



# THE PSALMS

## 1

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

<sup>2</sup>Their delight is  
in the law of the LORD,\*  
and they meditate on his law  
day and night.

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows  
the way of the righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## 2

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup>He whose throne is in heaven  
is laughing;\*  
the LORD has them in derision.

<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them in his wrath,\*  
and his rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>“I myself have set my king\*  
upon my holy hill of Zion.”

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce  
the decree of the LORD: \*  
He said to me, “You are my son;  
this day have I begotten you.

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

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

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

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear,\*  
and with trembling  
bow before him;

<sup>12</sup>lest he be angry, and you perish,\*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

<sup>13</sup>Happy are they all\*  
who take refuge in him!

## 4

- <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God,  
defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free  
when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me  
and hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup>“You mortals, how long  
will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long  
will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD  
does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD,  
he will hear me.
- <sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence  
upon your bed.
- <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices; \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>Many are saying,  
“Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light  
of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine  
and oil increase.
- <sup>8</sup>I lie down in peace;  
at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD,  
make me dwell in safety.

## 5

- <sup>1</sup>Give ear to my words, O LORD; \*  
consider my meditation.
- <sup>2</sup>Hearken to my cry for help,  
my King and my God; \*  
for I make my prayer to you.
- <sup>3</sup>In the morning, LORD,  
you hear my voice; \*  
early in the morning  
I make my appeal and watch for you.
- <sup>4</sup>For you are not a God  
who takes pleasure in wickedness; \*

- and evil cannot dwell with you.
- <sup>5</sup>Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; \*  
you hate all those  
who work wickedness.
- <sup>6</sup>You destroy those who speak lies; \*  
the bloodthirsty and deceitful,  
O LORD, you abhor.
- <sup>7</sup>But as for me,  
through the greatness of your mercy  
I will go into your house; \*  
I will bow down  
toward your holy temple  
in awe of you.
- <sup>8</sup>Lead me, O LORD,  
in your righteousness,  
because of those who lie in wait for me; \*  
make your way straight before me.
- <sup>9</sup>For there is no truth in their mouth; \*  
there is destruction in their heart;  
<sup>10</sup>their throat is an open grave; \*  
they flatter with their tongue.
- <sup>11</sup>Declare them guilty, O God; \*  
let them fall,  
because of their schemes.
- <sup>12</sup>Because of their many transgressions,  
cast them out; \*  
for they have rebelled against you.
- <sup>13</sup>But all who take refuge in you  
will be glad; \*  
they will sing out their joy forever.
- <sup>14</sup>You will shelter them; \*  
so that those who love your name  
may exult in you.
- <sup>15</sup>For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; \*  
you will defend them  
with your favor as with a shield.

## 6

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*  
do not punish me in your wrath.
- <sup>2</sup>Have pity on me, LORD,  
for I am weak; \*  
heal me, LORD,  
for my bones are racked.
- <sup>3</sup>My spirit shakes with terror; \*  
how long, O LORD, how long?

- 4 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;\*  
save me for your mercy's sake.
- 5 For in death no one remembers you;\*  
and who will give you thanks  
in the grave?
- 6 I grow weary because of my groaning;\*  
every night I drench my bed  
and flood my couch with tears.
- 7 My eyes are wasted with grief\*  
and worn away  
because of all my enemies.
- 8 Depart from me, all evildoers,\*  
for the LORD  
has heard the sound of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD has heard my supplication;\*  
the LORD accepts my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be confounded  
and quake with fear;\*  
they shall turn back  
and suddenly be put to shame.

## 7

- 1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;\*  
save and deliver me  
from all who pursue me;
- 2 lest like a lion they tear me in pieces\*  
and snatch me away  
with none to deliver me.
- 3 O LORD my God,  
if I have done these things,\*  
if there is any wickedness  
in my hands,
- 4 if I have repaid my friend with evil,\*  
or plundered him  
who without cause is my enemy,
- 5 then let my enemy pursue  
and overtake me,\*  
trample my life into the ground,  
and lay my honor in the dust.
- 6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath;\*  
rise up against  
the fury of my enemies.
- 7 Awake, O my God, decree justice;\*  
let the assembly of the peoples  
gather round you.

- 8 Be seated on your lofty throne,  
O Most High;\*  
O LORD, judge the nations.
- 9 Give judgment for me according to my  
righteousness, O LORD,\*  
and according to my innocence,  
O Most High.
- 10 Let the malice of the wicked  
come to an end,  
but establish the righteous;\*  
for you test the mind and heart,  
O righteous God.
- 11 God is my shield and defense;\*  
he is the savior of the true in heart.
- 12 God is a righteous judge;\*  
God sits in judgment every day.
- 13 If they will not repent,  
God will whet his sword;\*  
he will bend his bow and make it ready.
- 14 He has prepared his weapons of death;\*  
he makes his arrows shafts of fire.
- 15 Look at those  
who are in labor with wickedness,\*  
who conceive evil,  
and give birth to a lie.
- 16 They dig a pit and make it deep\*  
and fall into the hole  
that they have made.
- 17 Their malice turns back  
upon their own head;\*  
their violence falls on their own scalp.
- 18 I will bear witness  
that the LORD is righteous;\*  
I will praise the name  
of the LORD Most High.

## 8

- 1 O LORD our Lord,\*  
how exalted is your name  
in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths  
of infants and children\*  
your majesty is praised  
above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold  
against your adversaries,\*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

- 4 When I consider your heavens,  
 the work of your fingers,\*  
 the moon and the stars  
 you have set in their courses,  
 5 what is man  
 that you should be mindful of him,\*  
 the son of man  
 that you should seek him out?  
 6 You have made him  
 but little lower than the angels;\*  
 you adorn him  
 with glory and honor;  
 7 you give him mastery  
 over the works of your hands;\*  
 you put all things under his feet:  
 8 all sheep and oxen,\*  
 even the wild beasts of the field,  
 9 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,\*  
 and whatsoever walks  
 in the paths of the sea.  
 10 O LORD our Lord,\*  
 how exalted is your name  
 in all the world!
- ## 9
- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
 with my whole heart;\*  
 I will tell of all your marvelous works.  
 2 I will be glad and rejoice in you;\*  
 I will sing to your name,  
 O Most High.  
 3 When my enemies are driven back,\*  
 they will stumble and perish  
 at your presence.  
 4 For you have maintained  
 my right and my cause;\*  
 you sit upon your throne,  
 judging right.  
 5 You have rebuked the ungodly  
 and destroyed the wicked;\*  
 you have blotted out their name  
 forever and ever.  
 6 As for the enemy, they are finished,  
 in perpetual ruin,\*  
 their cities plowed under,  
 the memory of them perished;  
 7 but the LORD is enthroned forever;\*  
 he has set up his throne for judgment.  
 8 It is he who  
 rules the world with righteousness;\*  
 he judges the peoples with equity.  
 9 The LORD will be a refuge  
 for the oppressed,\*  
 a refuge in time of trouble.  
 10 Those who know your name  
 will put their trust in you,\*  
 for you never forsake those  
 who seek you, O LORD.  
 11 Sing praise to the LORD  
 who dwells in Zion;\*  
 proclaim to the peoples  
 the things he has done.  
 12 The avenger of blood  
 will remember them;\*  
 he will not forget  
 the cry of the afflicted.  
 13 Have pity on me, O LORD;\*  
 see the misery I suffer  
 from those who hate me,  
 O you who lift me up  
 from the gate of death;  
 14 so that I may tell of all your praises  
 and rejoice in your salvation\*  
 in the gates of the city of Zion.  
 15 The ungodly have fallen  
 into the pit they dug,\*  
 and in the snare they set  
 is their own foot caught.  
 16 The LORD is known  
 by his acts of justice;\*  
 the wicked are trapped  
 in the works of their own hands.  
 17 The wicked  
 shall be given over to the grave,\*  
 and also all the peoples  
 that forget God.  
 18 For the needy  
 shall not always be forgotten,\*  
 and the hope of the poor  
 shall not perish forever.  
 19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly  
 have the upper hand;\*  
 let them be judged before you.

<sup>20</sup>Put fear upon them, O LORD; \*  
let the ungodly know  
they are but mortal.

## 10

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

<sup>2</sup>The wicked  
arrogantly persecute the poor; \*  
but they are trapped in the schemes  
they have devised.

<sup>3</sup>The wicked boast of their heart's desire; \*  
the covetous curse  
and revile the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are so proud  
that they care not for God; \*  
their only thought is,  
"God does not matter."

<sup>5</sup>Their ways are devious at all times;  
your judgments are far above,  
out of their sight; \*  
they defy all their enemies.

<sup>6</sup>They say in their heart,  
"I shall not be shaken; \*  
no harm shall happen to me ever."

<sup>7</sup>Their mouth is full of cursing,  
deceit, and oppression; \*  
under their tongue  
are mischief and wrong.

<sup>8</sup>They lurk in ambush in public squares,  
and in secret places  
they murder the innocent; \*  
they spy out the helpless.

<sup>9</sup>They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;  
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; \*  
they seize the lowly  
and drag them away in their net.

<sup>10</sup>The innocent are broken  
and humbled before them; \*  
the helpless fall before their power.

<sup>11</sup>They say in their heart,  
"God has forgotten; \*  
he hides his face; he will never notice."

<sup>12</sup>Rise up, O LORD;  
lift up your hand, O God; \*  
do not forget the afflicted.

<sup>13</sup>Why should the wicked revile God? \*  
Why should they say in their heart,  
"You do not care"?

<sup>14</sup>Surely, you behold trouble and misery; \*  
you see it  
and take it into your own hand.

<sup>15</sup>The helpless commit themselves to you, \*  
for you are the helper of orphans.

<sup>16</sup>Break the power of the wicked and evil; \*  
search out their wickedness  
until you find none.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD is king forever and ever; \*  
the ungodly shall perish  
from his land.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD will hear the desire  
of the humble; \*  
you will strengthen their heart  
and your ears shall hear,

<sup>19</sup>to give justice  
to the orphan and oppressed; \*  
so that mere mortals  
may strike terror no more.

## 11

<sup>1</sup>In the LORD have I taken refuge; \*  
how then can you say to me,  
"Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

<sup>2</sup>for see how the wicked bend the bow  
and fit their arrows to the string; \*  
to shoot from ambush  
at the frue of heart.

<sup>3</sup>When the foundations  
are being destroyed, \*  
what can the righteous do?"

<sup>4</sup>The LORD is in his holy temple; \*  
the LORD's throne is in heaven.

<sup>5</sup>His eyes behold the inhabited world; \*  
his piercing eye weighs our worth.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD weighs the righteous  
as well as the wicked; \*  
but those who delight in violence  
he abhors.

<sup>7</sup>Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire  
and burning sulphur; \*  
a scorching wind shall be their lot.

<sup>8</sup>For the LORD is righteous;  
he delights in righteous deeds;\*  
and the just shall see his face.

## 12

<sup>1</sup>Help me, LORD,  
for there is no godly one left;\*  
the faithful have vanished  
from among us.  
<sup>2</sup>Everyone speaks falsely  
with his neighbor;\*  
with a smooth tongue  
they speak from a double heart.  
<sup>3</sup>Oh, that the LORD would cut off  
all smooth tongues,\*  
and close the lips  
that utter proud boasts!  
<sup>4</sup>Those who say,  
“With our tongue will we prevail;\*  
our lips are our own;  
who is lord over us?”  
<sup>5</sup>“Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry out in misery,\*  
I will rise up,” says the LORD,  
“and give them the help they long for.”  
<sup>6</sup>The words of the LORD are pure words,\*  
like silver refined from ore  
and purified seven times in the fire.  
<sup>7</sup>O LORD, watch over us\*  
and save us from this generation  
forever.  
<sup>8</sup>The wicked prowl on every side,\*  
and that which is worthless  
is highly prized by everyone.

## 15

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell  
in your tabernacle?\*  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup>Whoever leads a blameless life  
and does what is right,\*  
who speaks the truth from his heart,  
<sup>3</sup>there is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend;\*

he does not heap contempt  
upon his neighbor.  
<sup>4</sup>In his sight the wicked is rejected,\*  
but he honors those  
who fear the LORD.  
<sup>5</sup>He has sworn to do no wrong\*  
and does not take back his word.  
<sup>6</sup>He does not give his money  
in hope of gain,\*  
nor does he take a bribe  
against the innocent.  
<sup>7</sup>Whoever does these things\*  
shall never be overthrown.

## 16

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God,  
for I take refuge in you;\*  
I have said to the LORD,  
“You are my Lord,  
my good above all other.”  
<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly  
that are in the land,\*  
upon those who are noble  
among the people.  
<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods\*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer,\*  
nor take the names of their gods  
upon my lips.  
<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;\*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;\*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD  
who gives me counsel;\*  
my heart teaches me night after night.  
<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;\*  
because he is at my right hand,  
I shall not fall.  
<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad,  
and my spirit rejoices;\*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me  
to the grave,\*  
nor let your holy one see the pit.

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

## 17

<sup>1</sup>Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;  
 give heed to my cry;\*  
 listen to my prayer,  
 which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup>Let my vindication come forth  
 from your presence;\*  
 let your eyes be fixed on justice.

<sup>3</sup>Weigh my heart, summon me by night,\*  
 melt me down;  
 you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>4</sup>I give no offense with my mouth  
 as others do;\*  
 I have heeded the words of your lips.

<sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast  
 to the ways of your law;\*  
 in your paths  
 my feet shall not stumble.

<sup>6</sup>I call upon you, O God,  
 for you will answer me;\*  
 incline your ear to me  
 and hear my words.

<sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous  
 lovingkindness,\*  
 O Savior of those  
 who take refuge at your right hand  
 from those who rise up against them.

<sup>8</sup>Keep me as the apple of your eye;\*  
 hide me  
 under the shadow of your wings,

<sup>9</sup>from the wicked who assault me,\*  
 from my deadly enemies  
 who surround me.

<sup>10</sup>They have closed their heart to pity,\*  
 and their mouth speaks proud things.

<sup>11</sup>They press me hard;  
 now they surround me,\*  
 watching how they may  
 cast me to the ground,

<sup>12</sup>like a lion, greedy for its prey,\*

and like a young lion  
 lurking in secret places.

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

<sup>14</sup>Deliver me, O LORD, by your hand\*  
 from those whose portion in life  
 is this world;

<sup>15</sup>whose bellies you fill with your treasure,\*  
 who are well supplied with children  
 and leave their wealth  
 to their little ones.

<sup>16</sup>But at my vindication  
 I shall see your face;\*  
 when I awake, I shall be satisfied,  
 beholding your likeness.

## 18

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

<sup>2</sup>My God, my rock  
 in whom I put my trust,\*  
 my shield, the horn of my salvation,  
 and my refuge:  
 You are worthy of praise.

<sup>3</sup>I will call upon the LORD,\*  
 and so shall I be saved  
 from my enemies.

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

<sup>5</sup>The cords of hell entangled me,\*  
 and the snares of death  
 were set for me.

<sup>6</sup>I called upon the LORD in my distress\*  
 and cried out to my God for help.

<sup>7</sup>He heard my voice  
 from his heavenly dwelling;\*  
 my cry of anguish came to his ears.

<sup>8</sup>The earth reeled and rocked;\*  
 the roots of the mountains shook;  
 they reeled because of his anger.

<sup>9</sup>Smoke rose from his nostrils  
 and a consuming fire out of his mouth,\*

- hot burning coals  
blazed forth from him.
- 10 He parted the heavens and came down \*  
with a storm cloud under his feet.
- 11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; \*  
he swooped on the wings of the wind.
- 12 He wrapped darkness about him; \*  
he made dark waters  
and thick clouds his pavilion.
- 13 From the brightness of his presence,  
through the clouds, \*  
burst hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; \*  
the Most High uttered his voice.
- 15 He loosed his arrows  
and scattered them; \*  
he hurled thunderbolts  
and routed them.
- 16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,  
and the foundations of the world  
laid bare, \*  
at your battle cry, O LORD,  
at the blast of the breath  
of your nostrils.
- 17 He reached down from on high  
and grasped me; \*  
he drew me out of great waters.
- 18 He delivered me  
from my strong enemies  
and from those who hated me, \*  
for they were too mighty for me.
- 19 They confronted me in the day  
of my disaster; \*  
but the LORD was my support.
- 20 He brought me out into an open place; \*  
he rescued me  
because he delighted in me.
- 21 The LORD rewarded me  
because of my righteous dealing; \*  
because my hands were clean  
he rewarded me;
- 22 for I have kept the ways of the LORD \*  
and have not offended against my God;
- 23 for all his judgments  
are before my eyes, \*  
and his decrees  
I have not put away from me;
- 24 for I have been blameless with him \*  
and have kept myself from iniquity;
- 25 therefore the LORD rewarded me  
according to my righteous dealing, \*  
because of the cleanness of my hands  
in his sight.
- 26 With the faithful  
you show yourself faithful, O God; \*  
with the forthright  
you show yourself forthright.
- 27 With the pure you show yourself pure, \*  
but with the crooked you are wily.
- 28 You will save a lowly people, \*  
but you will humble the haughty eyes.
- 29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; \*  
my God, you make my darkness bright.
- 30 With you  
I will break down an enclosure; \*  
with the help of my God  
I will scale any wall.
- 31 As for God, his ways are perfect;  
the words of the LORD  
are tried in the fire; \*  
he is a shield to all who trust in him.
- 32 For who is God, but the LORD? \*  
Who is the rock, except our God?
- 33 It is God  
who girds me about with strength \*  
and makes my way secure.
- 34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer \*  
and lets me stand firm on the heights.
- 35 He trains my hands for battle \*  
and my arms for bending  
even a bow of bronze.
- 36 You have given me your shield of victory; \*  
your right hand also sustains me;  
your loving care makes me great.
- 37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, \*  
and my ankles do not give way.
- 38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; \*  
I will not turn back  
till I have destroyed them.
- 39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; \*  
they fall defeated at my feet.
- 40 You have girded me  
with strength for the battle; \*



- you have cast down my adversaries  
beneath me;  
you have put my enemies to flight.
- <sup>41</sup>I destroy those who hate me;  
they cry out,  
but there is none to help them;\*  
they cry to the LORD,  
but he does not answer.
- <sup>42</sup>I beat them small  
like dust before the wind;\*  
I trample them  
like mud in the streets.
- <sup>43</sup>You deliver me  
from the strife of the peoples;\*  
you put me  
at the head of the nations.
- <sup>44</sup>A people I have not known  
shall serve me;  
no sooner shall they hear  
than they shall obey me;\*  
strangers will cringe before me.
- <sup>45</sup>The foreign peoples will lose heart;\*  
they shall come trembling  
out of their strongholds.
- <sup>46</sup>The LORD lives! Blessed is my rock!\*  
Exalted is the God of my salvation!
- <sup>47</sup>He is the God who gave me victory\*  
and cast down the peoples beneath me.
- <sup>48</sup>You rescued me  
from the fury of my enemies;  
you exalted me  
above those who rose against me;\*  
you saved me from my deadly foe.
- <sup>49</sup>Therefore will I extol you  
among the nations, O LORD,\*  
and sing praises to your name.
- <sup>50</sup>He multiplies the victories of his king;\*  
he shows lovingkindness  
to his anointed,  
to David and his descendants forever.
- <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another,\*  
and one night  
imparts knowledge to another.
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no words  
or language,\*  
and their voices are not heard,  
<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands,\*  
and their message  
to the ends of the world.
- <sup>5</sup>In the deep  
has he set a pavilion for the sun;\*  
it comes forth  
like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion  
to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>It goes forth  
from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;\*  
nothing is hidden  
from its burning heat.
- <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul;\*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart;\*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures forever;\*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,\*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- <sup>11</sup>By them also  
is your servant enlightened,\*  
and in keeping them there  
is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant  
from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;\*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

## 19

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,\*  
and the firmament  
shows his handiwork.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,\*  
O LORD, my strength  
and my redeemer.

