra-<sup>1</sup>el,  
 God's servant,  
 for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever;  
<sup>23</sup> who remembered us in our <sup>1</sup>low estate,  
 for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever;  
<sup>24</sup> and rescued us <sup>1</sup>from our enemies,  
 for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever;  
<sup>25</sup> who gives food <sup>1</sup>to all creatures,  
 for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.  
<sup>26</sup> Give thanks to the <sup>1</sup>God of heaven,  
 for God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.

## 137

- <sup>1</sup> By the waters of Babylon  
 we sat <sup>1</sup>down and wept,  
 when we remembered <sup>1</sup>you, O Zion.  
<sup>2</sup> As for our harps, we <sup>1</sup>hung them up  
 on the trees  
 in the midst <sup>1</sup>of that land.  
<sup>3</sup> For those who led us away captive  
 asked us for a song,  
 and our oppressors <sup>1</sup>called for mirth:  
 "Sing us one of the <sup>1</sup>songs of Zion."  
<sup>4</sup> How shall we sing <sup>1</sup>the LORD's song  
 upon an <sup>1</sup>alien soil?  
<sup>5</sup> If I forget you, <sup>1</sup>O Jerusalem,  
 let my right hand for-<sup>1</sup>get its skill.  
<sup>6</sup> Let my tongue  
 cleave to the roof of my mouth  
 if I do not re-<sup>1</sup>member you,  
 if I do not set Jerusalem  
 above my <sup>1</sup>highest joy.  
<sup>7</sup> Remember the day of Jerusalem,  
 O LORD,  
 against the peo-<sup>1</sup>ple of Edom,  
 who said, "Down with it!  
 down with it!  
 even <sup>1</sup>to the ground!"  
<sup>8</sup> O daughter of Babylon,  
 doomed <sup>1</sup>to destruction,  
 happy shall they be who repay you  
 for what you have <sup>1</sup>done to us!  
<sup>9</sup> Happy shall they be  
 who take your <sup>1</sup>little ones  
 and dash them a-<sup>1</sup>gainst the rock!

## 138

- <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
 with <sup>1</sup>my whole heart;  
 before the gods  
 I will <sup>1</sup>sing your praise.  
<sup>2</sup> I will bow down  
 toward your holy temple  
 and praise your name,  
 because of your steadfast <sup>1</sup>love  
 and faithfulness;  
 for you have glorified your name  
 and your word a-<sup>1</sup>bove all things.  
<sup>3</sup> When I called, you <sup>1</sup>answered me;  
 you increased my <sup>1</sup>strength  
 within me.  
<sup>4</sup> All the rulers of the earth  
 will praise <sup>1</sup>you, O LORD,  
 when they have heard  
 the words <sup>1</sup>of your mouth.  
<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,  
 that great is the glory <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD is high,  
 yet cares <sup>1</sup>for the lowly,  
 perceiving the haughty <sup>1</sup>from afar.  
<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
 you <sup>1</sup>keep me safe;  
 you stretch forth your hand  
 against the fury of my enemies;  
 your right <sup>1</sup>hand shall save me.  
<sup>8</sup> You will make good  
 your pur-<sup>1</sup>pose for me;  
 O LORD,  
 your steadfast love endures forever;  
 do not abandon the works  
<sup>1</sup>of your hands.

## 139

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, you have <sup>1</sup>searched me out;  
 O LORD, <sup>1</sup>you have known me.  
<sup>2</sup> You know my sitting down  
 and my <sup>1</sup>rising up;  
 you discern my thoughts <sup>1</sup>from afar.  
<sup>3</sup> You trace my journeys  
 and my <sup>1</sup>resting-places  
 and are acquainted with <sup>1</sup>all my ways.



