



## Mapping the Psalms

### Week 7: Mapping WISDOM

### Wednesday Night Church Fall 2024 Series

Sept 11: 1. Kickoff-Intro Pr. R  
 Sept 18: 2. The Beginning Ps1&2  
 Sept 25: 3. Psalter Theme: Guardian Angels  
 Oct 2: 4. **.God's Character.**  
 Oct 9: 5. Lament  
 Oct 16: 6. Trust

Oct 23: 7. Wisdom  
 Oct 30: 8 **Praise**  
 Nov 6: 9. **Sovereignty/God Nations**  
 Nov 13: 10 **Vindication**  
 Nov 20: 11. **Thanksgiving**  
 Nov 27: Family Thanksgiving Svc

Dec 4: Advent **MESSIANIC**  
 Dec 11: WNC Christmas Party  
 Dec 18: Family Christmas-Lobby  
 Dec 25: Christmas: No WNC  
 Jan 1: New Years No WN

GENRE	CHAPTERS
<b>.Praise. WNC Nov.</b>	115, 149, 32, 81, 47, 103, 147, 139, 145, 124, 93, 134, 150, 122, 98, 129, 117, 100, 104, 114, 96, 9, 113, 33
<b>.Thanksgiving. WNC Nov. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	75, 65, 138, 106, 105, 116, 18, 30, 66, 135, 136, 67, 108
<b>.Trust. WNC Oct 16<sup>th</sup></b>	11, 27, 121, 91, 63, 23, 131, 62, 125
<b>.Wisdom. WNC Oct 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	1, 128, 146, 39, 14, 15, 53, 36, 37, 133, 49, 62, 92, 19, 107, 119, 112, 127, 111, 73, 50, 34, 25, 94, 90, 31
<del><b>.God's Character. WNC OCT 2ND</b></del> <small>.Royal.</small>	144, 21, 20, 61, 101
<b>.Sovereignty.</b> <small>.God is King.</small>	99, 95, 148, 29, 97, 24
<b>.Messianic. WNC Dec 4<sup>th</sup></b>	118, 41, 2, 8, 45, 132, 109, 22, 102, 16, 69, 40, 72, 89, 68, 78
<b>.God of Nations.</b> <small>.Zion.</small>	48, 76, 46, 84, 87
<del><b>.Lament. WNC Oct 9<sup>th</sup></b></del>	10, 141, 71, 130, 142, 85, 4, 64, 80, 74, 43, 55, 57, 26, 6, 13, 3, 120, 17, 143, 44, 51, 126, 59, 42, 77. 86, 70, 60, 38, 28, 7, 123
<b>.Vindication.</b>	54, 137, 83, 88, 79, 12, 56, 5, 58, 140, 52, 35

When we allow Psalms to be Psalms...

- **Psalms BEGS us to make scripture PERSONAL**
- Psalms are scripture principals already digested once.

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**Five Books:**

- I. Psalms 1-41
- II. Psalms 42-72
- III. Psalms 73-89
- IV. Psalms 90-106
- V. Psalms 107-150

**Doxologies:**

- Psalm 41:13  
 Psalm 72:18-20  
 Psalm 89:52  
 Psalm 106:48  
 Psalm 150 [Doxology of entire Psalter]


This 5 Book division a shadow of the Torah? (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)<sup>1</sup>

"Psalms of Ascent" in Pss 120-134

Pss 42-83 all call God *elohim*, and thus get the title the "Elohistic Psalter"

Dead Sea Scrolls show no divisional structure – was done after these were written.

<sup>1</sup> Kugler, R. A., & Hartin, P. J. (2009). [An Introduction to the Bible](#) (p. 197). William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.

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**ASK for:**

<b>1 Corinthians 2:14NKJV</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 2:14 CEB</b>
<p><sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know <i>them</i>, because they are <b>spiritually discerned</b>.</p>	<p>But people who are unspiritual don't accept the things from God's Spirit. They are foolishness to them and can't be understood, because they can only be comprehended in a spiritual way.</p>

## WISDOM

1, 14, 15, 19, 25, 31, 34, 36, 37, 39, 49, 50, 53, 62, 73, 90, 92, 94, 107, 111, 112, 119, 127, 128, 133, 146

The *wisdom psalms* show clear affinity with Wisdom literature.