## 20

<sup>1</sup>May the LORD answer you  
in the day of trouble,\*  
the name of the God of Jacob  
defend you;  
<sup>2</sup>send you help from his holy place\*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;  
<sup>3</sup>remember all your offerings\*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;  
<sup>4</sup>grant you your heart's desire\*  
and prosper all your plans.  
<sup>5</sup>We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the name of our God;\*  
may the LORD  
grant all your requests.  
<sup>6</sup>Now I know that the LORD  
gives victory to his anointed;\*  
he will answer him  
out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength  
of his right hand.  
<sup>7</sup>Some put their trust in chariots  
and some in horses,\*  
but we will call upon the name  
of the LORD our God.  
<sup>8</sup>They collapse and fall down,\*  
but we will arise and stand upright.  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD, give victory to the king\*  
and answer us when we call.

## 22

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me\*  
and are so far from my cry,  
and from the words of my distress?  
<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry in the daytime,  
but you do not answer;\*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,\*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup>Our forefathers put their trust in you;\*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.  
<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you  
and were delivered;\*  
they trusted in you  
and were not put to shame.  
<sup>6</sup>But as for me,  
I am a worm and no man,\*  
scorned by all  
and despised by the people.  
<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;\*  
they curl their lips  
and wag their heads, saying,  
<sup>8</sup>“He trusted in the LORD;  
let him deliver him;\*  
let him rescue him,  
if he defeats in him.”  
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he  
who took me out of the womb,\*  
and kept me safe  
upon my mother's breast.  
<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you  
ever since I was born,\*  
you were my God  
when I was still in my mother's womb.  
<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,\*  
and there is none to help.  
<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me;\*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.  
<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me,\*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.  
<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint;\*  
my heart within my breast  
is melting wax.  
<sup>15</sup>My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;  
my tongue sticks  
to the roof of my mouth;\*  
and you have laid me  
in the dust of the grave.  
<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in,  
and gangs of evildoers circle around me;\*  
they pierce my hands and my feet.  
I can count all my bones.  
<sup>17</sup>They stare and gloat over me;\*

they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.

<sup>18</sup>Be not far away, O LORD;\*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

<sup>19</sup>Save me from the sword,\*  
my life from the power of the dog.

<sup>20</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth,\*  
my wretched body  
from the horns of wild bulls.

<sup>21</sup>I will declare your name to my brethren;\*  
in the midst of the congregation  
I will praise you.

<sup>22</sup>Praise the LORD, you that fear him;\*  
stand in awe of him,  
O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

<sup>23</sup>For he does not despise  
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them;\*  
but when they cry to him  
he hears them.

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him  
in the great assembly;\*  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those  
who worship him.

<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD  
shall praise him.\*  
"May your heart live forever!"

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations  
shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD;\*  
he rules over the nations.

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth  
bow down in worship;\*  
all who go down to the dust  
fall before him.

<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him;\*  
they shall  
be known as the LORD's forever.

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known  
to a people yet unborn\*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down  
in green pastures\*  
and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life,\*  
and I will dwell  
in the house of the LORD forever.

## 24

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's  
and all that is in it,\*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>For it is he  
who founded it upon the seas\*  
and made it firm  
upon the rivers of the deep.

<sup>3</sup>"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD\*  
and who can stand  
in his holy place?"

<sup>4</sup>"Those who have clean hands  
and a pure heart,\*  
who have not  
pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive a blessing  
from the LORD\*  
and a just reward  
from the God of their salvation."

- <sup>6</sup>Such is the generation  
of those who seek him,\*  
of those who seek your face,  
O God of Jacob.
- <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors;\*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- <sup>8</sup>“Who is this King of glory?”\*  
“The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.”
- <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors;\*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- <sup>10</sup>“Who is he, this King of glory?”\*  
“The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.”

## 25

- <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you  
be put to shame;\*  
let the treacherous be disappointed  
in their schemes.
- <sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD,\*  
and teach me your paths.
- <sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,\*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- <sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD,  
your compassion and love,\*  
for they are from everlasting.
- <sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth  
and my transgressions;\*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness,  
O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD;\*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- <sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right\*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- <sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD  
are love and faithfulness\*  
to those who keep his covenant  
and his testimonies.
- <sup>10</sup>For your name's sake, O LORD,\*  
forgive my sin, for it is great.
- <sup>11</sup>Who are they who fear the LORD? \*  
He will teach them the way  
that they should choose.
- <sup>12</sup>They shall dwell in prosperity,\*  
and their offspring  
shall inherit the land.
- <sup>13</sup>The LORD is a friend  
to those who fear him,\*  
and will show them his covenant.
- <sup>14</sup>My eyes are ever looking to the LORD,\*  
for he shall pluck my feet  
out of the net.
- <sup>15</sup>Turn to me and have pity on me,\*  
for I am left alone and in misery.
- <sup>16</sup>The sorrows of my heart  
have increased;\*  
bring me out of my troubles.
- <sup>17</sup>Look upon my adversity and misery\*  
and forgive me all my sin.
- <sup>18</sup>Look upon my enemies,  
for they are many,\*  
and they  
bear a violent hatred against me.
- <sup>19</sup>Protect my life and deliver me,\*  
let me not be put to shame,  
for I have trusted in you.
- <sup>20</sup>Let integrity and uprightness  
preserve me,\*  
for my hope has been in you.
- <sup>21</sup>Deliver Israel, O God,\*  
out of all his troubles.

## 26

- <sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD,  
for I have lived with integrity;\*  
I have trusted in the Lord  
and have not faltered.
- <sup>2</sup>Test me, O LORD, and try me;\*  
examine my heart and my mind.
- <sup>3</sup>For your love is before my eyes,\*  
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless,\*  
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.  
 5 I have hated the company of evildoers;\*  
 I will not sit down with the wicked.  
 6 I will wash my hands in innocence,  
 O LORD,\*  
 that I may go in procession  
 round your altar,  
 7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving\*  
 and recounting  
 all your wonderful deeds.  
 8 LORD, I love the house  
 in which you dwell\*  
 and the place  
 where your glory abides.  
 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners,\*  
 nor my life with those  
 who thirst for blood,  
 10 whose hands are full of evil plots,\*  
 and their right hand full of bribes.  
 11 As for me, I will live with integrity;\*  
 redeem me, O LORD,  
 and have pity on me.  
 12 My foot stands on level ground;\*  
 in the full assembly  
 I will bless the LORD.

## 27

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
 whom then shall I fear? \*  
 The LORD is the strength of my life;  
 of whom then shall I be afraid?  
 2 When evildoers came upon me  
 to eat up my flesh,\*  
 it was they, my foes and  
 my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.  
 3 Though an army  
 should encamp against me,\*  
 yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
 4 and though war  
 should rise up against me,\*  
 yet will I put my trust in him.  
 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
 one thing I seek;\*

that I may dwell  
 in the house of the LORD  
 all the days of my life;  
 6 to behold the fair beauty of the LORD\*  
 and to seek him in his temple.  
 7 For in the day of trouble  
 he shall keep me safe in his shelter;\*  
 he shall hide me  
 in the secrecy of his dwelling  
 and set me high upon a rock.  
 8 Even now he lifts up my head\*  
 above my enemies found about me.  
 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling  
 an oblation  
 with sounds of great gladness;\*  
 I will sing  
 and make music to the LORD.  
 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD,  
 when I call;\*  
 have mercy on me and answer me.  
 11 You speak in my heart and say,  
 "Seek my face." \*  
 Your face, LORD, will I seek.  
 12 Hide not your face from me,\*  
 nor turn away your servant  
 in displeasure.  
 13 You have been my helper;  
 cast me not away;\*  
 do not forsake me,  
 O God of my salvation.  
 14 Though my father and my mother  
 forsake me,\*  
 the LORD will sustain me.  
 15 Show me your way, O LORD;\*  
 lead me on a level path,  
 because of my enemies.  
 16 Deliver me not  
 into the hand of my adversaries,\*  
 for false witnesses  
 have risen up against me,  
 and also those who speak malice.  
 17 What if I had not believed that I  
 should see the goodness of the LORD\*  
 in the land of the living!  
 18 Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;  
 be strong,  
 and he shall comfort your heart;\*  
 wait patiently for the LORD.

## 28

- <sup>1</sup>O LORD, I call to you;  
my rock, do not be deaf to my cry;\*  
lest, if you do not hear me,  
I become like those  
who go down to the pit.
- <sup>2</sup>Hear the voice of my prayer  
when I cry out to you,\*  
when I lift up my hands  
to your holy of holies.
- <sup>3</sup>Do not snatch me away  
with the wicked or with the evildoers,\*  
who speak peaceably  
with their neighbors,  
while strife is in their hearts.
- <sup>4</sup>Repay them according to their deeds,\*  
and according to the wickedness  
of their actions.
- <sup>5</sup>According to the work of their hands  
repay them,\*  
and give them their just deserts.
- <sup>6</sup>They have no understanding  
of the LORD's doings,  
nor of the works of his hands;\*  
therefore he will break them down  
and not build them up.
- <sup>7</sup>Blessed is the LORD!\*  
For he has heard  
the voice of my prayer.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD is my strength and my shield;\*  
my heart trusts in him,  
and I have been helped;
- <sup>9</sup>therefore my heart dances for joy,\*  
and in my song will I praise him.
- <sup>10</sup>The LORD is the strength of his people,\*  
a safe refuge for his anointed.
- <sup>11</sup>Save your people  
and bless your inheritance;\*  
shepherd them  
and carry them forever.

## 29

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

- <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD  
the glory due his name;\*  
worship the LORD  
in the beauty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD  
is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;\*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD  
is a powerful voice;\*  
the voice of the LORD  
is a voice of splendor.
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD  
breaks the cedar trees,\*  
the LORD  
breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,\*  
and Mount Hermon  
like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD  
shakes the wilderness;\*  
the LORD  
shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD  
makes the oak trees writhe\*  
and strips the forests bare.
- <sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the LORD\*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned  
above the flood;\*  
the LORD sits enthroned  
as king forevermore.
- <sup>11</sup>The LORD shall give strength  
to his people;\*  
the LORD shall give his people  
the blessing of peace.

## 30

- <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have lifted me up\*  
and have not let my enemies  
triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried out to you,\*  
and you restored me to health.

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

<sup>4</sup>Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;\*  
give thanks for the remembrance  
of his holiness.

<sup>5</sup>For his wrath endures  
but the twinkling of an eye,\*  
his favor for a lifetime.

<sup>6</sup>Weeping may spend the night,\*  
but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>7</sup>While I felt secure, I said,  
“I shall never be disturbed.\*  
You, LORD, with your favor,  
made me as strong as the mountains.”

<sup>8</sup>Then you hid your face,\*  
and I was filled with fear.

<sup>9</sup>I cried to you, O LORD;\*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,  
<sup>10</sup>“What profit is there in my blood,  
if I go down to the pit?\*Will the dust praise you  
or declare your faithfulness?”

<sup>11</sup>Hear, O LORD,  
and have mercy upon me;\*  
O LORD, be my helper.”

<sup>12</sup>You have turned my wailing  
into dancing;\*  
you have put off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you  
without ceasing;\*  
O LORD my God,  
I will give you thanks forever.

## 31

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;\*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me;\*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock,  
a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold;\*

for the sake of your name,  
lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net  
that they have secretly set for me,\*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit,\*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.

<sup>6</sup>I hate those who cling to worthless idols,\*  
and I put my trust in the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>I will rejoice and be glad  
because of your mercy,\*  
for you have seen my affliction;  
you know my distress.

<sup>8</sup>You have not shut me up  
in the power of the enemy;\*  
you have set my feet  
in an open place.

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD,  
for I am in trouble;\*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing;\*  
my strength fails me  
because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

<sup>11</sup>I have become a reproach  
to all my enemies and  
even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;\*  
when they see me in the street  
they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>I am forgotten like a dead man,  
out of mind;\*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering  
of the crowd; fear is all around;\*  
they put their heads together  
against me;  
they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>But as for me,  
I have trusted in you, O LORD.\*  
I have said, “You are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;\*  
rescue me  
from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Make your face  
to shine upon your servant,\*  
and in your lovingkindness save me.”

<sup>17</sup>LORD, let me not be ashamed  
for having called upon you;\*  
rather, let the wicked  
be put to shame;  
let them be silent in the grave.

<sup>18</sup>Let the lying lips be silenced  
which speak against the righteous,\*  
haughtily, disdainfully,  
and with contempt.

<sup>19</sup>How great is your goodness, O LORD,  
which you have laid up  
for those who fear you;\*  
which you have done  
in the sight of all  
for those who put their trust in you.

<sup>20</sup>You hide them  
in the covert of your presence  
from those who slander them;\*  
you keep them in your shelter  
from the strife of tongues.

<sup>21</sup>Blessed be the LORD!\*  
for he has shown me the wonders  
of his love in a besieged city.

<sup>22</sup>Yet I said in my alarm,  
“I have been cut off  
from the sight of your eyes.”\*  
Nevertheless, you heard the sound  
of my entreaty when I cried out to you.

<sup>23</sup>Love the LORD,  
all you who worship him;\*  
the LORD protects the faithful,  
but repays to the full  
those who act haughtily.

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

## 32

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

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they  
to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,\*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue,  
my bones withered away,\*  
because of my groaning all day long.

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

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you,\*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

<sup>6</sup>I said, “I will confess my transgressions  
to the LORD.”\*  
Then you forgave me  
the guilt of my sin.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore all the faithful  
will make their prayers to you  
in time of trouble;\*  
when the great waters overflow,  
they shall not reach them.

<sup>8</sup>You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble;\*  
you surround me  
with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>9</sup>“I will instruct you and teach you  
in the way that you should go;\*  
I will guide you with my eye.

<sup>10</sup>Do not be like horse or mule,  
which have no understanding;\*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you.”

<sup>11</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked;\*  
but mercy embraces those  
who trust in the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>Be glad, you righteous,  
and rejoice in the LORD;\*  
shout for joy,  
all who are true of heart.

## 33

<sup>1</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;\*  
it is good for the just to sing praises.

<sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD with the harp,\*  
play to him  
upon the psalter<sup>y</sup> and lyre.

<sup>3</sup>Sing for him a new song;\*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill  
upon the trumpet.



4For the word of the LORD is right,\*  
 and all his works are sure.  
 5He loves righteousness and justice;\*  
 the lovingkindness of the LORD  
 fills the whole earth.  
 6By the word of the LORD  
 were the heavens made,\*  
 by the breath of his mouth  
 all the heavenly hosts.  
 7He gathers up the waters of the ocean  
 as in a water-skin\*  
 and stores up the depths of the sea.  
 8Let all the earth fear the LORD;\*  
 let all who dwell in the world  
 stand in awe of him.  
 9For he spoke, and it came to pass;\*  
 he commanded, and it stood fast.  
 10The LORD brings the will  
 of the nations to naught;\*  
 he thwarts the designs of the peoples.  
 11But the LORD's will stands fast forever,\*  
 and the designs of his heart  
 from age to age.  
 12Happy is the nation  
 whose God is the LORD!\*  
 Happy the people he has chosen  
 to be his own!  
 13The LORD looks down from heaven,\*  
 and beholds all the people  
 in the world.  
 14From where he sits enthroned  
 he turns his gaze\*  
 on all who dwell on the earth.  
 15He fashions all the hearts of them\*  
 and understands all their works.  
 16There is no king that can be saved  
 by a mighty army;\*  
 a strong man is not delivered  
 by his great strength.  
 17The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;\*  
 for all its strength it cannot save.  
 18Behold, the eye of the LORD  
 is upon those who fear him,\*  
 on those who wait upon his love,  
 19to pluck their lives from death,\*  
 and to feed them in time of famine.  
 20Our soul waits for the LORD;\*  
 he is our help and our shield.

21Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,\*  
 for in his holy name we put our trust.  
 22Let your lovingkindness, O LORD,  
 be upon us,\*  
 as we have put our trust in you.

## 34

1I will bless the LORD at all times,\*  
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
 2I will glory in the LORD,\*  
 let the humble hear and rejoice.  
 3Proclaim with me  
 the greatness of the LORD,\*  
 let us exalt his name together.  
 4I sought the LORD, and he answered me\*  
 and delivered me out of all my terror.  
 5Look upon him and be radiant,\*  
 and let not your faces be ashamed.  
 6I called in my affliction,  
 and the LORD heard me\*  
 and saved me from all my troubles.  
 7The angel of the LORD  
 encompasses those who fear him,\*  
 and he will deliver them.  
 8Taste and see that the LORD is good,\*  
 happy are they who trust in him!  
 9Fear the LORD, you that are his saints,\*  
 for those who fear him lack nothing.  
 10The young lions lack and suffer hunger,\*  
 but those who seek the LORD  
 lack nothing that is good.  
 11Come, children, and listen to me;\*  
 I will teach you the fear of the LORD.  
 12Who among you loves life\*  
 and desires long life  
 to enjoy prosperity?  
 13Keep your tongue from evil-speaking\*  
 and your lips from lying words.  
 14Turn from evil and do good;\*  
 seek peace and pursue it.  
 15The eyes of the LORD  
 are upon the righteous,\*  
 and his ears are open to their cry.  
 16The face of the LORD  
 is against those who do evil,\*

- to root out the remembrance of them  
from the earth.
- <sup>17</sup>The righteous cry,  
and the LORD hears them\*  
and delivers them  
from all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted\*  
and will save those  
whose spirits are crushed.
- <sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous,\*  
but the LORD will deliver him  
out of them all.
- <sup>20</sup>He will keep safe all his bones;\*  
not one of them shall be broken.
- <sup>21</sup>Evil shall slay the wicked,\*  
and those who hate the righteous  
will be punished.
- <sup>22</sup>The LORD ransoms  
the life of his servants,\*  
and none will be punished  
who trust in him.
- <sup>8</sup>They feast upon the abundance  
of your house;\*  
you give them drink  
from the river of your delights.
- <sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life,\*  
and in your light we see light.
- <sup>10</sup>Continue your lovingkindness to those  
who know you,\*  
and your favor to those  
who are true of heart.
- <sup>11</sup>Let not the foot of the proud  
come near me,\*  
nor the hand of the wicked  
push me aside.
- <sup>12</sup>See how they are fallen,  
those who work wickedness! \*  
They are cast down  
and shall not be able to rise.

