



# Selected Psalms

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## **Psalm 1**

**1** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; **2** but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. **3** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. **4** The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. **5** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; **6** for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

## **Psalm 2**

**1** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? **2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, **3** "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." **4** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. **5** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, **6** "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." **7** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. **8** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. **9** You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." **10** Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. **11** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

## **Psalm 8**

**1** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. **2** Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. **3** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, **4** what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? **5** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. **6** You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, **7** all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, **8** the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. **9** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **Psalm 10**

**1** Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? **2** In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. **3** For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD. **4** In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God." **5** His ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them. **6** He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity." **7** His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity. **8** He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless; **9** he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net. **10** The helpless are

crushed, sink down, and fall by his might. **11** He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it." **12** Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. **13** Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"? **14** But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless. **15** Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none. **16** The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. **17** O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear **18** to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

### **Psalm 19**

**1** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. **2** Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. **3** There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. **4** Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, **5** which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. **6** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. **7** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; **8** the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; **9** the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. **10** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. **11** Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. **12** Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. **13** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. **14** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

### **Psalm 22**

**1** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? **2** O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. **3** Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. **4** In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. **5** To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. **6** But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. **7** All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; **8** "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!" **9** Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. **10** On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God. **11** Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. **12** Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; **13** they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. **14** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; **15** my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. **16** For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet-- **17** I can count all my bones--

they stare and gloat over me; **18** they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. **19** But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! **20** Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! **21** Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! **22** I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: **23** You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **24** For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. **25** From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. **26** The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! **27** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. **28** For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. **29** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. **30** Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; **31** they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

### **Psalm 23**

**1** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. **2** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. **3** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### **Psalm 27**

**1** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? **2** When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. **3** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. **4** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: 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 inquire in his temple. **5** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. **6** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. **7** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! **8** You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." **9** Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! **10** For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. **11** Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. **12** Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. **13** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! **14** Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

### **Psalm 36**

**1** Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes. **2** For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated. **3** The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good. **4** He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil. **5** Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. **6** Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. **7** How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. **8** They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. **9** For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. **10** Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart! **11** Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. **12** There the evildoers lie fallen; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

### **Psalm 40**

**1** I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. **2** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. **3** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. **4** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! **5** You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. **6** In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. **7** Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: **8** I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." **9** I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. **10** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. **11** As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! **12** For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. **13** Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! **14** Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! **15** Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!" **16** But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!" **17** As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

### **Psalm 41**

**1** Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him; **2** the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies. **3** The

LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. **4** As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!" **5** My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?" **6** And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad. **7** All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. **8** They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies." **9** Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. **10** But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them! **11** By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. **12** But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever. **13** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

### **Psalm 49**

**1** Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, **2** both low and high, rich and poor together! **3** My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. **4** I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre. **5** Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me, **6** those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? **7** Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, **8** for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, **9** that he should live on forever and never see the pit. **10** For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others. **11** Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names. **12** Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish. **13** This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Selah **14** Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell. **15** But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Selah **16** Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases. **17** For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him. **18** For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed --and though you get praise when you do well for yourself-- **19** his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light. **20** Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

### **Psalm 50**

**1** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. **2** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. **3** Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. **4** He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: **5** "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" **6** The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! Selah **7** "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. **8** Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. **9** I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. **10** For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. **11** I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. **12** "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. **13** Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? **14** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, **15** and call

upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." **16** But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? **17** For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. **18** If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers. **19** "You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. **20** You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. **21** These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. **22** "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! **23** The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

### **Psalm 51**

**1** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. **2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. **4** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. **5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. **6** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. **7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. **8** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. **9** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. **10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. **11** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. **12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. **13** Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. **14** Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. **15** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. **16** For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. **17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. **18** Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; **19** then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

### **Psalm 55**

**1** Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy! **2** Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan, **3** because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me. **4** My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. **5** Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me. **6** And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest; **7** yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah **8** I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."**9** Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city. **10** Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it; **11** ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace. **12** For it is not an enemy who taunts me-- then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me-- then I could hide from him. **13** But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. **14** We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng. **15** Let

death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive; for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart. **16** But I call to God, and the LORD will save me. **17** Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice. **18** He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me. **19** God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, Selah because they do not change and do not fear God. **20** My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant. **21** His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords. **22** Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. **23** But you, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in you.

