

Psalms

Blessed is the man

who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

or stand in the way of sinners

or sit in the seat of mockers.

²But his delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither.

Whatever he does prospers.

⁴Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff

that the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

^{2:1}Why do the nations conspire

and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth take their stand

and the rulers gather together

against the LORD

and against his Anointed One.

³"Let us break their chains," they say,

"and throw off their fetters."

⁴The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

the Lord scoffs at them.

⁵Then he rebukes them in his anger

and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

⁶"I have installed my King

on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

He said to me, "You are my Son;

today I have become your Father.

⁸Ask of me,

and I will make the nations your inheritance,

the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹You will rule them with an iron scepter;

you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

¹⁰Therefore, you kings, be wise;

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear

and rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry

and you be destroyed in your way,

for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

^{3:1}A psalm of David. When he fled from his son Absalom.

O LORD, how many are my foes!

How many rise up against me!

²Many are saying of me,

"God will not deliver him."

Selah

³But you are a shield around me, O LORD;

you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.

⁴To the LORD I cry aloud,

and he answers me from his holy hill.

Selah

⁵I lie down and sleep;

I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

⁶I will not fear the tens of thousands

drawn up against me on every side.

⁷Arise, O LORD!

Deliver me, O my God!

Strike all my enemies on the jaw;

break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸From the LORD comes deliverance.

May your blessing be on your people.

Selah

^{4:1}For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm of David.

Answer me when I call to you,

O my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress;

be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

²How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame?

How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

Selah

³Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;

the LORD will hear when I call to him.

⁴In your anger do not sin;

when you are on your beds,

search your hearts and be silent.

Selah

⁵Offer right sacrifices

and trust in the LORD.

⁶Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have filled my heart with greater joy

than when their grain and new wine abound.

⁸I will lie down and sleep in peace,

for you alone, O LORD,

make me dwell in safety.

^{5:1}For the director of music. For flutes. A psalm of David.

Give ear to my words, O LORD,

consider my sighing.

²Listen to my cry for help,

my King and my God,

for to you I pray.

³In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice;

in the morning I lay my requests before you

and wait in expectation.

⁴You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil;

with you the wicked cannot dwell.

⁵The arrogant cannot stand in your presence;

you hate all who do wrong.

⁶You destroy those who tell lies;

bloodthirsty and deceitful men

the LORD abhors.

⁷But I, by your great mercy,

will come into your house;

in reverence will I bow down

toward your holy temple.

⁸Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness

because of my enemies--

make straight your way before me.

⁹Not a word from their mouth can be trusted;

their heart is filled with destruction.

Their throat is an open grave;

with their tongue they speak deceit.

¹⁰Declare them guilty, O God!

Let their intrigues be their downfall.

Banish them for their many sins,

for they have rebelled against you.

¹¹But let all who take refuge in you be glad;

let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,

that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

¹²For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous;

you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

^{6:1}For the director of music. With stringed instruments. According to *sheminith*. A psalm
of David.

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger

or discipline me in your wrath.

²Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;

O LORD, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

³My soul is in anguish.

How long, O LORD, how long?

⁴Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;

save me because of your unfailing love.

⁵No one remembers you when he is dead.

Who praises you from the grave?

⁶I am worn out from groaning;

all night long I flood my bed with weeping

and drench my couch with tears.

⁷My eyes grow weak with sorrow;

they fail because of all my foes.

⁸Away from me, all you who do evil,

for the LORD has heard my weeping.

⁹The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;

the LORD accepts my prayer.

¹⁰All my enemies will be ashamed and dismayed;

they will turn back in sudden disgrace.

^{7:1}A *shiggaion* of David, which he sang to the LORD concerning Cush, a Benjamite.

O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;

save and deliver me from all who pursue me,

²or they will tear me like a lion

and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.

³O LORD my God, if I have done this

and there is guilt on my hands--

⁴if I have done evil to him who is at peace with me

or without cause have robbed my foe--

⁵then let my enemy pursue and overtake me;

let him trample my life to the ground

and make me sleep in the dust.

Selah

⁶Arise, O LORD, in your anger;

rise up against the rage of my enemies.

Awake, my God; decree justice.

⁷Let the assembled peoples gather around you.

Rule over them from on high;

⁸let the LORD judge the peoples.

Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness,

according to my integrity, O Most High.

⁹O righteous God,

who searches minds and hearts,

bring to an end the violence of the wicked

and make the righteous secure.

¹⁰My shield is God Most High,

who saves the upright in heart.

¹¹God is a righteous judge,

a God who expresses his wrath every day.

¹²If he does not relent,

he will sharpen his sword;

he will bend and string his bow.

¹³He has prepared his deadly weapons;

he makes ready his flaming arrows.

¹⁴He who is pregnant with evil

and conceives trouble gives birth to disillusionment.

¹⁵He who digs a hole and scoops it out

falls into the pit he has made.

¹⁶The trouble he causes recoils on himself;

his violence comes down on his own head.

¹⁷I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness

and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

^{8:1}For the director of music. According to *gittith*. A psalm of David.

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory

above the heavens.

²From the lips of children and infants

you have ordained praise

because of your enemies,

to silence the foe and the avenger.

³When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars,

which you have set in place,

⁴what is man that you are mindful of him,

the son of man that you care for him?

⁵You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶You made him ruler over the works of your hands;

you put everything under his feet:

⁷all flocks and herds,

and the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air,

and the fish of the sea,

all that swim the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

^{9:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "The Death of the Son." A psalm of David.

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonders.

²I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

³My enemies turn back;

they stumble and perish before you.

⁴For you have upheld my right and my cause;

you have sat on your throne, judging righteously.

⁵You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked;

you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

⁶Endless ruin has overtaken the enemy,

you have uprooted their cities;

even the memory of them has perished.

⁷The LORD reigns forever;

he has established his throne for judgment.

⁸He will judge the world in righteousness;

he will govern the peoples with justice.

⁹The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

¹⁰Those who know your name will trust in you,
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

¹²For he who avenges blood remembers;
he does not ignore the cry of the afflicted.

¹³O LORD, see how my enemies persecute me!
Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death,

¹⁴that I may declare your praises
in the gates of the Daughter of Zion
and there rejoice in your salvation.

¹⁵The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug;
their feet are caught in the net they have hidden.

¹⁶The LORD is known by his justice;
the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.

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Selah

¹⁷The wicked return to the grave,

all the nations that forget God.

¹⁸But the needy will not always be forgotten,

nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish.

¹⁹Arise, O LORD, let not man triumph;

let the nations be judged in your presence.

²⁰Strike them with terror, O LORD;

let the nations know they are but men.

Selah

^{10:1}Why, O LORD, do you stand far off?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

²In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak,

who are caught in the schemes he devises.

³He boasts of the cravings of his heart;

he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD.

⁴In his pride the wicked does not seek him;

in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

⁵His ways are always prosperous;

he is haughty and your laws are far from him;

he sneers at all his enemies.

⁶He says to himself, "Nothing will shake me;

I'll always be happy and never have trouble."

⁷His mouth is full of curses and lies and threats;

trouble and evil are under his tongue.

⁸He lies in wait near the villages;

from ambush he murders the innocent,

watching in secret for his victims.

⁹He lies in wait like a lion in cover;

he lies in wait to catch the helpless;

he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net.

¹⁰His victims are crushed, they collapse;

they fall under his strength.

¹¹He says to himself, "God has forgotten;

he covers his face and never sees."

¹²Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God.

Do not forget the helpless.

¹³Why does the wicked man revile God?

Why does he say to himself,

"He won't call me to account"?

¹⁴But you, O God, do see trouble and grief;

you consider it to take it in hand.

The victim commits himself to you;

you are the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵Break the arm of the wicked and evil man;

call him to account for his wickedness

that would not be found out.

¹⁶The LORD is King for ever and ever;

the nations will perish from his land.

¹⁷You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted;

you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,

¹⁸defending the fatherless and the oppressed,

in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.

^{11:1}For the director of music. Of David.

In the LORD I take refuge.

How then can you say to me:

"Flee like a bird to your mountain.

²For look, the wicked bend their bows;

they set their arrows against the strings

to shoot from the shadows

at the upright in heart.

³When the foundations are being destroyed,

what can the righteous do?"

⁴The LORD is in his holy temple;

the LORD is on his heavenly throne.

He observes the sons of men;

his eyes examine them.

⁵The LORD examines the righteous,

but the wicked and those who love violence

his soul hates.

⁶On the wicked he will rain

fiery coals and burning sulfur;

a scorching wind will be their lot.

⁷For the LORD is righteous,

he loves justice;

upright men will see his face.

^{12:1}For the director of music. According to *sheminith*. A psalm of David.

Help, LORD, for the godly are no more;

the faithful have vanished from among men.

²Everyone lies to his neighbor;

their flattering lips speak with deception.

³May the LORD cut off all flattering lips

and every boastful tongue

⁴that says, "We will triumph with our tongues;

we own our lips--who is our master?"

⁵"Because of the oppression of the weak

and the groaning of the needy,

I will now arise," says the LORD.

"I will protect them from those who malign them."

⁶And the words of the LORD are flawless,

like silver refined in a furnace of clay,

purified seven times.

⁷O LORD, you will keep us safe

and protect us from such people forever.

⁸The wicked freely strut about

when what is vile is honored among men.

^{13:1}For the director of music. A psalm of David.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

²How long must I wrestle with my thoughts

and every day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³Look on me and answer, O LORD my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death;

⁴my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"

and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

⁵But I trust in your unfailing love;

my heart rejoices in your salvation.

⁶I will sing to the LORD,

for he has been good to me.

^{14:1}For the director of music. Of David.

The fool says in his heart,

"There is no God."

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;

there is no one who does good.

²The LORD looks down from heaven

on the sons of men

to see if there are any who understand,

any who seek God.

³All have turned aside,

they have together become corrupt;

there is no one who does good,

not even one.

⁴Will evildoers never learn--

those who devour my people as men eat bread

and who do not call on the LORD?

⁵There they are, overwhelmed with dread,

for God is present in the company of the righteous.

⁶You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,

but the LORD is their refuge.

⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,

let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

^{15:1}A psalm of David.

LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary?

Who may live on your holy hill?

²He whose walk is blameless

and who does what is righteous,

who speaks the truth from his heart

³and has no slander on his tongue,

who does his neighbor no wrong

and casts no slur on his fellowman,

⁴who despises a vile man

but honors those who fear the LORD,

who keeps his oath

even when it hurts,

⁵who lends his money without usury

and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things

will never be shaken.

^{16:1}A *miktam* of David.

Keep me safe, O God,

for in you I take refuge.

²I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

apart from you I have no good thing."

³As for the saints who are in the land,

they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

⁴The sorrows of those will increase

who run after other gods.

I will not pour out their libations of blood

or take up their names on my lips.

⁵LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup;

you have made my lot secure.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

surely I have a delightful inheritance.

⁷I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;

even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰because you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

¹¹You have made known to me the path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence,

with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

^{17:1}A prayer of David.

Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea;

listen to my cry.

Give ear to my prayer--

it does not rise from deceitful lips.

²May my vindication come from you;

may your eyes see what is right.

³Though you probe my heart and examine me at night,

though you test me, you will find nothing;

I have resolved that my mouth will not sin.

⁴As for the deeds of men--

by the word of your lips

I have kept myself

from the ways of the violent.

⁵My steps have held to your paths;

my feet have not slipped.

⁶I call on you, O God, for you will answer me;

give ear to me and hear my prayer.

⁷Show the wonder of your great love,

you who save by your right hand

those who take refuge in you from their foes.

⁸Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings

⁹from the wicked who assail me,

from my mortal enemies who surround me.

¹⁰They close up their callous hearts,

and their mouths speak with arrogance.

¹¹They have tracked me down, they now surround me,

with eyes alert, to throw me to the ground.

¹²They are like a lion hungry for prey,

like a great lion crouching in cover.

¹³Rise up, O LORD, confront them, bring them down;

rescue me from the wicked by your sword.

¹⁴O LORD, by your hand save me from such men,

from men of this world whose reward is in this life.

You still the hunger of those you cherish;

their sons have plenty,

and they store up wealth for their children.

¹⁵And I--in righteousness I will see your face;

when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

^{18:1}For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD. He sang to the LORD the

words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and

from the hand of Saul. He said:

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

²The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,

and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴The cords of death entangled me;

the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

⁵The cords of the grave coiled around me;

the snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called to the LORD;

I cried to my God for help.

From his temple he heard my voice;

my cry came before him, into his ears.

⁷The earth trembled and quaked,

and the foundations of the mountains shook;

they trembled because he was angry.

⁸Smoke rose from his nostrils;

consuming fire came from his mouth,

burning coals blazed out of it.

⁹He parted the heavens and came down;

dark clouds were under his feet.

¹⁰He mounted the cherubim and flew;

he soared on the wings of the wind.

¹¹He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him--

the dark rain clouds of the sky.

¹²Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced,

with hailstones and bolts of lightning.

¹³The LORD thundered from heaven;

the voice of the Most High resounded.

¹⁴He shot his arrows and scattered the enemies,

great bolts of lightning and routed them.

¹⁵The valleys of the sea were exposed

and the foundations of the earth laid bare

at your rebuke, O LORD,

at the blast of breath from your nostrils.

¹⁶He reached down from on high and took hold of me;

he drew me out of deep waters.

¹⁷He rescued me from my powerful enemy,

from my foes, who were too strong for me.

¹⁸They confronted me in the day of my disaster,

but the LORD was my support.

¹⁹He brought me out into a spacious place;

he rescued me because he delighted in me.

²⁰The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness;

according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.

²¹For I have kept the ways of the LORD;

I have not done evil by turning from my God.

²²All his laws are before me;

I have not turned away from his decrees.

²³I have been blameless before him

and have kept myself from sin.

²⁴The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness,

according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

²⁵To the faithful you show yourself faithful,

to the blameless you show yourself blameless,

²⁶to the pure you show yourself pure,

but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.

²⁷You save the humble

but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

²⁸You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;

my God turns my darkness into light.

²⁹With your help I can advance against a troop;

with my God I can scale a wall.

³⁰As for God, his way is perfect;

the word of the LORD is flawless.

He is a shield

for all who take refuge in him.

³¹For who is God besides the LORD?

And who is the Rock except our God?

³²It is God who arms me with strength

and makes my way perfect.

³³He makes my feet like the feet of a deer;

he enables me to stand on the heights.

³⁴He trains my hands for battle;

my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

³⁵You give me your shield of victory,

and your right hand sustains me;

you stoop down to make me great.

³⁶You broaden the path beneath me,

so that my ankles do not turn.

³⁷I pursued my enemies and overtook them;

I did not turn back till they were destroyed.

³⁸I crushed them so that they could not rise;

they fell beneath my feet.

³⁹You armed me with strength for battle;

you made my adversaries bow at my feet.

⁴⁰You made my enemies turn their backs in flight,

and I destroyed my foes.

⁴¹They cried for help, but there was no one to save them--

to the LORD, but he did not answer.

⁴²I beat them as fine as dust borne on the wind;

I poured them out like mud in the streets.

⁴³You have delivered me from the attacks of the people;

you have made me the head of nations;

people I did not know are subject to me.

⁴⁴As soon as they hear me, they obey me;

foreigners cringe before me.

⁴⁵They all lose heart;

they come trembling from their strongholds.

⁴⁶The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!

Exalted be God my Savior!

⁴⁷He is the God who avenges me,

who subdues nations under me,

⁴⁸who saves me from my enemies.

You exalted me above my foes;

from violent men you rescued me.

⁴⁹Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O LORD;

I will sing praises to your name.

⁵⁰He gives his king great victories;

he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed,
to David and his descendants forever.

^{19:1}For the director of music. A psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.

³There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.

⁴Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,
⁵which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;

nothing is hidden from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,

reviving the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,

making wise the simple.

⁸The precepts of the LORD are right,

giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,

giving light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is pure,

enduring forever.

The ordinances of the LORD are sure

and altogether righteous.

¹⁰They are more precious than gold,

than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey,

than honey from the comb.

¹¹By them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³Keep your servant also from willful sins;

may they not rule over me.

Then will I be blameless,

innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be pleasing in your sight,

O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

^{20:1}For the director of music. A psalm of David.

May the LORD answer you when you are in distress;

may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

²May he send you help from the sanctuary

and grant you support from Zion.

³May he remember all your sacrifices

and accept your burnt offerings.

Selah

⁴May he give you the desire of your heart

and make all your plans succeed.

⁵We will shout for joy when you are victorious

and will lift up our banners in the name of our God.

May the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;

he answers him from his holy heaven

with the saving power of his right hand.

⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸They are brought to their knees and fall,

but we rise up and stand firm.

⁹O LORD, save the king!

Answer us when we call!

^{21:1}For the director of music. A psalm of David.

O LORD, the king rejoices in your strength.

How great is his joy in the victories you give!

²You have granted him the desire of his heart

and have not withheld the request of his lips.

Selah

³You welcomed him with rich blessings

and placed a crown of pure gold on his head.

⁴He asked you for life, and you gave it to him--

length of days, for ever and ever.

⁵Through the victories you gave, his glory is great;

you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.

⁶Surely you have granted him eternal blessings

and made him glad with the joy of your presence.

⁷For the king trusts in the LORD;

through the unfailing love of the Most High

he will not be shaken.

⁸Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies;

your right hand will seize your foes.

⁹At the time of your appearing

you will make them like a fiery furnace.

In his wrath the LORD will swallow them up,

and his fire will consume them.

¹⁰You will destroy their descendants from the earth,

their posterity from mankind.

¹¹Though they plot evil against you

and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed;

¹²for you will make them turn their backs

when you aim at them with drawn bow.

¹³Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength;

we will sing and praise your might.

^{22:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "The Doe of the Morning." A psalm of David.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,

so far from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

by night, and am not silent.

³Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;

you are the praise of Israel.

⁴In you our fathers put their trust;

they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵They cried to you and were saved;

in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

⁶But I am a worm and not a man,

scorned by men and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock me;

they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

⁸"He trusts in the LORD;

let the LORD rescue him.

Let him deliver him,

since he delights in him."

⁹Yet you brought me out of the womb;

you made me trust in you

even at my mother's breast.

¹⁰From birth I was cast upon you;

from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹Do not be far from me,

for trouble is near

and there is no one to help.

¹²Many bulls surround me;

strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

¹³Roaring lions tearing their prey

open their mouths wide against me.

¹⁴I am poured out like water,

and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax;

it has melted away within me.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶Dogs have surrounded me;
a band of evil men has encircled me,
they have pierced my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones;
people stare and gloat over me.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far off;
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

²⁰Deliver my life from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dogs.

²¹Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²²I will declare your name to my brothers;

in the congregation I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

²⁴For he has not despised or disdained

the suffering of the afflicted one;

he has not hidden his face from him

but has listened to his cry for help.

²⁵From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;

before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.

²⁶The poor will eat and be satisfied;

they who seek the LORD will praise him--

may your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth

will remember and turn to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations

will bow down before him,

²⁸for dominion belongs to the LORD

and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;

all who go down to the dust will kneel before him--

those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹They will proclaim his righteousness

to a people yet unborn--

for he has done it.

^{23:1}A psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

³he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

⁴Even 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.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.

^{24:1}Of David. A psalm.

The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,

the world, and all who live in it;

²for he founded it upon the seas

and established it upon the waters.

³Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?

Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

who does not lift up his soul to an idol

or swear by what is false.

⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD

and vindication from God his Savior.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him,

who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Selah

⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates;

be lifted up, you ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty,

the LORD mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O you gates;

lift them up, you ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty--

he is the King of glory.

Selah

^{25:1}Of David.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;

²in you I trust, O my God.

Do not let me be put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³No one whose hope is in you

will ever be put to shame,

but they will be put to shame

who are treacherous without excuse.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,

teach me your paths;

⁵guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Savior,

and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,

for they are from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth

and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me,

for you are good, O LORD.