## 36

- <sup>1</sup>There is a voice of rebellion  
deep in the heart of the wicked;\*  
there is no fear of God before his eyes.
- <sup>2</sup>He flatters himself in his own eyes\*  
that his hateful sin  
will not be found out.
- <sup>3</sup>The words of his mouth  
are wicked and deceitful;\*  
he has left off acting wisely  
and doing good.
- <sup>4</sup>He thinks up wickedness upon his bed  
and has set himself in no good way;\*  
he does not abhor that which is evil.
- <sup>5</sup>Your love, O LORD,  
reaches to the heavens,\*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- <sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like  
the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep;\*  
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
Your people take refuge  
under the shadow of your wings.
- <sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the LORD;\*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup>He lifted me out of the desolate pit,  
out of the mire and clay;\*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff  
and made my footing sure.
- <sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;\*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the LORD.
- <sup>4</sup>Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
They do not resort to evil spirits  
or turn to false gods.
- <sup>5</sup>Great things are they that you have done,  
O LORD my God!  
How great your wonders  
and your plans for us! \*  
There is none  
who can be compared with you.
- <sup>6</sup>Oh, that I could make them known  
and tell them! \*  
But they are more than I can count.
- <sup>7</sup>In sacrifice and offering  
you take no pleasure;\*  
you have given me ears to hear you;

## 40

## 41

- <sup>8</sup>burnt-offering and sin-offering  
you have **not** required,\*  
and so I said, “Behold, I come.
- <sup>9</sup>In the roll of the book  
it is written concerning me:\*  
‘I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.’”
- <sup>10</sup>I proclaimed righteousness  
in the great congregation;\*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O LORD, you know.
- <sup>11</sup>Your righteousness  
have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and your deliverance;\*  
I have not concealed  
your love and faithfulness from the  
great congregation.
- <sup>12</sup>You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion  
from me;\*  
let your love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe forever.
- <sup>13</sup>For innumerable troubles  
have crowded upon me;  
my sins have overtaken me,  
and I cannot see;\*  
they are more in number  
than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails me.
- <sup>14</sup>Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;\*  
O LORD, make haste to help me.
- <sup>15</sup>Let them be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed  
who seek after my life to destroy it;\*  
let them draw back and be disgraced  
who take pleasure in my misfortune.
- <sup>16</sup>Let those who say “Aha!”  
and gloat over me be confounded,\*  
because they are ashamed.
- <sup>17</sup>Let all who seek you  
rejoice in you and be glad;\*  
let those who love your salvation  
continually say, “Great is the LORD!”
- <sup>18</sup>Though I am poor and afflicted,\*  
the Lord will have regard for me.
- <sup>19</sup>You are my helper and my deliverer;\*  
do not tarry, O my God.
- <sup>1</sup>Happy are they  
who consider the poor and needy!\*  
The LORD will deliver them  
in the time of trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>The LORD preserves them  
and keeps them alive,  
so that they may be happy in the land;\*  
he does not hand them over  
to the will of their enemies.
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD sustains them  
on their sickbed\*  
and ministers to them in their illness.
- <sup>4</sup>I said, “LORD, be merciful to me;\*  
heal me,  
for I have sinned against you.”
- <sup>5</sup>My enemies are saying  
wicked things about me:\*  
“When will he die,  
and his name perish?”
- <sup>6</sup>Even if they come to see me,  
they speak empty words;\*  
their heart collects false rumors;  
they go outside and spread them.
- <sup>7</sup>All my enemies  
whisper together about me\*  
and devise evil against me.
- <sup>8</sup>“A deadly thing,” they say,  
“has fastened on him;\*  
he has taken to his bed  
and will never get up again.”
- <sup>9</sup>Even my best friend, whom I trusted,  
who broke bread with me,\*  
has lifted up his heel  
and turned against me.
- <sup>10</sup>But you, O LORD,  
be merciful to me and raise me up,\*  
and I shall repay them.
- <sup>11</sup>By this I know you are pleased with me:\*  
that my enemy  
does not triumph over me.
- <sup>12</sup>In my integrity you hold me fast,\*  
and shall set me  
before your face forever.
- <sup>13</sup>Blessed be the LORD God of Israel,\*  
from age to age. Amen. Amen.

## 42

- <sup>1</sup>As the deer longs for the water-brooks,\*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- <sup>2</sup>My soul is athirst for God,  
athirst for the living God;\*  
when shall I come to appear  
before the presence of God?
- <sup>3</sup>My tears have been my food  
day and night,\*  
while all day long they say to me,  
“Where now is your God?”
- <sup>4</sup>I pour out my soul  
when I think on these things:\*  
how I went with the multitude  
and led them into the house of God,
- <sup>5</sup>with the voice of praise  
and thanksgiving,\*  
among those who keep holy-day.
- <sup>6</sup>Why are you so full of heaviness,  
O my soul? \*  
And why are you so disquieted  
within me?
- <sup>7</sup>Put your trust in God;\*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance  
and my God.
- <sup>8</sup>My soul is heavy within me;\*  
therefore I will remember you  
from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar  
among the heights of Hermon.
- <sup>9</sup>One deep calls to another  
in the noise of your cataracts;\*  
all your rapids and floods  
have gone over me.
- <sup>10</sup>The LORD grants his lovingkindness  
in the daytime;\*  
in the night season  
his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.
- <sup>11</sup>I will say to the God of my strength,  
“Why have you forgotten me,\*  
and why do I go so heavily  
while the enemy oppresses me?”
- <sup>12</sup>While my bones are being broken,\*  
my enemies mock me to my face;

- <sup>13</sup>all day long they mock me\*  
and say to me,  
“Where now is your God?”
- <sup>14</sup>Why are you so full of heaviness,  
O my soul? \*  
And why are you so disquieted  
within me?
- <sup>15</sup>Put your trust in God;\*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance  
and my God.

## 43

- <sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause  
against an ungodly people;\*  
deliver me  
from the deceitful and the wicked.
- <sup>2</sup>For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you,\*  
and why do I go so heavily  
while the enemy oppresses me?
- <sup>3</sup>Send out your light and your truth,  
that they may lead me,\*  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling;
- <sup>4</sup>that I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness;\*  
and on the harp I will give thanks  
to you, O God my God.
- <sup>5</sup>Why are you so full of heaviness,  
O my soul? \*  
And why are you so disquieted  
within me?
- <sup>6</sup>Put your trust in God;\*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance  
and my God.

## 44

- <sup>1</sup>We have heard with our ears, O God,  
our forefathers have told us,\*  
the deeds you did in their days,  
in the days of old.

- 2 How with your hand  
 you drove the peoples out  
 and planted our forefathers in the land,\*  
 how you destroyed nations  
 and made your people flourish.
- 3 For they did not take the land  
 by their sword,  
 nor did their arm win the victory  
 for them,\*  
 but your right hand, your arm,  
 and the light of your countenance,  
 because you favored them.
- 4 You are my King and my God;\*  
 you command victories for Jacob.
- 5 Through you  
 we pushed back our adversaries;\*  
 through your name  
 we trampled on those who  
 rose up against us.
- 6 For I do not rely on my bow,\*  
 and my sword does not give me  
 the victory.
- 7 Surely, you gave us victory  
 over our adversaries\*  
 and put those who hate us to shame.
- 8 Every day we gloried in God,\*  
 and we will praise your name  
 forever.
- 9 Nevertheless, you have rejected  
 and humbled us\*  
 and do not go forth with our armies.
- 10 You have made us fall back  
 before our adversary,\*  
 and our enemies have plundered us.
- 11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten\*  
 and have scattered us  
 among the nations.
- 12 You are selling your people for a trifle\*  
 and are making no profit  
 on the sale of them.
- 13 You have made us the scorn  
 of our neighbors,\*  
 a mockery and derision  
 to those around us.
- 14 You have made us a byword  
 among the nations,\*  
 a laughingstock among the peoples.
- 15 My humiliation is daily before me,\*  
 and shame has covered my face;  
 16 because of the taunts  
 of the mockers and blasphemers,\*  
 because of the enemy and avenger.
- 17 All this has come upon us;\*  
 yet we have not forgotten you,  
 nor have we betrayed your covenant.
- 18 Our heart never turned back,\*  
 nor did our footsteps stray  
 from your path;  
 19 though you thrust us down  
 into a place of misery,\*  
 and covered us over  
 with deep darkness.
- 20 If we have forgotten the name  
 of our God,\*  
 or stretched out our hands  
 to some strange god,  
 21 will not God find it out? \*  
 For he knows the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Indeed, for your sake  
 we are killed all the day long;\*  
 we are accounted as sheep  
 for the slaughter.
- 23 Awake, O Lord! Why are you sleeping? \*  
 Arise! Do not reject us forever.
- 24 Why have you hidden your face\*  
 and forgotten our affliction  
 and oppression?
- 25 We sink down into the dust;\*  
 our body cleaves to the ground.
- 26 Rise up, and help us,\*  
 and save us,  
 for the sake of your steadfast love.

## 45

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
 let me recite  
 what I have fashioned for the king;\*  
 my tongue shall be the pen  
 of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men,\*  
 grace flows from your lips,  
 because God has blessed you forever.

- <sup>3</sup>Strap your sword upon your thigh,  
O mighty warrior,\*  
in your pride and in your majesty.
- <sup>4</sup>Ride out and conquer  
in the cause of truth\*  
and for the sake of justice.
- <sup>5</sup>Your right hand will show you  
marvelous things,\*  
your arrows are very sharp,  
O mighty warrior.
- <sup>6</sup>The peoples are falling at your feet,\*  
and the king's enemies  
are losing heart.
- <sup>7</sup>Your throne, O God,  
endures forever and ever,\*  
a scepter of righteousness  
is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness  
and hate iniquity.
- <sup>8</sup>Therefore God, your God,  
has anointed you\*  
with the oil of gladness  
above your fellows.
- <sup>9</sup>All your garments are fragrant  
with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,\*  
and the music of strings  
from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- <sup>10</sup>Kings' daughters stand  
among the ladies of the court;\*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.
- <sup>11</sup>"Hear, O daughter;  
consider and listen closely;\*  
forget your people  
and your father's house.
- <sup>12</sup>The king will have pleasure  
in your beauty,\*  
he is your master;  
therefore do him honor.
- <sup>13</sup>The people of Tyre are here with a gift;\*  
the rich among the people  
seek your favor."
- <sup>14</sup>All glorious is the princess as she enters;\*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- <sup>15</sup>In embroidered apparel  
she is brought to the king;\*

after her the bridesmaids follow  
in procession.

- <sup>16</sup>With joy and gladness they are brought,\*  
and enter into the palace of the king.
- <sup>17</sup>"In place of fathers, O king,  
you shall have sons;\*  
you shall make them princes  
over all the earth.
- <sup>18</sup>I will make your name  
to be remembered  
from one generation to another;\*  
therefore nations will praise you  
forever and ever."

## 46

- <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,\*  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth be moved,\*  
and though the mountains  
be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,\*  
and though the mountains  
tremble at its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;\*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams  
make glad the city of God,\*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown;\*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- <sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado,  
and the kingdoms are shaken;\*  
God has spoken,  
and the earth shall melt away.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;\*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>9</sup>Come now and  
look upon the works of the LORD,\*  
what awesome things  
he has done on earth.
- <sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease  
in all the world;\*  
he breaks the bow,  
and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

- <sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;\*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”
- <sup>12</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;\*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## 47

- <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples;\*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- <sup>2</sup>For the LORD Most High is to be feared;\*  
he is the great king over all the earth.
- <sup>3</sup>He subdues the peoples under us,\*  
and the nations under our feet.
- <sup>4</sup>He chooses our inheritance for us,\*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- <sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout,\*  
the LORD  
with the sound of the ram's horn.
- <sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises;\*  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.
- <sup>7</sup>For God is king of all the earth;\*  
sing praises with all your skill.
- <sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations;\*  
God sits upon his holy throne.
- <sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples  
have gathered together\*  
with the people  
of the God of Abraham.
- <sup>10</sup>The rulers of the earth belong to God,\*  
and he is highly exalted.

## 48

- <sup>1</sup>Great is the LORD,  
and highly to be praised;\*  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- <sup>2</sup>Beautiful and lofty,  
the joy of all the earth,  
is the hill of Zion,\*  
the very center of the world  
and the city of the great king.
- <sup>3</sup>God is in her citadels;\*  
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- <sup>4</sup>Behold, the kings of the earth  
assembled\*

- and marched forward together.
- <sup>5</sup>They looked and were astounded;\*  
they retreated and fled in terror.
- <sup>6</sup>Trembling seized them there;\*  
they writhed  
like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea  
when the east wind shatters them.

- <sup>7</sup>As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the LORD of hosts,  
in the city of our God:\*  
God has established her forever.
- <sup>8</sup>We have waited in silence  
on your lovingkindness, O God,\*  
in the midst of your temple.
- <sup>9</sup>Your praise, like your name, O God,  
reaches to the world's end;\*  
your right hand is full of justice.
- <sup>10</sup>Let Mount Zion be glad  
and the cities of Judah rejoice,\*  
because of your judgments.
- <sup>11</sup>Make the circuit of Zion;  
walk round about her;\*  
count the number of her towers.
- <sup>12</sup>Consider well her bulwarks;  
examine her strongholds;\*  
that you may tell those  
who come after.
- <sup>13</sup>This God is our God forever and ever;\*  
he shall be our guide forevermore.

## 49

- <sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world,\*  
you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.
- <sup>2</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom,\*  
and my heart  
shall meditate on understanding.
- <sup>3</sup>I will incline my ear to a proverb\*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- <sup>4</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days,\*  
when the wickedness  
of those at my heels surrounds me,
- <sup>5</sup>the wickedness of those  
who put their trust in their goods,\*

- and boast of their great riches?  
 6 We can never ransom ourselves,\*  
 or deliver to God the price of our life;  
 7 for the ransom of our life is so great,\*  
 that we should never  
 have enough to pay it,  
 8 in order to live forever and ever,\*  
 and never see the grave.  
 9 For we see that the wise die also;  
 like the dull and stupid they perish\*  
 and leave their wealth to those  
 who come after them.  
 10 Their graves shall be their homes  
 forever, their dwelling-places  
 from generation to generation,\*  
 though they call the lands  
 after their own names.  
 11 Even though honored,  
 they cannot live forever;\*  
 they are like the beasts that perish.  
 12 Such is the way of those  
 who foolishly trust in themselves,\*  
 and the end of those  
 who delight in their own words.  
 13 Like a flock of sheep  
 they are destined to die;  
 death is their shepherd;\*  
 they go down  
 straightway to the grave.  
 14 Their form shall waste away,\*  
 and the land of the dead  
 shall be their home.  
 15 But God will ransom my life;\*  
 he will snatch me  
 from the grasp of death.  
 16 Do not be envious  
 when some become rich,\*  
 or when the grandeur of their house  
 increases;  
 17 for they will carry nothing away  
 at their death,\*  
 nor will their grandeur follow them.  
 18 Though they thought highly  
 of themselves while they lived,\*  
 and were praised for their success,  
 19 they shall join the company  
 of their forebears,\*

who will never see the light again.

- 20 Those who are honored,  
 but have no understanding,\*  
 are like the beasts that perish.

## 50

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods,  
 has spoken;\*  
 he has called the earth  
 from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,\*  
 God reveals himself in glory.  
 3 Our God will come  
 and will not keep silence;\*  
 before him there is a consuming flame,  
 and round about him a raging storm.  
 4 He calls the heavens  
 and the earth from above\*  
 to witness the judgment of his people.  
 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers,\*  
 those who have made a covenant  
 with me and sealed it with sacrifice."  
 6 Let the heavens declare  
 the rightness of his cause;\*  
 for God himself is judge.  
 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
 "O Israel, I will bear  
 witness against you;\*  
 for I am God, your God.  
 8 I do not accuse you  
 because of your sacrifices;\*  
 your offerings are always before me.  
 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,\*  
 nor he-goats out of your pens;  
 10 for all the beasts of the forest are mine,\*  
 the herds in their thousands  
 upon the hills.  
 11 I know every bird in the sky,\*  
 and the creatures of the fields  
 are in my sight.  
 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,\*  
 for the whole world is mine  
 and all that is in it.  
 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,\*  
 or drink the blood of goats?



- <sup>14</sup>Offer to God  
a sacrifice of thanksgiving\*  
and make good your vows  
to the Most High.
- <sup>15</sup>Call upon me in the day of trouble;\*  
I will deliver you,  
and you shall honor me.”
- <sup>16</sup>But to the wicked God says:\*  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and take my covenant  
upon your lips;  
<sup>17</sup>since you refuse discipline,\*  
and toss my words  
behind your back?  
<sup>18</sup>When you see a thief,  
you make him your friend,\*  
and you cast in your lot  
with adulterers.  
<sup>19</sup>You have loosed your lips for evil,\*  
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.  
<sup>20</sup>You are always speaking evil  
of your brother\*  
and slandering  
your own mother’s son.  
<sup>21</sup>These things you have done,  
and I kept still,\*  
and you thought that I am like you.  
<sup>22</sup>I have made my accusation;\*  
I have put my case in order  
before your eyes.  
<sup>23</sup>Consider this well,  
you who forget God,\*  
lest I rend you  
and there be none to deliver you.  
<sup>24</sup>Whoever offers me the  
sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;\*  
but to those who keep in my way  
will I show the salvation of God.”

## 51

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your lovingkindness;\*  
in your great compassion  
blot out my offenses.  
<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through  
from my wickedness,\*

- and cleanse me from my sin.  
<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is ever before me.  
<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
<sup>5</sup>And so you are justified  
when you speak\*  
and upright in your judgment.  
<sup>6</sup>Indeed, I have been wicked  
from my birth,\*  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.  
<sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth  
deep within me,\*  
and will make me  
understand wisdom secretly.  
<sup>8</sup>Purge me from my sin,  
and I shall be pure;\*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.  
<sup>9</sup>Make me hear of joy and gladness,\*  
that the body you have broken  
may rejoice.  
<sup>10</sup>Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,\*  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
<sup>12</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,\*  
and take not your Holy Spirit  
from me.  
<sup>13</sup>Give me the joy  
of your saving help again,\*  
and sustain me  
with your bountiful Spirit.  
<sup>14</sup>I shall teach your ways to the wicked,\*  
and sinners shall return to you.  
<sup>15</sup>Deliver me from death, O God,\*  
and my tongue shall sing  
of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.  
<sup>16</sup>Open my lips, O Lord,\*  
and my mouth  
shall proclaim your praise.  
<sup>17</sup>Had you desired it,  
I would have offered sacrifice,\*  
but you take no delight  
in burnt-offerings.  
<sup>18</sup>The sacrifice of God  
is a troubled spirit,\*

a broken and contrite heart, O God,  
you will not despise.

<sup>19</sup>Be favorable and gracious to Zion,\*  
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

<sup>20</sup>Then you will be pleased  
with the appointed sacrifices,  
with burnt-offerings and oblations;\*  
then shall they offer young bullocks  
upon your altar.

## 53

<sup>1</sup>The fool has said in his heart,  
“There is no God.”\*  
All are corrupt  
and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

<sup>2</sup>God looks down from heaven  
upon us all,\*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.

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

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

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

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

## 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name;\*  
in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God;\*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For the arrogant  
have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life,\*  
those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper;\*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me;\*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a freewill sacrifice\*  
and praise your name, O LORD,  
for it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me  
from every trouble,\*  
and my eye  
has seen the ruin of my foes.

## 56

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

<sup>2</sup>They hound me all the day long;\*  
truly there are many  
who fight against me, O Most High.

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

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

<sup>5</sup>All day long they damage my cause;\*  
their only thought is to do me evil.

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

<sup>7</sup>Shall they escape  
despite their wickedness?\*

O God, in your anger,  
cast down the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>You have noted my lamentation;  
put my tears into your bottle;\*  
are they not recorded in your book?

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

<sup>10</sup>In God the LORD, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust and will not be afraid,\*

for what can mortals do to me?

- <sup>11</sup>I am bound by the vow  
I made to you, O God; \*  
I will present to you thank-offerings;  
<sup>12</sup>for you have rescued  
my soul from death  
and my feet from stumbling, \*  
that I may walk before God  
in the light of the living.

## 57

- <sup>1</sup>Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful,  
for I have taken refuge in you; \*  
in the shadow of your wings  
will I take refuge  
until this time of trouble has gone by.  
<sup>2</sup>I will call upon the Most High God, \*  
the God who maintains my cause.  
<sup>3</sup>He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will confound those  
who trample upon me; \*  
God will send forth his love  
and his faithfulness.  
<sup>4</sup>I lie in the midst of lions  
that devour the people; \*  
their teeth are spears and arrows,  
their tongue a sharp sword.  
<sup>5</sup>They have laid a net for my feet,  
and I am bowed low; \*  
they have dug a pit before me,  
but have fallen into it themselves.  
<sup>6</sup>Exalt yourself above the heavens,  
O God, \*  
and your glory over all the earth.  
<sup>7</sup>My heart is firmly fixed,  
O God, my heart is fixed; \*  
I will sing and make melody.  
<sup>8</sup>Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, lute and harp; \*  
I myself will waken the dawn.  
<sup>9</sup>I will confess you among the peoples,  
O LORD; \*  
I will sing praise to you  
among the nations.  
<sup>10</sup>For your lovingkindness  
is greater than the heavens, \*

and your faithfulness  
reaches to the clouds.

- <sup>11</sup>Exalt yourself above the heavens,  
O God, \*  
and your glory over all the earth.

## 61

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

## 62

- <sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
from him comes my salvation.  
<sup>2</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold,  
so that I shall not be greatly shaken.  
<sup>3</sup>How long will you assail me  
to crush me, all of you together, \*  
as if you were a leaning fence,  
a toppling wall?