### **Psalm 71**

**1** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! **2** In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! **3** Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. **4** Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. **5** For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. **6** Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. **7** I have been as a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. **8** My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day. **9** Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent. **10** For my enemies speak concerning me; those who watch for my life consult together **11** and say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him." **12** O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! **13** May my accusers be put to shame and consumed; with scorn and disgrace may they be covered who seek my hurt. **14** But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more. **15** My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. **16** With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone. **17** O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. **18** So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. **19** Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? **20** You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. **21** You will increase my greatness and comfort me again. **22** I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. **23** My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed. **24** And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

### **Psalm 72**

**1** Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! **2** May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! **3** Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! **4** May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! **5** May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all



generations! **6** May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! **7** In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more! **8** May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! **9** May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! **10** May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! **11** May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! **12** For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. **13** He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. **14** From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight. **15** Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day! **16** May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field! **17** May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed! **18** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. **19** Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen! **20** The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

### **Psalm 80**

**1** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. **2** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us! **3** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved! **4** O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? **5** You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. **6** You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves. **7** Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved! **8** You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. **9** You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. **10** The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. **11** It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. **12** Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? **13** The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. **14** Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, **15** the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself. **16** They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face! **17** But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself! **18** Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name! **19** Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

### **Psalm 82**

**1** God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: **2** "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah **3** Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. **4** Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." **5** They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of

the earth are shaken. **6** I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; **7** nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince." **8** Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

### **Psalm 85**

**1** LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. **2** You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah **3** You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. **4** Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! **5** Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? **6** Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? **7** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. **8** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. **9** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. **10** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. **11** Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. **12** Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. **13** Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

### **Psalm 89**

**1** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. **2** For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." **3** You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: **4** 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah **5** Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! **6** For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, **7** a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? **8** O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you? **9** You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. **10** You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. **11** The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. **12** The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name. **13** You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. **14** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. **15** Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face, **16** who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. **17** For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. **18** For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel. **19** Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said: "I have granted help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. **20** I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him, **21** so that my hand shall be established with him; my arm also shall strengthen him. **22** The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble him. **23** I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. **24** My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted. **25** I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. **26** He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' **27** And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. **28** My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand

firm for him. **29** I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens. **30** If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my rules, **31** if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments, **32** then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes, **33** but I will not remove from him my steadfast love or be false to my faithfulness. **34** I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips. **35** Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David. **36** His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me. **37** Like the moon it shall be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies." Selah **38** But now you have cast off and rejected; you are full of wrath against your anointed. **39** You have renounced the covenant with your servant; you have defiled his crown in the dust. **40** You have breached all his walls; you have laid his strongholds in ruins. **41** All who pass by plunder him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors. **42** You have exalted the right hand of his foes; you have made all his enemies rejoice. **43** You have also turned back the edge of his sword, and you have not made him stand in battle. **44** You have made his splendor to cease and cast his throne to the ground. **45** You have cut short the days of his youth; you have covered him with shame. Selah **46** How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your wrath burn like fire? **47** Remember how short my time is! For what vanity you have created all the children of man! **48** What man can live and never see death? Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah **49** Lord, where is your steadfast love of old, which by your faithfulness you swore to David? **50** Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked, and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations, **51** with which your enemies mock, O LORD, with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed. **52** Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

### **Psalm 91**

**1** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. **2** I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." **3** For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. **4** He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. **5** You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, **6** nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. **7** A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. **8** You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. **9** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place-- the Most High, who is my refuge-- **10** no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. **11** For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. **12** On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. **13** You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. **14** "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. **15** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. **16** With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