The wisdom tradition upholds:

- the virtues of godliness (wisdom),
- the rewards of God,
- the contrasting ways of the righteous and the wicked,
- and the respective ends of both groups.

Wisdom and law are closely related, as both celebrate Yahweh's revelation as the *way of life*.<sup>2</sup>

VanGemeren, W. A. (2008). [Psalms](#). In T. Longman III & D. E. Garland (Eds.), *The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Psalms (Revised Edition)* (Vol. 5, pp. 61–62). Zondervan.

Many psalms share language, concepts and concerns of wisdom literature (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs). When such similarities pervade a psalm, we classify it as a wisdom psalm. Thus, Psalms 1 and 119 may be compared to Proverbs; Psalm 73 to Job; Psalm 49 to Ecclesiastes; and Psalm 45 to Song of Songs (see commentary). This does not exhaust the list of wisdom psalms.<sup>3</sup>


Longman, T., III. (2014). [Psalms: An Introduction and Commentary](#) (D. G. Firth, Ed.; Vols. 15–16, p. 41). Inter-Varsity Press.

### **Authors of the Psalms**

According to the titles, some of the named psalm authors are: **David** (73X), **Asaph** (12 X= Psalms 50 and 73–83), the **sons of Korah** (11X=. Pss 42–49; 84, 85, 87, 88.), **Solomon** (2X=Ps 72,127), **Jeduthun** (4X = Pss 39:1; 62:1; 77:1), and **Heman** (Ps 88), **Ethan**(same as Jeduthun?) , and **Moses**(Ps90) (1 time each).

<sup>2</sup> VanGemeren, W. A. (2008). [Psalms](#). In T. Longman III & D. E. Garland (Eds.), *The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Psalms (Revised Edition)* (Vol. 5, pp. 61–62). Zondervan.

<sup>3</sup> Longman, T., III. (2014). [Psalms: An Introduction and Commentary](#) (D. G. Firth, Ed.; Vols. 15–16, p. 41). Inter-Varsity Press.

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**ASAPH**

**ASAPH, SON OF BERECHIAH** (אֲסָפָה בֶּרֶכְיָהוּ, *asaph ben-berekhyahu*). A Levitical music leader and seer in David's day (1 Chr 15:17, 19; 16:4–7; 2 Chr 29:30). Psalms 50 and 73–83 are affiliated with him, and his descendants were music leaders in the first and second Jerusalem Temple.

**Asaph the Person**

- First Chronicles 6:39 identifies Asaph as a leader of Levite temple musicians in David's time (compare vv. 31–32; Neh 12:46).
- In First Chronicles 15:17, 19, he appears as a worship leader and is responsible for the cymbals,
- while in 16:5 he is in charge of music when the ark is brought into Jerusalem.
  
- Asaph had four sons: Zakkur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asarelah (25:2). First Chronicles 25 indicates that Asaph was involved in leading one of three family musicians' guilds in the temple.
- Second Chronicles 5:12 shows Asaph leading a guild of singers when the ark was brought to the temple by Solomon.
- Asaph's guild of musicians continued to have a role through the reigns of Jehoshaphat (2 Chr 20:14), Hezekiah (2 Chr 29:13), and Josiah (2 Chr 35:15).
- Second Chronicles 29:30 suggests that a collection of Asaph's psalms may have existed at the time of Hezekiah.
- After the exile, members of the guild returned (Ezra 2:41; Neh 7:44) and were involved in the dedication of the second temple (Ezra 3:10). See also *1 Esdras* 1:15; 5:27, 59.

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**The Psalms of the "Sons of Korah"**


- Two collections of psalms mention the sons of Korah: Pss 42–49; 84, 85, 87, 88.
- The psalms associated with the sons of Korah focus on Yahweh's presence in Zion (e.g., Pss 46:2–8; 48:1–4), conceptualizing Zion as a fortress and place of refuge.

Goulder argues these psalms were originally set in the northern celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles and were brought to Jerusalem and reworked after the fall of the northern kingdom (Goulder, *Psalms of the Sons of Korah*, 239–52).<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Larsen, K. W. (2016). [Asaph, Son of Berechiah](#). In J. D. Barry, D. Bomar, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, D. Mangum, C. Sinclair Wolcott, L. Wentz, E. Ritzema, & W. Widder (Eds.), *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Lexham Press.