- <sup>4</sup>They seek only to bring me down  
from my place of honor;  
lies are their chief delight.
- <sup>5</sup>They bless with their lips,  
but in their hearts they curse.
- <sup>6</sup>For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
truly, my hope is in him.
- <sup>7</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold,  
so that I shall not be shaken.
- <sup>8</sup>In God is my safety and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- <sup>9</sup>Put your trust in him always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before him,  
for God is our refuge.
- <sup>10</sup>Those of high degree  
are but a fleeting breath,  
even those of low estate  
cannot be trusted.
- <sup>11</sup>On the scales  
they are lighter than a breath,  
all of them together.
- <sup>12</sup>Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase,  
set not your heart upon it.
- <sup>13</sup>God has spoken once,  
twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.
- <sup>14</sup>Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,  
for you repay everyone  
according to his deeds.

## 63

- <sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God;  
eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you,  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land  
where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup>Therefore I have gazed upon you  
in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power  
and your glory.
- <sup>3</sup>For your lovingkindness  
is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

- <sup>4</sup>So will I bless you as long as I live\*  
and lift up my hands in your name.
- <sup>5</sup>My soul is content,  
as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth praises you  
with joyful lips,
- <sup>6</sup>when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you  
in the night watches.
- <sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings  
I will rejoice.
- <sup>8</sup>My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.
- <sup>9</sup>May those  
who seek my life to destroy it\*  
go down into the depths of the earth;  
<sup>10</sup>let them fall  
upon the edge of the sword,  
and let them be food for jackals.
- <sup>11</sup>But the king will rejoice in God;  
all those who swear by him  
will be glad;  
for the mouth of those  
who speak lies shall be stopped.

## 65

- <sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be performed  
in Jerusalem.
- <sup>2</sup>To you that hear prayer  
shall all flesh come,  
because of their transgressions.
- <sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you will blot them out.
- <sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied  
by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.
- <sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us  
in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.

<sup>6</sup>You make fast the mountains  
by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.

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

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth  
and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

<sup>10</sup>You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>11</sup>You drench the furrows  
and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain  
you soften the ground  
and bless its increase.

<sup>12</sup>You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>13</sup>May the fields of the wilderness  
be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

<sup>14</sup>May the meadows  
cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys  
cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## 66

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his name;  
sing the glory of his praise.

<sup>2</sup>Say to God,  
“How awesome are your deeds! \*  
Because of your great strength  
your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>3</sup>All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your name.”

<sup>4</sup>Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is  
in his doing toward all people.

<sup>5</sup>He turned the sea into dry land, so that  
they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.

<sup>6</sup>In his might he rules forever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.

<sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise  
to be heard,

<sup>8</sup>who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

<sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>10</sup>You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens  
upon our backs.

<sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water, \*  
but you brought us out  
into a place of refreshment.

<sup>12</sup>I will enter your house  
with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth  
when I was in trouble.

<sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

<sup>14</sup>Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you  
what he has done for me.

<sup>15</sup>I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

<sup>16</sup>If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>17</sup>but in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended  
to the voice of my prayer.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed be God,  
who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

## 67

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us  
and bless us, \*

- show us the light of his countenance,  
and come to us.
- <sup>2</sup>Let your ways be known upon earth,\*  
your saving health among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;\*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,\*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God,\*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth  
her increase;\*  
may God, our own God,  
give us his blessing.
- <sup>7</sup>May God give us his blessing,\*  
and may all the ends of the earth  
stand in awe of him.
- 68**
- <sup>1</sup>Let God arise,  
and let his enemies be scattered,\*  
let those who hate him  
flee before him.
- <sup>2</sup>Let them vanish like smoke  
when the wind drives it away;\*  
as the wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at  
the presence of God.
- <sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad  
and rejoice before God;\*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- <sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;\*  
YAHWEH is his name,  
rejoice before him!
- <sup>5</sup>Father of orphans,  
defender of widows,\*  
God in his holy habitation!
- <sup>6</sup>God gives the solitary a home and  
brings forth prisoners into freedom;\*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- <sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth  
before your people,\*  
when you marched  
through the wilderness,
- <sup>8</sup>the earth shook,  
and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God,  
the God of Sinai,\*  
at the presence of God,  
the God of Israel.
- <sup>9</sup>You sent a gracious rain, O God,  
upon your inheritance;\*  
you refreshed the land  
when it was weary.
- <sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it,\*  
in your goodness, O God,  
you have made provision for the poor.
- <sup>11</sup>The Lord gave the word;\*  
great was the company of women  
who bore the tidings:
- <sup>12</sup>“Kings with their armies  
are fleeing away;\*  
the women at home  
are dividing the spoils.”
- <sup>13</sup>Though you lingered  
among the sheepfolds,\*  
you shall be like a dove  
whose wings are covered with silver,  
whose feathers are like green gold.
- <sup>14</sup>When the Almighty scattered kings,\*  
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.
- <sup>15</sup>O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan!\*  
O rugged mountain,  
O hill of Bashan!
- <sup>16</sup>Why do you look with envy,  
O rugged mountain, at the hill which  
God chose for his resting-place? \*  
Truly, the LORD will dwell there  
forever.
- <sup>17</sup>The chariots of God  
are twenty thousand,  
even thousands of thousands;\*  
the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.
- <sup>18</sup>You have gone up on high  
and led captivity captive;  
you have received gifts  
even from your enemies,\*  
that the LORD God  
might dwell among them.
- <sup>19</sup>Blessed be the Lord day by day,\*  
the God of our salvation,  
who bears our burdens.

20 He is our God,  
 the God of our salvation; \*  
 God is the LORD,  
 by whom we escape death.

21 God shall crush the heads  
 of his enemies, \*  
 and the hairy scalp of those  
 who go on still in their  
 wickedness.

22 The Lord has said, "I will bring them  
 back from Bashan; \*  
 I will bring them  
 back from the depths of the sea;

23 that your foot may be dipped in blood, \*  
 the tongues of your dogs  
 in the blood of your enemies."

24 They see your procession, O God, \*  
 your procession into the sanctuary,  
 my God and my King.

25 The singers go before,  
 musicians follow after, \*  
 in the midst of maidens  
 playing upon the hand-drums.

26 Bless God in the congregation; \*  
 bless the LORD,  
 you that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin,  
 least of the tribes, at the head;  
 the princes of Judah in a company, \*  
 and the princes  
 of Zebulon and Naphtali.

28 Send forth your strength, O God; \*  
 establish, O God,  
 what you have wrought for us.

29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, \*  
 for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, \*  
 and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls  
 with its calves.

31 Trample down those  
 who lust after silver; \*  
 scatter the peoples  
 that delight in war.

32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; \*  
 let Ethiopia stretch out her hands  
 to God.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*

sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens,  
 the ancient heavens; \*  
 he sends forth his voice,  
 his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
 his majesty is over Israel;  
 his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God  
 in his holy places, \*  
 the God of Israel giving strength  
 and power to his people!  
 Blessed be God!

## 69

1 Save me, O God, \*  
 for the waters have risen  
 up to my neck.

2 I am sinking in deep mire, \*  
 and there is no firm ground  
 for my feet.

3 I have come into deep waters, \*  
 and the torrent washes over me.

4 I have grown weary with my crying;  
 my throat is inflamed; \*  
 my eyes have failed  
 from looking for my God.

5 Those who hate me without a cause  
 are more than the hairs of my head;  
 my lying foes  
 who would destroy me are mighty. \*  
 Must I then give back  
 what I never stole?

6 O God, you know my foolishness, \*  
 and my faults are not hidden from you.

7 Let not those who hope in you  
 be put to shame through me,  
 Lord GOD of hosts; \*  
 let not those who seek you  
 be disgraced because of me,  
 O God of Israel.

8 Surely, for your sake  
 have I suffered reproach, \*  
 and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger  
 to my own kindred, \*

- an alien to my mother's children.
- <sup>10</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you  
has fallen upon me.
- <sup>11</sup>I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.
- <sup>12</sup>I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a byword among them.
- <sup>13</sup>Those who sit at the gate  
murmur against me,  
and the drunkards  
make songs about me.
- <sup>14</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you,  
at the time you have set, O LORD:
- <sup>15</sup>"In your great mercy, O God,  
answer me with your unfailing help.
- <sup>16</sup>Save me from the mire;  
do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued  
from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.
- <sup>17</sup>Let not the torrent of waters  
wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit  
shut its mouth upon me.
- <sup>18</sup>Answer me, O LORD,  
for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.
- <sup>19</sup>Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me,  
for I am in distress.
- <sup>20</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.
- <sup>21</sup>You know my reproach,  
my shame, and my dishonor;  
my adversaries are all in your sight."
- <sup>22</sup>Reproach has broken my heart,  
and it cannot be healed;  
I looked for sympathy,  
but there was none,  
for comforters,  
but I could find no one.
- <sup>23</sup>They gave me gall to eat,  
and when I was thirsty,  
they gave me vinegar to drink.
- <sup>24</sup>Let the table before them be a trap  
and their sacred feasts a snare.
- <sup>25</sup>Let their eyes be darkened,  
that they may not see,  
and give them continual trembling  
in their loins.
- <sup>26</sup>Pour out your indignation upon them,  
and let the fierceness of your anger  
overtake them.
- <sup>27</sup>Let their camp be desolate,  
and let there be none  
to dwell in their tents.
- <sup>28</sup>For they persecute him  
whom you have stricken  
and add to the pain of those  
whom you have pierced.
- <sup>29</sup>Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt,  
and let them not receive  
your vindication.
- <sup>30</sup>Let them be wiped out  
of the book of the living  
and not be written  
among the righteous.
- <sup>31</sup>As for me, I am afflicted and in pain;  
your help, O God,  
will lift me up on high.
- <sup>32</sup>I will praise the name of God in song;  
I will proclaim his greatness  
with thanksgiving.
- <sup>33</sup>This will please the LORD  
more than an offering of oxen,  
more than bullocks  
with horns and hoofs.
- <sup>34</sup>The afflicted shall see and be glad;  
you who seek God,  
your heart shall live.
- <sup>35</sup>For the LORD listens to the needy,  
and his prisoners he does not despise.
- <sup>36</sup>Let the heavens and the earth praise him,  
the seas and all that moves in them;
- <sup>37</sup>for God will save Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah;  
they shall live there  
and have it in possession.
- <sup>38</sup>The children of his servants  
will inherit it,  
and those who love his name  
will dwell therein.



## 70

- <sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O LORD, make haste to help me.
- <sup>2</sup>Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those  
who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.
- <sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me "Aha!"  
and gloat over me turn back; \*  
because they are ashamed.
- <sup>4</sup>Let all who seek you rejoice  
and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation  
say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
- <sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.
- <sup>6</sup>You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

## 71

- <sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; \*  
let me never be ashamed.
- <sup>2</sup>In your righteousness,  
deliver me and set me free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- <sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock,  
a castle to keep me safe; \*  
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- <sup>4</sup>Deliver me, my God,  
from the hand of the wicked, \*  
from the clutches of the evildoer  
and the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
my confidence since I was young.
- <sup>6</sup>I have been sustained by you  
ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb  
you have been my strength; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.
- <sup>7</sup>I have become a portent to many; \*  
but you are my refuge  
and my strength.
- <sup>8</sup>Let my mouth be full of your praise \*  
and your glory all the day long.

- <sup>9</sup>Do not cast me off in my old age; \*  
forsake me not  
when my strength fails.
- <sup>10</sup>For my enemies are talking against me, \*  
and those who lie in wait for my life  
take counsel together.
- <sup>11</sup>They say, "God has forsaken him;  
go after him and seize him; \*  
because there is none who will save."
- <sup>12</sup>O God, be not far from me; \*  
come quickly to help me, O my God.
- <sup>13</sup>Let those who set themselves against me  
be put to shame and be disgraced; \*  
let those who seek to do me evil  
be covered with scorn and reproach.
- <sup>14</sup>But I shall always wait in patience, \*  
and shall praise you more and more.
- <sup>15</sup>My mouth shall recount  
your mighty acts  
and saving deeds all day long; \*  
though I cannot know  
the number of them.
- <sup>16</sup>I will begin with the mighty works  
of the Lord God; \*  
I will recall your righteousness,  
yours alone.
- <sup>17</sup>O God, you have taught me  
since I was young; \*  
and to this day  
I tell of your wonderful works.
- <sup>18</sup>And now that I am old  
and gray-headed, O God,  
do not forsake me; \*  
till I make known your strength  
to this generation  
and your power to all  
who are to come.
- <sup>19</sup>Your righteousness, O God,  
reaches to the heavens; \*  
you have done great things;  
who is like you, O God?
- <sup>20</sup>You have shown me great troubles  
and adversities; \*  
but you will restore my life  
and bring me up again  
from the deep places of the earth.
- <sup>21</sup>You strengthen me more and more; \*  
you enfold and comfort me.

22 Therefore I will praise you  
upon the lyre for your faithfulness,  
O my God;\*  
I will sing to you with the harp,  
O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing with joy  
when I play to you,\*  
and so will my soul,  
which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue will proclaim  
your righteousness all day long,\*  
for they are ashamed and disgraced  
who sought to do me harm.

## 72

1 Give the king your justice, O God,\*  
and your righteousness  
to the king's son;

2 that he may  
rule your people righteously\*  
and the poor with justice;

3 that the mountains may  
bring prosperity to the people,\*  
and the little hills  
bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy  
among the people;\*  
he shall rescue the poor  
and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long  
as the sun and moon endure,\*  
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain  
upon the mown field,\*  
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish,\*  
there shall be abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more.

8 He shall rule from sea to sea,\*  
and from the river  
to the ends of the earth.

9 His foes shall bow down before him,\*  
and his enemies lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
shall pay tribute,\*

and the kings of Arabia and Saba  
offer gifts.

11 All kings shall bow down before him,\*  
and all the nations do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor  
who cries out in distress,\*  
and the oppressed  
who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity  
on the lowly and poor;\*  
he shall preserve  
the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives  
from oppression and violence,\*  
and dear shall their blood be  
in his sight.

15 Long may he live!  
And may there be given to him  
gold from Arabia,\*  
may prayer be made for him always;  
and may they bless him  
all the day long.

16 May there be abundance  
of grain on the earth,  
growing thick even on the hilltops;\*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,  
and its grain like grass  
upon the earth.

17 May his name remain forever  
and be established  
as long as the sun endures;\*  
may all the nations bless  
themselves in him and  
call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord God,  
the God of Israel,\*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious name  
forever,\*  
and may all the earth  
be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

## 73

1 Truly, God is good to Israel,\*  
to those who are pure in heart.

<sup>2</sup>But as for me,  
 my feet had nearly slipped;\*  
 I had almost tripped and fallen;  
<sup>3</sup>because I envied the proud\*  
 and saw the prosperity  
 of the wicked.  
<sup>4</sup>For they suffer no pain,\*  
 and their bodies are sleek and sound;  
<sup>5</sup>in the misfortunes of others  
 they have no share;\*  
 they are not afflicted as others are;  
<sup>6</sup>therefore they wear their pride  
 like a necklace\*  
 and wrap their violence about them  
 like a cloak.  
<sup>7</sup>Their iniquity  
 comes from gross minds,\*  
 and their hearts overflow  
 with wicked thoughts.  
<sup>8</sup>They scoff and speak maliciously;\*  
 out of their haughtiness  
 they plan oppression.  
<sup>9</sup>They set their mouths  
 against the heavens,\*  
 and their evil speech  
 runs through the world.  
<sup>10</sup>And so the people turn to them\*  
 and find in them no fault.  
<sup>11</sup>They say, "How should God know?\*"  
 Is there knowledge  
 in the Most High?"  
<sup>12</sup>So then, these are the wicked;\*  
 always at ease,  
 they increase their wealth.  
<sup>13</sup>In vain have I kept my heart clean,\*  
 and washed my hands in innocence.  
<sup>14</sup>I have been afflicted all day long,\*  
 and punished every morning.  
<sup>15</sup>Had I gone on speaking this way,\*  
 I should have betrayed  
 the generation of your children.  
<sup>16</sup>When I tried to understand these things,\*  
 it was too hard for me;  
<sup>17</sup>until I entered the sanctuary of God\*  
 and discerned the end of the wicked.  
<sup>18</sup>Surely, you set them in slippery places;\*  
 you cast them down in ruin.

<sup>19</sup>Oh, how suddenly  
 do they come to destruction,\*  
 come to an end,  
 and perish from terror!  
<sup>20</sup>Like a dream when one awakens,  
 O Lord,\*  
 when you arise  
 you will make their image vanish.  
<sup>21</sup>When my mind became embittered,\*  
 I was sorely wounded in my heart.  
<sup>22</sup>I was stupid and had no understanding;\*  
 I was like a brute beast  
 in your presence.  
<sup>23</sup>Yet I am always with you;\*  
 you hold me by my right hand.  
<sup>24</sup>You will guide me by your counsel,\*  
 and afterwards receive me with glory.  
<sup>25</sup>Whom have I in heaven but you?\*"  
 And having you,  
 I desire nothing upon earth.  
<sup>26</sup>Though my flesh and my heart  
 should waste away,\*  
 God is the strength of my heart  
 and my portion forever.  
<sup>27</sup>Truly, those who forsake you  
 will perish;\*  
 you destroy all who are unfaithful.  
<sup>28</sup>But it is good for me to be near God;\*  
 I have made the Lord God  
 my refuge.  
<sup>29</sup>I will speak of all your works\*  
 in the gates of the city of Zion.

## 78

<sup>1</sup>Hear my teaching, O my people,\*  
 incline your ears  
 to the words of my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in a parable;\*  
 I will declare the mysteries  
 of ancient times.  
<sup>3</sup>That which we have heard and known,  
 and what our forefathers have told us,\*  
 we will not hide from their children.  
<sup>4</sup>We will recount to generations to come  
 the praiseworthy deeds  
 and the power of the LORD,\*

- and the wonderful works  
he has done.
- <sup>5</sup>He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel,\*  
which he commanded them  
to teach their children;
- <sup>6</sup>that the generations to come  
might know,  
and the children yet unborn;\*  
that they in their turn  
might tell it to their children;
- <sup>7</sup>so that they might  
put their trust in God,\*  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments,
- <sup>8</sup>and not be like their forefathers,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation,\*  
a generation  
whose heart was not steadfast, and  
whose spirit was not faithful to God.
- <sup>9</sup>The people of Ephraim,  
armed with the bow,\*  
turned back in the day of battle;
- <sup>10</sup>they did not keep the covenant of God,\*  
and refused to walk in his law;
- <sup>11</sup>they forgot what he had done,\*  
and the wonders he had shown them.
- <sup>12</sup>He worked marvels  
in the sight of their forefathers,\*  
in the land of Egypt,  
in the field of Zoan.
- <sup>13</sup>He split open the sea  
and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- <sup>14</sup>He led them with a cloud by day,\*  
and all the night through  
with a glow of fire.
- <sup>15</sup>He split the hard rocks  
in the wilderness\*  
and gave them drink  
as from the great deep.
- <sup>16</sup>He brought streams out of the cliff,\*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.
- <sup>17</sup>But they went on sinning against him,\*  
rebellious in the desert  
against the Most High.
- <sup>18</sup>They tested God in their hearts,\*  
demanding food for their craving.
- <sup>19</sup>They railed against God and said,\*  
“Can God set a table in the wilderness?”
- <sup>20</sup>True, he struck the rock,  
the waters gushed out,  
and the gullies overflowed; \*  
but is he able to give bread  
or to provide meat for his people?”
- <sup>21</sup>When the LORD heard this,  
he was full of wrath; \*  
a fire was kindled against Jacob,  
and his anger mounted against Israel;
- <sup>22</sup>for they had no faith in God,\*  
nor did they put their trust  
in his saving power.
- <sup>23</sup>So he commanded the clouds above\*  
and opened the doors of heaven.
- <sup>24</sup>He rained down manna upon them  
to eat\*  
and gave them grain from heaven.
- <sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels;\*  
he provided for them food enough.
- <sup>26</sup>He caused the east wind to blow  
in the heavens\*  
and led out the south wind  
by his might.
- <sup>27</sup>He rained down flesh upon them  
like dust\*  
and winged birds  
like the sand of the sea.
- <sup>28</sup>He let it fall in the midst of their camp\*  
and round about their dwellings.
- <sup>29</sup>So they ate and were well filled,\*  
for he gave them what they craved.
- <sup>30</sup>But they did not stop their craving,\*  
though the food  
was still in their mouths.
- <sup>31</sup>So God’s anger mounted against them;\*  
he slew their strongest men  
and laid low the youth of Israel.
- <sup>32</sup>In spite of all this, they went on sinning\*  
and had no faith  
in his wonderful works.
- <sup>33</sup>So he brought their days to an end  
like a breath\*  
and their years in sudden terror.