### **Psalm 96**

**1** Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! **2** Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. **3** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! **4** For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. **5** For all the gods

of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. **6** Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. **7** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! **8** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! **9** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! **10** Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." **11** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; **12** let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy **13** before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

### **Psalm 97**

**1** The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! **2** Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. **3** Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. **4** His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. **5** The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. **6** The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. **7** All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods! **8** Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD. **9** For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. **10** O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. **11** Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. **12** Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

### **Psalm 98**

**1** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. **2** The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. **3** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **4** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! **5** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! **6** With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD! **7** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! **8** Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together **9** before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

### **Psalm 100**

**1** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! **2** Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! **3** Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! **5** For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

### **Psalm 104**

**1** Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, **2** covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. **3** He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; **4** he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire. **5** He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved. **6** You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. **7** At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight. **8** The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them. **9** You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. **10** You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills; **11** they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. **12** Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches. **13** From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. **14** You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth **15** and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart. **16** The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. **17** In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. **18** The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers. **19** He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. **20** You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about. **21** The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. **22** When the sun rises, they steal away and lie down in their dens. **23** Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening. **24** O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **25** Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great. **26** There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it. **27** These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. **28** When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. **29** When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. **30** When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. **31** May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, **32** who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! **33** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. **34** May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. **35** Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

### **Psalm 105**

**1** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! **2** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! **3** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! **4** Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! **5** Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, **6** O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! **7** He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. **8** He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, **9** the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, **10** which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, **11** saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance." **12** When they

were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it, **13**wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, **14** he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account, **15** saying, "Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm!" **16** When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread, **17** he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. **18** His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; **19** until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him. **20** The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free; **21** he made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions, **22** to bind his princes at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom. **23** Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. **24** And the LORD made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes. **25** He turned their hearts to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants. **26** He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen. **27** They performed his signs among them and miracles in the land of Ham. **28** He sent darkness, and made the land dark; they did not rebel against his words. **29** He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die. **30**Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings. **31** He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, and gnats throughout their country. **32** He gave them hail for rain, and fiery lightning bolts through their land. **33** He struck down their vines and fig trees, and shattered the trees of their country. **34** He spoke, and the locusts came, young locusts without number, **35**which devoured all the vegetation in their land and ate up the fruit of their ground. **36** He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the first fruits of all their strength. **37** Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold, and there was none among his tribes who stumbled. **38** Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it. **39** He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night. **40** They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance. **41** He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. **42** For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. **43** So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. **44** And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil, **45** that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

## **Psalm 106**

**1** Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! **2** Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? **3** Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times! **4** Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them, **5** that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance. **6** Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. **7** Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. **8** Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power. **9** He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and he led them through the deep as through a desert. **10** So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy. **11** And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left. **12**Then they believed his words; they sang his praise. **13** But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel. **14** But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness,

and put God to the test in the desert; **15** he gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them. **16**When men in the camp were jealous of Moses and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD, **17** the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. **18** Fire also broke out in their company; the flame burned up the wicked. **19** They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a metal image. **20** They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. **21** They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, **22** wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. **23** Therefore he said he would destroy them-- had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them. **24** Then they despised the pleasant land, having no faith in his promise. **25**They murmured in their tents, and did not obey the voice of the LORD. **26** Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them that he would make them fall in the wilderness, **27** and would make their offspring fall among the nations, scattering them among the lands. **28** Then they yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the dead; **29** they provoked the LORD to anger with their deeds, and a plague broke out among them. **30** Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was stayed. **31** And that was counted to him as righteousness from generation to generation forever. **32** They angered him at the waters of Meribah, and it went ill with Moses on their account, **33** for they made his spirit bitter, and he spoke rashly with his lips.**34** They did not destroy the peoples, as the LORD commanded them, **35** but they mixed with the nations and learned to do as they did. **36** They served their idols, which became a snare to them.**37** They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons; **38** they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood. **39** Thus they became unclean by their acts, and played the whore in their deeds. **40** Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people, and he abhorred his heritage; **41** he gave them into the hand of the nations, so that those who hated them ruled over them. **42** Their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their power. **43** Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes and were brought low through their iniquity. **44** Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress, when he heard their cry. **45** For their sake he remembered his covenant, and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love. **46** He caused them to be pitied by all those who held them captive. **47** Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among 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!" Praise the LORD!