- <sup>4</sup> Indeed, there is not a word <sup>1</sup> on my lips,  
but you, O LORD,  
know it <sup>1</sup> altogether.
- <sup>5</sup> You encompass me,  
behind <sup>1</sup> and before,  
and lay your <sup>1</sup> hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge  
is too wonder- <sup>1</sup> ful for me;  
it is so high  
that I cannot at- <sup>1</sup> tain to it.
- <sup>7</sup> Where can I go then <sup>1</sup> from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee  
<sup>1</sup> from your presence?
- <sup>8</sup> If I climb up to heaven, <sup>1</sup> you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed,  
you <sup>1</sup> are there also.
- <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings <sup>1</sup> of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts  
<sup>1</sup> of the sea,
- <sup>10</sup> even there your <sup>1</sup> hand will lead me  
and your right hand <sup>1</sup> hold me fast.
- <sup>11</sup> If I say,  
“Surely the darkness will <sup>1</sup> cover me,  
and the light around me  
<sup>1</sup> turn to night,”
- <sup>12</sup> darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright <sup>1</sup> as the day;  
darkness and light  
to you are <sup>1</sup> both alike.
- <sup>13</sup> For you yourself  
created my <sup>1</sup> inmost parts;  
you knit me together  
in my <sup>1</sup> mother’s womb.
- <sup>14</sup> I will thank you  
because I am mar- <sup>1</sup> velously made;  
your works are wonderful,  
and I <sup>1</sup> know it well.
- <sup>15</sup> My body was not hid- <sup>1</sup> den from you,  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths  
<sup>1</sup> of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my limbs,  
yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written <sup>1</sup> in your book;  
my days were fashioned  
before they <sup>1</sup> came to be.
- <sup>17</sup> How deep I find your <sup>1</sup> thoughts,  
O God!  
How great is the <sup>1</sup> sum of them!
- <sup>18</sup> If I were to count them,  
they would be more in number  
<sup>1</sup> than the sand;  
to count them all,  
my life span would need  
to <sup>1</sup> be like yours.
- <sup>19</sup> Oh, that you  
would slay the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed, O God!  
You that thirst for blood,  
de- <sup>1</sup> part from me.
- <sup>20</sup> They speak despitel- <sup>1</sup> y against you;  
your enemies  
take your <sup>1</sup> name in vain.
- <sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those, O <sup>1</sup> LORD,  
who hate you?  
And do I not loathe those  
who rise <sup>1</sup> up against you?
- <sup>22</sup> I hate them with a <sup>1</sup> perfect hatred;  
they have become  
<sup>1</sup> my own enemies.
- <sup>23</sup> Search me out, O God,  
and <sup>1</sup> know my heart;  
try me  
and know my <sup>1</sup> restless thoughts.
- <sup>24</sup> Look well  
whether there be  
any wicked- <sup>1</sup> ness in me  
and lead me in the way  
that is <sup>1</sup> everlasting.

## 140

- <sup>1</sup> Deliver me, O LORD, from <sup>1</sup> evildoers;  
protect me <sup>1</sup> from the violent,
- <sup>2</sup> who devise evil <sup>1</sup> in their hearts  
and stir up strife <sup>1</sup> all day long.
- <sup>3</sup> They have sharpened their tongues  
<sup>1</sup> like a serpent;  
adder’s poison is un- <sup>1</sup> der their lips.
- <sup>4</sup> Keep me, O LORD,  
from the hands <sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
protect me from the violent,  
who are determined to <sup>1</sup> trip me up.