- 34 Whenever he slew them,  
they would seek him,\*  
and repent,  
and diligently search for God.
- 35 They would remember  
that God was their rock,\*  
and the Most High God  
their redeemer.
- 36 But they flattered him with their mouths\*  
and lied to him with their tongues.
- 37 Their heart was not steadfast  
toward him,\*  
and they were not faithful  
to his covenant.
- 38 But he was so merciful  
that he forgave their sins  
and did not destroy them;\*  
many times he held back his anger  
and did not permit his wrath  
to be roused;
- 39 for he remembered  
that they were but flesh,\*  
a breath that goes forth  
and does not return.
- 40 How often the people disobeyed him  
in the wilderness\*  
and offended him in the desert!
- 41 Again and again they tempted God\*  
and provoked  
the Holy One of Israel.
- 42 They did not remember his power\*  
in the day when he ransomed them  
from the enemy;
- 43 how he wrought his signs in Egypt\*  
and his omens in the field of Zoan.
- 44 He turned their rivers into blood,\*  
so that they could not drink  
of their streams.
- 45 He sent swarms of flies among them,  
which ate them up,\*  
and frogs, which destroyed them.
- 46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar,\*  
the fruit of their toil to the locust.
- 47 He killed their vines with hail\*  
and their sycamores with frost.
- 48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones\*  
and their livestock  
to hot thunderbolts.
- 49 He poured out upon them  
his blazing anger:\*  
fury, indignation, and distress,  
a troop of destroying angels.
- 50 He gave full rein to his anger;  
he did not spare their souls from death;\*  
but delivered their lives to the plague.
- 51 He struck down  
all the firstborn of Egypt,\*  
the flower of manhood  
in the dwellings of Ham.
- 52 He led out his people like sheep\*  
and guided them in the wilderness  
like a flock.
- 53 He led them to safety,  
and they were not afraid,\*  
but the sea  
overwhelmed their enemies.
- 54 He brought them to his holy land,\*  
the mountain his right hand had won.
- 55 He drove out the Canaanites  
before them  
and apportioned an inheritance  
to them by lot;\*  
he made the tribes of Israel  
to dwell in their tents.
- 56 But they tested the Most High God,  
and defied him,\*  
and did not keep his commandments.
- 57 They turned away and were disloyal  
like their fathers;\*  
they were undependable  
like a warped bow.
- 58 They grieved him with their hill-altars\*  
and provoked his displeasure  
with their idols.
- 59 When God heard this, he was angry\*  
and utterly rejected Israel.
- 60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh,\*  
the tabernacle where he had lived  
among his people.
- 61 He delivered the ark into captivity,\*  
his glory into the adversary's hand.
- 62 He gave his people to the sword\*  
and was angered  
against his inheritance.
- 63 The fire consumed their young men;\*

- there were no wedding songs  
for their maidens.
- 64 Their priests fell by the sword,\*  
and their widows  
made no lamentation.
- 65 Then the LORD woke  
as though from sleep,\*  
like a warrior refreshed with wine.
- 66 He struck his enemies on the backside\*  
and put them to perpetual shame.
- 67 He rejected the tent of Joseph\*  
and did not choose  
the tribe of Ephraim;
- 68 he chose instead the tribe of Judah\*  
and Mount Zion, which he loved.
- 69 He built his sanctuary  
like the heights of heaven,\*  
like the earth  
which he founded forever.
- 70 He chose David his servant,\*  
and took him away  
from the sheepfolds.
- 71 He brought him  
from following the ewes,\*  
to be a shepherd  
over Jacob his people  
and over Israel his inheritance.
- 72 So he shepherd them  
with a faithful and true heart\*  
and guided them  
with the skillfulness of his hands.

## 80

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
leading Joseph like a flock;\*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned  
upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin,  
and Manasseh,\*  
stir up your strength  
and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,\*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them  
with the bread of tears;\*  
you have given them  
bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us  
the derision of our neighbors,\*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt,\*  
you cast out the nations  
and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it,\*  
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered  
by its shadow\*  
and the towering cedar trees  
by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the sea\*  
and its branches to the river.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall,\*  
so that all who pass by  
pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest  
has ravaged it,\*  
and the beasts of the field  
have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine;\*  
preserve what your right hand  
has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish;\*  
at the rebuke of your countenance  
let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man  
of your right hand,\*  
the son of man you have made  
so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never  
turn away from you;\*  
give us life, that we  
may call upon your name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts,\*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

## 81

- <sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength,  
and raise a loud shout  
to the God of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.
- <sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon,  
the day of our feast;
- <sup>4</sup>for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup>He laid it  
as a solemn charge upon Joseph,  
when he came out  
of the land of Egypt.
- <sup>6</sup>I heard an unfamiliar voice saying,  
"I eased his shoulder  
from the burden;  
his hands were set free  
from bearing the load."
- <sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble,  
and I saved you;  
I answered you  
from the secret place of thunder  
and tested you  
at the waters of Meribah.
- <sup>8</sup>Hear, O my people,  
and I will admonish you:  
O Israel,  
if you would but listen to me!
- <sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god  
among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.
- <sup>10</sup>I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you  
out of the land of Egypt and said,  
"Open your mouth wide,  
and I will fill it."
- <sup>11</sup>And yet my people did not hear  
my voice,  
and Israel would not obey me.
- <sup>12</sup>So I gave them over  
to the stubbornness of their hearts,  
to follow their own devices.
- <sup>13</sup>Oh, that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

- <sup>14</sup>I should soon subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.
- <sup>15</sup>Those who hate the LORD  
would cringe before him,  
and their punishment  
would last forever.
- <sup>16</sup>But Israel would I feed  
with the finest wheat  
and satisfy him  
with honey from the rock.

## 82

- <sup>1</sup>God takes his stand  
in the council of heaven;  
he gives judgment  
in the midst of the gods:
- <sup>2</sup>"How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?"
- <sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;
- <sup>4</sup>rescue the weak and the poor,  
deliver them  
from the power of the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup>They do not know,  
neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth  
are shaken.
- <sup>6</sup>Now I say to you, "You are gods,  
and all of you children  
of the Most High;
- <sup>7</sup>nevertheless,  
you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince."
- <sup>8</sup>Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations  
for your own.

## 84

- <sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O LORD of hosts!  
My soul has a desire and longing  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice  
in the living God.

- <sup>2</sup>The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest  
where she may lay her young,\*  
by the side of your altars,  
O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- <sup>3</sup>Happy are they  
who dwell in your house!\*
- They will always be praising you.
- <sup>4</sup>Happy are the people  
whose strength is in you,\*  
whose hearts are set  
on the pilgrims' way.
- <sup>5</sup>Those who go  
through the desolate valley  
will find it a place of springs,\*  
for the early rains have covered it  
with pools of water.
- <sup>6</sup>They will climb from height to height,\*  
and the God of gods  
will reveal himself in Zion.
- <sup>7</sup>LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;\*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- <sup>8</sup>Behold our defender, O God,\*  
and look upon the face  
of your anointed.
- <sup>9</sup>For one day in your courts  
is better than a thousand  
in my own room,\*  
and to stand at the threshold  
of the house of my God than  
to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- <sup>10</sup>For the LORD God  
is both sun and shield;\*  
he will give grace and glory;
- <sup>11</sup>no good thing will the LORD withhold\*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts,\*  
happy are they  
who put their trust in you!

## 85

- <sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land,  
O LORD,\*  
you have restored  
the good fortune of Jacob.

- <sup>2</sup>You have forgiven the iniquity  
of your people\*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- <sup>3</sup>You have withdrawn all your fury\*  
and turned yourself  
from your wrathful indignation.
- <sup>4</sup>Restore us then, O God our Savior;\*  
let your anger depart from us.
- <sup>5</sup>Will you be displeased with us forever?\*
- Will you prolong your anger  
from age to age?
- <sup>6</sup>Will you not give us life again,\*  
that your people may rejoice in you?
- <sup>7</sup>Show us your mercy, O LORD,\*  
and grant us your salvation.
- <sup>8</sup>I will listen  
to what the LORD God is saying,\*  
for he is speaking peace  
to his faithful people  
and to those  
who turn their hearts to him.
- <sup>9</sup>Truly, his salvation is very near  
to those who fear him,\*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together;\*  
righteousness and peace  
have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring up from the earth,\*  
and righteousness  
shall look down from heaven.
- <sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,\*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before him,\*  
and peace shall be a pathway  
for his feet.

## 86

- <sup>1</sup>Bow down your ear, O LORD,  
and answer me,\*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- <sup>2</sup>Keep watch over my life,  
for I am faithful;\*  
save your seryant  
who puts his trust in you.
- <sup>3</sup>Be merciful to me, O LORD,  
for you are my God,\*



I call upon you all the day long.  
 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,\*  
 for to you, O LORD,  
 I lift up my soul.  
 5 For you, O LORD,  
 are good and forgiving,\*  
 and great is your love  
 toward all who call upon you.  
 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,  
 and attend to the voice  
 of my supplications.  
 7 In the time of my trouble  
 I will call upon you,\*  
 for you will answer me.  
 8 Among the gods there is none like you,  
 O LORD,\*  
 nor anything like your works.  
 9 All nations you have made will  
 come and worship you, O LORD,\*  
 and glorify your name.  
 10 For you are great;  
 you do wondrous things;\*  
 and you alone are God.  
 11 Teach me your way, O LORD,  
 and I will walk in your truth;\*  
 knit my heart to you  
 that I may fear your name.  
 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God,  
 with all my heart,\*  
 and glorify your name forevermore.  
 13 For great is your love toward me;\*  
 you have delivered me  
 from the nethermost pit.  
 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
 and a band of violent men seeks my life;\*  
 they have not set you  
 before their eyes.  
 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious  
 and full of compassion,\*  
 slow to anger,  
 and full of kindness and truth.  
 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;\*  
 give your strength to your servant;  
 and save the child of your handmaid.  
 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
 so that those who hate me may see it  
 and be ashamed.\*

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

## 87

1 On the holy mountain  
 stands the city he has founded;\*  
 the LORD loves the gates of Zion  
 more than all the dwellings of Jacob.  
 2 Glorious things are spoken of you,\*  
 O city of our God.  
 3 I count Egypt and Babylon  
 among those who know me;\*  
 behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:  
 in Zion were they born.  
 4 Of Zion it shall be said,  
 "Everyone was born in her,\*  
 and the Most High himself  
 shall sustain her."  
 5 The LORD will record  
 as he enrolls the peoples,\*  
 "These also were born there."  
 6 The singers and the dancers will say,\*  
 "All my fresh springs are in you."

## 88

1 O LORD, my God, my Savior,\*  
 by day and night I cry to you.  
 2 Let my prayer enter into your presence;\*  
 incline your ear to my lamentation.  
 3 For I am full of trouble;\*  
 my life is at the brink of the grave.  
 4 I am counted among those  
 who go down to the pit;\*  
 I have become like one  
 who has no strength;  
 5 lost among the dead,\*  
 like the slain who lie in the grave,  
 6 whom you remember no more,\*  
 for they are cut off from your hand.  
 7 You have laid me  
 in the depths of the pit,\*  
 in dark places, and in the abyss.  
 8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily,\*  
 and all your great waves  
 overwhelm me.

- 9 You have put my friends far from me;  
you have made me  
to be abhorred by them; \*  
I am in prison and cannot get free.
- 10 My sight has failed me  
because of trouble; \*  
LORD, I have called upon you daily;  
I have stretched out my hands to you.
- 11 Do you work wonders for the dead? \*  
Will those who have died stand up  
and give you thanks?
- 12 Will your lovingkindness  
be declared in the grave, \*  
your faithfulness  
in the land of destruction?
- 13 Will your wonders  
be known in the dark \*  
or your righteousness  
in the country where all  
is forgotten?
- 14 But as for me, O LORD,  
I cry to you for help; \*  
in the morning  
my prayer comes before you.
- 15 LORD, why have you rejected me? \*  
Why have you hidden your face  
from me?
- 16 Ever since my youth,  
I have been wretched  
and at the point of death; \*  
I have borne your terrors  
with a troubled mind.
- 17 Your blazing anger has swept over me; \*  
your terrors have destroyed me;
- 18 they surround me all day long  
like a flood; \*  
they encompass me on every side.
- 19 My friend and my neighbor  
you have put away from me, \*  
and darkness is my only companion.
- 2 For I am persuaded  
that your love is established forever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness  
firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant  
with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath  
to David my servant:
- 4 "I will establish your line forever, \*  
and preserve your throne  
for all generations."
- 5 The heavens bear witness  
to your wonders, O LORD, \*  
and to your faithfulness,  
in the assembly of the holy ones;
- 6 for who in the skies  
can be compared to the LORD? \*  
Who is like the LORD  
among the gods?
- 7 God is much to be feared  
in the council of the holy ones, \*  
great and terrible  
to all those round about him.
- 8 Who is like you, LORD God of hosts? \*  
O mighty LORD,  
your faithfulness is all around you.
- 9 You rule the raging of the sea \*  
and still the surging of its waves.
- 10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep  
with a deadly wound; \*  
you have scattered your enemies  
with your mighty arm.
- 11 Yours are the heavens;  
the earth also is yours; \*  
you laid the foundations  
of the world and all that is in it.
- 12 You have made the north and the south; \*  
Tabor and Hermon rejoice  
in your name.
- 13 You have a mighty arm; \*  
strong is your hand,  
and high is your right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and justice  
are the foundations of your throne; \*  
love and truth go before your face.
- 15 Happy are the people  
who know the festal shout! \*

## 89

- 1 Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth  
will proclaim your faithfulness.

- They walk, O LORD,  
in the light of your presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily in your name; \*  
they are jubilant  
in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
and by your favor  
our might is exalted.
- 18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; \*  
the Holy One of Israel is our king.
- 19 You spoke once in a vision  
and said to your faithful people: \*  
“I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one  
chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love  
shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious  
through my name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the great sea to the river.
- 26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, \*  
my God, and  
the rock of my salvation.’
- 27 I will make him my firstborn \*  
and higher than the kings of the earth.
- 28 I will keep my love for him forever, \*  
and my covenant  
will stand firm for him.
- 29 I will establish his line forever \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven.
- 30 If his children forsake my law \*  
and do not walk  
according to my judgments;  
31 if they break my statutes \*  
and do not keep my commandments;  
32 I will punish their transgressions  
with a rod \*  
and their iniquities with the lash;  
33 but I will not take my love from him, \*  
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
- 34 I will not break my covenant, \*  
nor change  
what has gone out of my lips.
- 35 Once for all  
I have sworn by my holiness: \*  
‘I will not lie to David.
- 36 His line shall endure forever \*  
and his throne as the sun before me;  
37 it shall stand fast forevermore  
like the moon, \*  
the abiding witness in the sky.’”
- 38 But you have cast off  
and rejected your anointed; \*  
you have become enraged at him.
- 39 You have broken your covenant  
with your servant, \*  
defiled his crown,  
and hurled it to the ground.
- 40 You have breached all his walls \*  
and laid his strongholds in ruins.
- 41 All who pass by despoil him; \*  
he has become the scorn  
of his neighbors.
- 42 You have exalted  
the right hand of his foes \*  
and made all his enemies rejoice.
- 43 You have turned back  
the edge of his sword \*  
and have not sustained him in battle.
- 44 You have put an end to his splendor \*  
and cast his throne to the ground.
- 45 You have cut short  
the days of his youth, \*  
and have covered him with shame.
- 46 How long will you hide yourself,  
O LORD?  
Will you hide yourself forever? \*  
How long  
will your anger burn like fire?
- 47 Remember, LORD, how short life is, \*  
how frail you have made all flesh.
- 48 Who can live and not see death? \*  
Who can save himself  
from the power of the grave?

- 49 Where, Lord,  
are your lovingkindnesses of old,\*  
which you promised David  
in your faithfulness?
- 50 Remember, Lord,  
how your servant is mocked,\*  
how I carry in my bosom  
the taunts of many peoples,  
51 the taunts your enemies have hurled,  
O LORD,\*  
which they hurled at the heels  
of your anointed.
- 52 Blessed be the LORD forevermore!\*  
Amen, I say. Amen.

## 90

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge\*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains  
were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,\*  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say,\*  
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past\*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream;\*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning  
it is green and flourishes,\*  
in the evening  
it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away  
in your displeasure;\*  
we are afraid  
because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you,\*  
and our secret sins  
in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry,  
all our days are gone;\*  
we bring our years  
to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty\*;

- yet the sum of them  
is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly  
and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath?\*  
Who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days,\*  
that we may apply  
our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD;  
how long will you tarry?\*
- Be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your lovingkindness  
in the morning;\*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad  
all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days  
that you afflicted us\*  
and the years  
in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works\*  
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD  
our God be upon us;\*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

## 91

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter  
of the Most High,\*  
abides under the shadow  
of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,  
“You are my refuge and my stronghold,\*  
my God in whom I put my trust.”
- 3 He shall deliver you  
from the snare of the hunter\*  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge  
under his wings;\*  
his faithfulness  
shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid  
of any terror by night,\*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

- 6 of the plague  
that stalks in the darkness,\*  
nor of the sickness  
that lays waste at midday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand,\*  
but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold\*  
to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD  
your refuge,\*  
and the Most High your habitation,  
10 there shall no evil happen to you,\*  
neither shall any plague  
come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels  
charge over you,\*  
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands,\*  
lest you dash your foot  
against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread  
upon the lion and adder;\*  
you shall trample the young lion  
and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him;\*  
I will protect him,  
because he knows my name.
- 15 He shall call upon me,  
and I will answer him;\*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him  
and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him,\*  
and show him my salvation.

## 92

- 1 It is a good thing  
to give thanks to the LORD,\*  
and to sing praises to your name,  
O Most High;
- 2 to tell of your lovingkindness  
early in the morning\*  
and of your faithfulness  
in the night season;

- 3 on the psaltery, and on the lyre,\*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad  
by your acts, O LORD;\*  
and I shout for joy  
because of the works of your hands.
- 5 LORD, how great are your works!\*  
Your thoughts are very deep.
- 6 The dullard does not know,  
nor does the fool understand,\*  
that though the wicked  
grow like weeds,  
and all the workers of iniquity  
flourish,
- 7 they flourish only  
to be destroyed forever;\*  
but you, O LORD,  
are exalted forevermore.
- 8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD,  
lo, your enemies shall perish,\*  
and all the workers of iniquity  
shall be scattered.
- 9 But my horn you have exalted  
like the horns of wild bulls;\*  
I am anointed with fresh oil.
- 10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies,\*  
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom  
of the wicked who rise up against me.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish  
like a palm tree,\*  
and shall spread abroad  
like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted  
in the house of the LORD\*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 they shall still bear fruit in old age;\*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 that they may show  
how upright the LORD is,\*  
my rock, in whom there is no fault.

## 93

- 1 The LORD is king;  
he has put on splendid apparel,\*  
the LORD has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.

- 2 He has made the whole world so sure\*  
that it cannot be moved;  
3 ever since the world began,  
your throne has been established;\*  
you are from everlasting.  
4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,  
the waters have lifted up their voice;\*  
the waters have lifted up  
their pounding waves.  
5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea,\*  
mightier is the LORD  
who dwells on high.  
6 Your testimonies are very sure,\*  
and holiness adorns your house,  
O LORD, forever and forevermore.