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

⁹He guides the humble in what is right

and teaches them his way.

¹⁰All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful

for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

¹¹For the sake of your name, O LORD,

forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

¹²Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD?

He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

¹³He will spend his days in prosperity,

and his descendants will inherit the land.

¹⁴The LORD confides in those who fear him;

he makes his covenant known to them.

¹⁵My eyes are ever on the LORD,

for only he will release my feet from the snare.

¹⁶Turn to me and be gracious to me,

for I am lonely and afflicted.

¹⁷The troubles of my heart have multiplied;

free me from my anguish.

¹⁸Look upon my affliction and my distress

and take away all my sins.

¹⁹See how my enemies have increased and

how fiercely they hate me!

²⁰Guard my life and rescue me;

let me not be put to shame,

for I take refuge in you.

²¹May integrity and uprightness protect me,

because my hope is in you.

²²Redeem Israel, O God,

from all their troubles!

^{26:1}Of David.

Vindicate me, O LORD,

for I have led a blameless life;

I have trusted in the LORD

without wavering.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me,

examine my heart and my mind;

³for your love is ever before me,

and I walk continually in your truth.

⁴I do not sit with deceitful men,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;

⁵I abhor the assembly of evildoers
and refuse to sit with the wicked.

⁶I wash my hands in innocence,
and go about your altar, O LORD,

⁷proclaiming aloud your praise
and telling of all your wonderful deeds.

⁸I love the house where you live, O LORD,
the place where your glory dwells.

⁹Do not take away my soul along with sinners,
my life with bloodthirsty men,

¹⁰in whose hands are wicked schemes,
whose right hands are full of bribes.

¹¹But I lead a blameless life;
redeem me and be merciful to me.

¹²My feet stand on level ground;

in the great assembly I will praise the LORD.

^{27:1}Of David.

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?

²When evil men advance against me

to devour my flesh,

when my enemies and my foes attack me,

they will stumble and fall.

³Though an army besiege me,

my heart will not fear;

though war break out against me,

even then will I be confident.

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD,

this is what 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 him in his temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble

he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle

and set me high upon a rock.

⁶Then my head will be exalted

above the enemies who surround me;

at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;

be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

Your face, LORD, I will seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger;

you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,

O God my Savior.

¹⁰Though my father and mother forsake me,

the LORD will receive me.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;

lead me in a straight path

because of my oppressors.

¹²Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,

for false witnesses rise up against me,

breathing out violence.

¹³I am still confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living.

¹⁴Wait for the LORD;

be strong and take heart

and wait for the LORD.

^{28:1}Of David.

To you I call, O LORD my Rock;

do not turn a deaf ear to me.

For if you remain silent,

I will be like those who have gone down to the pit.

²Hear my cry for mercy

as I call to you for help,

as I lift up my hands

toward your Most Holy Place.

³Do not drag me away with the wicked,

with those who do evil,

who speak cordially with their neighbors

but harbor malice in their hearts.

⁴Repay them for their deeds

and for their evil work;

repay them for what their hands have done

and bring back upon them what they deserve.

⁵Since they show no regard for the works of the LORD

and what his hands have done,

he will tear them down

and never build them up again.

⁶Praise be to the LORD,

for he has heard my cry for mercy.

⁷The LORD is my strength and my shield;

my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.

My heart leaps for joy

and I will give thanks to him in song.

⁸The LORD is the strength of his people,

a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

⁹Save your people and bless your inheritance;

be their shepherd and carry them forever.

^{29:1}A psalm of David.

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders,

the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is majestic.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD strikes

with flashes of lightning.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;

the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD twists the oaks

and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

¹¹The LORD gives strength to his people;

the LORD blesses his people with peace.

^{30:1}A psalm. A song. For the dedication of the temple. Of David.

I will exalt you, O LORD,

for you lifted me out of the depths

and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

²O LORD my God, I called to you for help

and you healed me.

³O LORD, you brought me up from the grave;

you spared me from going down into the pit.

⁴Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;

praise his holy name.

⁵For his anger lasts only a moment,

but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may remain for a night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

⁶When I felt secure, I said,

"I will never be shaken."

⁷O LORD, when you favored me,

you made my mountain stand firm;

but when you hid your face,

I was dismayed.

⁸To you, O LORD, I called;

to the Lord I cried for mercy:

⁹"What gain is there in my destruction,

in my going down into the pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;

O LORD, be my help."

¹¹You turned my wailing into dancing;

you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹²that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

^{31:1}For the director of music. A psalm of David.

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame;

deliver me in your righteousness.

²Turn your ear to me,

come quickly to my rescue;

be my rock of refuge,

a strong fortress to save me.

³Since you are my rock and my fortress,

for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

⁴Free me from the trap that is set for me,

for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hands I commit my spirit;

redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

⁶I hate those who cling to worthless idols;

I trust in the LORD.

⁷I will be glad and rejoice in your love,

for you saw my affliction

and knew the anguish of my soul.

⁸You have not handed me over to the enemy

but have set my feet in a spacious place.

⁹Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

my eyes grow weak with sorrow,

my soul and my body with grief.

¹⁰My life is consumed by anguish

and my years by groaning;

my strength fails because of my affliction,

and my bones grow weak.

¹¹Because of all my enemies,

I am the utter contempt of my neighbors;

I am a dread to my friends--

those who see me on the street flee from me.

¹²I am forgotten by them as though I were dead;

I have become like broken pottery.

¹³For I hear the slander of many;

there is terror on every side;

they conspire against me

and plot to take my life.

¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD;

I say, "You are my God."

¹⁵My times are in your hands;

deliver me from my enemies

and from those who pursue me.

¹⁶Let your face shine on your servant;

save me in your unfailing love.

¹⁷Let me not be put to shame, O LORD,

for I have cried out to you;

but let the wicked be put to shame

and lie silent in the grave.

¹⁸Let their lying lips be silenced,

for with pride and contempt

they speak arrogantly against the righteous.

¹⁹How great is your goodness,

which you have stored up for those who fear you,

which you bestow in the sight of men

on those who take refuge in you.

²⁰In the shelter of your presence you hide them

from the intrigues of men;

in your dwelling you keep them safe

from accusing tongues.

²¹Praise be to the LORD,

for he showed his wonderful love to me

when I was in a besieged city.

²²In my alarm I said,

"I am cut off from your sight!"

Yet you heard my cry for mercy

when I called to you for help.

²³Love the LORD, all his saints!

The LORD preserves the faithful,

but the proud he pays back in full.

²⁴Be strong and take heart,

all you who hope in the LORD.

^{32:1}Of David. A *maskil*.

Blessed is he

whose transgressions are forgiven,

whose sins are covered.

²Blessed is the man

whose sin the LORD does not count against him

and in whose spirit is no deceit.

³When I kept silent,

my bones wasted away

through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night

your hand was heavy upon me;

my strength was sapped

as in the heat of summer.

Selah

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you

and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess

my transgressions to the LORD"--

and you forgave

the guilt of my sin.

Selah

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you

while you may be found;

surely when the mighty waters rise,

they will not reach him.

⁷You are my hiding place;

you will protect me from trouble

and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Selah

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you and watch over you.

⁹Do not be like the horse or the mule,

which have no understanding

but must be controlled by bit and bridle

or they will not come to you.

¹⁰Many are the woes of the wicked,

but the LORD'S unfailing love

surrounds the man who trusts in him.

¹¹Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;

sing, all you who are upright in heart!

^{33:1} Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;

it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

² Praise the LORD with the harp;

make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

³ Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully, and shout for joy.

⁴ For the word of the LORD is right and true;

he is faithful in all he does.

⁵ The LORD loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of his unfailing love.

⁶ By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,

their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;

he puts the deep into storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the people of the world revere him.

⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰The LORD foils the plans of the nations;

he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

¹¹But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,

the purposes of his heart through all generations.

¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

the people he chose for his inheritance.

¹³From heaven the LORD looks down

and sees all mankind;

¹⁴from his dwelling place he watches

all who live on earth--

¹⁵he who forms the hearts of all,

who considers everything they do.

¹⁶No king is saved by the size of his army;

no warrior escapes by his great strength.

¹⁷A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;

despite all its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,

on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

¹⁹to deliver them from death

and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰We wait in hope for the LORD;

he is our help and our shield.

²¹In him our hearts rejoice,

for we trust in his holy name.

²²May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD,

even as we put our hope in you.

^{34:1}Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him away,

and he left.

I will extol the LORD at all times;

his praise will always be on my lips.

²My soul will boast in the LORD;

let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

³Glorify the LORD with me;

let us exalt his name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me;

he delivered me from all my fears.

⁵Those who look to him are radiant;

their faces are never covered with shame.

⁶This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;

he saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

and he delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;

blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

⁹Fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions may grow weak and hungry,

but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

¹¹Come, my children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹²Whoever of you loves life

and desires to see many good days,

¹³keep your tongue from evil

and your lips from speaking lies.

¹⁴Turn from evil and do good;

seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous

and his ears are attentive to their cry;

¹⁶the face of the LORD is against those who do evil,

to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;

he delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is close to the brokenhearted

and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

¹⁹A righteous man may have many troubles,

but the LORD delivers him from them all;

²⁰he protects all his bones,

not one of them will be broken.

²¹Evil will slay the wicked;

the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

²²The LORD redeems his servants;

no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

^{35:1}Of David.

Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;

fight against those who fight against me.

²Take up shield and buckler;

arise and come to my aid.

³Brandish spear and javelin

against those who pursue me.

Say to my soul,

"I am your salvation."

⁴May those who seek my life

be disgraced and put to shame;

may those who plot my ruin

be turned back in dismay.

⁵May they be like chaff before the wind,

with the angel of the LORD driving them away;

⁶may their path be dark and slippery,

with the angel of the LORD pursuing them.

⁷Since they hid their net for me without cause

and without cause dug a pit for me,

⁸may ruin overtake them by surprise--

may the net they hid entangle them,

may they fall into the pit, to their ruin.

⁹Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD

and delight in his salvation.

¹⁰My whole being will exclaim,

"Who is like you, O LORD?

You rescue the poor from those too strong for them,

the poor and needy from those who rob them."

¹¹Ruthless witnesses come forward;

they question me on things I know nothing about.

¹²They repay me evil for good

and leave my soul forlorn.

¹³Yet when they were ill, I put on sackcloth

and humbled myself with fasting.

When my prayers returned to me unanswered,

¹⁴I went about mourning

as though for my friend or brother.

I bowed my head in grief

as though weeping for my mother.

¹⁵But when I stumbled, they gathered in glee;

attackers gathered against me when I was unaware.

They slandered me without ceasing.

¹⁶Like the ungodly they maliciously mocked;

they gnashed their teeth at me.

¹⁷O Lord, how long will you look on?

Rescue my life from their ravages,

my precious life from these lions.

¹⁸I will give you thanks in the great assembly;

among throngs of people I will praise you.

¹⁹Let not those gloat over me

who are my enemies without cause;

let not those who hate me without reason

maliciously wink the eye.

²⁰They do not speak peaceably,

but devise false accusations

against those who live quietly in the land.

²¹They gape at me and say, "Aha! Aha!"

With our own eyes we have seen it."

²²O LORD, you have seen this; be not silent.

Do not be far from me, O Lord.

²³Awake, and rise to my defense!

Contend for me, my God and Lord.

²⁴Vindicate me in your righteousness, O LORD my God;

do not let them gloat over me.

²⁵Do not let them think, "Aha, just what we wanted!"

or say, "We have swallowed him up."

²⁶May all who gloat over my distress

be put to shame and confusion;

may all who exalt themselves over me

be clothed with shame and disgrace.

²⁷May those who delight in my vindication

shout for joy and gladness;

may they always say, "The LORD be exalted,

who delights in the well-being of his servant."

²⁸My tongue will speak of your righteousness

and of your praises all day long.

^{36:1}For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD.

An oracle is within my heart

concerning the sinfulness of the wicked:

There is no fear of God

before his eyes.

²For in his own eyes he flatters himself

too much to detect or hate his sin.

³The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful;

he has ceased to be wise and to do good.

⁴Even on his bed he plots evil;

he commits himself to a sinful course

and does not reject what is wrong.

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the skies.

⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,

your justice like the great deep.

O LORD, you preserve both man and beast.

⁷How priceless is your unfailing love!

Both high and low among men

find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house;

you give them drink from your river of delights.

⁹For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

¹⁰Continue your love to those who know you,

your righteousness to the upright in heart.

¹¹May the foot of the proud not come against me,

nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹²See how the evildoers lie fallen--

thrown down, not able to rise!

^{37:1}Of David.

Do not fret because of evil men

or be envious of those who do wrong;

²for like the grass they will soon wither,

like green plants they will soon die away.

³Trust in the LORD and do good;

dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴Delight yourself in the LORD

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD;

trust in him and he will do this:

⁶He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,

the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

do not fret when men succeed in their ways,

when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;

do not fret--it leads only to evil.

⁹For evil men will be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

¹⁰A little while, and the wicked will be no more;

though you look for them, they will not be found.

¹¹But the meek will inherit the land

and enjoy great peace.

¹²The wicked plot against the righteous

and gnash their teeth at them;

¹³but the Lord laughs at the wicked,

for he knows their day is coming.

¹⁴The wicked draw the sword

and bend the bow

to bring down the poor and needy,

to slay those whose ways are upright.

¹⁵But their swords will pierce their own hearts,

and their bows will be broken.

¹⁶Better the little that the righteous have

than the wealth of many wicked;

¹⁷for the power of the wicked will be broken,

but the LORD upholds the righteous.

¹⁸The days of the blameless are known to the LORD,

and their inheritance will endure forever.

¹⁹In times of disaster they will not wither;

in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.

²⁰But the wicked will perish:

The LORD'S enemies will be like the beauty of the fields,

they will vanish--vanish like smoke.

²¹The wicked borrow and do not repay,

but the righteous give generously;

²²those the LORD blesses will inherit the land,

but those he curses will be cut off.

²³If the LORD delights in a man's way,

he makes his steps firm;

²⁴though he stumble, he will not fall,

for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

²⁵I was young and now I am old,

yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken

or their children begging bread.

²⁶They are always generous and lend freely;

their children will be blessed.

²⁷Turn from evil and do good;

then you will dwell in the land forever.

²⁸For the LORD loves the just

and will not forsake his faithful ones.

They will be protected forever,

but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off;

²⁹the righteous will inherit the land

and dwell in it forever.

³⁰The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom,

and his tongue speaks what is just.

³¹The law of his God is in his heart;

his feet do not slip.

³²The wicked lie in wait for the righteous,

seeking their very lives;

³³but the LORD will not leave them in their power

or let them be condemned when brought to trial.

³⁴Wait for the LORD

and keep his way.

He will exalt you to inherit the land;

when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

³⁵I have seen a wicked and ruthless man

flourishing like a green tree in its native soil,

³⁶but he soon passed away and was no more;

though I looked for him, he could not be found.

³⁷Consider the blameless, observe the upright;

there is a future for the man of peace.

³⁸But all sinners will be destroyed;

the future of the wicked will be cut off.

³⁹The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;

he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰The LORD helps them and delivers them;

he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,

because they take refuge in him.

^{38:1}A psalm of David. A petition.

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger

or discipline me in your wrath.

²For your arrows have pierced me,

and your hand has come down upon me.

³Because of your wrath there is no health in my body;

my bones have no soundness because of my sin.

⁴My guilt has overwhelmed me

like a burden too heavy to bear.

⁵My wounds fester and are loathsome

because of my sinful folly.

⁶I am bowed down and brought very low;

all day long I go about mourning.

⁷My back is filled with searing pain;

there is no health in my body.

⁸I am feeble and utterly crushed;

I groan in anguish of heart.

⁹All my longings lie open before you, O Lord;

my sighing is not hidden from you.

¹⁰My heart pounds, my strength fails me;

even the light has gone from my eyes.

¹¹My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds;

my neighbors stay far away.

¹²Those who seek my life set their traps,

those who would harm me talk of my ruin;

all day long they plot deception.

¹³I am like a deaf man, who cannot hear,

like a mute, who cannot open his mouth;

¹⁴I have become like a man who does not hear,

whose mouth can offer no reply.

¹⁵I wait for you, O LORD;

you will answer, O Lord my God.

¹⁶For I said, "Do not let them gloat

or exalt themselves over me when my foot slips."

¹⁷For I am about to fall,

and my pain is ever with me.

¹⁸I confess my iniquity;

I am troubled by my sin.

¹⁹Many are those who are my vigorous enemies;

those who hate me without reason are numerous.

²⁰Those who repay my good with evil

slander me when I pursue what is good.

²¹O LORD, do not forsake me;

be not far from me, O my God.

²²Come quickly to help me,

O Lord my Savior.

^{39:1}For the director of music. For Jeduthun. A psalm of David.

I said, "I will watch my ways

and keep my tongue from sin;

I will put a muzzle on my mouth

as long as the wicked are in my presence."

²But when I was silent and still,

not even saying anything good,

my anguish increased.

³My heart grew hot within me,

and as I meditated, the fire burned;

then I spoke with my tongue:

⁴"Show me, O LORD, my life's end

and the number of my days;

let me know how fleeting is my life.

⁵You have made my days a mere handbreadth;

the span of my years is as nothing before you.

Each man's life is but a breath.

Selah

⁶Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro:

He bustles about, but only in vain;

he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it.

⁷"But now, Lord, what do I look for?

My hope is in you.

⁸Save me from all my transgressions;

do not make me the scorn of fools.

⁹I was silent; I would not open my mouth,

for you are the one who has done this.

¹⁰Remove your scourge from me;

I am overcome by the blow of your hand.

¹¹You rebuke and discipline men for their sin;

you consume their wealth like a moth--

each man is but a breath.

Selah

¹²"Hear my prayer, O LORD,

listen to my cry for help;

be not deaf to my weeping.

For I dwell with you as an alien,

a stranger, as all my fathers were.

¹³Look away from me, that I may rejoice again

before I depart and am no more."

^{40:1}For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

I waited patiently for the LORD;

he turned to me and heard my cry.

²He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

out of the mud and mire;

he set my feet on a rock

and gave me a firm place to stand.

³He put a new song in my mouth,

a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear

and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Blessed is the man

who makes the LORD his trust,

who does not look to the proud,

to those who turn aside to false gods.

⁵Many, O LORD my God,

are the wonders you have done.

The things you planned for us

no one can recount to you;

were I to speak and tell of them,

they would be too many to declare.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,

but my ears you have pierced;

burnt offerings and sin offerings

you did not require.

⁷Then I said, "Here I am, I have come--

it is written about me in the scroll.

⁸I desire to do your will, O my God;

your law is within my heart."

⁹I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly;

I do not seal my lips,

as you know, O LORD.

¹⁰I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;

I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

I do not conceal your love and your truth

from the great assembly.

¹¹Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD;

may your love and your truth always protect me.

¹²For troubles without number surround me;

my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.

They are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails within me.

¹³Be pleased, O LORD, to save me;
O LORD, come quickly to help me.

¹⁴May all who seek to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.

¹⁵May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
be appalled at their own shame.

¹⁶But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation always say,
"The LORD be exalted!"

¹⁷Yet I am poor and needy;
may the Lord think of me.

You are my help and my deliverer;

O my God, do not delay.

^{41:1}For the director of music. A psalm of David.

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak;

the LORD delivers him in times of trouble.

²The LORD will protect him and preserve his life;

he will bless him in the land

and not surrender him to the desire of his foes.

³The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed

and restore him from his bed of illness.

⁴I said, "O LORD, have mercy on me;

heal me, for I have sinned against you."

⁵My enemies say of me in malice,

"When will he die and his name perish?"

⁶Whenever one comes to see me,

he speaks falsely, while his heart gathers slander;

then he goes out and spreads it abroad.