<sup>5</sup> Willgren, D. (2016). [Korahites](#). In J. D. Barry, D. Bomar, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, D. Mangum, C. Sinclair Wolcott, L. Wentz, E. Ritzema, & W. Widder (Eds.), *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Lexham Press.

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**Jeduthun in the Bible**

There are 17 references to Jeduthun in the Old Testament.

- Six references describe Jeduthun the person (1 Chr 16:41, 42; 25:3, 6; 2 Chr 5:12; 35:15);
- Eight references are to “sons” of Jeduthun (1 Chr 9:16; 16:38, 42; 25:1, 3 [x2]; 2 Chr 29:14; Neh 11:17);
- Three occurrences are in the Psalms (Pss 39:1; 62:1; 77:1).
- Jeduthun was a member and father of a Levitical family of temple musicians (1 Chr 9:16; 25:1–6; 2 Chr 5:12; 29:14; 35:15).
- Jeduthun appears as a Levitical musician in the time of David (1 Chr 16:41–42; 25:6) and Solomon (2 Chr 5:12). Jeduthun and his family are counted among the temple musicians in 1 Chr 25:1, 3, and 6, where they lead in worship as prophets with musical accompaniment.
- Jeduthun is often listed alongside Asaph and Heman (1 Chr 25:1, 3, 6; 2 Chr 5:12; 29:14; 35:15), but in 1 Chr 15:17, 19 the name Ethan appears alongside Asaph and Heman.

**It is unclear whether Jeduthun replaced Ethan, or Jeduthun and Ethan are different names for the same person.**

- Jeduthun is also called the “king’s seer” (2 Chr 35:15).

As leaders in the worshiping community of the temple, there are three significant events where Jeduthun and his descendants are shown to be participants.

**First**, in 2 Chronicles 5:12 there is Solomon’s dedication of the temple.

**Second**, there is Hezekiah’s cleansing of the temple in 2 Chr 29:14.

**Third**, there is Josiah’s Passover in 2 Chr 35:15. Each of these three references link the family of Jeduthun with Asaph and Heman.

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**HEMAN**

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According to 1 Chronicles 15:19, they were played by the three appointed worship leaders, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, who apparently used the cymbals to “conduct” their groups of singers.<sup>8</sup>


**ABI’ASAPH** (*father of gathering*, i.e., *gathered*), Ex. 6:24, otherwise written **EBI’ASAPH**. 1 Chron. 6:23, 37; 9:19. One of the descendants of Korah, and head of the Korhites. Among the remarkable descendants of Abiasaph were Samuel the prophet, 1 Sam. 1:11, **and Heman the singer**.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Dyck, A. W. (2016). [Jeduthun](#). In J. D. Barry, D. Bomar, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, D. Mangum, C. Sinclair Wolcott, L. Wentz, E. Ritzema, & W. Widder (Eds.), *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Lexham Press.

<sup>7</sup> Dyck, A. W. (2016). [Jeduthun](#). In J. D. Barry, D. Bomar, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, D. Mangum, C. Sinclair Wolcott, L. Wentz, E. Ritzema, & W. Widder (Eds.), *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Lexham Press.

<sup>8</sup> Aniol, S. (2016). [Musical Instruments](#). In J. D. Barry, D. Bomar, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, D. Mangum, C. Sinclair Wolcott, L. Wentz, E. Ritzema, & W. Widder (Eds.), *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Lexham Press.

<sup>9</sup> Smith, W. (1986). In [Smith’s Bible Dictionary](#). Thomas Nelson.

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**MOSES**

**Psalm 90**

According to its heading, the psalm that introduces Book IV is *A prayer of Moses the man of God*.

**Psalm 90:12–17**

Few commentators reckon that the heading *A prayer of Moses* means that Moses was actually the author of Psalm 90.

**Psalm 90:12–17**

Likenesses between it and some of the words of Moses in Exodus 32 and Deuteronomy 32 and 33 are not in themselves sufficient reason to date it in his time.

**Psalm 90:12–17**

Moses is an exile in Midian, or even, perhaps, still a prince in Egypt.