## 94

- 1 O LORD God of vengeance,\*  
O God of vengeance, show yourself.  
2 Rise up, O Judge of the world,\*  
give the arrogant their just deserts.  
3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD,\*  
how long shall the wicked triumph?  
4 They bluster in their insolence,\*  
all evildoers are full of boasting.  
5 They crush your people, O LORD,\*  
and afflict your chosen nation.  
6 They murder the widow  
and the stranger\*  
and put the orphans to death.  
7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see,\*  
the God of Jacob takes no notice."  
8 Consider well,  
you dullards among the people;\*  
when will you fools understand?  
9 He that planted the ear,  
does he not hear?\*  
He that formed the eye,  
does he not see?  
10 He who admonishes the nations,  
will he not punish?\*  
He who teaches all the world,  
has he no knowledge?  
11 The LORD knows our human thoughts,\*  
how like a puff of wind they are.

- 12 Happy are they whom you instruct,  
O Lord,\*  
whom you teach out of your law;  
13 to give them rest in evil days,\*  
until a pit is dug for the wicked.  
14 For the LORD  
will not abandon his people,\*  
nor will he forsake his own.  
15 For judgment will again be just,\*  
and all the true of heart  
will follow it.  
16 Who rose up for me  
against the wicked?\*  
Who took my part  
against the evildoers?  
17 If the LORD had not come to my help,\*  
I should soon have dwelt  
in the land of silence.  
18 As often as I said,  
"My foot has slipped,"\*  
your love, O LORD, upheld me.  
19 When many cares fill my mind,\*  
your consolations cheer my soul.  
20 Can a corrupt tribunal  
have any part with you,\*  
one which frames evil into law?  
21 They conspire against the life of the just\*  
and condemn the innocent to death.  
22 But the LORD  
has become my stronghold,\*  
and my God the rock of my trust.  
23 He will turn their wickedness  
back upon them  
and destroy them in their own malice;\*  
the LORD our God will destroy them.

## 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;\*  
let us shout for joy  
to the rock of our salvation.  
2 Let us come before his presence  
with thanksgiving\*  
and raise a loud shout  
to him with psalms.  
3 For the LORD is a great God,\*  
and a great king above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,\*  
and his hands  
have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us bow down  
and bend the knee,\*  
and kneel before the LORD  
our maker.

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.\*  
Oh, that today you would hearken  
to his voice!

<sup>8</sup>Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness,\*  
at Meribah, and on that day  
at Massah, when they tempted me.

<sup>9</sup>They put me to the test,\*  
though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>Forty years long  
I detested that generation and said,\*  
“This people are wayward  
in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.”

<sup>11</sup>So I swore in my wrath,\*  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

## 96

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song;\*  
sing to the LORD,  
all the whole earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD and bless his name;\*  
proclaim the good news  
of his salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations\*  
and his wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD  
and greatly to be praised;\*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations,  
they are but idols;\*  
but it is the LORD  
who made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>Oh, the majesty and magnificence  
of his presence!\*

Oh, the power and the splendor  
of his sanctuary!

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD,  
you families of the peoples;\*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD  
the honor due his name;\*  
bring offerings  
and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD  
in the beauty of holiness;\*  
let the whole earth  
tremble before him.

<sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations:  
“The LORD is king!”  
He has made the world so firm  
that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.”

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice,  
and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it,\*  
let the field be joyful  
and all that is therein.

<sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood  
shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes,\*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>13</sup>He will judge the world  
with righteousness\*  
and the peoples with his truth.

## 97

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king;  
let the earth rejoice;\*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness  
are round about him,\*  
righteousness and justice  
are the foundations of his throne.

<sup>3</sup>A fire goes before him\*  
and burns up his enemies  
on every side.

<sup>4</sup>His lightnings light up the world;\*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax  
at the presence of the LORD,\*

at the presence of the Lord  
of the whole earth.

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his righteousness,\*  
and all the peoples see his glory.

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all  
who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.

<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad,  
and the cities of Judah rejoice,\*  
because of your judgments, O LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD,  
most high over all the earth,\*  
you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD loves those who hate evil;\*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them  
from the hand of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup>Light has sprung up for the righteous,\*  
and joyful gladness for those  
who are truehearted.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,\*  
and give thanks to his holy name.

## 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song,\*  
for he has done marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his holy arm\*  
has he won for himself the victory.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has made known  
his victory;\*  
his righteousness  
has he openly shown  
in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and  
faithfulness to the house of Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth  
have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD,  
all you lands;\*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>6</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,\*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets  
and the sound of the horn \*

shout with joy  
before the king, the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise  
and all that is in it,\*  
the lands and  
those who dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands,\*  
and let the hills ring out with joy  
before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup>In righteousness  
shall he judge the world\*  
and the peoples with equity.

## 99

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king;  
let the people tremble.\*  
He is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion;\*  
he is high above all peoples.

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess his name,  
which is great and awesome,\*  
he is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>“O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;\*  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.”

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness  
of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool;\*  
he is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those  
who call upon his name,\*  
they called upon the LORD,  
and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them out  
of the pillar of cloud;\*  
they kept his testimonies  
and the decree that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God,  
you answered them indeed;\*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.



<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness  
of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the LORD our God  
is the Holy One.

## 100

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence  
with a song.  
<sup>2</sup>Know this: The LORD himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us,  
and we are his;  
we are his people  
and the sheep of his pasture.  
<sup>3</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him  
and call upon his name.  
<sup>4</sup>For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures  
from age to age.

## 102

<sup>1</sup>LORD, hear my prayer,  
and let my cry come before you; \*  
hide not your face from me  
in the day of my trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
when I call,  
make haste to answer me,  
<sup>3</sup>for my days drift away like smoke, \*  
and my bones are hot  
as burning coals.  
<sup>4</sup>My heart is smitten like grass  
and withered, \*  
so that I forget to eat my bread.  
<sup>5</sup>Because of the voice of my groaning \*  
I am but skin and bones.  
<sup>6</sup>I have become like a vulture \*  
in the wilderness, \*

like an owl among the ruins.  
<sup>7</sup>I lie awake and groan; \*  
I am like a sparrow,  
lonely on a housetop.  
<sup>8</sup>My enemies revile me all day long, \*  
and those who scoff at me  
have taken an oath against me.  
<sup>9</sup>For I have eaten ashes for bread \*  
and mingled my drink with weeping.  
<sup>10</sup>Because of your indignation and wrath \*  
you have lifted me up  
and thrown me away.  
<sup>11</sup>My days pass away like a shadow, \*  
and I wither like the grass.  
<sup>12</sup>But you, O LORD, endure forever, \*  
and your name from age to age.  
<sup>13</sup>You will arise  
and have compassion on Zion,  
for it is time to have mercy upon her; \*  
indeed, the appointed time has come.  
<sup>14</sup>For your servants love her very rubble, \*  
and are moved to pity  
even for her dust.  
<sup>15</sup>The nations shall fear your name,  
O LORD, \*  
and all the kings of the earth  
your glory.  
<sup>16</sup>For the LORD will build up Zion, \*  
and his glory will appear.  
<sup>17</sup>He will look with favor  
on the prayer of the homeless; \*  
he will not despise their plea.  
<sup>18</sup>Let this be written  
for a future generation, \*  
so that a people yet unborn  
may praise the LORD.  
<sup>19</sup>For the LORD looked down  
from his holy place on high; \*  
from the heavens  
he beheld the earth;  
<sup>20</sup>that he might hear the groan  
of the captive \*  
and set free those condemned to die;  
<sup>21</sup>that they may declare in Zion  
the name of the LORD, \*  
and his praise in Jerusalem;

- 22 when the peoples are gathered together,\*  
and the kingdoms also,  
to serve the LORD.
- 23 He has brought down my strength  
before my time;\*  
he has shortened  
the number of my days;
- 24 and I said, "O my God,  
do not take me away  
in the midst of my days,\*  
your years endure  
throughout all generations.
- 25 In the beginning, O LORD,  
you laid the foundations of the earth,\*  
and the heavens  
are the work of your hands.
- 26 They shall perish, but you will endure;  
they all shall wear out like a garment,\*  
as clothing you will change them,  
and they shall be changed;
- 27 but you are always the same,\*  
and your years will never end.
- 28 The children of your servants  
shall continue,\*  
and their offspring  
shall stand fast in your sight."

## 103

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,\*  
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins\*  
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 he redeems your life from the grave\*  
and crowns you with mercy  
and lovingkindness;
- 5 he satisfies you with good things,\*  
and your youth is renewed  
like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness\*  
and judgment for all  
who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses\*

- and his works  
to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion  
and mercy,\*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us,\*  
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us  
according to our sins,\*  
nor rewarded us  
according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens  
are high above the earth,\*  
so is his mercy  
great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,\*  
so far  
has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children,\*  
so does the LORD care for those  
who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows  
whereof we are made,\*  
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass;\*  
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 when the wind goes over it, it is gone,\*  
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD  
endures forever  
on those who fear him,\*  
and his righteousness  
on children's children;
- 18 on those who keep his covenant\*  
and remember his commandments  
and do them.
- 19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven,\*  
and his kingship  
has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,\*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts,\*  
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion;\*  
bless the LORD, O my soul.

## 104

- <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul;\*  
O LORD my God,  
how excellent is your greatness!  
You are clothed  
with majesty and splendor.
- <sup>2</sup>You wrap yourself with light  
as with a cloak\*  
and spread out the heavens  
like a curtain.
- <sup>3</sup>You lay the beams of your chambers  
in the waters above;\*  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- <sup>4</sup>You make the winds your messengers\*  
and flames of fire your servants.
- <sup>5</sup>You have set the earth  
upon its foundations,\*  
so that it never shall move  
at any time.
- <sup>6</sup>You covered it with the deep  
as with a mantle;\*  
the waters stood higher  
than the mountains.
- <sup>7</sup>At your rebuke they fled,\*  
at the voice of your thunder  
they hastened away.
- <sup>8</sup>They went up into the hills  
and down to the valleys beneath,\*  
to the places  
you had appointed for them.
- <sup>9</sup>You set the limits  
that they should not pass;\*  
they shall not again cover the earth.
- <sup>10</sup>You send the springs into the valleys;\*  
they flow between the mountains.
- <sup>11</sup>All the beasts of the field  
drink their fill from them,\*  
and the wild asses  
quench their thirst.
- <sup>12</sup>Beside them the birds of the air  
make their nests\*  
and sing among the branches.
- <sup>13</sup>You water the mountains  
from your dwelling on high;\*  
the earth is fully satisfied  
by the fruit of your works.
- <sup>14</sup>You make grass grow  
for flocks and herds\*  
and plants to serve mankind;  
that they may bring forth food  
from the earth,\*  
and wine to gladden our hearts,  
oil to make a cheerful countenance,\*  
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- <sup>17</sup>The trees of the LORD are full of sap,\*  
the cedars of Lebanon  
which he planted,  
in which the birds build their nests,\*  
and in whose tops  
the stork makes his dwelling.
- <sup>19</sup>The high hills are a refuge  
for the mountain goats,\*  
and the stony cliffs  
for the rock badgers.
- <sup>20</sup>You appointed the moon  
to mark the seasons,\*  
and the sun  
knows the time of its setting.
- <sup>21</sup>You make darkness  
that it may be night,\*  
in which all the beasts  
of the forest prowl.
- <sup>22</sup>The lions roar after their prey\*  
and seek their food from God.
- <sup>23</sup>The sun rises, and they slip away\*  
and lay themselves down  
in their dens.
- <sup>24</sup>Man goes forth to his work\*  
and to his labor until the evening.
- <sup>25</sup>O LORD, how manifold  
are your works!\*  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- <sup>26</sup>Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things  
too many to number,\*  
creatures both small and great.
- <sup>27</sup>There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan,\*  
which you have made  
for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you\*  
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it;\*  
you open your hand,  
and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face,  
and they are terrified;\*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit,  
and they are created;\*  
and so you renew  
the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD  
endure forever;\*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;\*  
he touches the mountains  
and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;\*  
I will praise my God  
while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him;\*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

36 Let sinners be consumed  
out of the earth,\*  
and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul.\*  
Hallelujah!

## 105

1 Give thanks to the LORD  
and call upon his name;\*  
make known his deeds  
among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him,\*  
and speak  
of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy name;\*  
let the hearts of those  
who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength;\*  
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done,\*

his wonders and  
the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,\*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God;\*  
his judgments prevail  
in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful  
of his covenant,\*  
the promise he made  
for a thousand generations:

9 the covenant he made with Abraham,\*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 which he established  
as a statute for Jacob,\*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 saying, "To you will I give  
the land of Canaan\*  
to be your allotted inheritance."

12 When they were few in number,\*  
of little account,  
and sojourners in the land,

13 wandering from nation to nation\*  
and from one kingdom to another,

14 he let no one oppress them\*  
and rebuked kings for their sake,

15 saying, "Do not touch my anointed\*  
and do my prophets no harm."

16 Then he called for a famine in the land\*  
and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them,\*  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters;\*  
his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass,\*  
the word of the LORD tested him.

20 The king sent and released him;\*  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master  
over his household,\*  
as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 to instruct his princes  
according to his will\*  
and to teach his elders wisdom.

23 Israel came into Egypt,\*

- and Jacob became a sojourner  
in the land of Ham.
- <sup>24</sup>The LORD made his people  
exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger  
than their enemies;
- <sup>25</sup>whose heart he turned,  
so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- <sup>26</sup>He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- <sup>27</sup>They worked his signs, among them, \*  
and portents in the land of Ham.
- <sup>28</sup>He sent darkness, and it grew dark; \*  
but the Egyptians rebelled  
against his words.
- <sup>29</sup>He turned their waters into blood \*  
and caused their fish to die.
- <sup>30</sup>Their land was overrun by frogs, \*  
in the very chambers of their kings.
- <sup>31</sup>He spoke,  
and there came swarms of insects \*  
and gnats within all their borders.
- <sup>32</sup>He gave them hailstones  
instead of rain, \*  
and flames of fire  
throughout their land.
- <sup>33</sup>He blasted their vines  
and their fig trees \*  
and shattered every tree  
in their country.
- <sup>34</sup>He spoke, and the locust came, \*  
and young locusts without number,
- <sup>35</sup>which ate up all the green plants  
in their land \*  
and devoured the fruit of their soil.
- <sup>36</sup>He struck down the firstborn  
of their land, \*  
the firstfruits of all their strength.
- <sup>37</sup>He led out his people  
with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes  
there was not one that stumbled.
- <sup>38</sup>Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.
- <sup>39</sup>He spread out a cloud for a covering \*

- and a fire to give light  
in the night season.
- <sup>40</sup>They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them  
with bread from heaven.
- <sup>41</sup>He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.
- <sup>42</sup>For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.
- <sup>43</sup>So he led forth his people  
with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- <sup>44</sup>He gave his people  
the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit  
of others' toil,
- <sup>45</sup>that they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

## 107

- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>Let all those whom the LORD  
has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them  
from the hand of the foe.
- <sup>3</sup>He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- <sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city  
where they might dwell.
- <sup>5</sup>They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.
- <sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the LORD  
in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them  
from their distress.
- <sup>7</sup>He put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city  
where they might dwell.
- <sup>8</sup>Let them give thanks  
to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders  
he does for his children.

- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty\*  
 and fills the hungry with good things.
- 10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom,\*  
 bound fast in misery and iron;
- 11 because they rebelled  
 against the words of God\*  
 and despised the counsel  
 of the Most High.
- 12 So he humbled their spirits  
 with hard labor;\*  
 they stumbled,  
 and there was none to help.
- 13 Then they cried to the LORD  
 in their trouble,\*  
 and he delivered them  
 from their distress.
- 14 He led them out  
 of darkness and deep gloom\*  
 and broke their bonds asunder.
- 15 Let them give thanks  
 to the LORD for his mercy\*  
 and the wonders  
 he does for his children.
- 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze\*  
 and breaks in two the iron bars.
- 17 Some were fools  
 and took to rebellious ways;\*  
 they were afflicted  
 because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food\*  
 and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD  
 in their trouble,\*  
 and he delivered them  
 from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them\*  
 and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks  
 to the LORD for his mercy\*  
 and the wonders  
 he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer  
 a sacrifice of thanksgiving\*  
 and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships\*  
 and plied their trade in deep waters;  
 24 they beheld the works of the LORD\*
- and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 Then he spoke,  
 and a stormy wind arose,\*  
 which tossed high  
 the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens  
 and fell back to the depths,\*  
 their hearts melted  
 because of their peril.
- 27 They reeled  
 and staggered like drunkards\*  
 and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the LORD  
 in their trouble,\*  
 and he delivered them  
 from their distress.
- 29 He stilled the storm to a whisper\*  
 and quieted the waves of the sea.
- 30 Then were they glad  
 because of the calm,\*  
 and he brought them to the harbor  
 they were bound for.
- 31 Let them give thanks  
 to the LORD for his mercy\*  
 and the wonders  
 he does for his children.
- 32 Let them exalt him  
 in the congregation of the people\*  
 and praise him  
 in the council of the elders.
- 33 The LORD changed rivers into deserts,\*  
 and water-springs into thirsty ground,  
 34 a fruitful land into salt flats,\*  
 because of the wickedness  
 of those who dwell there.
- 35 He changed deserts into pools of water\*  
 and dry land into water-springs.
- 36 He settled the hungry there,\*  
 and they founded a city to dwell in.
- 37 They sowed fields,  
 and planted vineyards,\*  
 and brought in a fruitful harvest.
- 38 He blessed them,  
 so that they increased greatly;\*  
 he did not let their herds decrease.
- 39 Yet when they were diminished  
 and brought low,\*

- through stress  
of adversity and sorrow,  
<sup>40</sup>he pours contempt on princes\*  
and makes them wander  
in trackless wastes;  
<sup>41</sup>he lifted up the poor out of misery\*  
and multiplied their families  
like flocks of sheep.  
<sup>42</sup>The upright will see this and rejoice,\*  
but all wickedness  
will shut its mouth.  
<sup>43</sup>Whoever is wise  
will ponder these things,\*  
and consider well  
the mercies of the LORD.

## 108

- <sup>1</sup>My heart is firmly fixed, O God,  
my heart is fixed;\*  
I will sing and make melody.  
<sup>2</sup>Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, lute and harp;\*  
I myself will waken the dawn.  
<sup>3</sup>I will confess you  
among the peoples, O LORD;\*  
I will sing praises to you  
among the nations.  
<sup>4</sup>For your lovingkindness  
is greater than the heavens,\*  
and your faithfulness  
reaches to the clouds.  
<sup>5</sup>Exalt yourself above the heavens,  
O God,\*  
and your glory over all the earth.  
<sup>6</sup>So that those who are dear to you  
may be delivered,\*  
save with your right hand  
and answer me.  
<sup>7</sup>God spoke from his holy place and said,\*  
“I will exult and parcel out Shechem;  
I will divide the valley of Succoth.  
<sup>8</sup>Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine;\*  
Ephraim is my helmet  
and Judah my scepter.

- <sup>9</sup>Moab is my washbasin;  
on Edom  
I throw down my sandal to claim it,\*  
and over Philistia  
will I shout in triumph.”  
<sup>10</sup>Who will lead me into the strong city?\*  
Who will bring me into Edom?  
<sup>11</sup>Have you not cast us off, O God?\*  
You no longer go out, O God,  
with our armies.  
<sup>12</sup>Grant us your help against the enemy,\*  
for vain is the help of man.  
<sup>13</sup>With God we will do valiant deeds,\*  
and he shall tread  
our enemies under foot.