⁷All my enemies whisper together against me;

they imagine the worst for me, saying,

⁸"A vile disease has beset him;

he will never get up from the place where he lies."

⁹Even my close friend, whom I trusted,

he who shared my bread,

has lifted up his heel against me.

¹⁰But you, O LORD, have mercy on me;

raise me up, that I may repay them.

¹¹I know that you are pleased with me,

for my enemy does not triumph over me.

¹²In my integrity you uphold me

and set me in your presence forever.

¹³Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

^{42:1}For the director of music. A *maskil* of the Sons of Korah.

As the deer pants for streams of water,

so my soul pants for you, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When can I go and meet with God?

³My tears have been my food

day and night,

while men say to me all day long,

"Where is your God?"

⁴These things I remember

as I pour out my soul:

how I used to go with the multitude,

leading the procession to the house of God,

with shouts of joy and thanksgiving

among the festive throng.

⁵Why are you downcast, O my soul?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

for I will yet praise him,

my Savior and ⁶my God.

My soul is downcast within me;

therefore I will remember you

from the land of the Jordan,

the heights of Hermon--from Mount Mizar.

⁷Deep calls to deep

in the roar of your waterfalls;

all your waves and breakers

have swept over me.

⁸By day the LORD directs his love,

at night his song is with me--

a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹I say to God my Rock,

"Why have you forgotten me?

Why must I go about mourning,

oppressed by the enemy?"

¹⁰My bones suffer mortal agony

as my foes taunt me,

saying to me all day long,

"Where is your God?"

¹¹Why are you downcast, O my soul?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

for I will yet praise him,

my Savior and my God.

^{43:1}Vindicate me, O God,

and plead my cause against an ungodly nation;

rescue me from deceitful and wicked men.

²You are God my stronghold.

Why have you rejected me?

Why must I go about mourning,

oppressed by the enemy?

³Send forth your light and your truth,

let them guide me;

let them bring me to your holy mountain,

to the place where you dwell.

⁴Then will I go to the altar of God,

to God, my joy and my delight.

I will praise you with the harp,

O God, my God.

⁵Why are you downcast, O my soul?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

for I will yet praise him,

my Savior and my God.

^{44:1}For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A *maskil*.

We have heard with our ears, O God;

our fathers have told us

what you did in their days,

in days long ago.

²With your hand you drove out the nations

and planted our fathers;

you crushed the peoples

and made our fathers flourish.

³It was not by their sword that they won the land,

nor did their arm bring them victory;

it was your right hand, your arm,

and the light of your face, for you loved them.

⁴You are my King and my God,

who decrees victories for Jacob.

⁵Through you we push back our enemies;

through your name we trample our foes.

⁶I do not trust in my bow,

my sword does not bring me victory;

⁷but you give us victory over our enemies,

you put our adversaries to shame.

⁸In God we make our boast all day long,
and we will praise your name forever.

Selah

⁹But now you have rejected and humbled us;
you no longer go out with our armies.

¹⁰You made us retreat before the enemy,
and our adversaries have plundered us.

¹¹You gave us up to be devoured like sheep
and have scattered us among the nations.

¹²You sold your people for a pittance,
gaining nothing from their sale.

¹³You have made us a reproach to our neighbors,
the scorn and derision of those around us.

¹⁴You have made us a byword among the nations;
the peoples shake their heads at us.

¹⁵My disgrace is before me all day long,
and my face is covered with shame

¹⁶at the taunts of those who reproach and revile me,
because of the enemy, who is bent on revenge.

¹⁷All this happened to us,
though we had not forgotten you
or been false to your covenant.

¹⁸Our hearts had not turned back;
our feet had not strayed from your path.

¹⁹But you crushed us and made us a haunt for jackals
and covered us over with deep darkness.

²⁰If we had forgotten the name of our God
or spread out our hands to a foreign god,

²¹would not God have discovered it,
since he knows the secrets of the heart?

²²Yet for your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

²³Awake, O Lord! Why do you sleep?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever.

²⁴Why do you hide your face

and forget our misery and oppression?

²⁵We are brought down to the dust;

our bodies cling to the ground.

²⁶Rise up and help us;

redeem us because of your unfailing love.

^{45:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "Lilies." Of the Sons of Korah. A *maskil*. A

wedding song.

My heart is stirred by a noble theme

as I recite my verses for the king;

my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

²You are the most excellent of men

and your lips have been anointed with grace,

since God has blessed you forever.

³Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty one;

clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

⁴In your majesty ride forth victoriously

in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness;

let your right hand display awesome deeds.

⁵Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies;

let the nations fall beneath your feet.

⁶Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;

a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

⁷You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions

by anointing you with the oil of joy.

⁸All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;

from palaces adorned with ivory

the music of the strings makes you glad.

⁹Daughters of kings are among your honored women;

at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰Listen, O daughter, consider and give ear:

Forget your people and your father's house.

¹¹The king is enthralled by your beauty;

honor him, for he is your lord.

¹²The Daughter of Tyre will come with a gift,

men of wealth will seek your favor.

¹³All glorious is the princess within her chamber;

her gown is interwoven with gold.

¹⁴In embroidered garments she is led to the king;

her virgin companions follow her

and are brought to you.

¹⁵They are led in with joy and gladness;

they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶Your sons will take the place of your fathers;

you will make them princes throughout the land.

¹⁷I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;

therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

^{46:1}For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to *alamoth*. A song.

God is our refuge and strength,

an ever-present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way

and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam

and the mountains quake with their surging.

Selah

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

⁶Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Selah

⁸Come and see the works of the LORD,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Selah

^{47:1}For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.

²How awesome is the LORD Most High,

the great King over all the earth!

³He subdued nations under us,

peoples under our feet.

⁴He chose our inheritance for us,

the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

Selah

⁵God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷For God is the King of all the earth;

sing to him a psalm of praise.

⁸God reigns over the nations;

God is seated on his holy throne.

⁹The nobles of the nations assemble

as the people of the God of Abraham,

for the kings of the earth belong to God;

he is greatly exalted.

^{48:1}A song. A psalm of the Sons of Korah.

Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise,

in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

²It is beautiful in its loftiness,

the joy of the whole earth.

Like the utmost heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion,

the city of the Great King.

³God is in her citadels;

he has shown himself to be her fortress.

⁴When the kings joined forces,

when they advanced together,

⁵they saw her and were astounded;

they fled in terror.

⁶Trembling seized them there,

pain like that of a woman in labor.

⁷You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish

shattered by an east wind.

⁸As we have heard,

so have we seen

in the city of the LORD Almighty,

in the city of our God:

God makes her secure forever.

Selah

⁹Within your temple, O God,

we meditate on your unfailing love.

¹⁰Like your name, O God,

your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;

your right hand is filled with righteousness.

¹¹Mount Zion rejoices,

the villages of Judah are glad

because of your judgments.

¹²Walk about Zion, go around her,

count her towers,

¹³consider well her ramparts,

view her citadels,

that you may tell of them to the next generation.

¹⁴For this God is our God for ever and ever;

he will be our guide even to the end.

^{49:1}For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

Hear this, all you peoples;

listen, all who live in this world,

²both low and high,

rich and poor alike:

³My mouth will speak words of wisdom;

the utterance from my heart will give understanding.

⁴I will turn my ear to a proverb;

with the harp I will expound my riddle:

⁵Why should I fear when evil days come,

when wicked deceivers surround me--

⁶those who trust in their wealth

and boast of their great riches?

⁷No man can redeem the life of another

or give to God a ransom for him--

⁸the ransom for a life is costly,

no payment is ever enough--

⁹that he should live on forever

and not see decay.

¹⁰For all can see that wise men die;

the foolish and the senseless alike perish

and leave their wealth to others.

¹¹Their tombs will remain their houses forever,

their dwellings for endless generations,

though they had named lands after themselves.

¹²But man, despite his riches, does not endure;

he is like the beasts that perish.

¹³This is the fate of those who trust in themselves,

and of their followers, who approve their sayings.

Selah

¹⁴Like sheep they are destined for the grave,

and death will feed on them.

The upright will rule over them in the morning;

their forms will decay in the grave,

far from their princely mansions.

¹⁵But God will redeem my life from the grave;

he will surely take me to himself.

Selah

¹⁶Do not be overawed when a man grows rich,

when the splendor of his house increases;

¹⁷for he will take nothing with him when he dies,

his splendor will not descend with him.

¹⁸Though while he lived he counted himself blessed--

and men praise you when you prosper--

¹⁹he will join the generation of his fathers,

who will never see the light of life.

²⁰A man who has riches without understanding

is like the beasts that perish.

^{50:1}A psalm of Asaph.

The Mighty One, God, the LORD,

speaks and summons the earth

from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

²From Zion, perfect in beauty,

God shines forth.

³Our God comes and will not be silent;

a fire devours before him,

and around him a tempest rages.

⁴He summons the heavens above,

and the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵"Gather to me my consecrated ones,

who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

⁶And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,

for God himself is judge.

Selah

⁷"Hear, O my people, and I will speak,

O Israel, and I will testify against you:

I am God, your God.

⁸I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices

or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

⁹I have no need of a bull from your stall

or of goats from your pens,

¹⁰for every animal of the forest is mine,

and the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹I know every bird in the mountains,

and the creatures of the field are mine.

¹²If I were hungry I would not tell you,

for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls

or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴Sacrifice thank offerings to God,

fulfill your vows to the Most High,

¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

¹⁶But to the wicked, God says:

"What right have you to recite my laws

or take my covenant on your lips?

¹⁷You hate my instruction

and cast my words behind you.

¹⁸When you see a thief, you join with him;

you throw in your lot with adulterers.

¹⁹You use your mouth for evil

and harness your tongue to deceit.

²⁰You speak continually against your brother

and slander your own mother's son.

²¹These things you have done and I kept silent;

you thought I was altogether like you.

But I will rebuke you

and accuse you to your face.

²²"Consider this, you who forget God,

or I will tear you to pieces, with none to rescue:

²³He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me,

and he prepares the way

so that I may show him the salvation of God."

^{51:1}For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him

after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your unfailing love;

according to your great compassion

blot out my transgressions.

²Wash away all my iniquity

and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you are proved right when you speak

and justified when you judge.

⁵Surely I was sinful at birth,

sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;

you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins

and blot out all my iniquity.

¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God,

and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me from your presence

or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation

and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

and sinners will turn back to you.

¹⁴Save me from bloodguilt, O God,

the God who saves me,

and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart,

O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸In your good pleasure make Zion prosper;

build up the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹Then there will be righteous sacrifices,

whole burnt offerings to delight you;

then bulls will be offered on your altar.

^{52:1}For the director of music. A *maskil* of David. When Doeg the Edomite had gone to

Saul and told him: "David has gone to the house of Ahimelech."

Why do you boast of evil, you mighty man?

Why do you boast all day long,

you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God?

²Your tongue plots destruction;

it is like a sharpened razor,

you who practice deceit.

³You love evil rather than good,

falsehood rather than speaking the truth.

Selah

⁴You love every harmful word,

O you deceitful tongue!

⁵Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin:

He will snatch you up and tear you from your tent;

he will uproot you from the land of the living.

Selah

⁶The righteous will see and fear;

they will laugh at him, saying,

⁷"Here now is the man

who did not make God his stronghold

but trusted in his great wealth

and grew strong by destroying others!"

⁸But I am like an olive tree

flourishing in the house of God;

I trust in God's unfailing love

for ever and ever.

⁹I will praise you forever for what you have done;

in your name I will hope, for your name is good.

I will praise you in the presence of your saints.

^{53:1}For the director of music. According to *mahalath*. A *maskil* of David.

The fool says in his heart,

"There is no God."

They are corrupt, and their ways are vile;

there is no one who does good.

²God looks down from heaven

on the sons of men

to see if there are any who understand,

any who seek God.

³Everyone has turned away,

they have together become corrupt;

there is no one who does good,

not even one.

⁴Will the evildoers never learn--

those who devour my people as men eat bread

and who do not call on God?

⁵There they were, overwhelmed with dread,

where there was nothing to dread.

God scattered the bones of those who attacked you;

you put them to shame, for God despised them.

⁶Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

When God restores the fortunes of his people,

let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

^{54:1}For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A *maskil* of David. When the

Ziphites had gone to Saul and said, "Is not David hiding among us?"

Save me, O God, by your name;

vindicate me by your might.

²Hear my prayer, O God;

listen to the words of my mouth.

³Strangers are attacking me;

ruthless men seek my life--

men without regard for God.

Selah

⁴Surely God is my help;

the Lord is the one who sustains me.

⁵Let evil recoil on those who slander me;

in your faithfulness destroy them.

⁶I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;

I will praise your name, O LORD,

for it is good.

⁷For he has delivered me from all my troubles,

and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

^{55:1}For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A *maskil* of David.

Listen to my prayer, O God,

do not ignore my plea;

²hear me and answer me.

My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught

³at the voice of the enemy,

at the stares of the wicked;

for they bring down suffering upon me

and revile me in their anger.

⁴My heart is in anguish within me;

the terrors of death assail me.

⁵Fear and trembling have beset me;

horror has overwhelmed me.

⁶I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove!

I would fly away and be at rest--

⁷I would flee far away

and stay in the desert;

⁸I would hurry to my place of shelter,

far from the tempest and storm."

⁹Confuse the wicked, O Lord, confound their speech,

for I see violence and strife in the city.

¹⁰Day and night they prowl about on its walls;

malice and abuse are within it.

¹¹Destructive forces are at work in the city;

threats and lies never leave its streets.

¹²If an enemy were insulting me,

I could endure it;

if a foe were raising himself against me,

I could hide from him.

¹³But it is you, a man like myself,

my companion, my close friend,

¹⁴with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship

as we walked with the throng at the house of God.

¹⁵Let death take my enemies by surprise;

let them go down alive to the grave,

for evil finds lodging among them.

¹⁶But I call to God,

and the LORD saves me.

¹⁷Evening, morning and noon

I cry out in distress,

and he hears my voice.

¹⁸He ransoms me unharmed

from the battle waged against me,

even though many oppose me.

¹⁹God, who is enthroned forever,

will hear them and afflict them--

Selah

men who never change their ways

and have no fear of God.

²⁰My companion attacks his friends;

he violates his covenant.

²¹His speech is smooth as butter,

yet war is in his heart;

his words are more soothing than oil,

yet they are drawn swords.

²²Cast your cares on the LORD

and he will sustain you;

he will never let the righteous fall.

²³But you, O God, will bring down the wicked

into the pit of corruption;

bloodthirsty and deceitful men

will not live out half their days.

But as for me, I trust in you.

^{56:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "A Dove on Distant Oaks." Of David. A

miktam. When the Philistines had seized him in Gath.

Be merciful to me, O God, for men hotly pursue me;

all day long they press their attack.

²My slanderers pursue me all day long;

many are attacking me in their pride.

³When I am afraid,

I will trust in you.

⁴In God, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I will not be afraid.

What can mortal man do to me?

⁵All day long they twist my words;

they are always plotting to harm me.

⁶They conspire, they lurk,

they watch my steps,

eager to take my life.

⁷On no account let them escape;

in your anger, O God, bring down the nations.

⁸Record my lament;

list my tears on your scroll--

are they not in your record?

⁹Then my enemies will turn back

when I call for help.

By this I will know that God is for me.

¹⁰In God, whose word I praise,

in the LORD, whose word I praise--

¹¹in God I trust; I will not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

¹²I am under vows to you, O God;

I will present my thank offerings to you.

¹³For you have delivered me from death

and my feet from stumbling,

that I may walk before God

in the light of life.

^{57:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." Of David. A *mikdam*.

When he had fled from Saul into the cave.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me,

for in you my soul takes refuge.

I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings

until the disaster has passed.

²I cry out to God Most High,

to God, who fulfills his purpose for me.

³He sends from heaven and saves me,

rebuking those who hotly pursue me;

Selah

God sends his love and his faithfulness.

⁴I am in the midst of lions;

I lie among ravenous beasts--

men whose teeth are spears and arrows,

whose tongues are sharp swords.

⁵Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

let your glory be over all the earth.

⁶They spread a net for my feet--

I was bowed down in distress.

They dug a pit in my path--

but they have fallen into it themselves.

Selah

⁷My heart is steadfast, O God,

my heart is steadfast;

I will sing and make music.

⁸Awake, my soul!

Awake, harp and lyre!

I will awaken the dawn.

⁹I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations;

I will sing of you among the peoples.

¹⁰For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;

your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

¹¹Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

let your glory be over all the earth.

^{58:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." Of David. A *miktam*.

Do you rulers indeed speak justly?

Do you judge uprightly among men?

²No, in your heart you devise injustice,

and your hands mete out violence on the earth.

³Even from birth the wicked go astray;

from the womb they are wayward and speak lies.

⁴Their venom is like the venom of a snake,

like that of a cobra that has stopped its ears,

⁵that will not heed the tune of the charmer,

however skillful the enchanter may be.

⁶Break the teeth in their mouths, O God;

tear out, O LORD, the fangs of the lions!

⁷Let them vanish like water that flows away;

when they draw the bow, let their arrows be blunted.

⁸Like a slug melting away as it moves along,

like a stillborn child, may they not see the sun.

⁹Before your pots can feel the heat of the thorns--

whether they be green or dry--the wicked will be swept away.

¹⁰The righteous will be glad when they are avenged,

when they bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

¹¹Then men will say,

"Surely the righteous still are rewarded;

surely there is a God who judges the earth."

^{59:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." Of David. A *miktam*.

When Saul had sent men to watch David's house in order to kill him.

Deliver me from my enemies, O God;

protect me from those who rise up against me.

²Deliver me from evildoers

and save me from bloodthirsty men.

³See how they lie in wait for me!

Fierce men conspire against me

for no offense or sin of mine, O LORD.

⁴I have done no wrong, yet they are ready to attack me.

Arise to help me; look on my plight!

⁵O LORD God Almighty, the God of Israel,

rouse yourself to punish all the nations;

show no mercy to wicked traitors.

Selah

⁶They return at evening,

snarling like dogs,

and prowl about the city.

⁷See what they spew from their mouths--

they spew out swords from their lips,

and they say, "Who can hear us?"

⁸But you, O LORD, laugh at them;

you scoff at all those nations.

⁹O my Strength, I watch for you;

you, O God, are my fortress, ¹⁰my loving God.

God will go before me

and will let me gloat over those who slander me.

¹¹But do not kill them, O Lord our shield,

or my people will forget.

In your might make them wander about,

and bring them down.

¹²For the sins of their mouths,

for the words of their lips,

let them be caught in their pride.

For the curses and lies they utter,

¹³consume them in wrath,

consume them till they are no more.

Then it will be known to the ends of the earth
that God rules over Jacob.

Selah

¹⁴They return at evening,
snarling like dogs,
and prowl about the city.

¹⁵They wander about for food
and howl if not satisfied.

¹⁶But I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;
for you are my fortress,
my refuge in times of trouble.

¹⁷O my Strength, I sing praise to you;
you, O God, are my fortress, my loving God.

^{60:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "The Lily of the Covenant." A *miktam* of David. For teaching. When he fought Aram Naharaim and Aram Zobah, and when Joab returned and struck down twelve thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

You have rejected us, O God, and burst forth upon us;

you have been angry--now restore us!

²You have shaken the land and torn it open;

mend its fractures, for it is quaking.

³You have shown your people desperate times;

you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

⁴But for those who fear you, you have raised a banner

to be unfurled against the bow.

Selah

⁵Save us and help us with your right hand,

that those you love may be delivered.

⁶God has spoken from his sanctuary:

"In triumph I will parcel out Shechem

and measure off the Valley of Succoth.

⁷Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine;

Ephraim is my helmet,

Judah my scepter.

⁸Moab is my washbasin,

upon Edom I toss my sandal;

over Philistia I shout in triumph."

⁹Who will bring me to the fortified city?

Who will lead me to Edom?

¹⁰Is it not you, O God, you who have rejected us

and no longer go out with our armies?