**Psalm 90:12–17**

Moses at forty has been educated as an Egyptian, but knows himself to be an Israelite, and when he goes ‘out to where his own people [are] and [watches] them at their hard labour’, the fact that they have been ‘enslaved and ill-treated four hundred years’<sup>195</sup> is quite enough to account for the agonized soul-searching of Psalm 90.

**Psalm 90:12–17**

We begin to grasp that the Egypt of Moses, which we think of as ‘Ancient Egypt’, was the *New Kingdom*, and that eighteen dynasties of its kings had already passed away.

**Psalm 90:12–17**

It is hard to see why *Moses the man of God* should not be the one who first prayed this prayer.

**Psalm 91**

**3. What Moses said**

**Psalm 91**

There is no reason why it could not be equally well placed at the other end of Israel’s national history, in the time of Moses.

**Psalm 91**

Whether or not all five books from Genesis to Deuteronomy are the words of Moses, he was certainly a prophet who spoke to his contemporaries, and more than once reminded them of all that had happened in their lifetime.

**Psalm 91**

Better than any other Scripture background, what Moses said about those events fits Psalm 91, and fits it like a glove.

**Psalm 91**

And all this had fulfilled what the Lord had earlier said to Moses in the sevenfold promise of Exodus 6:6–8, which is extraordinarily like the majestic sequence of ‘I wills’ that closes Psalm 91.

**Psalm 92**

If its seventeen psalms were spread over the eight days of Tabernacles, we could reasonably imagine 90, standing a little apart as a ‘prayer of Moses’, being sung before the festival began.

**Psalm 92**

**If 90 were the lament of Moses**, against the background of Exodus 1–2, and if 91 reflected Israel’s experience during the plagues of Egypt, against the background of Exodus 3–12, **the work** of 92:4 would surely be, among all the multitudinous works of God, the deliverance of Israel from her enslavement.

**Psalm 95**

There is no denying that like its neighbours 95 echoes the words of Moses, especially in Deuteronomy 32–33.

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### Dates of the Psalms

The poems were collected over a long period. Most were composed between the time of David (around 1000 BC) and the time of Ezra (450 BC).

In the times when the Scriptures were written, most people could not read and write. Yet the psalms still were important in people's lives. The psalms were sung (81:1–2; 144:9; 147:7), and they played a critical role in the worship at the temple (47:1; 118:27; 132:7; 149:3).<sup>10</sup>

Verse by Verse:

**God's Job:**

or

**My Job:**

## PSALM 119

### Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God

⌵ **ALEPH** [AH lef]

**119** Blessed *are* the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>undefiled in the way, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Who walk in the law of the Lord!

<sup>2</sup> Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies,

Who seek Him with the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>whole heart!

<sup>3</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>They also do no iniquity;

They walk in His ways.

<sup>4</sup> You have commanded *us*

To keep Your precepts diligently.

<sup>5</sup> Oh, that my ways were directed

To keep Your statutes!

<sup>6</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Then I would not be ashamed,

When I look into all Your commandments.

<sup>7</sup> I will praise You with uprightness of heart,

When I learn Your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup> I will keep Your statutes;

Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

Those whose way is **blameless**(*how?*)—  
who walk in the Lord's Instruction—  
are truly happy!

<sup>2</sup> Those who **guard**(*how?*) God's laws are truly happy! They seek God with all their hearts. (*looks like what?*)

<sup>3</sup> They don't even do anything wrong!  
They walk in God's ways.

<sup>4</sup> God, you have ordered that your decrees should be kept most carefully.

<sup>5</sup> How **I wish** my ways were strong when it comes to keeping your statutes!

<sup>6</sup> Then I wouldn't be **ashamed** when I examine all your commandments.

<sup>7</sup> I will give thanks to you with a heart that does right **as I learn your righteous rules.**

<sup>8</sup> I will keep your statutes.

Please don't leave me all alone!


**God's Job:**

or

**My Job:**

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<sup>10</sup> (2013). [Psalms](#). Rose Publishing.