### **Psalm 107**

**1** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! **2** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble **3** and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **4** Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; **5** hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. **6** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **7**He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. **8** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! **9** For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. **10** Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, **11** for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. **12** So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. **13** Then they

cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **14** He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. **15** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! **16** For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron. **17** Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; **18** they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. **19** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **20** He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. **21** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! **22** And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy! **23** Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; **24** they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. **25** For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. **26** They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; **27** they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. **28** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **29** He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. **30** Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. **31** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! **32** Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. **33** He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, **34** a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants. **35** He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. **36** And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; **37** they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. **38** By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their livestock diminish. **39** When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow, **40** he pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes; **41** but he raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks. **42** The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth. **43** Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

### **Psalm 110**

**1** The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." **2** The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! **3** Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. **4** The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." **5** The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. **6** He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. **7** He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

### **Psalm 116**

**1** I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. **2** Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. **3** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. **4** Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my



soul!" **5** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. **6** The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. **7** Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. **8** For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; **9** I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. **10** I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted"; **11** I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars." **12** What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? **13** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, **14** I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. **15** Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. **16** O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds. **17** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD. **18** I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, **19** in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

### **Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet**

**1** Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! **2** Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, **3** who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! **4** You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. **5** Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! **6** Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. **7** I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules. **8** I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me! **9** How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. **10** With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! **11** I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. **12** Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! **13** With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. **14** In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. **15** I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. **16** I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. **17** Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. **18** Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. **19** I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me! **20** My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times. **21** You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments. **22** Take away from me scorn and contempt, for I have kept your testimonies. **23** Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes. **24** Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors. **25** My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word! **26** When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes! **27** Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. **28** My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word! **29** Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law! **30** I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your rules before me. **31** I cling to your testimonies, O LORD; let me not be put to shame! **32** I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart! **33** Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. **34** Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. **35** Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. **36** Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! **37** Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. **38** Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared. **39** Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good. **40** Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life! **41** Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise; **42** then shall I have an

answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word. **43** And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules. **44** I will keep your law continually, forever and ever, **45** and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts. **46** I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame, **47** for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love. **48** I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes. **49** Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. **50** This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life. **51** The insolent utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law. **52** When I think of your rules from of old, I take comfort, O LORD. **53** Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, who forsake your law. **54** Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning. **55** I remember your name in the night, O LORD, and keep your law. **56** This blessing has fallen to me, that I have kept your precepts. **57** The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words. **58** I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. **59** When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; **60** I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments. **61** Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law. **62** At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules. **63** I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts. **64** The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes! **65** You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. **66** Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. **67** Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. **68** You are good and do good; teach me your statutes. **69** The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; **70** their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law. **71** It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. **72** The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. **73** Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments. **74** Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word. **75** I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. **76** Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. **77** Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. **78** Let the insolent be put to shame, because they have wronged me with falsehood; as for me, I will meditate on your precepts. **79** Let those who fear you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies. **80** May my heart be blameless in your statutes, that I may not be put to shame! **81** My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. **82** My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?" **83** For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes. **84** How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me? **85** The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to your law. **86** All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me! **87** They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts. **88** In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth. **89** Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. **90** Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. **91** By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants. **92** If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. **93** I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. **94** I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts. **95** The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your testimonies. **96** I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad. **97** Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. **98** Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is