¹¹Give us aid against the enemy,

for the help of man is worthless.

¹²With God we will gain the victory,

and he will trample down our enemies.

^{61:1}For the director of music. With stringed instruments. Of David.

Hear my cry, O God;

listen to my prayer.

²From the ends of the earth I call to you,

I call as my heart grows faint;

lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

³For you have been my refuge,

a strong tower against the foe.

⁴I long to dwell in your tent forever

and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

Selah

⁵For you have heard my vows, O God;

you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

⁶Increase the days of the king's life,

his years for many generations.

⁷May he be enthroned in God's presence forever;

appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him.

⁸Then will I ever sing praise to your name

and fulfill my vows day after day.

^{62:1}For the director of music. For Jeduthun. A psalm of David.

My soul finds rest in God alone;

my salvation comes from him.

²He alone is my rock and my salvation;

he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

³How long will you assault a man?

Would all of you throw him down--

this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

⁴They fully intend to topple him

from his lofty place;

they take delight in lies.

With their mouths they bless,

but in their hearts they curse.

Selah

⁵Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

my hope comes from him.

⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation;

he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

⁷My salvation and my honor depend on God;

he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;

pour out your hearts to him,

for God is our refuge.

Selah

⁹Lowborn men are but a breath,

the highborn are but a lie;

if weighed on a balance, they are nothing;

together they are only a breath.

¹⁰Do not trust in extortion

or take pride in stolen goods;

though your riches increase,

do not set your heart on them.

¹¹One thing God has spoken,

two things have I heard:

that you, O God, are strong,

¹²and that you, O Lord, are loving.

Surely you will reward each person

according to what he has done.

^{63:1}A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.

O God, you are my God,

earnestly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you,

my body longs for you,

in a dry and weary land

where there is no water.

²I have seen you in the sanctuary

and beheld your power and your glory.

³Because your love is better than life,

my lips will glorify you.

⁴I will praise you as long as I live,

and in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;

with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

⁶On my bed I remember you;

I think of you through the watches of the night.

⁷Because you are my help,

I sing in the shadow of your wings.

⁸My soul clings to you;

your right hand upholds me.

⁹They who seek my life will be destroyed;

they will go down to the depths of the earth.

¹⁰They will be given over to the sword

and become food for jackals.

¹¹But the king will rejoice in God;

all who swear by God's name will praise him,

while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

^{64:1}For the director of music. A psalm of David.

Hear me, O God, as I voice my complaint;

protect my life from the threat of the enemy.

²Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked,

from that noisy crowd of evildoers.

³They sharpen their tongues like swords

and aim their words like deadly arrows.

⁴They shoot from ambush at the innocent man;

they shoot at him suddenly, without fear.

⁵They encourage each other in evil plans,

they talk about hiding their snares;

they say, "Who will see them?"

⁶They plot injustice and say,

"We have devised a perfect plan!"

Surely the mind and heart of man are cunning.

⁷But God will shoot them with arrows;

suddenly they will be struck down.

⁸He will turn their own tongues against them

and bring them to ruin;

all who see them will shake their heads in scorn.

⁹All mankind will fear;

they will proclaim the works of God

and ponder what he has done.

¹⁰Let the righteous rejoice in the LORD

and take refuge in him;

let all the upright in heart praise him!

^{65:1}For the director of music. A psalm of David. A song.

Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion;

to you our vows will be fulfilled.

²O you who hear prayer,

to you all men will come.

³When we were overwhelmed by sins,

you forgave our transgressions.

⁴Blessed are those you choose

and bring near to live in your courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house,

of your holy temple.

⁵You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness,

O God our Savior,

the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas,

⁶who formed the mountains by your power,

having armed yourself with strength,

⁷who stilled the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves,

and the turmoil of the nations.

⁸Those living far away fear your wonders;

where morning dawns and evening fades

you call forth songs of joy.

⁹You care for the land and water it;

you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water

to provide the people with grain,

for so you have ordained it.

¹⁰You drench its furrows

and level its ridges;

you soften it with showers

and bless its crops.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty,

and your carts overflow with abundance.

¹²The grasslands of the desert overflow;

the hills are clothed with gladness.

¹³The meadows are covered with flocks

and the valleys are mantled with grain;

they shout for joy and sing.

^{66:1}For the director of music. A song. A psalm.

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

²Sing the glory of his name;

make his praise glorious!

³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power

that your enemies cringe before you.

⁴All the earth bows down to you;

they sing praise to you,

they sing praise to your name."

Selah

⁵Come and see what God has done,

how awesome his works in man's behalf!

⁶He turned the sea into dry land,

they passed through the waters on foot--

come, let us rejoice in him.

⁷He rules forever by his power,

his eyes watch the nations--

let not the rebellious rise up against him.

Selah

⁸Praise our God, O peoples,

let the sound of his praise be heard;

⁹he has preserved our lives

and kept our feet from slipping.

¹⁰For you, O God, tested us;

you refined us like silver.

¹¹You brought us into prison

and laid burdens on our backs.

¹²You let men ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water,

but you brought us to a place of abundance.

¹³I will come to your temple with burnt offerings

and fulfill my vows to you--

¹⁴vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke

when I was in trouble.

¹⁵I will sacrifice fat animals to you

and an offering of rams;

I will offer bulls and goats.

Selah

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who fear God;

let me tell you what he has done for me.

¹⁷I cried out to him with my mouth;

his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished sin in my heart,

the Lord would not have listened;

¹⁹but God has surely listened

and heard my voice in prayer.

²⁰Praise be to God,

who has not rejected my prayer

or withheld his love from me!

^{67:1}For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face shine upon us,

Selah

²that your ways may be known on earth,

your salvation among all nations.

³May the peoples praise you, O God;

may all the peoples praise you.

⁴May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you rule the peoples justly

and guide the nations of the earth.

Selah

⁵May the peoples praise you, O God;

may all the peoples praise you.

⁶Then the land will yield its harvest,

and God, our God, will bless us.

⁷God will bless us,

and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

^{68:1}For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. A song.

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;

may his foes flee before him.

²As smoke is blown away by the wind,

may you blow them away;

as wax melts before the fire,

may the wicked perish before God.

³But may the righteous be glad

and rejoice before God;

may they be happy and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praise to his name,

extol him who rides on the clouds--

his name is the LORD--

and rejoice before him.

⁵A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,

is God in his holy dwelling.

⁶God sets the lonely in families,

he leads forth the prisoners with singing;

but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

⁷When you went out before your people, O God,

when you marched through the wasteland,

Selah

⁸the earth shook,

the heavens poured down rain,

before God, the One of Sinai,

before God, the God of Israel.

⁹You gave abundant showers, O God;

you refreshed your weary inheritance.

¹⁰Your people settled in it,

and from your bounty, O God, you provided for the poor.

¹¹The Lord announced the word,

and great was the company of those who proclaimed it:

¹²"Kings and armies flee in haste;

in the camps men divide the plunder.

¹³Even while you sleep among the campfires,

the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver,

its feathers with shining gold."

¹⁴When the Almighty scattered the kings in the land,

it was like snow fallen on Zalmon.

¹⁵The mountains of Bashan are majestic mountains;

rugged are the mountains of Bashan.

¹⁶Why gaze in envy, O rugged mountains,

at the mountain where God chooses to reign,

where the LORD himself will dwell forever?

¹⁷The chariots of God are tens of thousands

and thousands of thousands;

the Lord has come from Sinai into his sanctuary.

¹⁸When you ascended on high,

you led captives in your train;

you received gifts from men,

even from the rebellious--

that you, O LORD God, might dwell there.

¹⁹Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,

who daily bears our burdens.

Selah

²⁰Our God is a God who saves;

from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.

²¹Surely God will crush the heads of his enemies,

the hairy crowns of those who go on in their sins.

²²The Lord says, "I will bring them from Bashan;

I will bring them from the depths of the sea,

²³that you may plunge your feet in the blood of your foes,

while the tongues of your dogs have their share."

²⁴Your procession has come into view, O God,

the procession of my God and King into the sanctuary.

²⁵In front are the singers, after them the musicians;

with them are the maidens playing tambourines.

²⁶Praise God in the great congregation;

praise the LORD in the assembly of Israel.

²⁷There is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them,

there the great throng of Judah's princes,

and there the princes of Zebulun and of Naphtali.

²⁸Summon your power, O God;

show us your strength, O God, as you have done before.

²⁹Because of your temple at Jerusalem

kings will bring you gifts.

³⁰Rebuke the beast among the reeds,

the herd of bulls among the calves of the nations.

Humbled, may it bring bars of silver.

Scatter the nations who delight in war.

³¹Envoys will come from Egypt;

Cush will submit herself to God.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth,

sing praise to the Lord,

Selah

³³to him who rides the ancient skies above,

who thunders with mighty voice.

³⁴Proclaim the power of God,

whose majesty is over Israel,

whose power is in the skies.

³⁵You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary;

the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

Praise be to God!

^{69:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "Lilies." Of David.

Save me, O God,

for the waters have come up to my neck.

²I sink in the miry depths,

where there is no foothold.

I have come into the deep waters;

the floods engulf me.

³I am worn out calling for help;

my throat is parched.

My eyes fail,

looking for my God.

⁴Those who hate me without reason

outnumber the hairs of my head;

many are my enemies without cause,

those who seek to destroy me.

I am forced to restore

what I did not steal.

⁵You know my folly, O God;

my guilt is not hidden from you.

⁶May those who hope in you

not be disgraced because of me,

O Lord, the LORD Almighty;

may those who seek you

not be put to shame because of me,

O God of Israel.

⁷For I endure scorn for your sake,

and shame covers my face.

⁸I am a stranger to my brothers,

an alien to my own mother's sons;

⁹for zeal for your house consumes me,

and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

¹⁰When I weep and fast,

I must endure scorn;

¹¹when I put on sackcloth,

people make sport of me.

¹²Those who sit at the gate mock me,

and I am the song of the drunkards.

¹³But I pray to you, O LORD,

in the time of your favor;

in your great love, O God,

answer me with your sure salvation.

¹⁴Rescue me from the mire,

do not let me sink;

deliver me from those who hate me,

from the deep waters.

¹⁵Do not let the floodwaters engulf me

or the depths swallow me up

or the pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, out of the goodness of your love;

in your great mercy turn to me.

¹⁷Do not hide your face from your servant;

answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.

¹⁸Come near and rescue me;

redeem me because of my foes.

¹⁹You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed;

all my enemies are before you.

²⁰Scorn has broken my heart

and has left me helpless;

I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
for comforters, but I found none.

²¹They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

²²May the table set before them become a snare;
may it become retribution and a trap.

²³May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see,
and their backs be bent forever.

²⁴Pour out your wrath on them;
let your fierce anger overtake them.

²⁵May their place be deserted;
let there be no one to dwell in their tents.

²⁶For they persecute those you wound
and talk about the pain of those you hurt.

²⁷Charge them with crime upon crime;
do not let them share in your salvation.

²⁸May they be blotted out of the book of life
and not be listed with the righteous.

²⁹I am in pain and distress;

may your salvation, O God, protect me.

³⁰I will praise God's name in song

and glorify him with thanksgiving.

³¹This will please the LORD more than an ox,

more than a bull with its horns and hoofs.

³²The poor will see and be glad--

you who seek God, may your hearts live!

³³The LORD hears the needy

and does not despise his captive people.

³⁴Let heaven and earth praise him,

the seas and all that move in them,

³⁵for God will save Zion

and rebuild the cities of Judah.

Then people will settle there and possess it;

³⁶the children of his servants will inherit it,

and those who love his name will dwell there.

^{70:1}For the director of music. Of David. A petition.

Hasten, O God, to save me;

O LORD, come quickly to help me.

²May those who seek my life

be put to shame and confusion;

may all who desire my ruin

be turned back in disgrace.

³May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"

turn back because of their shame.

⁴But may all who seek you

rejoice and be glad in you;

may those who love your salvation always say,

"Let God be exalted!"

⁵Yet I am poor and needy;

come quickly to me, O God.

You are my help and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not delay.

^{71:1}In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

²Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;

turn your ear to me and save me.

³Be my rock of refuge,

to which I can always go;

give the command to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of evil and cruel men.

⁵For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD,

my confidence since my youth.

⁶From birth I have relied on you;

you brought me forth from my mother's womb.

I will ever praise you.

⁷I have become like a portent to many,

but you are my strong refuge.

⁸My mouth is filled with your praise,

declaring your splendor all day long.

⁹Do not cast me away when I am old;

do not forsake me when my strength is gone.

¹⁰For my enemies speak against me;

those who wait to kill me conspire together.

¹¹They say, "God has forsaken him;

pursue him and seize him,

for no one will rescue him."

¹²Be not far from me, O God;

come quickly, O my God, to help me.

¹³May my accusers perish in shame;

may those who want to harm me

be covered with scorn and disgrace.

¹⁴But as for me, I will always have hope;

I will praise you more and more.

¹⁵My mouth will tell of your righteousness,

of your salvation all day long,

though I know not its measure.

¹⁶I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD;

I will proclaim your righteousness, yours alone.

¹⁷Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,

and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

¹⁸Even when I am old and gray,

do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,

your might to all who are to come.

¹⁹Your righteousness reaches to the skies, O God,

you who have done great things.

Who, O God, is like you?

²⁰Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter,

you will restore my life again;

from the depths of the earth

you will again bring me up.

²¹You will increase my honor

and comfort me once again.

²²I will praise you with the harp

for your faithfulness, O my God;

I will sing praise to you with the lyre,

O Holy One of Israel.

²³My lips will shout for joy

when I sing praise to you--

I, whom you have redeemed.

²⁴My tongue will tell of your righteous acts

all day long,

for those who wanted to harm me

have been put to shame and confusion.

^{72:1}Of Solomon.

Endow the king with your justice, O God,

the royal son with your righteousness.

²He will judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.

³The mountains will bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

⁴He will defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
he will crush the oppressor.

⁵He will endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.

⁶He will be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.

⁷In his days the righteous will flourish;
prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

⁸He will rule from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹The desert tribes will bow before him
and his enemies will lick the dust.

¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores

will bring tribute to him;

the kings of Sheba and Seba

will present him gifts.

¹¹All kings will bow down to him

and all nations will serve him.

¹²For he will deliver the needy who cry out,

the afflicted who have no one to help.

¹³He will take pity on the weak and the needy

and save the needy from death.

¹⁴He will rescue them from oppression and violence,

for precious is their blood in his sight.

¹⁵Long may he live!

May gold from Sheba be given him.

May people ever pray for him

and bless him all day long.

¹⁶Let grain abound throughout the land;

on the tops of the hills may it sway.

Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon;

let it thrive like the grass of the field.

¹⁷May his name endure forever;

may it continue as long as the sun.

All nations will be blessed through him,

and they will call him blessed.

¹⁸Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel,

who alone does marvelous deeds.

¹⁹Praise be to his glorious name forever;

may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen and Amen.

²⁰This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse.

^{73:1}A psalm of Asaph.

Surely God is good to Israel,

to those who are pure in heart.

²But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;

I had nearly lost my foothold.

³For I envied the arrogant

when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴They have no struggles;

their bodies are healthy and strong.

⁵They are free from the burdens common to man;

they are not plagued by human ills.

⁶Therefore pride is their necklace;

they clothe themselves with violence.

⁷From their callous hearts comes iniquity;

the evil conceits of their minds know no limits.

⁸They scoff, and speak with malice;

in their arrogance they threaten oppression.

⁹Their mouths lay claim to heaven,

and their tongues take possession of the earth.

¹⁰Therefore their people turn to them

and drink up waters in abundance.

¹¹They say, "How can God know?

Does the Most High have knowledge?"

¹²This is what the wicked are like--

always carefree, they increase in wealth.

¹³Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure;

in vain have I washed my hands in innocence.

¹⁴All day long I have been plagued;

I have been punished every morning.

¹⁵If I had said, "I will speak thus,"

I would have betrayed your children.

¹⁶When I tried to understand all this,

it was oppressive to me

¹⁷till I entered the sanctuary of God;

then I understood their final destiny.

¹⁸ Surely you place them on slippery ground;

you cast them down to ruin.

¹⁹ How suddenly are they destroyed,

completely swept away by terrors!

²⁰ As a dream when one awakes,

so when you arise, O Lord,

you will despise them as fantasies.

²¹ When my heart was grieved

and my spirit embittered,

²² I was senseless and ignorant;

I was a brute beast before you.

²³ Yet I am always with you;

you hold me by my right hand.

²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,

and afterward you will take me into glory.

²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you?

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart

and my portion forever.

²⁷Those who are far from you will perish;

you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

²⁸But as for me, it is good to be near God.

I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge;

I will tell of all your deeds.

^{74:1}A *maskil* of Asaph.

Why have you rejected us forever, O God?

Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture?

²Remember the people you purchased of old,

the tribe of your inheritance, whom you redeemed--

Mount Zion, where you dwelt.

³Turn your steps toward these everlasting ruins,

all this destruction the enemy has brought on the sanctuary.

⁴Your foes roared in the place where you met with us;

they set up their standards as signs.

⁵They behaved like men wielding axes

to cut through a thicket of trees.

⁶They smashed all the carved paneling

with their axes and hatchets.

⁷They burned your sanctuary to the ground;

they defiled the dwelling place of your Name.

⁸They said in their hearts, "We will crush them completely!"

They burned every place where God was worshiped in the land.

⁹We are given no miraculous signs;

no prophets are left,

and none of us knows how long this will be.

¹⁰How long will the enemy mock you, O God?

Will the foe revile your name forever?

¹¹Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand?

Take it from the folds of your garment and destroy them!

¹²But you, O God, are my king from of old;

you bring salvation upon the earth.

¹³It was you who split open the sea by your power;

you broke the heads of the monster in the waters.

¹⁴It was you who crushed the heads of Leviathan

and gave him as food to the creatures of the desert.

¹⁵It was you who opened up springs and streams;

you dried up the ever flowing rivers.

¹⁶The day is yours, and yours also the night;

you established the sun and moon.

¹⁷It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth;

you made both summer and winter.

¹⁸Remember how the enemy has mocked you, O LORD,

how foolish people have reviled your name.

¹⁹Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts;

do not forget the lives of your afflicted people forever.

²⁰Have regard for your covenant,

because haunts of violence fill the dark places of the land.

²¹Do not let the oppressed retreat in disgrace;

may the poor and needy praise your name.

²²Rise up, O God, and defend your cause;

remember how fools mock you all day long.

²³Do not ignore the clamor of your adversaries,

the uproar of your enemies, which rises continually.

^{75:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A psalm of Asaph. A

song.

We give thanks to you, O God,

we give thanks, for your Name is near;

men tell of your wonderful deeds.

²You say, "I choose the appointed time;

it is I who judge uprightly.

³When the earth and all its people quake,

it is I who hold its pillars firm.

Selah

⁴To the arrogant I say, 'Boast no more,'

and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horns.

⁵Do not lift your horns against heaven;

do not speak with outstretched neck.' "

⁶No one from the east or the west

or from the desert can exalt a man.

⁷But it is God who judges:

He brings one down, he exalts another.

⁸In the hand of the LORD is a cup

full of foaming wine mixed with spices;

he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth

drink it down to its very dregs.

⁹As for me, I will declare this forever;

I will sing praise to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰I will cut off the horns of all the wicked,

but the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

^{76:1}For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm of Asaph. A song.

In Judah God is known;

his name is great in Israel.

²His tent is in Salem,

his dwelling place in Zion.

³There he broke the flashing arrows,

the shields and the swords, the weapons of war.

Selah

⁴You are resplendent with light,

more majestic than mountains rich with game.

⁵Valiant men lie plundered,

they sleep their last sleep;

not one of the warriors

can lift his hands.

⁶At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,

both horse and chariot lie still.

⁷You alone are to be feared.

Who can stand before you when you are angry?

⁸From heaven you pronounced judgment,

and the land feared and was quiet--

⁹when you, O God, rose up to judge,

to save all the afflicted of the land.