- <sup>5</sup> The proud have hidden a snare for me  
and stretched out a <sup>1</sup> net of cords;  
they have set traps for me  
a- <sup>1</sup> long the path.
- <sup>6</sup> I have said to the LORD,  
“You <sup>1</sup> are my God;  
listen, O LORD, to my <sup>1</sup> supplication.
- <sup>7</sup> O Lord GOD,  
the strength of <sup>1</sup> my salvation,  
you have covered my head  
in the <sup>1</sup> day of battle.
- <sup>8</sup> Do not grant the desires  
of the wicked- <sup>1</sup> ed, O LORD,  
nor let their e- <sup>1</sup> vil plans prosper.
- <sup>9</sup> Let not those who surround me  
lift <sup>1</sup> up their heads;  
let the evil of their lips  
<sup>1</sup> overwhelm them.
- <sup>10</sup> Let hot burning coals <sup>1</sup> fall upon them;  
let them be cast into the mire,  
never to rise <sup>1</sup> up again.”
- <sup>11</sup> A slanderer  
shall not be established <sup>1</sup> on the earth,  
and evil shall hunt <sup>1</sup> down the lawless.
- <sup>12</sup> I know that the LORD  
maintains the cause <sup>1</sup> of the poor  
and renders justice <sup>1</sup> to the needy.
- <sup>13</sup> Surely, the righteous  
will give thanks <sup>1</sup> to your name,  
and the upright  
shall continue <sup>1</sup> in your sight.
- ## 141
- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, I call to you;  
come <sup>1</sup> to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I <sup>1</sup> cry to you.
- <sup>2</sup> Let my prayer rise before <sup>1</sup> you as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands  
as the <sup>1</sup> evening sacrifice.
- <sup>3</sup> Set a watch before my <sup>1</sup> mouth, O LORD,  
and guard the door <sup>1</sup> of my lips.
- <sup>4</sup> Let not my heart  
incline to any <sup>1</sup> evil thing.  
Let me not be occupied  
in wickedness with evildoers,  
nor eat of <sup>1</sup> their sweet foods.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the righteous strike me;  
their rebukes,  
as oil upon the head,  
are not to <sup>1</sup> be refused.  
Yet my prayers are continually  
against the deeds <sup>1</sup> of the wicked.
- <sup>6</sup> Let their rulers  
be thrown down up- <sup>1</sup> on the stones,  
that they may hear my words,  
for <sup>1</sup> they are sweet.
- <sup>7</sup> Just as one who tills the earth  
<sup>1</sup> breaks the rock,  
so let their bones be scattered  
at the mouth <sup>1</sup> of the grave.
- <sup>8</sup> But my eyes are turned to <sup>1</sup> you,  
Lord GOD;  
in you I take refuge;  
strip me not <sup>1</sup> of my life.
- <sup>9</sup> Guard me from the trap  
that they have <sup>1</sup> laid for me  
and from the snares of <sup>1</sup> evildoers.
- <sup>10</sup> Let the wicked fall into <sup>1</sup> their own nets,  
while I a- <sup>1</sup> lone pass through.
- ## 142
- <sup>1</sup> I cry to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with my voice;  
to the LORD  
I make loud <sup>1</sup> supplication:
- <sup>2</sup> I pour out my com- <sup>1</sup> plaint before you  
and tell you <sup>1</sup> all my trouble.
- <sup>3</sup> When my spirit languishes within me,  
you <sup>1</sup> know my path;  
in the way wherein I walk  
they have hidden a <sup>1</sup> trap for me.
- <sup>4</sup> I look to my right hand  
and find no <sup>1</sup> one who knows me;  
I have no place to flee to,  
and no one <sup>1</sup> cares for me.
- <sup>5</sup> I cry out to <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;  
I say, “You are my refuge,  
my portion  
in the land <sup>1</sup> of the living.”
- <sup>6</sup> Listen to my cry for help,  
for I have been brought <sup>1</sup> very low;  
save me from those who pursue me,  
for they are too <sup>1</sup> strong for me.



<sup>7</sup> Bring me out of prison,  
that I may give thanks <sup>1</sup> to your name;  
when you have dealt  
bountifully with me,  
the righteous will gath- <sup>1</sup> er  
around me.

## 143

<sup>1</sup> LORD, hear my prayer,  
and in your faithfulness  
heed my <sup>1</sup> supplications;  
answer me <sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> Enter not into judgment  
<sup>1</sup> with your servant,  
for in your sight  
shall no one liv- <sup>1</sup> ing be justified.

<sup>3</sup> For my enemy has sought my life  
and has crushed me <sup>1</sup> to the ground,  
making me live in dark places  
like those who <sup>1</sup> are long dead.

<sup>4</sup> My spirit <sup>1</sup> faints within me;  
my heart within <sup>1</sup> me is desolate.