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**2 BETH** [beht]

<sup>9</sup> How can a young man cleanse his way?  
By taking heed according to Your word.  
<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I have <sup>Ⓢ</sup>sought  
You;  
Oh, let me not wander from Your  
commandments!  
<sup>11</sup> <sup>Ⓢ</sup>Your word I have hidden in my heart,  
That I might not sin against You.  
<sup>12</sup> Blessed *are* You, O Lord!  
Teach me Your statutes.  
<sup>13</sup> With my lips I have <sup>Ⓢ</sup>declared  
All the judgments of Your mouth.  
<sup>14</sup> I have rejoiced in the way of Your  
testimonies,  
As *much as* in all riches.  
<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on Your precepts,  
And <sup>Ⓢ</sup>contemplate Your ways.  
<sup>16</sup> I will <sup>Ⓢ</sup>delight myself in Your statutes;  
I will not forget Your word.


<sup>9</sup> How can young people keep their  
paths pure?  
By **guarding** them according to what  
you've said.<sup>Ⓢ</sup>  
<sup>10</sup> I have **sought** you with all my heart.  
**Don't let me stray** from any of your  
commandments!  
<sup>11</sup> I keep your word close, in my heart,  
so that I won't sin against you.  
<sup>12</sup> You, Lord, are to be blessed!  
Teach me your statutes.  
<sup>13</sup> I will declare out loud  
all the rules you have spoken.  
<sup>14</sup> I rejoice in the content of your laws  
as if I were rejoicing over great wealth.  
<sup>15</sup> I will think about your precepts  
and examine all your paths.  
<sup>16</sup> I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget what you have said.

**God's Job:**    or    **My Job:**

**3 GIMEL** [GEE mehl]

<sup>17</sup> <sup>Ⓢ</sup>Deal bountifully with Your servant,  
*That* I may live and keep Your word.  
<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may see  
Wondrous things from Your law.  
<sup>19</sup> <sup>Ⓢ</sup>I *am* a stranger in the earth;  
Do not hide Your commandments from  
me.  
<sup>20</sup> <sup>Ⓢ</sup>My soul <sup>Ⓢ</sup>breaks with longing  
For Your judgments at all times.  
<sup>21</sup> You rebuke the proud—the cursed,  
Who stray from Your commandments.  
<sup>22</sup> <sup>Ⓢ</sup>Remove from me reproach and  
contempt,

For I have kept Your testimonies.  
<sup>23</sup> Princes also sit *and* speak against me,  
*But* Your servant meditates on Your  
statutes.  
<sup>24</sup> Your testimonies also *are* my delight  
*And* my counselors.  
<sup>17</sup> Be good to your servant so I can go  
on living and keeping your word.  
<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes so I can examine  
the wonders of your Instruction!  
<sup>19</sup> I'm an immigrant in the land.  
Don't hide your commandments from

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me!

<sup>20</sup> I'm worn out by longing  
every minute for your rules!

<sup>21</sup> You rebuke the arrogant, accursed  
people  
who stray from your commandments.

<sup>22</sup> Take all their insults and contempt  
away from me



because I've kept your laws!

<sup>23</sup> Even if rulers gather and scheme  
against me,  
your servant will contemplate your  
statutes!

<sup>24</sup> Yes, your laws are my joy—  
they are my most trusted advisors!

**God's Job:**   or   **My Job:**


**ⲧ DALETH** [DHA let]




<sup>25</sup>  My soul clings to the dust;  
 Revive me according to Your word.

<sup>26</sup> I have declared my ways, and You  
answered me;

 Teach me Your statutes.

<sup>27</sup> Make me understand the way of Your  
precepts;


So  shall I meditate on Your wonderful  
works.

<sup>28</sup>  My soul  melts from  heaviness;  
Strengthen me according to Your word.

<sup>29</sup> Remove from me the way of lying,  
And grant me Your law graciously.

<sup>30</sup> I have chosen the way of truth;  
Your judgments I have laid *before me*.

<sup>31</sup> I cling to Your testimonies;  
O Lord, do not put me to shame!

<sup>32</sup> I will run the course of Your  
commandments,  
For You shall  enlarge my heart.

<sup>25</sup> My life is stuck in the dirt.

Now make me live again according to  
your promise!

<sup>26</sup> I confessed my ways and you  
answered me. Now teach me your  
statutes!

<sup>27</sup> Help me understand what your  
precepts are about so I can contemplate  
your wondrous works!

<sup>28</sup> My spirit sags because of grief.  
Now raise me up according to your  
promise!

<sup>29</sup> Remove all false ways from me;  
show mercy to me by means of your  
Instruction.