Selah

¹⁰Surely your wrath against men brings you praise,

and the survivors of your wrath are restrained.

¹¹Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them;

let all the neighboring lands

bring gifts to the One to be feared.

¹²He breaks the spirit of rulers;

he is feared by the kings of the earth.

^{77:1}For the director of music. For Jeduthun. Of Asaph. A psalm.

I cried out to God for help;

I cried out to God to hear me.

²When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;

at night I stretched out untiring hands

and my soul refused to be comforted.

³I remembered you, O God, and I groaned;

I mused, and my spirit grew faint.

Selah

⁴You kept my eyes from closing;

I was too troubled to speak.

⁵I thought about the former days,

the years of long ago;

⁶I remembered my songs in the night.

My heart mused and my spirit inquired:

⁷"Will the Lord reject forever?

Will he never show his favor again?

⁸Has his unfailing love vanished forever?

Has his promise failed for all time?

⁹Has God forgotten to be merciful?

Has he in anger withheld his compassion?"

Selah

¹⁰Then I thought, "To this I will appeal:

the years of the right hand of the Most High."

¹¹I will remember the deeds of the LORD;

yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

¹²I will meditate on all your works

and consider all your mighty deeds.

¹³Your ways, O God, are holy.

What god is so great as our God?

¹⁴You are the God who performs miracles;

you display your power among the peoples.

¹⁵With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

Selah

¹⁶The waters saw you, O God,
the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.

¹⁷The clouds poured down water,
the skies resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.

¹⁸Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,
your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and quaked.

¹⁹Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.

²⁰You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

^{78:1} A *maskil* of Asaph.

O my people, hear my teaching;

listen to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in parables,

I will utter hidden things, things from of old--

³what we have heard and known,

what our fathers have told us.

⁴We will not hide them from their children;

we will tell the next generation

the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,

his power, and the wonders he has done.

⁵He decreed statutes for Jacob

and established the law in Israel,

which he commanded our forefathers

to teach their children,

⁶so the next generation would know them,

even the children yet to be born,

and they in turn would tell their children.

⁷Then they would put their trust in God

and would not forget his deeds

but would keep his commands.

⁸They would not be like their forefathers--

a stubborn and rebellious generation,

whose hearts were not loyal to God,

whose spirits were not faithful to him.

⁹The men of Ephraim, though armed with bows,

turned back on the day of battle;

¹⁰they did not keep God's covenant

and refused to live by his law.

¹¹They forgot what he had done,

the wonders he had shown them.

¹²He did miracles in the sight of their fathers

in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.

¹³He divided the sea and led them through;

he made the water stand firm like a wall.

¹⁴He guided them with the cloud by day

and with light from the fire all night.

¹⁵He split the rocks in the desert

and gave them water as abundant as the seas;

¹⁶he brought streams out of a rocky crag

and made water flow down like rivers.

¹⁷But they continued to sin against him,

rebellious in the desert against the Most High.

¹⁸They willfully put God to the test

by demanding the food they craved.

¹⁹They spoke against God, saying,

"Can God spread a table in the desert?

²⁰When he struck the rock, water gushed out,

and streams flowed abundantly.

But can he also give us food?

Can he supply meat for his people?"

²¹When the LORD heard them, he was very angry;

his fire broke out against Jacob,

and his wrath rose against Israel,

²²for they did not believe in God

or trust in his deliverance.

²³Yet he gave a command to the skies above

and opened the doors of the heavens;

²⁴he rained down manna for the people to eat,

he gave them the grain of heaven.

²⁵Men ate the bread of angels;

he sent them all the food they could eat.

²⁶He let loose the east wind from the heavens

and led forth the south wind by his power.

²⁷He rained meat down on them like dust,

flying birds like sand on the seashore.

²⁸He made them come down inside their camp,

all around their tents.

²⁹They ate till they had more than enough,

for he had given them what they craved.

³⁰But before they turned from the food they craved,

even while it was still in their mouths,

³¹God's anger rose against them;

he put to death the sturdiest among them,

cutting down the young men of Israel.

³²In spite of all this, they kept on sinning;

in spite of his wonders, they did not believe.

³³So he ended their days in futility

and their years in terror.

³⁴Whenever God slew them, they would seek him;

they eagerly turned to him again.

³⁵They remembered that God was their Rock,

that God Most High was their Redeemer.

³⁶But then they would flatter him with their mouths,

lying to him with their tongues;

³⁷their hearts were not loyal to him,

they were not faithful to his covenant.

³⁸Yet he was merciful;

he forgave their iniquities

and did not destroy them.

Time after time he restrained his anger

and did not stir up his full wrath.

³⁹He remembered that they were but flesh,

a passing breeze that does not return.

⁴⁰How often they rebelled against him in the desert

and grieved him in the wasteland!

⁴¹Again and again they put God to the test;

they vexed the Holy One of Israel.

⁴²They did not remember his power--

the day he redeemed them from the oppressor,

⁴³the day he displayed his miraculous signs in Egypt,

his wonders in the region of Zoan.

⁴⁴He turned their rivers to blood;

they could not drink from their streams.

⁴⁵He sent swarms of flies that devoured them,

and frogs that devastated them.

⁴⁶He gave their crops to the grasshopper,

their produce to the locust.

⁴⁷He destroyed their vines with hail

and their sycamore-figs with sleet.

⁴⁸He gave over their cattle to the hail,

their livestock to bolts of lightning.

⁴⁹He unleashed against them his hot anger,

his wrath, indignation and hostility--

a band of destroying angels.

⁵⁰He prepared a path for his anger;

he did not spare them from death

but gave them over to the plague.

⁵¹He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt,

the firstfruits of manhood in the tents of Ham.

⁵²But he brought his people out like a flock;

he led them like sheep through the desert.

⁵³He guided them safely, so they were unafraid;

but the sea engulfed their enemies.

⁵⁴Thus he brought them to the border of his holy land,

to the hill country his right hand had taken.

⁵⁵He drove out nations before them

and allotted their lands to them as an inheritance;

he settled the tribes of Israel in their homes.

⁵⁶But they put God to the test

and rebelled against the Most High;

they did not keep his statutes.

⁵⁷Like their fathers they were disloyal and faithless,

as unreliable as a faulty bow.

⁵⁸They angered him with their high places;

they aroused his jealousy with their idols.

⁵⁹When God heard them, he was very angry;

he rejected Israel completely.

⁶⁰He abandoned the tabernacle of Shiloh,

the tent he had set up among men.

⁶¹He sent the ark of his might into captivity,

his splendor into the hands of the enemy.

⁶²He gave his people over to the sword;

he was very angry with his inheritance.

⁶³Fire consumed their young men,

and their maidens had no wedding songs;

⁶⁴their priests were put to the sword,

and their widows could not weep.

⁶⁵Then the Lord awoke as from sleep,

as a man wakes from the stupor of wine.

⁶⁶He beat back his enemies;

he put them to everlasting shame.

⁶⁷Then he rejected the tents of Joseph,

he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

⁶⁸but he chose the tribe of Judah,

Mount Zion, which he loved.

⁶⁹He built his sanctuary like the heights,

like the earth that he established forever.

⁷⁰He chose David his servant

and took him from the sheep pens;

⁷¹from tending the sheep he brought him

to be the shepherd of his people Jacob,

of Israel his inheritance.

⁷²And David shepherded them with integrity of heart;

with skillful hands he led them.

^{79:1}A psalm of Asaph.

O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance;

they have defiled your holy temple,

they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble.

²They have given the dead bodies of your servants

as food to the birds of the air,

the flesh of your saints to the beasts of the earth.

³They have poured out blood like water

all around Jerusalem,

and there is no one to bury the dead.

⁴We are objects of reproach to our neighbors,

of scorn and derision to those around us.

⁵How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever?

How long will your jealousy burn like fire?

⁶Pour out your wrath on the nations

that do not acknowledge you,

on the kingdoms

that do not call on your name;

⁷for they have devoured Jacob

and destroyed his homeland.

⁸Do not hold against us the sins of the fathers;

may your mercy come quickly to meet us,

for we are in desperate need.

⁹Help us, O God our Savior,

for the glory of your name;

deliver us and forgive our sins

for your name's sake.

¹⁰Why should the nations say,

"Where is their God?"

Before our eyes, make known among the nations

that you avenge the outpoured blood of your servants.

¹¹May the groans of the prisoners come before you;

by the strength of your arm

preserve those condemned to die.

¹²Pay back into the laps of our neighbors seven times

the reproach they have hurled at you, O Lord.

¹³Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture,

will praise you forever;

from generation to generation

we will recount your praise.

^{80:1}For the director of music. To the tune of "The Lilies of the Covenant." Of Asaph. A

psalm.

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock;

you who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth

²before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might;

come and save us.

³Restore us, O God;

make your face shine upon us,

that we may be saved.

⁴O LORD God Almighty,

how long will your anger smolder

against the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

⁶You have made us a source of contention to our neighbors,

and our enemies mock us.

⁷Restore us, O God Almighty;

make your face shine upon us,

that we may be saved.

⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it,

and it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade,

the mighty cedars with its branches.

¹¹It sent out its boughs to the Sea,

its shoots as far as the River.

¹²Why have you broken down its walls

so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

¹³Boars from the forest ravage it

and the creatures of the field feed on it.

¹⁴Return to us, O God Almighty!

Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine,

¹⁵the root your right hand has planted,

the son you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁶Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;

at your rebuke your people perish.

¹⁷Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God Almighty;
make your face shine upon us,
that we may be saved.

^{81:1}For the director of music. According to *gittith*. Of Asaph.

Sing for joy to God our strength;
shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

²Begin the music, strike the tambourine,
play the melodious harp and lyre.

³Sound the ram's horn at the New Moon,
and when the moon is full, on the day of our Feast;

⁴this is a decree for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

⁵He established it as a statute for Joseph

when he went out against Egypt,

where we heard a language we did not understand.

⁶He says, "I removed the burden from their shoulders;

their hands were set free from the basket.

⁷In your distress you called and I rescued you,

I answered you out of a thundercloud;

I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

Selah

⁸"Hear, O my people, and I will warn you--

if you would but listen to me, O Israel!

⁹You shall have no foreign god among you;

you shall not bow down to an alien god.

¹⁰I am the LORD your God,

who brought you up out of Egypt.

Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

¹¹"But my people would not listen to me;

Israel would not submit to me.

¹²So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts

to follow their own devices.

¹³"If my people would but listen to me,

if Israel would follow my ways,

¹⁴how quickly would I subdue their enemies

and turn my hand against their foes!

¹⁵Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,

and their punishment would last forever.

¹⁶But you would be fed with the finest of wheat;

with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

^{82:1} A psalm of Asaph.

God presides in the great assembly;

he gives judgment among the "gods":

²"How long will you defend the unjust

and show partiality to the wicked?

Selah

³Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless;

maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.

⁴Rescue the weak and needy;

deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

⁵"They know nothing, they understand nothing.

They walk about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶"I said, 'You are "gods";

you are all sons of the Most High.'

⁷But you will die like mere men;

you will fall like every other ruler."

⁸Rise up, O God, judge the earth,

for all the nations are your inheritance.

^{83:1}A song. A psalm of Asaph.

O God, do not keep silent;

be not quiet, O God, be not still.

²See how your enemies are astir,

how your foes rear their heads.

³With cunning they conspire against your people;

they plot against those you cherish.

⁴"Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation,

that the name of Israel be remembered no more."

⁵With one mind they plot together;

they form an alliance against you--

⁶the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,

of Moab and the Hagrites,

⁷Gebal, Ammon and Amalek,

Philistia, with the people of Tyre.

⁸Even Assyria has joined them

to lend strength to the descendants of Lot.

⁹Do to them as you did to Midian,
as you did to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon,

¹⁰who perished at Endor
and became like refuse on the ground.

¹¹Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb,
all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,

¹²who said, "Let us take possession
of the pasturelands of God."

¹³Make them like tumbleweed, O my God,
like chaff before the wind.

¹⁴As fire consumes the forest
or a flame sets the mountains ablaze,

¹⁵so pursue them with your tempest
and terrify them with your storm.

¹⁶Cover their faces with shame
so that men will seek your name, O LORD.

¹⁷May they ever be ashamed and dismayed;

may they perish in disgrace.

¹⁸Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD--

that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

^{84:1}For the director of music. According to *gittith*. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD Almighty!

²My soul yearns, even faints,

for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh cry out

for the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home,

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may have her young--

a place near your altar,

O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.

Selah

⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

⁶As they pass through the Valley of Baca,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

⁸Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty;
listen to me, O God of Jacob.

Selah

⁹Look upon our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.

¹⁰Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;

the LORD bestows favor and honor;

no good thing does he withhold

from those whose walk is blameless.

¹²O LORD Almighty,

blessed is the man who trusts in you.

^{85:1}For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

You showed favor to your land, O LORD;

you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²You forgave the iniquity of your people

and covered all their sins.

Selah

³You set aside all your wrath

and turned from your fierce anger.

⁴Restore us again, O God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.

⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

⁶Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

⁸I will listen to what God the LORD will say;
he promises peace to his people, his saints--
but let them not return to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,

and righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed give what is good,

and our land will yield its harvest.

¹³Righteousness goes before him

and prepares the way for his steps.

^{86:1}A prayer of David.

Hear, O LORD, and answer me,

for I am poor and needy.

²Guard my life, for I am devoted to you.

You are my God; save your servant

who trusts in you.

³Have mercy on me, O Lord,

for I call to you all day long.

⁴Bring joy to your servant,

for to you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

⁵You are forgiving and good, O Lord,

abounding in love to all who call to you.

⁶Hear my prayer, O LORD;

listen to my cry for mercy.

⁷In the day of my trouble I will call to you,

for you will answer me.

⁸Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord;

no deeds can compare with yours.

⁹All the nations you have made

will come and worship before you, O Lord;

they will bring glory to your name.

¹⁰For you are great and do marvelous deeds;

you alone are God.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,

and I will walk in your truth;

give me an undivided heart,

that I may fear your name.

¹²I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart;

I will glorify your name forever.

¹³For great is your love toward me;

you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.

¹⁴The arrogant are attacking me, O God;

a band of ruthless men seeks my life--

men without regard for you.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,

slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me;

grant your strength to your servant

and save the son of your maidservant.

¹⁷Give me a sign of your goodness,

that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,

for you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

^{87:1}Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm. A song.

He has set his foundation on the holy mountain;

²the LORD loves the gates of Zion

more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

³Glorious things are said of you,

O city of God:

Selah

⁴"I will record Rahab and Babylon

among those who acknowledge me--

Philistia too, and Tyre, along with Cush--

and will say, 'This one was born in Zion.' "

⁵Indeed, of Zion it will be said,

"This one and that one were born in her,

and the Most High himself will establish her."

⁶The LORD will write in the register of the peoples:

"This one was born in Zion."

Selah

⁷As they make music they will sing,

"All my fountains are in you."

^{88:1}A song. A psalm of the Sons of Korah. For the director of music. According to

mahalath leannoth. A maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

O LORD, the God who saves me,

day and night I cry out before you.

²May my prayer come before you;

turn your ear to my cry.

³For my soul is full of trouble

and my life draws near the grave.

⁴I am counted among those who go down to the pit;

I am like a man without strength.

⁵I am set apart with the dead,

like the slain who lie in the grave,

whom you remember no more,

who are cut off from your care.

⁶You have put me in the lowest pit,

in the darkest depths.

⁷Your wrath lies heavily upon me;

you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.

Selah

⁸You have taken from me my closest friends

and have made me repulsive to them.

I am confined and cannot escape;

⁹my eyes are dim with grief.

I call to you, O LORD, every day;

I spread out my hands to you.

¹⁰Do you show your wonders to the dead?

Do those who are dead rise up and praise you?

Selah

¹¹Is your love declared in the grave,

your faithfulness in Destruction?

¹²Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,

or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?

¹³But I cry to you for help, O LORD;

in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴Why, O LORD, do you reject me

and hide your face from me?

¹⁵From my youth I have been afflicted and close to death;

I have suffered your terrors and am in despair.

¹⁶Your wrath has swept over me;

your terrors have destroyed me.

¹⁷All day long they surround me like a flood;

they have completely engulfed me.

¹⁸You have taken my companions and loved ones from me;

the darkness is my closest friend.

^{89:1}A *maskil* of Ethan the Ezrahite.

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;

with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

²I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to David my servant,

⁴I will establish your line forever

and make your throne firm through all generations.' "

Selah

⁵The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,

your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

⁶For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?

Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

⁷In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared;

he is more awesome than all who surround him.

⁸O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

⁹You rule over the surging sea;

when its waves mount up, you still them.

¹⁰You crushed Rahab like one of the slain;

with your strong arm you scattered your enemies.

¹¹The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth;

you founded the world and all that is in it.

¹²You created the north and the south;

Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at your name.

¹³Your arm is endued with power;

your hand is strong, your right hand exalted.

¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

love and faithfulness go before you.

¹⁵Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

¹⁶They rejoice in your name all day long;

they exult in your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are their glory and strength,

and by your favor you exalt our horn.

¹⁸Indeed, our shield belongs to the LORD,

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁹Once you spoke in a vision,

to your faithful people you said:

"I have bestowed strength on a warrior;

I have exalted a young man from among the people.

²⁰I have found David my servant;

with my sacred oil I have anointed him.

²¹My hand will sustain him;

surely my arm will strengthen him.

²²No enemy will subject him to tribute;

no wicked man will oppress him.

²³I will crush his foes before him

and strike down his adversaries.

²⁴My faithful love will be with him,

and through my name his horn will be exalted.

²⁵I will set his hand over the sea,

his right hand over the rivers.

²⁶He will call out to me, 'You are my Father,

my God, the Rock my Savior.'

²⁷I will also appoint him my firstborn,

the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

²⁸I will maintain my love to him forever,

and my covenant with him will never fail.

²⁹I will establish his line forever,

his throne as long as the heavens endure.

³⁰"If his sons forsake my law

and do not follow my statutes,

³¹if they violate my decrees

and fail to keep my commands,

³²I will punish their sin with the rod,

their iniquity with flogging;

³³but I will not take my love from him,

nor will I ever betray my faithfulness.

³⁴I will not violate my covenant

or alter what my lips have uttered.

³⁵Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness--

and I will not lie to David--

³⁶that his line will continue forever

and his throne endure before me like the sun;

³⁷it will be established forever like the moon,

the faithful witness in the sky."

Selah

³⁸But you have rejected, you have spurned,

you have been very angry with your anointed one.

³⁹You have renounced the covenant with your servant

and have defiled his crown in the dust.

⁴⁰You have broken through all his walls

and reduced his strongholds to ruins.

⁴¹All who pass by have plundered him;

he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

⁴²You have exalted the right hand of his foes;

you have made all his enemies rejoice.

⁴³You have turned back the edge of his sword

and have not supported him in battle.

⁴⁴You have put an end to his splendor

and cast his throne to the ground.

⁴⁵You have cut short the days of his youth;

you have covered him with a mantle of shame.

Selah

⁴⁶How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever?

How long will your wrath burn like fire?

⁴⁷Remember how fleeting is my life.

For what futility you have created all men!

⁴⁸What man can live and not see death,

or save himself from the power of the grave?

Selah

⁴⁹O Lord, where is your former great love,

which in your faithfulness you swore to David?

⁵⁰Remember, Lord, how your servant has been mocked,

how I bear in my heart the taunts of all the nations,

⁵¹the taunts with which your enemies have mocked, O LORD,

with which they have mocked every step of your anointed one.

⁵²Praise be to the LORD forever!

Amen and Amen.

^{90:1}A prayer of Moses the man of God.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

²Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³You turn men back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep men away in the sleep of death;
they are like the new grass of the morning--

⁶though in the morning it springs up new,
by evening it is dry and withered.

⁷We are consumed by your anger

and terrified by your indignation.