<sup>5</sup> I remember the time past;  
I ponder <sup>1</sup> all your deeds;  
I consider  
the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands.

<sup>6</sup> I spread out my <sup>1</sup> hands to you;  
my soul gasps to you  
like a <sup>1</sup> thirsty land.

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, make haste to answer me;  
my <sup>1</sup> spirit fails me;  
do not hide your face from me,  
or I shall be like those  
who go down <sup>1</sup> to the pit.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear of your lovingkindness  
in the morning,  
for I put my <sup>1</sup> trust in you;  
show me the road that I must walk,  
for I lift up my <sup>1</sup> soul to you.

<sup>9</sup> Deliver me  
from my ene- <sup>1</sup> mies, O LORD,  
for I flee to <sup>1</sup> you for refuge.

<sup>10</sup> Teach me to do what pleases you,  
for you <sup>1</sup> are my God;  
let your good Spirit  
lead me on <sup>1</sup> level ground.

<sup>11</sup> Revive me, O LORD,  
<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake;  
for your righteousness' sake,  
bring me <sup>1</sup> out of trouble.

<sup>12</sup> In your steadfast love,  
destroy my enemies  
and bring all my <sup>1</sup> foes to naught,  
for truly I <sup>1</sup> am your servant.

## 144

<sup>1</sup> Blessed be the <sup>1</sup> LORD my rock,  
who trains my hands to fight  
and my fin- <sup>1</sup> gers to battle;

<sup>2</sup> my help and my fortress,  
my stronghold and <sup>1</sup> my deliverer,  
my shield in whom I trust,  
who subdues the peoples  
<sup>1</sup> under me.

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, what are human beings  
that you should <sup>1</sup> care for us,  
mere mortals  
that you should <sup>1</sup> think of us?

<sup>4</sup> We are like a <sup>1</sup> puff of wind;  
our days are like  
a <sup>1</sup> passing shadow.

<sup>5</sup> Bow your heavens, O LORD,  
<sup>1</sup> and come down;  
touch the mountains,  
and <sup>1</sup> they shall smoke.

<sup>6</sup> Hurl the lightning and <sup>1</sup> scatter them;  
shoot out your ar- <sup>1</sup> rows  
and rout them.

<sup>7</sup> Stretch out your hand <sup>1</sup> from on high;  
rescue me and deliver me  
from the great waters,  
from the hand of <sup>1</sup> foreign peoples,

<sup>8</sup> whose mouths <sup>1</sup> speak deceitfully  
and whose right hand  
is <sup>1</sup> raised in falsehood.

<sup>9</sup> O God,  
I will sing to you <sup>1</sup> a new song;  
I will play to you  
on a <sup>1</sup> ten-stringed lyre.

<sup>10</sup> You give victo- <sup>1</sup> ry to rulers  
and have rescued  
Da- <sup>1</sup> vid your servant.