ever with me. **99** I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. **100** I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. **101** I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. **102** I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. **103** How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! **104** Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. **105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **106** I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules. **107** I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word! **108** Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules. **109** I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. **110** The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. **111** Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart. **112** I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end. **113** I hate the double-minded, but I love your law. **114** You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word. **115** Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God. **116** Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope! **117** Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for your statutes continually! **118** You spurn all who go astray from your statutes, for their cunning is in vain. **119** All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross, therefore I love your testimonies. **120** My flesh trembles for fear of you, and I am afraid of your judgments. **121** I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors. **122** Give your servant a pledge of good; let not the insolent oppress me. **123** My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise. **124** Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes. **125** I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies! **126** It is time for the LORD to act, for your law has been broken. **127** Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold. **128** Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way. **129** Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. **130** The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. **131** I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. **132** Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. **133** Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. **134** Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. **135** Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. **136** My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law. **137** Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your rules. **138** You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness. **139** My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words. **140** Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it. **141** I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts. **142** Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true. **143** Trouble and anguish have found me out, but your commandments are my delight. **144** Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live. **145** With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep your statutes. **146** I call to you; save me, that I may observe your testimonies. **147** I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words. **148** My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise. **149** Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; O LORD, according to your justice give me life. **150** They draw near who persecute me with evil purpose; they are far from your law. **151** But you are near, O LORD, and all your commandments are true. **152** Long have I known from your testimonies that you have founded them forever. **153** Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law. **154** Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life

according to your promise! **155** Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes. **156** Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your rules. **157** Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies. **158** I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands. **159** Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love. **160** The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. **161** Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of your words. **162** I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil. **163** I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law. **164** Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules. **165** Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. **166** I hope for your salvation, O LORD, and I do your commandments. **167** My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly. **168** I keep your precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before you. **169** Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word! **170** Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word. **171** My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes. **172** My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right. **173** Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. **174** I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight. **175** Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me. **176** I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

#### **Psalm 121**

**1** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? **2** My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. **3** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. **4** Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. **5** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. **6** The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **7** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. **8** The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

#### **Psalm 130**

**1** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! **2** O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! **3** If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? **4** But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. **5** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; **6** my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. **7** O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. **8** And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

#### **Psalm 132**

**1** Remember, O LORD, in David's favor, all the hardships he endured, **2** how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, **3** "I will not enter my house or get into my bed, **4** I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, **5** until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." **6** Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar. **7** "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!" **8** Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. **9** Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your saints shout for joy. **10** For the sake of your servant David, do not turn

away the face of your anointed one. **11** The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. **12** If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their sons also forever shall sit on your throne." **13** For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: **14** "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. **15** I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread. **16** Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy. **17** There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed. **18** His enemies I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown will shine."

### **Psalm 136**

**1** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. **2** Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. **3** Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; **4** to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; **5** to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; **6** to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; **7** to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; **8** the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; **9** the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever; **10** to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures forever; **11** and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever; **12** with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever; **13** to him who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever; **14** and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his steadfast love endures forever; **15** but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures forever; **16** to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever; **17** to him who struck down great kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; **18** and killed mighty kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; **19** Sihon, king of the Amorites, for his steadfast love endures forever; **20** and Og, king of Bashan, for his steadfast love endures forever; **21** and gave their land as a heritage, for his steadfast love endures forever; **22** a heritage to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures forever. **23** It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; **24** and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever; **25** he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever. **26** Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

### **Psalm 137**

**1** By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. **2** On the willows there we hung up our lyres. **3** For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" **4** How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land? **5** If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill! **6** Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy! **7** Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem, how they said, "Lay it bare, lay it bare, down to its foundations!" **8** O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed, blessed shall he be who repays you with what you have done to us! **9** Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones and dashes them against the rock!

**Psalm 149**

**1** Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! **2** Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! **3** Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! **4** For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. **5** Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. **6** Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, **7** to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, **8** to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, **9** to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

**Psalm 150**

**1** Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! **2** Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! **3** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! **4** Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! **5** Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! **6** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!