⁸You have set our iniquities before you,

our secret sins in the light of your presence.

⁹All our days pass away under your wrath;

we finish our years with a moan.

¹⁰The length of our days is seventy years--

or eighty, if we have the strength;

yet their span is but trouble and sorrow,

for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

¹¹Who knows the power of your anger?

For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

¹²Teach us to number our days aright,

that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

¹³Relent, O LORD! How long will it be?

Have compassion on your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,

that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,

for as many years as we have seen trouble.

¹⁶May your deeds be shown to your servants,

your splendor to their children.

¹⁷May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

establish the work of our hands for us--

yes, establish the work of our hands.

^{91:1}He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,

my God, in whom I trust."

³Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare

and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴He will cover you with his feathers,

and under his wings you will find refuge;

his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

⁵You will not fear the terror of night,

nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,

nor the plague that destroys at midday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side,

ten thousand at your right hand,

but it will not come near you.

⁸You will only observe with your eyes

and see the punishment of the wicked.

⁹If you make the Most High your dwelling--

even the LORD, who is my refuge--

¹⁰then no harm will befall you,

no disaster will come near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways;

¹²they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

¹⁴"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

¹⁵He will call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

^{92:1}A psalm. A song. For the Sabbath day.

It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your name, O Most High,
²to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,
³to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.

⁴For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;

I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

⁵How great are your works, O LORD,

how profound your thoughts!

⁶The senseless man does not know,

fools do not understand,

⁷that though the wicked spring up like grass

and all evildoers flourish,

they will be forever destroyed.

⁸But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.

⁹For surely your enemies, O LORD,

surely your enemies will perish;

all evildoers will be scattered.

¹⁰You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox;

fine oils have been poured upon me.

¹¹My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries;

my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.

¹²The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,

they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

¹³planted in the house of the LORD,

they will flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴They will still bear fruit in old age,

they will stay fresh and green,

¹⁵proclaiming, "The LORD is upright;

he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

^{93:1}The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed in majesty

and is armed with strength.

The world is firmly established;

it cannot be moved.

²Your throne was established long ago;

you are from all eternity.

³The seas have lifted up, O LORD,

the seas have lifted up their voice;

the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,

mightier than the breakers of the sea--

the LORD on high is mighty.

⁵Your statutes stand firm;

holiness adorns your house

for endless days, O LORD.

^{94:1}O LORD, the God who avenges,

O God who avenges, shine forth.

²Rise up, O Judge of the earth;

pay back to the proud what they deserve.

³How long will the wicked, O LORD,

how long will the wicked be jubilant?

⁴They pour out arrogant words;

all the evildoers are full of boasting.

⁵They crush your people, O LORD;

they oppress your inheritance.

⁶They slay the widow and the alien;

they murder the fatherless.

⁷They say, "The LORD does not see;

the God of Jacob pays no heed."

⁸Take heed, you senseless ones among the people;

you fools, when will you become wise?

⁹Does he who implanted the ear not hear?

Does he who formed the eye not see?

¹⁰Does he who disciplines nations not punish?

Does he who teaches man lack knowledge?

¹¹The LORD knows the thoughts of man;

he knows that they are futile.

¹²Blessed is the man you discipline, O LORD,

the man you teach from your law;

¹³you grant him relief from days of trouble,

till a pit is dug for the wicked.

¹⁴For the LORD will not reject his people;

he will never forsake his inheritance.

¹⁵Judgment will again be founded on righteousness,

and all the upright in heart will follow it.

¹⁶Who will rise up for me against the wicked?

Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?

¹⁷Unless the LORD had given me help,

I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death.

¹⁸When I said, "My foot is slipping,"

your love, O LORD, supported me.

¹⁹When anxiety was great within me,

your consolation brought joy to my soul.

²⁰Can a corrupt throne be allied with you--

one that brings on misery by its decrees?

²¹They band together against the righteous

and condemn the innocent to death.

²²But the LORD has become my fortress,

and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.

²³He will repay them for their sins

and destroy them for their wickedness;

the LORD our God will destroy them.

^{95:1}Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

³For the LORD is the great God,

the great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth,

and the mountain peaks belong to him.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

⁷for he is our God

and we are the people of his pasture,

the flock under his care.

Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,

as you did that day at Massah in the desert,

⁹where your fathers tested and tried me,

though they had seen what I did.

¹⁰For forty years I was angry with that generation;

I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,

and they have not known my ways."

¹¹So I declared on oath in my anger,

"They shall never enter my rest."

^{96:1}Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

³Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the nations are idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering and come into his courts.

⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity.

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

¹²let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;

¹³they will sing before the LORD, for he comes,

he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness

and the peoples in his truth.

^{97:1}The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;

let the distant shores rejoice.

²Clouds and thick darkness surround him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

³Fire goes before him

and consumes his foes on every side.

⁴His lightning lights up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,

before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶The heavens proclaim his righteousness,

and all the peoples see his glory.

⁷All who worship images are put to shame,

those who boast in idols--

worship him, all you gods!

⁸Zion hears and rejoices

and the villages of Judah are glad

because of your judgments, O LORD.

⁹For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰Let those who love the LORD hate evil,

for he guards the lives of his faithful ones

and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light is shed upon the righteous

and joy on the upright in heart.

¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,

and praise his holy name.

^{98:1}A psalm.

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.

²The LORD has made his salvation known

and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

³He has remembered his love

and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

⁴Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with music;

⁵make music to the LORD with the harp,

with the harp and the sound of singing,

⁶with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn--

shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷Let the sea resound, and everything in it,

the world, and all who live in it.

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,

let the mountains sing together for joy;

⁹let them sing before the LORD,

for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness

and the peoples with equity.

^{99:1}The LORD reigns,

let the nations tremble;

he sits enthroned between the cherubim,

let the earth shake.

²Great is the LORD in Zion;

he is exalted over all the nations.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name--

he is holy.

⁴The King is mighty, he loves justice--

you have established equity;

in Jacob you have done

what is just and right.

⁵Exalt the LORD our God

and worship at his footstool;

he is holy.

⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel was among those who called on his name;

they called on the LORD

and he answered them.

⁷He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

⁸O LORD our God,

you answered them;

you were to Israel a forgiving God,

though you punished their misdeeds.

⁹Exalt the LORD our God

and worship at his holy mountain,

for the LORD our God is holy.

^{100:1}A psalm. For giving thanks.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

³Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

^{101:1}Of David. A psalm.

I will sing of your love and justice;

to you, O LORD, I will sing praise.

²I will be careful to lead a blameless life--

when will you come to me?

I will walk in my house

with blameless heart.

³I will set before my eyes

no vile thing.

The deeds of faithless men I hate;

they will not cling to me.

⁴Men of perverse heart shall be far from me;

I will have nothing to do with evil.

⁵Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret,

him will I put to silence;

whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart,

him will I not endure.

⁶My eyes will be on the faithful in the land,

that they may dwell with me;

he whose walk is blameless

will minister to me.

⁷No one who practices deceit

will dwell in my house;

no one who speaks falsely

will stand in my presence.

⁸Every morning I will put to silence

all the wicked in the land;

I will cut off every evildoer

from the city of the LORD.

^{102:1}A prayer of an afflicted man. When he is faint and pours out his lament before the
LORD.

Hear my prayer, O LORD;

let my cry for help come to you.

²Do not hide your face from me

when I am in distress.

Turn your ear to me;

when I call, answer me quickly.

³For my days vanish like smoke;

my bones burn like glowing embers.

⁴My heart is blighted and withered like grass;

I forget to eat my food.

⁵Because of my loud groaning

I am reduced to skin and bones.

⁶I am like a desert owl,

like an owl among the ruins.

⁷I lie awake; I have become

like a bird alone on a roof.

⁸All day long my enemies taunt me;

those who rail against me use my name as a curse.

⁹For I eat ashes as my food

and mingle my drink with tears

¹⁰because of your great wrath,

for you have taken me up and thrown me aside.

¹¹My days are like the evening shadow;

I wither away like grass.

¹²But you, O LORD, sit enthroned forever;

your renown endures through all generations.

¹³You will arise and have compassion on Zion,

for it is time to show favor to her;

the appointed time has come.

¹⁴For her stones are dear to your servants;

her very dust moves them to pity.

¹⁵The nations will fear the name of the LORD,
all the kings of the earth will revere your glory.

¹⁶For the LORD will rebuild Zion
and appear in his glory.

¹⁷He will respond to the prayer of the destitute;
he will not despise their plea.

¹⁸Let this be written for a future generation,
that a people not yet created may praise the LORD:

¹⁹"The LORD looked down from his sanctuary on high,
from heaven he viewed the earth,
²⁰to hear the groans of the prisoners
and release those condemned to death."

²¹So the name of the LORD will be declared in Zion
and his praise in Jerusalem

²²when the peoples and the kingdoms
assemble to worship the LORD.

²³In the course of my life he broke my strength;
he cut short my days.

²⁴So I said:

"Do not take me away, O my God, in the midst of my days;

your years go on through all generations.

²⁵In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth,

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

²⁶They will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like a garment.

Like clothing you will change them

and they will be discarded.

²⁷But you remain the same,

and your years will never end.

²⁸The children of your servants will live in your presence;

their descendants will be established before you."

^{103:1}Of David.

Praise the LORD, O my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

²Praise the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits--

³who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

⁴who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion,

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD works righteousness

and justice for all the oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to Moses,

his deeds to the people of Israel:

⁸The LORD is compassionate and gracious,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹He will not always accuse,

nor will he harbor his anger forever;

¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve

or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion on his children,

so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

¹⁴for he knows how we are formed,

he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass,

he flourishes like a flower of the field;

¹⁶the wind blows over it and it is gone,

and its place remembers it no more.

¹⁷But from everlasting to everlasting

the LORD'S love is with those who fear him,

and his righteousness with their children's children--

¹⁸with those who keep his covenant

and remember to obey his precepts.

¹⁹The LORD has established his throne in heaven,

and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰Praise the LORD, you his angels,

you mighty ones who do his bidding,

who obey his word.

²¹Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,

you his servants who do his will.

²²Praise the LORD, all his works

everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

^{104:1}Praise the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great;

you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

²He wraps himself in light as with a garment;

he stretches out the heavens like a tent

³and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

He makes the clouds his chariot

and rides on the wings of the wind.

⁴He makes winds his messengers,

flames of fire his servants.

⁵He set the earth on its foundations;

it can never be moved.

⁶You covered it with the deep as with a garment;

the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷But at your rebuke the waters fled,

at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;

⁸they flowed over the mountains,

they went down into the valleys,

to the place you assigned for them.

⁹You set a boundary they cannot cross;

never again will they cover the earth.

¹⁰He makes springs pour water into the ravines;

it flows between the mountains.

¹¹They give water to all the beasts of the field;

the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹²The birds of the air nest by the waters;

they sing among the branches.

¹³He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;

the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

¹⁴He makes grass grow for the cattle,

and plants for man to cultivate--

bringing forth food from the earth:

¹⁵wine that gladdens the heart of man,

oil to make his face shine,

and bread that sustains his heart.

¹⁶The trees of the LORD are well watered,

the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

¹⁷There the birds make their nests;

the stork has its home in the pine trees.

¹⁸The high mountains belong to the wild goats;

the crags are a refuge for the coneys.

¹⁹The moon marks off the seasons,

and the sun knows when to go down.

²⁰You bring darkness, it becomes night,

and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

²¹The lions roar for their prey

and seek their food from God.

²²The sun rises, and they steal away;

they return and lie down in their dens.

²³Then man goes out to his work,

to his labor until evening.

²⁴How many are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵There is the sea, vast and spacious,

teeming with creatures beyond number--

living things both large and small.

²⁶There the ships go to and fro,

and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

²⁷These all look to you

to give them their food at the proper time.

²⁸When you give it to them,

they gather it up;

when you open your hand,

they are satisfied with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face,

they are terrified;

when you take away their breath,

they die and return to the dust.

³⁰When you send your Spirit,

they are created,

and you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works--

³²he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,

who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,

as I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵But may sinners vanish from the earth

and the wicked be no more.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD.

^{105:1}Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

make known among the nations what he has done.

²Sing to him, sing praise to him;

tell of all his wonderful acts.

³Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴Look to the LORD and his strength;

seek his face always.

⁵Remember the wonders he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

⁶O descendants of Abraham his servant,

O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

⁷He is the LORD our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

⁸He remembers his covenant forever,

the word he commanded, for a thousand generations,

⁹the covenant he made with Abraham,

the oath he swore to Isaac.

¹⁰He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,

to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

¹¹"To you I will give the land of Canaan

as the portion you will inherit."

¹²When they were but few in number,

few indeed, and strangers in it,

¹³they wandered from nation to nation,

from one kingdom to another.

¹⁴He allowed no one to oppress them;

for their sake he rebuked kings:

¹⁵"Do not touch my anointed ones;

do my prophets no harm."

¹⁶He called down famine on the land

and destroyed all their supplies of food;

¹⁷and he sent a man before them--

Joseph, sold as a slave.

¹⁸They bruised his feet with shackles,

his neck was put in irons,

¹⁹till what he foretold came to pass,

till the word of the LORD proved him true.

²⁰The king sent and released him,

the ruler of peoples set him free.

²¹He made him master of his household,

ruler over all he possessed,

²²to instruct his princes as he pleased

and teach his elders wisdom.

²³Then Israel entered Egypt;

Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

²⁴The LORD made his people very fruitful;

he made them too numerous for their foes,

²⁵whose hearts he turned to hate his people,

to conspire against his servants.

²⁶He sent Moses his servant,

and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

²⁷They performed his miraculous signs among them,

his wonders in the land of Ham.

²⁸He sent darkness and made the land dark--

for had they not rebelled against his words?

²⁹He turned their waters into blood,

causing their fish to die.

³⁰Their land teemed with frogs,

which went up into the bedrooms of their rulers.

³¹He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,

and gnats throughout their country.

³²He turned their rain into hail,

with lightning throughout their land;

³³he struck down their vines and fig trees

and shattered the trees of their country.

³⁴He spoke, and the locusts came,

grasshoppers without number;

³⁵they ate up every green thing in their land,

ate up the produce of their soil.

³⁶Then he struck down all the firstborn in their land,

the firstfruits of all their manhood.

³⁷He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold,

and from among their tribes no one faltered.

³⁸Egypt was glad when they left,

because dread of Israel had fallen on them.

³⁹He spread out a cloud as a covering,

and a fire to give light at night.

⁴⁰They asked, and he brought them quail

and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

⁴¹He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

like a river it flowed in the desert.

⁴²For he remembered his holy promise

given to his servant Abraham.

⁴³He brought out his people with rejoicing,

his chosen ones with shouts of joy;

⁴⁴he gave them the lands of the nations,

and they fell heir to what others had toiled for--

⁴⁵that they might keep his precepts

and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD.

^{106:1}Praise the LORD.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

²Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD

or fully declare his praise?

³Blessed are they who maintain justice,

who constantly do what is right.

⁴Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people,

come to my aid when you save them,

⁵that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,

that I may share in the joy of your nation

and join your inheritance in giving praise.

⁶We have sinned, even as our fathers did;

we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

⁷When our fathers were in Egypt,

they gave no thought to your miracles;

they did not remember your many kindnesses,

and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea.

⁸Yet he saved them for his name's sake,

to make his mighty power known.

⁹He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up;

he led them through the depths as through a desert.

¹⁰He saved them from the hand of the foe;
from the hand of the enemy he redeemed them.

¹¹The waters covered their adversaries;
not one of them survived.

¹²Then they believed his promises
and sang his praise.

¹³But they soon forgot what he had done
and did not wait for his counsel.

¹⁴In the desert they gave in to their craving;
in the wasteland they put God to the test.

¹⁵So he gave them what they asked for,
but sent a wasting disease upon them.

¹⁶In the camp they grew envious of Moses
and of Aaron, who was consecrated to the LORD.

¹⁷The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan;
it buried the company of Abiram.

¹⁸Fire blazed among their followers;

a flame consumed the wicked.

¹⁹At Horeb they made a calf

and worshiped an idol cast from metal.

²⁰They exchanged their Glory

for an image of a bull, which eats grass.

²¹They forgot the God who saved them,

who had done great things in Egypt,

²²miracles in the land of Ham

and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

²³So he said he would destroy them--

had not Moses, his chosen one,

stood in the breach before him

to keep his wrath from destroying them.

²⁴Then they despised the pleasant land;

they did not believe his promise.

²⁵They grumbled in their tents

and did not obey the LORD.

²⁶So he swore to them with uplifted hand

that he would make them fall in the desert,

²⁷make their descendants fall among the nations

and scatter them throughout the lands.

²⁸They yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor

and ate sacrifices offered to lifeless gods;

²⁹they provoked the LORD to anger by their wicked deeds,

and a plague broke out among them.

³⁰But Phinehas stood up and intervened,

and the plague was checked.

³¹This was credited to him as righteousness

for endless generations to come.

³²By the waters of Meribah they angered the LORD,

and trouble came to Moses because of them;

³³for they rebelled against the Spirit of God,

and rash words came from Moses' lips.

³⁴They did not destroy the peoples

as the LORD had commanded them,

³⁵but they mingled with the nations

and adopted their customs.

³⁶They worshiped their idols,

which became a snare to them.

³⁷They sacrificed their sons

and their daughters to demons.

³⁸They shed innocent blood,

the blood of their sons and daughters,

whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan,

and the land was desecrated by their blood.

³⁹They defiled themselves by what they did;

by their deeds they prostituted themselves.

⁴⁰Therefore the LORD was angry with his people

and abhorred his inheritance.

⁴¹He handed them over to the nations,

and their foes ruled over them.

⁴² Their enemies oppressed them
and subjected them to their power.

⁴³ Many times he delivered them,
but they were bent on rebellion
and they wasted away in their sin.

⁴⁴ But he took note of their distress
when he heard their cry;
⁴⁵ for their sake he remembered his covenant
and out of his great love he relented.

⁴⁶ He caused them to be pitied
by all who held them captive.

⁴⁷ Save us, O LORD our God,
and gather us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

⁴⁸ Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting.

Let all the people say, "Amen!"

Praise the LORD.

^{107:1}Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say this--

those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

³those he gathered from the lands,

from east and west, from north and south.

⁴Some wandered in desert wastelands,

finding no way to a city where they could settle.

⁵They were hungry and thirsty,

and their lives ebbed away.

⁶Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,

and he delivered them from their distress.

⁷He led them by a straight way

to a city where they could settle.

⁸Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love

and his wonderful deeds for men,

⁹for he satisfies the thirsty

and fills the hungry with good things.

¹⁰Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom,

prisoners suffering in iron chains,

¹¹for they had rebelled against the words of God

and despised the counsel of the Most High.

¹²So he subjected them to bitter labor;

they stumbled, and there was no one to help.

¹³Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

and he saved them from their distress.

¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom

and broke away their chains.

¹⁵Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love

and his wonderful deeds for men,

¹⁶for he breaks down gates of bronze

and cuts through bars of iron.

¹⁷Some became fools through their rebellious ways
and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

¹⁸They loathed all food
and drew near the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.

²⁰He sent forth his word and healed them;
he rescued them from the grave.

²¹Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for men.

²²Let them sacrifice thank offerings
and tell of his works with songs of joy.

²³Others went out on the sea in ships;
they were merchants on the mighty waters.

²⁴They saw the works of the LORD,
his wonderful deeds in the deep.

²⁵For he spoke and stirred up a tempest

that lifted high the waves.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths;

in their peril their courage melted away.

²⁷They reeled and staggered like drunken men;

they were at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,

and he brought them out of their distress.

²⁹He stilled the storm to a whisper;

the waves of the sea were hushed.

³⁰They were glad when it grew calm,

and he guided them to their desired haven.

³¹Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love

and his wonderful deeds for men.

³²Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people

and praise him in the council of the elders.

³³He turned rivers into a desert,

flowing springs into thirsty ground,

³⁴and fruitful land into a salt waste,

because of the wickedness of those who lived there.