- <sup>11</sup> Rescue me from the hurtful sword  
and deliver me  
from the hand of <sup>1</sup> foreign peoples,  
whose mouths speak deceitfully  
and whose right hand  
is <sup>1</sup> raised in falsehood.
- <sup>12</sup> May our sons be like plants  
well nurtured <sup>1</sup> from their youth,  
and our daughters  
like sculptured corners <sup>1</sup> of a palace.
- <sup>13</sup> May our barns be filled  
with crops of <sup>1</sup> every kind;  
may the flocks in our pastures  
increase by thousands  
and <sup>1</sup> tens of thousands.
- <sup>14</sup> May our cattle be <sup>1</sup> fat and sleek.  
May there be no breaching of the walls,  
no going into exile,  
no wailing in the <sup>1</sup> public squares.
- <sup>15</sup> Happy are the people of whom <sup>1</sup> this is so!  
Happy are the people  
whose God <sup>1</sup> is the LORD!
- ## 145
- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my <sup>1</sup> God and king,  
and bless your name  
forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day <sup>1</sup> will I bless you  
and praise your name  
forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD  
and greatly <sup>1</sup> to be praised!  
There is no end <sup>1</sup> to your greatness.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation  
shall praise your works <sup>1</sup> to another  
and shall de- <sup>1</sup> clare your power.
- <sup>5</sup> I will speak of the glorious splendor  
<sup>1</sup> of your majesty  
and all your <sup>1</sup> marvelous works.
- <sup>6</sup> They shall tell of the might  
of your <sup>1</sup> wondrous acts,  
and I will re- <sup>1</sup> count your greatness.
- <sup>7</sup> They shall publish the remembrance  
of <sup>1</sup> your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully  
<sup>1</sup> of your righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious  
and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger and  
abounding in <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> LORD, you are <sup>1</sup> good to all,  
and your compassion  
is over <sup>1</sup> all your works.
- <sup>10</sup> All your works  
shall praise <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
and your faithful <sup>1</sup> ones  
shall bless you.
- <sup>11</sup> They shall tell of the glory  
<sup>1</sup> of your kingdom  
and speak <sup>1</sup> of your power,
- <sup>12</sup> that all people  
may know <sup>1</sup> of your power  
and the glorious splendor  
<sup>1</sup> of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures  
through- <sup>1</sup> out all ages.  
You, LORD,  
are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in <sup>1</sup> all your works.
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all <sup>1</sup> those who fall  
and lifts up those  
who <sup>1</sup> are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all wait upon <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food  
<sup>1</sup> in due season.
- <sup>16</sup> You open <sup>1</sup> wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire  
of every <sup>1</sup> living thing.
- <sup>17</sup> You are righteous in <sup>1</sup> all your ways  
and loving in <sup>1</sup> all your works.
- <sup>18</sup> You are near to all who <sup>1</sup> call upon you,  
to all who call up- <sup>1</sup> on you faithfully.
- <sup>19</sup> You fulfill the desire  
of <sup>1</sup> those who fear you;  
you hear their <sup>1</sup> cry and save them.
- <sup>20</sup> You watch over all <sup>1</sup> those who love you,  
but all the wicked you <sup>1</sup> shall destroy.
- <sup>21</sup> My mouth shall speak  
the praise <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name  
forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever.



## 146

- <sup>1</sup> Hal- 'lelujah!  
Praise the LORD, 'O my soul!
- <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long 'as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God  
while I 'have my being.
- <sup>3</sup> Put not your 'trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there 'is no help.
- <sup>4</sup> When they breathe their last,  
they re- 'turn to earth,  
and in that day 'their thoughts perish.
- <sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have  
the God of Jacob 'for their help,  
whose hope is in the 'LORD their God;
- <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the seas,  
and all that 'is in them;  
who keeps promis- 'es forever;
- <sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those  
who are oppressed,  
and food to 'those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the 'captive free.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those  
who 'are bowed down;  
the LORD 'loves the righteous.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD cares 'for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains  
the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way 'of the wicked.
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD shall 'reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout  
all generations. 'Hallelujah!

## 147

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! How good it is  
to sing praises 'to our God!  
How pleasant it is  
to honor 'God with praise!
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD re- 'builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- 'iles of Israel.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD heals the 'brokenhearted  
and binds 'up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup> The LORD counts the number 'of the stars  
and calls them all 'by their names.
- <sup>5</sup> Great is our LORD  
and might- 'y in power;  
there is no limit 'to God's wisdom.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD lifts 'up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked 'to the ground.
- <sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD 'with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp  
'to our God,
- <sup>8</sup> who covers the heav- 'ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth,  
making grass to grow  
up- 'on the mountains.
- <sup>9</sup> God provides food 'for the cattle  
and for the young ravens  
'when they cry.
- <sup>10</sup> God is not impressed  
by the might 'of a horse,  
and has no pleasure  
in the speed 'of a runner,
- <sup>11</sup> but finds pleasure  
in those who 'fear the LORD,  
in those who await  
God's 'steadfast love.
- <sup>12</sup> Worship the LORD, 'O Jerusalem;  
praise your 'God, O Zion,
- <sup>13</sup> who has strengthened  
the bars 'of your gates  
and has blessed  
your chil- 'dren within you.
- <sup>14</sup> God has established peace  
'on your borders  
and satisfies you  
with the 'finest wheat.
- <sup>15</sup> God sends out a command  
'to the earth,  
a word that runs 'very swiftly.
- <sup>16</sup> God gives 'snow like wool,  
scattering 'frost like ashes.
- <sup>17</sup> God scatters 'hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand  
a- 'gainst God's cold?
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD sends forth the 'word  
and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the 'waters flow.
- <sup>19</sup> God declares the 'word to Jacob,  
statutes and judg- 'ments to Israel.