## 110

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies  
your footstool.”  
<sup>2</sup>The LORD will send the scepter  
of your power out of Zion,\*  
saying, “Rule over your enemies  
round about you.  
<sup>3</sup>Princely state has been yours  
from the day of your birth,\*  
in the beauty of holiness  
have I begotten you,  
like dew  
from the womb of the morning.”  
<sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn,  
and he will not recant:\*  
“You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek.”  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord who is at your right hand  
will smite kings in the day of his wrath;\*  
he will rule over the nations.  
<sup>6</sup>He will heap high the corpses,\*  
he will smash heads  
over the wide earth.  
<sup>7</sup>He will drink  
from the brook beside the road,\*  
therefore he will lift high his head.

## 111

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the LORD  
with my whole heart,\*  
in the assembly of the upright,  
in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup>Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
They are studied  
by all who delight in them.
- <sup>3</sup>His work  
is full of majesty and splendor,\*  
and his righteousness  
endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works  
to be remembered;\*  
the LORD is gracious  
and full of compassion.
- <sup>5</sup>He gives food to those who fear him;\*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- <sup>6</sup>He has shown his people  
the power of his works\*  
in giving them the lands  
of the nations.
- <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands  
are faithfulness and justice;\*  
all his commandments are sure.
- <sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever,\*  
because they are done  
in truth and equity.
- <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant forever;\*  
holy and awesome is his name.
- <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD  
is the beginning of wisdom;\*  
those who act accordingly  
have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.

## 112

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord\*  
and have great delight  
in his commandments!

- <sup>2</sup>Their descendants  
will be mighty in the land;\*  
the generation of the upright  
will be blessed.
- <sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches  
will be in their house,\*  
and their righteousness  
will last forever.
- <sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness  
for the upright;\*  
the righteous are merciful  
and full of compassion.
- <sup>5</sup>It is good for them  
to be generous in lending\*  
and to manage their affairs  
with justice.
- <sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken;\*  
the righteous will be kept  
in everlasting remembrance.
- <sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid  
of any evil rumors;\*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup>Their heart is established  
and will not shrink,\*  
until they see their desire  
upon their enemies.
- <sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor,\*  
and their righteousness  
stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head  
with honor.
- <sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth  
and pine away;\*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

## 113

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you servants of the LORD;\*  
praise the name of the LORD.
- <sup>2</sup>Let the name of the LORD be blessed,\*  
from this time forth forevermore.
- <sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun  
to its going down\*  
let the name of the LORD be praised.



- <sup>4</sup>The LORD is high above all nations,\*  
and his glory above the heavens.
- <sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,\*  
but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?
- <sup>6</sup>He takes up the weak out of the dust\*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- <sup>7</sup>He sets them with the princes,\*  
with the princes of his people.
- <sup>8</sup>He makes the woman  
of a childless house\*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

## 114

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt,\*  
the house of Jacob  
from a people of strange speech,
- <sup>2</sup>Judah became God's sanctuary\*  
and Israel his dominion.
- <sup>3</sup>The sea beheld it and fled;\*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- <sup>4</sup>The mountains skipped like rams,\*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- <sup>5</sup>What ailed you, O sea, that you fled,\*  
O Jordan, that you turned back,
- <sup>6</sup>you mountains,  
that you skipped like rams,\*  
you little hills like young sheep?
- <sup>7</sup>Tremble, O earth,  
at the presence of the Lord,\*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- <sup>8</sup>who turned the hard rock  
into a pool of water\*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## 115

- <sup>1</sup>Not to us, O LORD, not to us,  
but to your name give glory,\*  
because of your love  
and because of your faithfulness.

- <sup>2</sup>Why should the heathen say,\*  
"Where then is their God?"
- <sup>3</sup>Our God is in heaven;\*  
whatever he wills to do he does.
- <sup>4</sup>Their idols are silver and gold,\*  
the work of human hands.
- <sup>5</sup>They have mouths,  
but they cannot speak;\*  
eyes have they, but they cannot see;
- <sup>6</sup>they have ears, but they cannot hear;\*  
noses, but they cannot smell;
- <sup>7</sup>they have hands, but they cannot feel;  
feet, but they cannot walk;\*  
they make no sound  
with their throat.
- <sup>8</sup>Those who make them are like them,\*  
and so are all  
who put their trust in them.
- <sup>9</sup>O Israel, trust in the LORD,\*  
he is their help and their shield.
- <sup>10</sup>O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;\*  
he is their help and their shield.
- <sup>11</sup>You who fear the LORD,  
trust in the LORD;\*  
he is their help and their shield.
- <sup>12</sup>The LORD has been mindful of us,  
and he will bless us;\*  
he will bless the house of Israel;  
he will bless the house of Aaron;
- <sup>13</sup>he will bless those who fear the LORD,\*  
both small and great together.
- <sup>14</sup>May the LORD increase you  
more and more,\*  
you and your children after you.
- <sup>15</sup>May you be blessed by the LORD,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- <sup>16</sup>The heaven of heavens is the LORD's,\*  
but he entrusted the earth  
to its peoples.
- <sup>17</sup>The dead do not praise the LORD,\*  
nor all those  
who go down into silence;
- <sup>18</sup>but we will bless the LORD,\*  
from this time forth forevermore.  
Hallelujah!

## 116

- <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard  
the voice of my supplication,\*  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called upon him.
- <sup>2</sup>The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;\*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- <sup>3</sup>Then I called  
upon the name of the LORD:\*  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”
- <sup>4</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous;\*  
our God is full of compassion.
- <sup>5</sup>The LORD watches over the innocent;\*  
I was brought very low,  
and he helped me.
- <sup>6</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul,\*  
for the LORD has treated you well.
- <sup>7</sup>For you have rescued  
my life from death,\*  
my eyes from tears,  
and my feet from stumbling.
- <sup>8</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD\*  
in the land of the living.
- <sup>9</sup>I believed, even when I said,  
“I have been brought very low.”\*  
In my distress I said,  
“No one can be trusted.”
- <sup>10</sup>How shall I repay the LORD\*  
for all the good things  
he has done for me?
- <sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call upon  
the name of the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his people.
- <sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD\*  
is the death of his servants.
- <sup>14</sup>O LORD, I am your servant;\*  
I am your servant  
and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- <sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice  
of thanksgiving\*  
and call  
upon the name of the LORD.

- <sup>16</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>17</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house,\*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

## 117

- <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD, all you nations;\*  
laud him, all you peoples.
- <sup>2</sup>For his lovingkindness  
toward us is great,\*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD  
endures forever.  
Hallelujah!

## 118

- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good;\*  
his mercy endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>Let Israel now proclaim,\*  
“His mercy endures forever.”
- <sup>3</sup>Let the house of Aaron now proclaim,\*  
“His mercy endures forever.”
- <sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the LORD  
now proclaim,\*  
“His mercy endures forever.”
- <sup>5</sup>I called to the LORD in my distress;\*  
the LORD answered  
by setting me free.
- <sup>6</sup>The LORD is at my side,  
therefore I will not fear;\*  
what can anyone do to me?
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD is at my side to help me;\*  
I will triumph  
over those who hate me.
- <sup>8</sup>It is better to rely on the LORD\*  
than to put any trust in flesh.
- <sup>9</sup>It is better to rely on the LORD\*  
than to put any trust in rulers.
- <sup>10</sup>All the ungodly encompass me;\*  
in the name of the LORD  
I will repel them.

- <sup>11</sup>They hem me in,  
they hem me in on every side;\*  
in the name of the LORD  
I will repel them.
- <sup>12</sup>They swarm about me like bees;  
they blaze like a fire of thorns;\*  
in the name of the LORD  
I will repel them.
- <sup>13</sup>I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,\*  
but the LORD came to my help.
- <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,\*  
and he has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup>There is a sound  
of exultation and victory\*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- <sup>16</sup>“The right hand of the LORD  
has triumphed! \*  
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD  
has triumphed!”
- <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,\*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me sorely,\*  
but he did not hand me over to death
- <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;\*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD,\*  
he who is righteous may enter.”
- <sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you,  
for you answered me\*  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup>The same stone  
which the builders rejected\*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD’s doing,\*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup>On this day the LORD has acted;\*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup>Hosanna, LORD, hosanna!\*  
LORD, send us now success.
- <sup>26</sup>Blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord;\*  
we bless you  
from the house of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup>God is the LORD;  
he has shined upon us;\*

- form a procession with branches  
up to the horns of the altar.
- <sup>28</sup>“You are my God, and I will thank you;\*  
you are my God,  
and I will exalt you.”
- <sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good;\*  
his mercy endures forever.

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### Aleph

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

### Beth

- <sup>9</sup>How shall a young man  
cleanse his way? \*  
By keeping to your words.
- <sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek you;\*  
let me not stray  
from your commandments.
- <sup>11</sup>I treasure your promise in my heart,\*  
that I may not sin against you.
- <sup>12</sup>Blessed are you, O LORD;\*  
instruct me in your statutes.

- 13 With my lips will I recite\*  
all the judgments of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight  
in the way of your decrees\*  
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate  
on your commandments\*  
and give attention to your ways.
- 16 My delight is in your statutes;\*  
I will not forget your word.

### Gimel

- 17 Deal bountifully with your servant,\*  
that I may live and keep your word.
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may see\*  
the wonders of your law.
- 19 I am a stranger here on earth,\*  
do not hide  
your commandments from me.
- 20 My soul is consumed at all times\*  
with longing for your judgments.
- 21 You have rebuked the insolent;\*  
cursed are they who stray  
from your commandments!
- 22 Turn from me shame and rebuke,\*  
for I have kept your decrees.
- 23 Even though rulers  
sit and plot against me,\*  
I will meditate on your statutes.
- 24 For your decrees are my delight,\*  
and they are my counselors.

### Daleth

- 25 My soul cleaves to the dust,\*  
give me life according to your word.
- 26 I have confessed my ways,  
and you answered me;\*  
instruct me in your statutes.
- 27 Make me understand  
the way of your commandments,\*  
that I may meditate  
on your marvelous works.
- 28 My soul melts away for sorrow;\*  
strengthen me  
according to your word.
- 29 Take from me the way of lying;\*  
let me find grace through your law.

- 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness,\*  
I have set your judgments before me.
- 31 I hold fast to your decrees;\*  
O LORD, let me not be put to shame.
- 32 I will run  
the way of your commandments,\*  
for you have set my heart at liberty.

### He

- 33 Teach me, O LORD,  
the way of your statutes,\*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding,  
and I shall keep your law;\*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go  
in the path of your commandments,\*  
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees\*  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching  
what is worthless;\*  
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant,\*  
which you make  
to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread,\*  
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments;\*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

### Waw

- 41 Let your lovingkindness  
come to me, O LORD,\*  
and your salvation,  
according to your promise.
- 42 Then shall I have a word  
for those who taunt me,\*  
because I trust in your words.
- 43 Do not take the word of truth  
out of my mouth,\*  
for my hope is in your judgments.
- 44 I shall continue to keep your law;\*  
I shall keep it forever and ever.
- 45 I will walk at liberty,\*  
because I study your commandments.
- 46 I will tell of your decrees before kings\*

and will not be ashamed.

- 47 I delight in your commandments,\*  
which I have always loved.
- 48 I will lift up my hands  
to your commandments,\*  
and I will meditate on your statutes.

### Zayin

- 49 Remember your word to your servant,\*  
because you have given me hope.
- 50 This is my comfort in my trouble,\*  
that your promise gives me life.
- 51 The proud have derided me cruelly,\*  
but I have not turned from your law.
- 52 When I remember  
your judgments of old,\*  
O LORD, I take great comfort.
- 53 I am filled with a burning rage,\*  
because of the wicked  
who forsake your law.
- 54 Your statutes have been  
like songs to me\*  
wherever I have lived as a stranger.
- 55 I remember your name in the night,  
O LORD,\*  
and dwell upon your law.
- 56 This is how it has been with me,\*  
because  
I have kept your commandments.

### Heth

- 57 You only are my portion, O LORD,\*  
I have promised to keep your words.
- 58 I entreat you with all my heart.\*  
Be merciful to me  
according to your promise.
- 59 I have considered my ways\*  
and turned my feet  
toward your decrees.
- 60 I hasten and do not tarry\*  
to keep your commandments.
- 61 Though the cords  
of the wicked entangle me,\*  
I do not forget your law.
- 62 At midnight I will rise  
to give you thanks,\*  
because of your righteous judgments.

- 63 I am a companion of all who fear you\*  
and of those  
who keep your commandments.
- 64 The earth, O LORD,  
is full of your love;\*  
instruct me in your statutes.

### Teth

- 65 O LORD, you have dealt graciously  
with your servant,\*  
according to your word.
- 66 Teach me discernment and knowledge,\*  
for I have believed  
in your commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,\*  
but now I keep your word.
- 68 You are good and you bring forth good;\*  
instruct me in your statutes.
- 69 The proud have smeared me with lies,\*  
but I will keep your commandments  
with my whole heart.
- 70 Their heart is gross and fat,\*  
but my delight is in your law.
- 71 It is good for me  
that I have been afflicted,\*  
that I might learn your statutes.
- 72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me\*  
than thousands in gold and silver.

### Yodh

- 73 Your hands have made me  
and fashioned me;\*  
give me understanding,  
that I may learn your commandments.
- 74 Those who fear you will be glad  
when they see me,\*  
because I trust in your word.
- 75 I know, O LORD,  
that your judgments are right\*  
and that in faithfulness  
you have afflicted me.
- 76 Let your lovingkindness  
be my comfort,\*  
as you have promised  
to your servant.
- 77 Let your compassion come to me,  
that I may live,\*

for your law is my delight.

- <sup>78</sup>Let the arrogant be put to shame,  
for they wrong me with lies;\*  
but I will meditate  
on your commandments.
- <sup>79</sup>Let those who fear you turn to me,\*  
and also those  
who know your decrees.
- <sup>80</sup>Let my heart be sound in your statutes,\*  
that I may not be put to shame.

### Kaph

- <sup>81</sup>My soul has longed for your salvation;\*  
I have put my hope in your word.
- <sup>82</sup>My eyes have failed  
from watching for your promise,\*  
and I say,  
“When will you comfort me?”
- <sup>83</sup>I have become  
like a leather flask in the smoke,\*  
but I have not forgotten  
your statutes.
- <sup>84</sup>How much longer must I wait? \*  
When will you give judgment  
against those who persecute me?
- <sup>85</sup>The proud have dug pits for me;\*  
they do not keep your law.
- <sup>86</sup>All your commandments are true;\*  
help me,  
for they persecute me with lies.
- <sup>87</sup>They had almost  
made an end of me on earth,\*  
but I have not forsaken  
your commandments.
- <sup>88</sup>In your lovingkindness, revive me,\*  
that I may keep  
the decrees of your mouth.

### Lamedh

- <sup>89</sup>O LORD, your word is everlasting;\*  
it stands firm in the heavens.
- <sup>90</sup>Your faithfulness remains  
from one generation to another;\*  
you established the earth,  
and it abides.
- <sup>91</sup>By your decree,  
these continue to this day,\*

for all things are your servants.

- <sup>92</sup>If my delight had not been in your law,\*  
I should have perished  
in my affliction.
- <sup>93</sup>I will never forget  
your commandments,\*  
because by them you give me life.
- <sup>94</sup>I am yours—  
oh, that you would save me!—\*  
for I study your commandments.
- <sup>95</sup>Though the wicked lie in wait for me  
to destroy me,\*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.
- <sup>96</sup>I see that all things come to an end,\*  
but your commandment  
has no bounds.

### Mem

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

### Nun

- <sup>105</sup>Your word is a lantern to my feet\*  
and a light upon my path.
- <sup>106</sup>I have sworn and am determined\*  
to keep your righteous judgments.
- <sup>107</sup>I am deeply troubled;\*

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

- <sup>108</sup> Accept, O LORD,  
the willing tribute of my lips,\*  
and teach me your judgments.  
<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand,\*  
yet I do not forget your law.  
<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me,\*  
but I have not strayed  
from your commandments.  
<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance  
forever;\*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.  
<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart  
to fulfill your statutes\*  
forever and to the end.

### Samekh

- <sup>113</sup> I hate those who have a divided heart,\*  
but your law do I love.  
<sup>114</sup> You are my refuge and shield;\*  
my hope is in your word.  
<sup>115</sup> Away from me, you wicked!\*  
I will keep  
the commandments of my God.  
<sup>116</sup> Sustain me according to your promise,  
that I may live,\*  
and let me not  
be disappointed in my hope.  
<sup>117</sup> Hold me up, and I shall be safe,\*  
and my delight  
shall be ever in your statutes.  
<sup>118</sup> You spurn all  
who stray from your statutes;\*  
their deceitfulness is in vain.  
<sup>119</sup> In your sight all the wicked of the earth  
are but dross;\*  
therefore I love your decrees.  
<sup>120</sup> My flesh trembles with dread of you,\*  
I am afraid of your judgments.

### Ayin

- <sup>121</sup> I have done what is just and right;\*  
do not deliver me to my oppressors.  
<sup>122</sup> Be surety for your servant's good;\*  
let not the proud oppress me.

<sup>123</sup> My eyes have failed from watching  
for your salvation\*  
and for your righteous promise.

- <sup>124</sup> Deal with your servant  
according to your lovingkindness,\*  
and teach me your statutes.  
<sup>125</sup> I am your servant;  
grant me understanding,\*  
that I may know your decrees.  
<sup>126</sup> It is time for you to act, O LORD,\*  
for they have broken your law.  
<sup>127</sup> Truly, I love your commandments\*  
more than gold and precious stones.  
<sup>128</sup> I hold all your commandments  
to be right for me;\*  
all paths of falsehood I abhor.

### Pe

- <sup>129</sup> Your decrees are wonderful;\*  
therefore I obey them  
with all my heart.  
<sup>130</sup> When your word goes forth  
it gives light;\*  
it gives understanding to the simple.  
<sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant;\*  
I long for your commandments.  
<sup>132</sup> Turn to me in mercy,\*  
as you always do to those  
who love your name.  
<sup>133</sup> Steady my footsteps in your word,\*  
let no iniquity  
have dominion over me.  
<sup>134</sup> Rescue me  
from those who oppress me,\*  
and I will  
keep your commandments.  
<sup>135</sup> Let your countenance  
shine upon your servant\*  
and teach me your statutes.  
<sup>136</sup> My eyes shed streams of tears,\*  
because people  
do not keep your law.

### Sadhe

- <sup>137</sup> You are righteous, O LORD,\*  
and upright are your judgments.

- 138 You have issued your decrees\*  
with justice  
and in perfect faithfulness.
- 139 My indignation has consumed me,\*  
because my enemies  
forget your words.
- 140 Your word has been tested  
to the uttermost,\*  
and your servant holds it dear.
- 141 I am small and of little account,\*  
yet I do not  
forget your commandments.
- 142 Your justice is an everlasting justice\*  
and your law is the truth.
- 143 Trouble and distress  
have come upon me,\*  
yet your commandments  
are my delight.
- 144 The righteousness of your decrees  
is everlasting;\*  
grant me understanding,  
that I may live.

### Qoph

- 145 I call with my whole heart;\*  
answer me, O LORD,  
that I may keep your statutes.
- 146 I call to you;  
oh, that you would save me!\*  
I will keep your decrees.
- 147 Early in the morning I cry out to you,\*  
for in your word is my trust.
- 148 My eyes are open in the night watches,\*  
that I may meditate  
upon your promise.
- 149 Hear my voice, O LORD,  
according to your lovingkindness;\*  
according to your judgments,  
give me life.
- 150 They draw near  
who in malice persecute me;\*  
they are very far from your law.
- 151 You, O LORD, are near at hand,\*  
and all your commandments are true.
- 152 Long have I known from your decrees\*  
that you have  
established them forever.

### Resh

- 153 Behold my affliction and deliver me,\*  
for I do not forget your law.
- 154 Plead my cause and redeem me;\*  
according to your promise,  
give me life.
- 155 Deliverance is far from the wicked,\*  
for they do not study your statutes.
- 156 Great is your compassion, O LORD;\*  
preserve my life,  
according to your judgments.
- 157 There are many  
who persecute and oppress me,\*  
yet I have not swerved  
from your decrees.
- 158 I look with loathing at the faithless,\*  
for they have not kept your word.
- 159 See how I love your commandments!\*  
O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.
- 160 The heart of your word is truth,\*  
all your righteous judgments  
endure forevermore.