³⁵He turned the desert into pools of water

and the parched ground into flowing springs;

³⁶there he brought the hungry to live,

and they founded a city where they could settle.

³⁷They sowed fields and planted vineyards

that yielded a fruitful harvest;

³⁸he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased,

and he did not let their herds diminish.

³⁹Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled

by oppression, calamity and sorrow;

⁴⁰he who pours contempt on nobles

made them wander in a trackless waste.

⁴¹But he lifted the needy out of their affliction

and increased their families like flocks.

⁴²The upright see and rejoice,

but all the wicked shut their mouths.

⁴³Whoever is wise, let him heed these things

and consider the great love of the LORD.

^{108:1}A song. A psalm of David.

My heart is steadfast, O God;

I will sing and make music with all my soul.

²Awake, harp and lyre!

I will awaken the dawn.

³I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations;

I will sing of you among the peoples.

⁴For great is your love, higher than the heavens;

your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

⁵Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

and let your glory be over all the earth.

⁶Save us and help us with your right hand,

that those you love may be delivered.

⁷God has spoken from his sanctuary:

"In triumph I will parcel out Shechem
and measure off the Valley of Succoth.

⁸Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine;

Ephraim is my helmet,

Judah my scepter.

⁹Moab is my washbasin,

upon Edom I toss my sandal;

over Philistia I shout in triumph."

¹⁰Who will bring me to the fortified city?

Who will lead me to Edom?

¹¹Is it not you, O God, you who have rejected us

and no longer go out with our armies?

¹²Give us aid against the enemy,

for the help of man is worthless.

¹³With God we will gain the victory,

and he will trample down our enemies.

^{109:1}For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

O God, whom I praise,

do not remain silent,

²for wicked and deceitful men

have opened their mouths against me;

they have spoken against me with lying tongues.

³With words of hatred they surround me;

they attack me without cause.

⁴In return for my friendship they accuse me,

but I am a man of prayer.

⁵They repay me evil for good,

and hatred for my friendship.

⁶Appoint an evil man to oppose him;

let an accuser stand at his right hand.

⁷When he is tried, let him be found guilty,

and may his prayers condemn him.

⁸May his days be few;

may another take his place of leadership.

⁹May his children be fatherless

and his wife a widow.

¹⁰May his children be wandering beggars;

may they be driven from their ruined homes.

¹¹May a creditor seize all he has;

may strangers plunder the fruits of his labor.

¹²May no one extend kindness to him

or take pity on his fatherless children.

¹³May his descendants be cut off,

their names blotted out from the next generation.

¹⁴May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD;

may the sin of his mother never be blotted out.

¹⁵May their sins always remain before the LORD,

that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁶For he never thought of doing a kindness,

but hounded to death the poor

and the needy and the brokenhearted.

¹⁷He loved to pronounce a curse--

may it come on him;

he found no pleasure in blessing--

may it be far from him.

¹⁸He wore cursing as his garment;

it entered into his body like water,

into his bones like oil.

¹⁹May it be like a cloak wrapped about him,

like a belt tied forever around him.

²⁰May this be the LORD'S payment to my accusers,

to those who speak evil of me.

²¹But you, O Sovereign LORD,

deal well with me for your name's sake;

out of the goodness of your love, deliver me.

²²For I am poor and needy,

and my heart is wounded within me.

²³I fade away like an evening shadow;

I am shaken off like a locust.

²⁴My knees give way from fasting;

my body is thin and gaunt.

²⁵I am an object of scorn to my accusers;

when they see me, they shake their heads.

²⁶Help me, O LORD my God;

save me in accordance with your love.

²⁷Let them know that it is your hand,

that you, O LORD, have done it.

²⁸They may curse, but you will bless;

when they attack they will be put to shame,

but your servant will rejoice.

²⁹My accusers will be clothed with disgrace

and wrapped in shame as in a cloak.

³⁰With my mouth I will greatly extol the LORD;

in the great throng I will praise him.

³¹For he stands at the right hand of the needy one,

to save his life from those who condemn him.

^{110:1}Of David. A psalm.

The LORD says to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet."

²The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion;

you will rule in the midst of your enemies.

³Your troops will be willing

on your day of battle.

Arrayed in holy majesty,

from the womb of the dawn

you will receive the dew of your youth.

⁴The LORD has sworn

and will not change his mind:

"You are a priest forever,

in the order of Melchizedek."

⁵The Lord is at your right hand;

he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead

and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

⁷He will drink from a brook beside the way;

therefore he will lift up his head.

^{111:1}Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart

in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

²Great are the works of the LORD;

they are pondered by all who delight in them.

³Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;

he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,

giving them the lands of other nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;

all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸They are steadfast for ever and ever,

done in faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He provided redemption for his people;

he ordained his covenant forever--

holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

^{112:1}Praise the LORD.

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who finds great delight in his commands.

²His children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

⁵Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely,
who conducts his affairs with justice.

⁶Surely he will never be shaken;
a righteous man will be remembered forever.

⁷He will have no fear of bad news;
his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸His heart is secure, he will have no fear;
in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

⁹He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor,
his righteousness endures forever;

his horn will be lifted high in honor.

¹⁰The wicked man will see and be vexed,

he will gnash his teeth and waste away;

the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

^{113:1}Praise the LORD.

Praise, O servants of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD.

²Let the name of the LORD be praised,

both now and forevermore.

³From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,

the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴The LORD is exalted over all the nations,

his glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,

the One who sits enthroned on high,

⁶who stoops down to look

on the heavens and the earth?

⁷He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

⁸he seats them with princes,

with the princes of their people.

⁹He settles the barren woman in her home

as a happy mother of children.

Praise the LORD.

^{114:1}When Israel came out of Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,

²Judah became God's sanctuary,

Israel his dominion.

³The sea looked and fled,

the Jordan turned back;

⁴the mountains skipped like rams,

the hills like lambs.

⁵Why was it, O sea, that you fled,

O Jordan, that you turned back,

⁶you mountains, that you skipped like rams,

you hills, like lambs?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸who turned the rock into a pool,

the hard rock into springs of water.

^{115:1}Not to us, O LORD, not to us

but to your name be the glory,

because of your love and faithfulness.

²Why do the nations say,

"Where is their God?"

³Our God is in heaven;

he does whatever pleases him.

⁴But their idols are silver and gold,

made by the hands of men.

⁵They have mouths, but cannot speak,

eyes, but they cannot see;

⁶they have ears, but cannot hear,

noses, but they cannot smell;

⁷they have hands, but cannot feel,

feet, but they cannot walk;

nor can they utter a sound with their throats.

⁸Those who make them will be like them,

and so will all who trust in them.

⁹O house of Israel, trust in the LORD--

he is their help and shield.

¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD--

he is their help and shield.

¹¹You who fear him, trust in the LORD--

he is their help and shield.

¹²The LORD remembers us and will bless us:

He will bless the house of Israel,

he will bless the house of Aaron,

¹³he will bless those who fear the LORD--

small and great alike.

¹⁴May the LORD make you increase,

both you and your children.

¹⁵May you be blessed by the LORD,

the Maker of heaven and earth.

¹⁶The highest heavens belong to the LORD,

but the earth he has given to man.

¹⁷It is not the dead who praise the LORD,

those who go down to silence;

¹⁸it is we who extol the LORD,

both now and forevermore.

Praise the LORD.

^{116:1}I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;

he heard my cry for mercy.

²Because he turned his ear to me,

I will call on him as long as I live.

³The cords of death entangled me,

the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD:

"O LORD, save me!"

⁵The LORD is gracious and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

⁶The LORD protects the simplehearted;

when I was in great need, he saved me.

⁷Be at rest once more, O my soul,

for the LORD has been good to you.

⁸For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears,

my feet from stumbling,

⁹that I may walk before the LORD

in the land of the living.

¹⁰I believed; therefore I said,

"I am greatly afflicted."

¹¹And in my dismay I said,

"All men are liars."

¹²How can I repay the LORD

for all his goodness to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD

is the death of his saints.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant;

you have freed me from my chains.

¹⁷I will sacrifice a thank offering to you

and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD--

in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD.

^{117:1}Praise the LORD, all you nations;

extol him, all you peoples.

²For great is his love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD.

^{118:1}Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

²Let Israel say:

"His love endures forever."

³Let the house of Aaron say:

"His love endures forever."

⁴Let those who fear the LORD say:

"His love endures forever."

⁵In my anguish I cried to the LORD,

and he answered by setting me free.

⁶The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

⁷The LORD is with me; he is my helper.

I will look in triumph on my enemies.

⁸It is better to take refuge in the LORD

than to trust in man.

⁹It is better to take refuge in the LORD

than to trust in princes.

¹⁰All the nations surrounded me,

but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

¹¹They surrounded me on every side,

but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

¹²They swarmed around me like bees,

but they died out as quickly as burning thorns;

in the name of the LORD I cut them off.

¹³I was pushed back and about to fall,

but the LORD helped me.

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song;

he has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of joy and victory

resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;

the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!"

¹⁷I will not die but live,

and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸The LORD has chastened me severely,

but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD

through which the righteous may enter.

²¹I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

²²The stone the builders rejected

has become the capstone;

²³the LORD has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵O LORD, save us;

O LORD, grant us success.

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless you.

²⁷The LORD is God,

and he has made his light shine upon us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give you thanks;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

^{119:1}Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,

who walk according to the law of the LORD.

²Blessed are they who keep his statutes

and seek him with all their heart.

³They do nothing wrong;

they walk in his ways.

⁴You have laid down precepts

that are to be fully obeyed.

⁵Oh, that my ways were steadfast

in obeying your decrees!

⁶Then I would not be put to shame

when I consider all your commands.

⁷I will praise you with an upright heart

as I learn your righteous laws.

⁸I will obey your decrees;

do not utterly forsake me.

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure?

By living according to your word.

¹⁰I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

¹¹I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

¹²Praise be to you, O LORD;

teach me your decrees.

¹³With my lips I recount

all the laws that come from your mouth.

¹⁴I rejoice in following your statutes

as one rejoices in great riches.

¹⁵I meditate on your precepts

and consider your ways.

¹⁶I delight in your decrees;

I will not neglect your word.

¹⁷Do good to your servant, and I will live;

I will obey your word.

¹⁸Open my eyes that I may see

wonderful things in your law.

¹⁹I am a stranger on earth;

do not hide your commands from me.

²⁰My soul is consumed with longing

for your laws at all times.

²¹You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed

and who stray from your commands.

²²Remove from me scorn and contempt,

for I keep your statutes.

²³Though rulers sit together and slander me,

your servant will meditate on your decrees.

²⁴Your statutes are my delight;

they are my counselors.

²⁵I am laid low in the dust;

preserve my life according to your word.

²⁶I recounted my ways and you answered me;

teach me your decrees.

²⁷Let me understand the teaching of your precepts;

then I will meditate on your wonders.

²⁸My soul is weary with sorrow;

strengthen me according to your word.

²⁹Keep me from deceitful ways;

be gracious to me through your law.

³⁰I have chosen the way of truth;

I have set my heart on your laws.

³¹I hold fast to your statutes, O LORD;

do not let me be put to shame.

³²I run in the path of your commands,

for you have set my heart free.

³³Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;

then I will keep them to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I will keep your law

and obey it with all my heart.

³⁵Direct me in the path of your commands,

for there I find delight.

³⁶Turn my heart toward your statutes

and not toward selfish gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

preserve my life according to your word.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant,

so that you may be feared.

³⁹Take away the disgrace I dread,

for your laws are good.

⁴⁰How I long for your precepts!

Preserve my life in your righteousness.

⁴¹May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD,

your salvation according to your promise;

⁴²then I will answer the one who taunts me,

for I trust in your word.

⁴³Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth,

for I have put my hope in your laws.

⁴⁴I will always obey your law,

for ever and ever.

⁴⁵I will walk about in freedom,

for I have sought out your precepts.

⁴⁶I will speak of your statutes before kings

and will not be put to shame,

⁴⁷for I delight in your commands

because I love them.

⁴⁸I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love,

and I meditate on your decrees.

⁴⁹Remember your word to your servant,

for you have given me hope.

⁵⁰My comfort in my suffering is this:

Your promise preserves my life.

⁵¹The arrogant mock me without restraint,

but I do not turn from your law.

⁵²I remember your ancient laws, O LORD,

and I find comfort in them.

⁵³Indignation grips me because of the wicked,

who have forsaken your law.

⁵⁴Your decrees are the theme of my song

wherever I lodge.

⁵⁵In the night I remember your name, O LORD,

and I will keep your law.

⁵⁶This has been my practice:

I obey your precepts.

⁵⁷You are my portion, O LORD;

I have promised to obey your words.

⁵⁸I have sought your face with all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your promise.

⁵⁹I have considered my ways

and have turned my steps to your statutes.

⁶⁰I will hasten and not delay

to obey your commands.

⁶¹Though the wicked bind me with ropes,

I will not forget your law.

⁶²At midnight I rise to give you thanks

for your righteous laws.

⁶³I am a friend to all who fear you,

to all who follow your precepts.

⁶⁴The earth is filled with your love, O LORD;

teach me your decrees.

⁶⁵Do good to your servant

according to your word, O LORD.

⁶⁶Teach me knowledge and good judgment,

for I believe in your commands.

⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray,

but now I obey your word.

⁶⁸You are good, and what you do is good;

teach me your decrees.

⁶⁹Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,

I keep your precepts with all my heart.

⁷⁰Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,

but I delight in your law.

⁷¹It was good for me to be afflicted

so that I might learn your decrees.

⁷²The law from your mouth is more precious to me

than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

⁷³Your hands made me and formed me;

give me understanding to learn your commands.

⁷⁴May those who fear you rejoice when they see me,

for I have put my hope in your word.

⁷⁵I know, O LORD, that your laws are righteous,

and in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

⁷⁶May your unfailing love be my comfort,

according to your promise to your servant.

⁷⁷Let your compassion come to me that I may live,

for your law is my delight.

⁷⁸May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause;

but I will meditate on your precepts.

⁷⁹May those who fear you turn to me,

those who understand your statutes.

⁸⁰May my heart be blameless toward your decrees,

that I may not be put to shame.

⁸¹My soul faints with longing for your salvation,

but I have put my hope in your word.

⁸²My eyes fail, looking for your promise;

I say, "When will you comfort me?"

⁸³Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke,

I do not forget your decrees.

⁸⁴How long must your servant wait?

When will you punish my persecutors?

⁸⁵The arrogant dig pitfalls for me,

contrary to your law.

⁸⁶All your commands are trustworthy;

help me, for men persecute me without cause.

⁸⁷They almost wiped me from the earth,

but I have not forsaken your precepts.

⁸⁸Preserve my life according to your love,

and I will obey the statutes of your mouth.

⁸⁹Your word, O LORD, is eternal;

it stands firm in the heavens.

⁹⁰Your faithfulness continues through all generations;

you established the earth, and it endures.

⁹¹Your laws endure to this day,

for all things serve you.

⁹²If your law had not been my delight,

I would have perished in my affliction.

⁹³I will never forget your precepts,

for by them you have preserved my life.

⁹⁴Save me, for I am yours;

I have sought out your precepts.

⁹⁵The wicked are waiting to destroy me,

but I will ponder your statutes.

⁹⁶To all perfection I see a limit;

but your commands are boundless.

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

⁹⁸Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

for they are ever with me.

⁹⁹I have more insight than all my teachers,

for I meditate on your statutes.

¹⁰⁰I have more understanding than the elders,

for I obey your precepts.

¹⁰¹I have kept my feet from every evil path

so that I might obey your word.

¹⁰²I have not departed from your laws,

for you yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste,

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴I gain understanding from your precepts;

therefore I hate every wrong path.

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet

and a light for my path.

¹⁰⁶I have taken an oath and confirmed it,

that I will follow your righteous laws.

¹⁰⁷I have suffered much;

preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth,

and teach me your laws.

¹⁰⁹Though I constantly take my life in my hands,

I will not forget your law.

¹¹⁰The wicked have set a snare for me,

but I have not strayed from your precepts.

¹¹¹Your statutes are my heritage forever;

they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹²My heart is set on keeping your decrees

to the very end.

¹¹³I hate double-minded men,

but I love your law.

¹¹⁴You are my refuge and my shield;

I have put my hope in your word.

¹¹⁵Away from me, you evildoers,

that I may keep the commands of my God!

¹¹⁶Sustain me according to your promise, and I will live;

do not let my hopes be dashed.

¹¹⁷Uphold me, and I will be delivered;

I will always have regard for your decrees.

¹¹⁸You reject all who stray from your decrees,

for their deceitfulness is in vain.

¹¹⁹All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross;

therefore I love your statutes.

¹²⁰My flesh trembles in fear of you;

I stand in awe of your laws.

¹²¹I have done what is righteous and just;

do not leave me to my oppressors.

¹²²Ensure your servant's well-being;

let not the arrogant oppress me.

¹²³My eyes fail, looking for your salvation,

looking for your righteous promise.

¹²⁴Deal with your servant according to your love

and teach me your decrees.

¹²⁵I am your servant; give me discernment

that I may understand your statutes.

¹²⁶It is time for you to act, O LORD;

your law is being broken.

¹²⁷Because I love your commands more than gold,

more than pure gold,

¹²⁸and because I consider all your precepts right,

I hate every wrong path.

¹²⁹Your statutes are wonderful;

therefore I obey them.

¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives light;

it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant,

longing for your commands.

¹³²Turn to me and have mercy on me,

as you always do to those who love your name.

¹³³Direct my footsteps according to your word;

let no sin rule over me.

¹³⁴Redeem me from the oppression of men,

that I may obey your precepts.

¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant

and teach me your decrees.

¹³⁶Streams of tears flow from my eyes,

for your law is not obeyed.

¹³⁷Righteous are you, O LORD,

and your laws are right.

¹³⁸The statutes you have laid down are righteous;

they are fully trustworthy.

¹³⁹My zeal wears me out,

for my enemies ignore your words.

¹⁴⁰Your promises have been thoroughly tested,

and your servant loves them.

¹⁴¹Though I am lowly and despised,

I do not forget your precepts.

¹⁴²Your righteousness is everlasting

and your law is true.

¹⁴³Trouble and distress have come upon me,

but your commands are my delight.

¹⁴⁴Your statutes are forever right;

give me understanding that I may live.

¹⁴⁵I call with all my heart; answer me, O LORD,

and I will obey your decrees.

¹⁴⁶I call out to you; save me

and I will keep your statutes.

¹⁴⁷I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I have put my hope in your word.

¹⁴⁸My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,

that I may meditate on your promises.

¹⁴⁹Hear my voice in accordance with your love;

preserve my life, O LORD, according to your laws.

¹⁵⁰Those who devise wicked schemes are near,

but they are far from your law.

¹⁵¹Yet you are near, O LORD,

and all your commands are true.

¹⁵²Long ago I learned from your statutes

that you established them to last forever.

¹⁵³Look upon my suffering and deliver me,

for I have not forgotten your law.

¹⁵⁴Defend my cause and redeem me;

preserve my life according to your promise.

¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked,

for they do not seek out your decrees.

¹⁵⁶Your compassion is great, O LORD;

preserve my life according to your laws.

¹⁵⁷Many are the foes who persecute me,

but I have not turned from your statutes.

¹⁵⁸I look on the faithless with loathing,

for they do not obey your word.

¹⁵⁹See how I love your precepts;

preserve my life, O LORD, according to your love.

¹⁶⁰All your words are true;

all your righteous laws are eternal.

¹⁶¹Rulers persecute me without cause,

but my heart trembles at your word.

¹⁶²I rejoice in your promise

like one who finds great spoil.

¹⁶³I hate and abhor falsehood

but I love your law.

¹⁶⁴Seven times a day I praise you

for your righteous laws.

¹⁶⁵Great peace have they who love your law,

and nothing can make them stumble.

¹⁶⁶I wait for your salvation, O LORD,

and I follow your commands.