- <sup>20</sup> The LORD has not done so  
to any <sup>1</sup> other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments.  
<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## 148

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD <sup>1</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God <sup>1</sup> in the heights.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you angels;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> hosts of heaven.
- <sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> shining stars.
- <sup>4</sup> Praise the LORD, heav- <sup>1</sup> en of heavens,  
and you waters a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.
- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who commanded,  
and they <sup>1</sup> were created,
- <sup>6</sup> who made them stand fast  
forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
giving them a law  
that shall not <sup>1</sup> pass away.
- <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD <sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
you sea monsters <sup>1</sup> and all deeps;
- <sup>8</sup> fire and hail, <sup>1</sup> snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind,  
do- <sup>1</sup> ing God's will;
- <sup>9</sup> mountains <sup>1</sup> and all hills,  
fruit trees <sup>1</sup> and all cedars;
- <sup>10</sup> wild beasts <sup>1</sup> and all cattle,  
creeping things and <sup>1</sup> flying birds;
- <sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth <sup>1</sup> and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers <sup>1</sup> of the world;
- <sup>12</sup> young <sup>1</sup> men and maidens,  
old and <sup>1</sup> young together.
- <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted,  
whose splendor  
is over <sup>1</sup> earth and heaven.
- <sup>14</sup> The LORD has raised up  
strength for the people  
and praise for all <sup>1</sup> faithful servants,  
the children of Israel,  
a people who are near the LORD.  
<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## 149

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> a new song,  
God's praise  
in the assembly <sup>1</sup> of the faithful.
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice <sup>1</sup> in their maker;  
let the children of Zion  
be joyful <sup>1</sup> in their ruler.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise their maker's <sup>1</sup> name  
with dancing;  
let them sing praise  
with tambou- <sup>1</sup> rine and harp.
- <sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure <sup>1</sup> in the people  
and adorns the <sup>1</sup> poor with victory.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the faithful re- <sup>1</sup> joice in triumph;  
let them sing for joy <sup>1</sup> on their beds.
- <sup>6</sup> Let the praises of God be <sup>1</sup> in their throat  
and a two-edged sword <sup>1</sup> in their hand,
- <sup>7</sup> to wreak vengeance <sup>1</sup> on the nations  
and punishment <sup>1</sup> on the peoples,
- <sup>8</sup> to bind their <sup>1</sup> kings in chains  
and their nobles with <sup>1</sup> links of iron,
- <sup>9</sup> to inflict on them  
the judg- <sup>1</sup> ment decreed;  
this is glory for all God's faithful ones.  
<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## 150

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Praise God in the <sup>1</sup> holy temple;  
praise God in the <sup>1</sup> mighty firmament.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise God for <sup>1</sup> mighty acts;  
praise God for ex- <sup>1</sup> ceeding greatness.
- <sup>3</sup> Praise God with <sup>1</sup> trumpet sound;  
praise God with <sup>1</sup> lyre and harp.
- <sup>4</sup> Praise God with tambou- <sup>1</sup> rine and dance;  
praise God with <sup>1</sup> strings and pipe.
- <sup>5</sup> Praise God with re- <sup>1</sup> sounding cymbals;  
praise God  
with loud- <sup>1</sup> clanging cymbals.
- <sup>6</sup> Let everything <sup>1</sup> that has breath  
praise the LORD. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!