### Shin

- 161 Rulers have persecuted me  
without a cause,\*  
but my heart stands  
in awe of your word.
- 162 I am as glad because of your promise\*  
as one who finds great spoils.
- 163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them,\*  
but your law is my love.
- 164 Seven times a day do I praise you,\*  
because  
of your righteous judgments.
- 165 Great peace have they  
who love your law;\*  
for them there is no stumbling block.
- 166 I have hoped for your salvation,  
O LORD,\*  
and I have fulfilled  
your commandments.
- 167 I have kept your decrees\*  
and I have loved them deeply.
- 168 I have kept  
your commandments and decrees,\*  
for all my ways are before you.



## Taw

- 169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD,\*  
give me understanding,  
according to your word.
- 170 Let my supplication come before you;\*  
deliver me,  
according to your promise.
- 171 My lips shall pour forth your praise,\*  
when you teach me your statutes.
- 172 My tongue shall sing of your promise,\*  
for all your commandments  
are righteous.
- 173 Let your hand be ready to help me,\*  
for I have chosen  
your commandments.
- 174 I long for your salvation, O LORD,\*  
and your law is my delight.
- 175 Let me live, and I will praise you,\*  
and let your judgments help me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a sheep  
that is lost;\*  
search for your servant,  
for I do not forget  
your commandments.

## 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;\*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved\*  
and he who watches over you  
will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he  
who keeps watch over Israel\*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 the LORD himself watches over you;\*  
the LORD is your shade  
at your right hand,
- 6 so that the sun  
shall not strike you by day,\*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD  
shall preserve you from all evil;\*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

- 8 The LORD shall watch over  
your going out and your coming in,\*  
from this time forth forevermore.

## 122

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

## 123

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

## 124

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

## 125

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

## 126

- <sup>1</sup>When the LORD  
restored the fortunes of Zion,\*  
then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth  
filled with laughter,\*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
<sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations,\*  
“The LORD has done  
great things for them.”  
<sup>4</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.  
<sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,\*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.  
<sup>6</sup>Those who sowed with tears\*  
will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping,  
carrying the seed,\*  
will come again with joy,  
shouldering their sheaves.

## 127

- <sup>1</sup>Unless the LORD builds the house,\*  
their labor is in vain who build it.  
<sup>2</sup>Unless the LORD watches over the city,\*  
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.  
<sup>3</sup>It is in vain that you rise so early  
and go to bed so late;\*  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.  
<sup>4</sup>Children are a heritage from the LORD,\*  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.  
<sup>5</sup>Like arrows in the hand of a warrior\*  
are the children of one's youth.  
<sup>6</sup>Happy is the man  
who has his quiver full of them!\*  
He shall not be put to shame  
when he contends  
with his enemies in the gate.

## 128

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are they all who fear the LORD,\*  
and who follow in his ways!

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

## 130

- <sup>1</sup>Out of the depths  
have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice;\*  
let your ears consider well  
the voice of my supplication.
- <sup>2</sup>If you, LORD,  
were to note what is done amiss,\*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- <sup>3</sup>For there is forgiveness with you,\*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- <sup>4</sup>I wait for the LORD;  
my soul waits for him,\*  
in his word is my hope.
- <sup>5</sup>My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning,\*  
more than watchmen  
for the morning.
- <sup>6</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD,\*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- <sup>7</sup>with him  
there is plenteous redemption,\*  
and he shall redeem Israel  
from all their sins.

## 131

- <sup>1</sup>O LORD, I am not proud,\*  
I have no haughty looks.

- <sup>2</sup>I do not occupy myself  
with great matters,\*  
or with things  
that are too hard for me.
- <sup>3</sup>But I still my soul and make it quiet,  
like a child upon its mother's breast;\*  
my soul is quieted within me.
- <sup>4</sup>O Israel, wait upon the LORD,\*  
from this time forth forevermore.

## 132

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, remember David,\*  
and all the hardships he endured;
- <sup>2</sup>how he swore an oath to the LORD\*  
and vowed a vow  
to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- <sup>3</sup>"I will not come under the roof  
of my house,\*  
nor climb up into my bed;
- <sup>4</sup>I will not allow my eyes to sleep,\*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- <sup>5</sup>until I find a place for the LORD,\*  
a dwelling  
for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- <sup>6</sup>"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah,\*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- <sup>7</sup>Let us go to God's dwelling-place;\*  
let us fall upon our knees  
before his footstool."
- <sup>8</sup>Arise, O LORD,  
into your resting-place,\*  
you and the ark of your strength.
- <sup>9</sup>Let your priests be clothed  
with righteousness;\*  
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- <sup>10</sup>For your servant David's sake,\*  
do not turn away  
the face of your anointed.
- <sup>11</sup>The LORD has sworn an oath to David,\*  
in truth, he will not break it:
- <sup>12</sup>"A son, the fruit of your body\*  
will I set upon your throne.
- <sup>13</sup>If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies  
that I shall teach them,\*

their children  
will sit upon your throne forevermore.”

- <sup>14</sup>For the LORD has chosen Zion;\*  
he has desired her for his habitation:  
<sup>15</sup>“This shall be my resting-place forever;  
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.  
<sup>16</sup>I will surely bless her provisions,  
and satisfy her poor with bread.  
<sup>17</sup>I will clothe her priests with salvation,  
and her faithful people  
will rejoice and sing.  
<sup>18</sup>There will I make  
the horn of David flourish;\*  
I have prepared a lamp  
for my anointed.  
<sup>19</sup>As for his enemies,  
I will clothe them with shame;\*  
but as for him, his crown will shine.”

## 133

- <sup>1</sup>Oh, how good and pleasant it is\*  
when brethren live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head\*  
that runs down upon the beard,  
<sup>3</sup>upon the beard of Aaron,\*  
and runs down  
upon the collar of his robe.  
<sup>4</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon\*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
<sup>5</sup>For there the LORD  
has ordained the blessing:\*  
life forevermore.

## 134

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

## 135

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
Praise the name of the LORD;\*  
give praise, you servants of the LORD,  
<sup>2</sup>you who stand  
in the house of the LORD,\*  
in the courts of the house of our God.  
<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;\*  
sing praises to his name,  
for it is lovely.  
<sup>4</sup>For the LORD  
has chosen Jacob for himself\*  
and Israel for his own possession.  
<sup>5</sup>For I know that the LORD is great,\*  
and that our Lord is above all gods.  
<sup>6</sup>The LORD does whatever pleases him,  
in heaven and on earth,\*  
in the seas and all the deeps.  
<sup>7</sup>He brings up rain clouds  
from the ends of the earth;\*  
he sends out lightning with the rain,  
and brings the winds  
out of his storehouse.  
<sup>8</sup>It was he who  
struck down the firstborn of Egypt,\*  
the firstborn both of man and beast.  
<sup>9</sup>He sent signs and wonders  
into the midst of you, O Egypt,\*  
against Pharaoh and all his servants.  
<sup>10</sup>He overthrew many nations\*  
and put mighty kings to death:  
<sup>11</sup>Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
and Og, the king of Bashan,\*  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.  
<sup>12</sup>He gave their land to be an inheritance,\*  
an inheritance for Israel his people.  
<sup>13</sup>O LORD, your name is everlasting;\*  
your renown, O LORD,  
endures from age to age.  
<sup>14</sup>For the LORD gives his people justice\*  
and shows compassion to his servants.  
<sup>15</sup>The idols of the heathen  
are silver and gold,\*  
the work of human hands.  
<sup>16</sup>They have mouths,  
but they cannot speak;\*

- eyes have they, but they cannot see.  
 17 They have ears, but they cannot hear;  
 neither is there any breath  
 in their mouth.  
 18 Those who make them are like them,  
 and so are all  
 who put their trust in them.  
 19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel;  
 O house of Aaron, bless the LORD.  
 20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi;  
 you who fear the LORD,  
 bless the LORD.  
 21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,  
 who dwells in Jerusalem.  
 Hallelujah!

## 136

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD,  
 for he is good,  
 for his mercy endures forever.  
 2 Give thanks to the God of gods,  
 for his mercy endures forever.  
 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 4 who only does great wonders,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 5 who by wisdom made the heavens,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 6 who spread out the earth  
 upon the waters,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 7 who created great lights,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 8 the sun to rule the day,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 9 the moon and the stars  
 to govern the night,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 10 who struck down  
 the firstborn of Egypt,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 11 and brought out Israel  
 from among them,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 12 with a mighty hand  
 and a stretched-out arm,

- for his mercy endures forever;  
 13 who divided the Red Sea in two,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 14 and made Israel to pass  
 through the midst of it,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 15 but swept Pharaoh and his army  
 into the Red Sea,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 16 who led his people  
 through the wilderness,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 17 who struck down great kings,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 18 and slew mighty kings,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 20 and Og, the king of Bashan,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 21 and gave away their lands  
 for an inheritance,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 22 an inheritance for Israel his servant,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 23 who remembered us in our low estate,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 24 and delivered us from our enemies,  
 for his mercy endures forever;  
 25 who gives food to all creatures,  
 for his mercy endures forever.  
 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
 for his mercy endures forever.

## 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
 with my whole heart,  
 before the gods  
 I will sing your praise.  
 2 I will bow down  
 toward your holy temple  
 and praise your name,  
 because of your love  
 and faithfulness;

- 3 for you have glorified your name\*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me;\*  
you increased my strength  
within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth  
will praise you, O LORD,\*  
when they have heard  
the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD,\*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high,  
he cares for the lowly;\*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you keep me safe;\*  
you stretch forth your hand  
against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good  
his purpose for me;\*  
O LORD, your love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works  
of your hands.

## 139

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out  
and known me;\*  
you know my sitting down  
and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys  
and my resting-places\*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,\*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before\*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is  
too wonderful for me;\*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit?\*  
Where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;\*  
if I make the grave my bed,  
you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning\*  
and dwell  
in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
9 even there your hand will lead me\*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say,  
“Surely the darkness will cover me,\*  
and the light around me  
turn to night,”
- 11 darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,\*  
darkness and light  
to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself  
created my inmost parts;\*  
you knit me together  
in my mother’s womb.
- 13 I will thank you  
because I am marvelously made,\*  
your works are wonderful,  
and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you,\*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs,  
yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;\*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!\*  
How great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them,  
they would be more in number  
than the sand;\*  
to count them all,  
my life span would need  
to be like yours.
- 18 Oh, that you  
would slay the wicked, O God!\*  
You that thirst for blood,  
depart from me.
- 19 They speak spitefully against you;\*  
your enemies  
take your name in vain.
- 20 Do I not hate those, O LORD,  
who hate you?\*  
And do I not loathe those  
who rise up against you?

<sup>21</sup>I hate them with a perfect hatred;\*  
they have become my own enemies.

<sup>22</sup>Search me out, O God,  
and know my heart;\*  
try me  
and know my restless thoughts.

<sup>23</sup>Look well  
whether there be any wickedness in me,\*  
and lead me  
in the way that is everlasting.

## 141

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, I call to you;  
come to me quickly;\*  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

<sup>2</sup>Let my prayer  
be set forth in your sight as incense,\*  
the lifting up of my hands  
as the evening sacrifice.

<sup>3</sup>Set a watch before my mouth,  
O LORD,  
and guard the door of my lips;\*  
let not my heart  
incline to any evil thing.

<sup>4</sup>Let me not be occupied  
in wickedness with evildoers,\*  
nor eat of their choice foods.

<sup>5</sup>Let the righteous smite me  
in friendly rebuke;  
let not the oil of the unrighteous  
anoint my head;\*  
for my prayer is continually  
against their wicked deeds.

<sup>6</sup>Let their rulers  
be overthrown in stony places,\*  
that they  
may know my words are true.

<sup>7</sup>As when a plowman  
turns over the earth in furrows,\*  
let their bones be scattered  
at the mouth of the grave.

<sup>8</sup>But my eyes are turned to you,  
Lord God;\*  
in you I take refuge;  
do not strip me of my life.

<sup>9</sup>Protect me from the snare  
which they have laid for me\*  
and from the traps of the evildoers.

<sup>10</sup>Let the wicked fall into their own nets,\*  
while I myself escape.

## 142

<sup>1</sup>I cry to the LORD with my voice;\*  
to the LORD  
I make loud supplication.

<sup>2</sup>I pour out my complaint before him\*  
and tell him all my trouble.

<sup>3</sup>When my spirit languishes within me,  
you know my path;\*  
in the way wherein I walk  
they have hidden a trap for me.

<sup>4</sup>I look to my right hand  
and find no one who knows me,\*  
I have no place to flee to,  
and no one cares for me.

<sup>5</sup>I cry out to you, O LORD;\*  
I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."

<sup>6</sup>Listen to my cry for help,  
for I have been brought very low;\*  
save me from those who pursue me,  
for they are too strong for me.

<sup>7</sup>Bring me out of prison,  
that I may give thanks to your name;\*  
when you  
have dealt bountifully with me,  
the righteous will gather around me.

## 143

<sup>1</sup>LORD, hear my prayer,  
and in your faithfulness  
heed my supplications;\*  
answer me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment  
with your servant,\*  
for in your sight  
shall no one living be justified.

<sup>3</sup>For my enemy has sought my life;  
he has crushed me to the ground\*;

- he has made me live in dark places  
like those who are long dead.
- <sup>4</sup>My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.
- <sup>5</sup>I remember the time past;  
I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.
- <sup>6</sup>I spread out my hands to you; \*  
my soul gasps to you  
like a thirsty land.
- <sup>7</sup>O LORD, make haste to answer me;  
my spirit fails me; \*  
do not hide your face from me  
or I shall be like those  
who go down to the pit.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear of your lovingkindness  
in the morning,  
for I put my trust in you; \*  
show me the road that I must walk,  
for I lift up my soul to you.
- <sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD; \*  
for I flee to you for refuge.
- <sup>10</sup>Teach me to do what pleases you,  
for you are my God; \*  
let your good Spirit  
lead me on level ground.
- <sup>11</sup>Revive me, O LORD,  
for your name's sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake,  
bring me out of trouble.
- <sup>12</sup>Of your goodness, destroy my enemies  
and bring all my foes to naught; \*  
for truly I am your servant.
- <sup>4</sup>One generation  
shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- <sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor  
of your majesty; \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- <sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might  
of your wondrous acts; \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
- <sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance  
of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing  
of your righteous deeds.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious  
and full of compassion; \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- <sup>9</sup>The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion  
is over all his works.
- <sup>10</sup>All your works praise you, O LORD; \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.
- <sup>11</sup>They make known  
the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;
- <sup>12</sup>that the peoples  
may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor  
of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom  
is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures  
throughout all ages.
- <sup>14</sup>The LORD is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.
- <sup>15</sup>The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those  
who are bowed down.
- <sup>16</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD; \*  
and you give them their food  
in due season.
- <sup>17</sup>You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs  
of every living creature.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.
- <sup>19</sup>The LORD is near to those  
who call upon him; \*

## 145

- <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my king; \*  
and bless your name  
forever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your name  
forever and ever.
- <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD  
and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.



to all who call upon him faithfully.  
 20 He fulfills the desire  
 of those who fear him;\*  
 he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those  
 who love him,\*  
 but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak  
 the praise of the LORD;\*  
 let all flesh bless his holy name  
 forever and ever.

## 146

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
 Praise the LORD, O my soul!\*  
 I will praise the LORD  
 as long as I live;  
 I will sing praises to my God  
 while I have my being.
- <sup>2</sup> Put not your trust in rulers,  
 nor in any child of earth,\*  
 for there is no help in them.
- <sup>3</sup> When they breathe their last,  
 they return to earth,\*  
 and in that day their thoughts perish.
- <sup>4</sup> Happy are they who  
 have the God of Jacob for their help,\*  
 whose hope is in the LORD  
 their God;
- <sup>5</sup> who made heaven and earth, the seas,  
 and all that is in them;\*  
 who keeps his promise forever;
- <sup>6</sup> who gives justice to those  
 who are oppressed,\*  
 and food to those who hunger.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;\*  
 the LORD lifts up those  
 who are bowed down;
- <sup>8</sup> the LORD loves the righteous;  
 the LORD cares for the stranger;\*  
 he sustains the orphan and widow,  
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD shall reign forever,\*

your God, O Zion,  
 throughout all generations.  
 Hallelujah!

## 147

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
 How good it is  
 to sing praises to our God!\*  
 How pleasant it is  
 to honor him with praise!
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;\*  
 he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- <sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted\*  
 and binds up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars\*  
 and calls them all by their names.
- <sup>5</sup> Great is our LORD  
 and mighty in power,\*  
 there is no limit to his wisdom.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD lifts up the lowly,\*  
 but casts the wicked to the ground.
- <sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving,\*  
 make music to our God  
 upon the harp.
- <sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds\*  
 and prepares rain for the earth;
- <sup>9</sup> he makes grass to grow  
 upon the mountains\*  
 and green plants to serve mankind.
- <sup>10</sup> He provides food for flocks and herds\*  
 and for the young ravens  
 when they cry.
- <sup>11</sup> He is not impressed  
 by the might of a horse,\*  
 he has no pleasure  
 in the strength of a man;
- <sup>12</sup> but the LORD has pleasure  
 in those who fear him,\*  
 in those who  
 await his gracious favor.
- <sup>13</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;\*  
 praise your God, O Zion;
- <sup>14</sup> for he has strengthened  
 the bars of your gates;\*  
 he has blessed  
 your children within you.

- <sup>15</sup>He has established peace  
on your borders;\*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- <sup>16</sup>He sends out his command  
to the earth,\*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- <sup>17</sup>He gives snow like wool;\*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- <sup>18</sup>He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;\*  
Who can stand against his cold?
- <sup>19</sup>He sends forth his word  
and melts them,\*  
he blows with his wind,  
and the waters flow.
- <sup>20</sup>He declares his word to Jacob,\*  
his statutes and his judgments  
to Israel.
- <sup>21</sup>He has not done so  
to any other nation;\*  
to them he has  
not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## 148

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;\*  
praise him in the heights.
- <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all you angels of his;\*  
praise him, all his host.
- <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon;\*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- <sup>4</sup>Praise him, heaven of heavens,\*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD;\*  
for he commanded,  
and they were created.
- <sup>6</sup>He made them stand fast  
forever and ever;\*  
he gave them a law  
which shall not pass away.
- <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,\*  
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog,\*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- <sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills,\*

- fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle,\*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- <sup>11</sup>kings of the earth and all peoples,\*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- <sup>12</sup>young men and maidens,\*  
old and young together.
- <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,\*  
for his name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- <sup>14</sup>He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,\*  
the children of Israel,  
a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## 149

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
Sing to the LORD a new song;\*  
sing his praise  
in the congregation of the faithful.
- <sup>2</sup>Let Israel rejoice in his maker;\*  
let the children of Zion  
be joyful in their king.
- <sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name in the dance;\*  
let them sing praise to him  
with timbrel and harp.
- <sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure  
in his people\*  
and adorns the poor with victory.
- <sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;\*  
let them be joyful on their beds.
- <sup>6</sup>Let the praises of God  
be in their throat\*  
and a two-edged sword  
in their hand;
- <sup>7</sup>to wreak vengeance on the nations\*  
and punishment on the peoples;
- <sup>8</sup>to bind their kings in chains\*  
and their nobles with links of iron;
- <sup>9</sup>to inflict on them  
the judgment decreed;\*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

## 150

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
 Praise God in his holy temple;\*  
 praise him  
 in the firmament of his power.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty acts;\*  
 praise him for his excellent greatness.
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him  
 with the blast of the ram's horn;\*  
 praise him with lyre and harp.
- <sup>4</sup> Praise him with timbrel and dance;\*  
 praise him with strings and pipe.
- <sup>5</sup> Praise him with resounding cymbals;\*  
 praise him  
 with loud-clang cymbals.
- <sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath\*  
 praise the LORD.  
 Hallelujah!