¹⁶⁷I obey your statutes,

for I love them greatly.

¹⁶⁸I obey your precepts and your statutes,

for all my ways are known to you.

¹⁶⁹May my cry come before you, O LORD;

give me understanding according to your word.

¹⁷⁰May my supplication come before you;

deliver me according to your promise.

¹⁷¹May my lips overflow with praise,

for you teach me your decrees.

¹⁷²May my tongue sing of your word,

for all your commands are righteous.

¹⁷³May your hand be ready to help me,

for I have chosen your precepts.

¹⁷⁴I long for your salvation, O LORD,

and your law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵Let me live that I may praise you,

and may your laws sustain me.

¹⁷⁶I have strayed like a lost sheep.

Seek your servant,

for I have not forgotten your commands.

^{120:1}A song of ascents.

I call on the LORD in my distress,

and he answers me.

²Save me, O LORD, from lying lips

and from deceitful tongues.

³What will he do to you,

and what more besides, O deceitful tongue?

⁴He will punish you with a warrior's sharp arrows,

with burning coals of the broom tree.

⁵Woe to me that I dwell in Meshech,

that I live among the tents of Kedar!

⁶Too long have I lived

among those who hate peace.

⁷I am a man of peace;

but when I speak, they are for war.

^{121:1}A song of ascents.

I lift up my eyes to the hills--

where does my help come from?

²My help comes from the LORD,

the Maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot slip--

he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴indeed, he who watches over Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD watches over you--

the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not harm you by day,

nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all harm--

he will watch over your life;

⁸the LORD will watch over your coming and going

both now and forevermore.

I rejoiced with those who said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

²Our feet are standing

in your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built like a city

that is closely compacted together.

⁴That is where the tribes go up,

the tribes of the LORD,

to praise the name of the LORD

according to the statute given to Israel.

⁵There the thrones for judgment stand,

the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May those who love you be secure.

⁷May there be peace within your walls

and security within your citadels."

⁸For the sake of my brothers and friends,

I will say, "Peace be within you."

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek your prosperity.

^{123:1}A song of ascents.

I lift up my eyes to you,

to you whose throne is in heaven.

²As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the LORD our God,

till he shows us his mercy.

³Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us,

for we have endured much contempt.

⁴We have endured much ridicule from the proud,

much contempt from the arrogant.

^{124:1}A song of ascents. Of David.

If the LORD had not been on our side--

let Israel say--

²if the LORD had not been on our side

when men attacked us,

³when their anger flared against us,

they would have swallowed us alive;

⁴the flood would have engulfed us,

the torrent would have swept over us,

⁵the raging waters

would have swept us away.

⁶Praise be to the LORD,

who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

⁷We have escaped like a bird

out of the fowler's snare;

the snare has been broken,

and we have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD,

the Maker of heaven and earth.

^{125:1}A song of ascents.

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

so the LORD surrounds his people

both now and forevermore.

³The scepter of the wicked will not remain

over the land allotted to the righteous,

for then the righteous might use

their hands to do evil.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,

to those who are upright in heart.

⁵But those who turn to crooked ways

the LORD will banish with the evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel.

^{126:1}A song of ascents.

When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion,

we were like men who dreamed.

²Our mouths were filled with laughter,

our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,

"The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us,

and we are filled with joy.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,

like streams in the Negev.

⁵Those who sow in tears

will reap with songs of joy.

⁶He who goes out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with him.

^{127:1}A song of ascents. Of Solomon.

Unless the LORD builds the house,
its builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchmen stand guard in vain.

²In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat--
for he grants sleep to those he loves.

³Sons are a heritage from the LORD,
children a reward from him.

⁴Like arrows in the hands of a warrior

are sons born in one's youth.

⁵Blessed is the man

whose quiver is full of them.

They will not be put to shame

when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

^{128:1} A song of ascents.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,

who walk in his ways.

²You will eat the fruit of your labor;

blessings and prosperity will be yours.

³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine

within your house;

your sons will be like olive shoots

around your table.

⁴Thus is the man blessed

who fears the LORD.

⁵May the LORD bless you from Zion

all the days of your life;

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,

⁶and may you live to see your children's children.

Peace be upon Israel.

^{129:1}A song of ascents.

They have greatly oppressed me from my youth--

let Israel say--

²they have greatly oppressed me from my youth,

but they have not gained the victory over me.

³Plowmen have plowed my back

and made their furrows long.

⁴But the LORD is righteous;

he has cut me free from the cords of the wicked.

⁵May all who hate Zion

be turned back in shame.

⁶May they be like grass on the roof,

which withers before it can grow;

⁷with it the reaper cannot fill his hands,

nor the one who gathers fill his arms.

⁸May those who pass by not say,

"The blessing of the LORD be upon you;

we bless you in the name of the LORD."

^{130:1}A song of ascents.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive

to my cry for mercy.

³If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness;

therefore you are feared.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I put my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen wait for the morning,

more than watchmen wait for the morning.

⁷O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love

and with him is full redemption.

⁸He himself will redeem Israel

from all their sins.

^{131:1}A song of ascents. Of David.

My heart is not proud, O LORD,

my eyes are not haughty;

I do not concern myself with great matters

or things too wonderful for me.

²But I have stilled and quieted my soul;

like a weaned child with its mother,

like a weaned child is my soul within me.

³O Israel, put your hope in the LORD

both now and forevermore.

^{132:1}A song of ascents.

O LORD, remember David

and all the hardships he endured.

²He swore an oath to the LORD

and made a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

³"I will not enter my house

or go to my bed--

⁴I will allow no sleep to my eyes,

no slumber to my eyelids,

⁵till I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

⁶We heard it in Ephrathah,
we came upon it in the fields of Jaar:

⁷"Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us worship at his footstool--

⁸arise, O LORD, and come to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.

⁹May your priests be clothed with righteousness;
may your saints sing for joy."

¹⁰For the sake of David your servant,
do not reject your anointed one.

¹¹The LORD swore an oath to David,
a sure oath that he will not revoke:

"One of your own descendants
I will place on your throne--

¹²if your sons keep my covenant

and the statutes I teach them,

then their sons will sit

on your throne for ever and ever."

¹³For the LORD has chosen Zion,

he has desired it for his dwelling:

¹⁴"This is my resting place for ever and ever;

here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it--

¹⁵I will bless her with abundant provisions;

her poor will I satisfy with food.

¹⁶I will clothe her priests with salvation,

and her saints will ever sing for joy.

¹⁷"Here I will make a horn grow for David

and set up a lamp for my anointed one.

¹⁸I will clothe his enemies with shame,

but the crown on his head will be resplendent."

^{133:1}A song of ascents. Of David.

How good and pleasant it is

when brothers live together in unity!

²It is like precious oil poured on the head,

running down on the beard,

running down on Aaron's beard,

down upon the collar of his robes.

³It is as if the dew of Hermon

were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,

even life forevermore.

^{134:1}A song of ascents.

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD

who minister by night in the house of the LORD.

²Lift up your hands in the sanctuary

and praise the LORD.

³May the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth,

 bless you from Zion.

^{135:1}Praise the LORD.

Praise the name of the LORD;

 praise him, you servants of the LORD,

²you who minister in the house of the LORD,

 in the courts of the house of our God.

³Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

 sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

⁴For the LORD has chosen Jacob to be his own,

 Israel to be his treasured possession.

⁵I know that the LORD is great,

 that our Lord is greater than all gods.

⁶The LORD does whatever pleases him,

in the heavens and on the earth,

in the seas and all their depths.

⁷He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth;

he sends lightning with the rain

and brings out the wind from his storehouses.

⁸He struck down the firstborn of Egypt,

the firstborn of men and animals.

⁹He sent his signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt,

against Pharaoh and all his servants.

¹⁰He struck down many nations

and killed mighty kings--

¹¹Sihon king of the Amorites,

Og king of Bashan

and all the kings of Canaan--

¹²and he gave their land as an inheritance,

an inheritance to his people Israel.

¹³Your name, O LORD, endures forever,

your renown, O LORD, through all generations.

¹⁴For the LORD will vindicate his people

and have compassion on his servants.

¹⁵The idols of the nations are silver and gold,

made by the hands of men.

¹⁶They have mouths, but cannot speak,

eyes, but they cannot see;

¹⁷they have ears, but cannot hear,

nor is there breath in their mouths.

¹⁸Those who make them will be like them,

and so will all who trust in them.

¹⁹O house of Israel, praise the LORD;

O house of Aaron, praise the LORD;

²⁰O house of Levi, praise the LORD;

you who fear him, praise the LORD.

²¹Praise be to the LORD from Zion,

to him who dwells in Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD.

^{136:1}Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

²Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

⁴to him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

⁵who by his understanding made the heavens,

His love endures forever.

⁶who spread out the earth upon the waters,

His love endures forever.

⁷who made the great lights--

His love endures forever.

⁸the sun to govern the day,

His love endures forever.

⁹the moon and stars to govern the night;

His love endures forever.

¹⁰to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt

His love endures forever.

¹¹and brought Israel out from among them

His love endures forever.

¹²with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;

His love endures forever.

¹³to him who divided the Red Sea asunder

His love endures forever.

¹⁴and brought Israel through the midst of it,

His love endures forever.

¹⁵but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

His love endures forever.

¹⁶to him who led his people through the desert,

His love endures forever.

¹⁷who struck down great kings,

His love endures forever.

¹⁸and killed mighty kings--

His love endures forever.

¹⁹Sihon king of the Amorites

His love endures forever.

²⁰and Og king of Bashan--

His love endures forever.

²¹and gave their land as an inheritance,

His love endures forever.

²²an inheritance to his servant Israel;

His love endures forever.

²³to the One who remembered us in our low estate

His love endures forever.

²⁴and freed us from our enemies,

His love endures forever.

²⁵and who gives food to every creature.

His love endures forever.

²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven.

His love endures forever.

^{137:1}By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept

when we remembered Zion.

²There on the poplars

we hung our harps,

³for there our captors asked us for songs,

our tormentors demanded songs of joy;

they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

⁴How can we sing the songs of the LORD

while in a foreign land?

⁵If I forget you, O Jerusalem,

may my right hand forget its skill.

⁶May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth

if I do not remember you,

if I do not consider Jerusalem

my highest joy.

⁷Remember, O LORD, what the Edomites did

on the day Jerusalem fell.

"Tear it down," they cried,

"tear it down to its foundations!"

⁸O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction,

happy is he who repays you

for what you have done to us--

⁹he who seizes your infants

and dashes them against the rocks.

^{138:1}Of David.

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;

before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple

and will praise your name

for your love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted above all things

your name and your word.

³When I called, you answered me;

you made me bold and stouthearted.

⁴May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD,

when they hear the words of your mouth.

⁵May they sing of the ways of the LORD,

for the glory of the LORD is great.

⁶Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly,

but the proud he knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes,

with your right hand you save me.

⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

your love, O LORD, endures forever--

do not abandon the works of your hands.

^{139:1}For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

O LORD, you have searched me

and you know me.

²You know when I sit and when I rise;

you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³You discern my going out and my lying down;

you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴Before a word is on my tongue

you know it completely, O LORD.

⁵You hem me in--behind and before;

you have laid your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

too lofty for me to attain.

⁷Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me

and the light become night around me,"

¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you;

the night will shine like the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

¹³For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you

when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

¹⁶your eyes saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me

were written in your book

before one of them came to be.

¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸Were I to count them,

they would outnumber the grains of sand.

When I awake,

I am still with you.

¹⁹If only you would slay the wicked, O God!

Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

²⁰They speak of you with evil intent;

your adversaries misuse your name.

²¹Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD,

and abhor those who rise up against you?

²²I have nothing but hatred for them;

I count them my enemies.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

^{140:1}For the director of music. A psalm of David.

Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men;

protect me from men of violence,

²who devise evil plans in their hearts

and stir up war every day.

³They make their tongues as sharp as a serpent's;

the poison of vipers is on their lips.

Selah

⁴Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;

protect me from men of violence

who plan to trip my feet.

⁵Proud men have hidden a snare for me;

they have spread out the cords of their net

and have set traps for me along my path.

Selah

⁶O LORD, I say to you, "You are my God."

Hear, O LORD, my cry for mercy.

⁷O Sovereign LORD, my strong deliverer,

who shields my head in the day of battle--

⁸do not grant the wicked their desires, O LORD;

do not let their plans succeed,

or they will become proud.

Selah

⁹Let the heads of those who surround me

be covered with the trouble their lips have caused.

¹⁰Let burning coals fall upon them;

may they be thrown into the fire,

into miry pits, never to rise.

¹¹Let slanderers not be established in the land;

may disaster hunt down men of violence.

¹²I know that the LORD secures justice for the poor

and upholds the cause of the needy.

¹³Surely the righteous will praise your name

and the upright will live before you.

^{141:1}A psalm of David.

O LORD, I call to you; come quickly to me.

Hear my voice when I call to you.

²May my prayer be set before you like incense;

may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

³Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD;

keep watch over the door of my lips.

⁴Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil,

to take part in wicked deeds

with men who are evildoers;

let me not eat of their delicacies.

⁵Let a righteous man strike me--it is a kindness;

let him rebuke me--it is oil on my head.

My head will not refuse it.

Yet my prayer is ever against the deeds of evildoers;

⁶their rulers will be thrown down from the cliffs,

and the wicked will learn that my words were well spoken.

⁷They will say, "As one plows and breaks up the earth,

so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of the grave."

⁸But my eyes are fixed on you, O Sovereign LORD;

in you I take refuge--do not give me over to death.

⁹Keep me from the snares they have laid for me,

from the traps set by evildoers.

¹⁰Let the wicked fall into their own nets,

while I pass by in safety.

^{142:1}A *maskil* of David. When he was in the cave. A prayer.

I cry aloud to the LORD;

I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.

²I pour out my complaint before him;

before him I tell my trouble.

³When my spirit grows faint within me,

it is you who know my way.

In the path where I walk

men have hidden a snare for me.

⁴Look to my right and see;

no one is concerned for me.

I have no refuge;

no one cares for my life.

⁵I cry to you, O LORD;

I say, "You are my refuge,

my portion in the land of the living."

⁶Listen to my cry,

for I am in desperate need;

rescue me from those who pursue me,

for they are too strong for me.

⁷Set me free from my prison,

that I may praise your name.

Then the righteous will gather about me

because of your goodness to me.

^{143:1}A psalm of David.

O LORD, hear my prayer,

listen to my cry for mercy;

in your faithfulness and righteousness

come to my relief.

²Do not bring your servant into judgment,

for no one living is righteous before you.

³The enemy pursues me,

he crushes me to the ground;

he makes me dwell in darkness

like those long dead.

⁴So my spirit grows faint within me;

my heart within me is dismayed.

⁵I remember the days of long ago;

I meditate on all your works

and consider what your hands have done.

⁶I spread out my hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Selah

⁷Answer me quickly, O LORD;

my spirit fails.

Do not hide your face from me

or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

⁸Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

for I have put my trust in you.

Show me the way I should go,

for to you I lift up my soul.

⁹Rescue me from my enemies, O LORD,

for I hide myself in you.

¹⁰Teach me to do your will,

for you are my God;

may your good Spirit

lead me on level ground.

¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life;

in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

¹²In your unfailing love, silence my enemies;

destroy all my foes,

for I am your servant.

^{144:1}Of David.

Praise be to the LORD my Rock,

who trains my hands for war,

my fingers for battle.

²He is my loving God and my fortress,

my stronghold and my deliverer,

my shield, in whom I take refuge,

who subdues peoples under me.

³O LORD, what is man that you care for him,

the son of man that you think of him?

⁴Man is like a breath;

his days are like a fleeting shadow.

⁵Part your heavens, O LORD, and come down;

touch the mountains, so that they smoke.

⁶Send forth lightning and scatter the enemies;

shoot your arrows and rout them.

⁷Reach down your hand from on high;

deliver me and rescue me

from the mighty waters,

from the hands of foreigners

⁸whose mouths are full of lies,

whose right hands are deceitful.

⁹I will sing a new song to you, O God;

on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to you,

¹⁰to the One who gives victory to kings,

who delivers his servant David from the deadly sword.

¹¹Deliver me and rescue me

from the hands of foreigners

whose mouths are full of lies,

whose right hands are deceitful.

¹²Then our sons in their youth

will be like well-nurtured plants,

and our daughters will be like pillars

carved to adorn a palace.

¹³Our barns will be filled

with every kind of provision.

Our sheep will increase by thousands,

by tens of thousands in our fields;

¹⁴our oxen will draw heavy loads.

There will be no breaching of walls,

no going into captivity,

no cry of distress in our streets.

¹⁵Blessed are the people of whom this is true;

blessed are the people whose God is the LORD.

^{145:1}A psalm of praise. Of David.

I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

²Every day I will praise you

and extol your name for ever and ever.

³Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

his greatness no one can fathom.

⁴One generation will commend your works to another;

they will tell of your mighty acts.

⁵They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,

and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

⁶They will tell of the power of your awesome works,

and I will proclaim your great deeds.

⁷They will celebrate your abundant goodness

and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹The LORD is good to all;

he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁰All you have made will praise you, O LORD;

your saints will extol you.

¹¹They will tell of the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your might,

¹²so that all men may know of your mighty acts

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is faithful to all his promises

and loving toward all he has made.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all those who fall

and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food at the proper time.

¹⁶You open your hand

and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways

and loving toward all he has made.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,

to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

he hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him,

but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

Let every creature praise his holy name

for ever and ever.

^{146:1}Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

²I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortal men, who cannot save.

⁴When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶the Maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and everything in them--

the LORD, who remains faithful forever.

⁷He upholds the cause of the oppressed

and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸the LORD gives sight to the blind,

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the alien

and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD reigns forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

^{147:1}Praise the LORD.

How good it is to sing praises to our God,

how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

²The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

⁴He determines the number of the stars

and calls them each by name.

⁵Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

his understanding has no limit.

⁶The LORD sustains the humble

but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

make music to our God on the harp.

⁸He covers the sky with clouds;

he supplies the earth with rain

and makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹He provides food for the cattle

and for the young ravens when they call.

¹⁰His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his delight in the legs of a man;

¹¹the LORD delights in those who fear him,

who put their hope in his unfailing love.

¹²Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion,

¹³for he strengthens the bars of your gates

and blesses your people within you.

¹⁴He grants peace to your borders

and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

¹⁵He sends his command to the earth;

his word runs swiftly.

¹⁶He spreads the snow like wool

and scatters the frost like ashes.

¹⁷He hurls down his hail like pebbles.

Who can withstand his icy blast?

¹⁸He sends his word and melts them;

he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.

¹⁹He has revealed his word to Jacob,

his laws and decrees to Israel.

²⁰He has done this for no other nation;

they do not know his laws.

Praise the LORD.

^{148:1}Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens,

praise him in the heights above.

²Praise him, all his angels,

praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens

and you waters above the skies.

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for he commanded and they were created.

⁶He set them in place for ever and ever;

he gave a decree that will never pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸lightning and hail, snow and clouds,

stormy winds that do his bidding,

⁹you mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰wild animals and all cattle,

small creatures and flying birds,

¹¹kings of the earth and all nations,

you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹²young men and maidens,

old men and children.

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;

his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴He has raised up for his people a horn,

the praise of all his saints,

of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

^{149:1}Praise the LORD.

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the saints.

²Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

³Let them praise his name with dancing

and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

⁴For the LORD takes delight in his people;

he crowns the humble with salvation.

⁵Let the saints rejoice in this honor

and sing for joy on their beds.

⁶May the praise of God be in their mouths

and a double-edged sword in their hands,

⁷to inflict vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

⁸to bind their kings with fetters,

their nobles with shackles of iron,

⁹to carry out the sentence written against them.

This is the glory of all his saints.

Praise the LORD.

^{150:1}Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

²Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴praise him with tambourine and dancing,

praise him with the strings and flute,

⁵praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.*

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