<sup>30</sup> I've chosen the way of faithfulness;  
I'm set on your rules.

<sup>31</sup> I'm holding tight to your laws, Lord.  
Please don't let me be put to shame.

<sup>32</sup> I run the same path as your  
commandments because you give my  
heart insight.

**God's Job:**   or   **My Job:**



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**n HE** [HEY]

<sup>33</sup> ☞ Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes,  
And I shall keep it *to* the end.  
<sup>34</sup> ☞ Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;  
Indeed, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.  
<sup>35</sup> Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,  
For I delight in it.  
<sup>36</sup> ☞ Incline my heart to Your testimonies,  
And not to ☞ covetousness.  
<sup>37</sup> ☞ Turn ☞ away my eyes from ☞ looking at worthless things,  
And revive me in ☞ Your way.  
<sup>38</sup> ☞ Establish Your word to Your servant,  
Who *is devoted* to fearing You.  
<sup>39</sup> Turn away my reproach which I dread,  
For Your judgments *are* good.  
<sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for Your precepts;  
Revive me in Your righteousness.


<sup>33</sup> Lord, teach me what your statutes are about,  
and I will guard every part of them.  
<sup>34</sup> Help me understand so I can guard your Instruction  
and keep it with all my heart.  
<sup>35</sup> Lead me on the trail of your commandments  
because that is what I want.  
<sup>36</sup> Turn my heart to your laws,  
not to greedy gain.  
<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things.  
Make me live by your way.  
<sup>38</sup> Confirm your promise to your servant—  
the promise that is for all those who honor you.  
<sup>39</sup> Remove the insults that I dread  
because your rules are good.  
<sup>40</sup> Look how I desire your precepts!  
Make me live by your righteousness.

**God's Job:** or **My Job:**

**I WAW** [vahv]

<sup>41</sup> Let Your mercies come also to me,  
O Lord—  
Your salvation according to Your word.  
<sup>42</sup> So shall I have an answer for him  
who ☞ reproaches me,  
For I trust in Your word.  
<sup>43</sup> And take not the word of truth utterly

out of my mouth,  
For I have hoped in Your ordinances.  
<sup>44</sup> So shall I keep Your law continually,  
Forever and ever.  
<sup>45</sup> And I will walk ☞ at ☞ liberty,  
For I seek Your precepts.  
<sup>46</sup> ☞ I will speak of Your testimonies also

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before kings,  
And will not be ashamed.  
47 And I will delight myself in Your  
commandments,  
Which I love.  
48 My hands also I will lift up to Your  
commandments,  
Which I love,  
And I will meditate on Your statutes.

41 Lord, let your faithful love come to  
me—  
    let your salvation come to me  
according to your promise—  
42 so I can have a response for those  
who mock me  
    because I have trusted in your  
word!


43 Please don't take your true word out  
of my mouth,  
    because I have waited for your rules.  
44 I will always keep your Instruction,  
    always and forever!  
45 I will walk around in wide-open  
spaces,  
    because I have pursued your precepts.  
46 I will talk about your laws  
    before rulers with no shame  
whatsoever.  
47 I will rejoice in your commandments  
    because I love them.  
48 I will lift up my hands to your  
commandments  
    because I love them,  
    and I will contemplate all your  
statutes.

**God's Job:**    or    **My Job:**

**τ ZAYIN** [ZAH yeen]

49 Remember the word to Your servant,  
Upon which You have caused me to  
hope.  
50 This *is* my <sup>(AA)</sup>comfort in my affliction,  
For Your word has given me life.  
51 The proud have me in great derision,  
Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.  
52 I remembered Your judgments of old,  
O Lord,

And have comforted myself.  
53 <sup>(AB)</sup>Indignation has taken hold of me  
Because of the wicked, who forsake Your  
law.  
54 Your statutes have been my songs  
In the house of my pilgrimage.  
55 <sup>(AC)</sup>I remember Your name in the night,  
O Lord,  
And I keep Your law.

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<sup>56</sup> This has become mine,  
Because I kept Your precepts.

<sup>49</sup> Remember your promise to your  
servant,  
for which you made me wait.

<sup>50</sup> My comfort during my suffering is  
this:  
your word gives me new life.

<sup>51</sup> The arrogant make fun of me to no  
end,  
but I haven't deviated from your  
Instruction.

<sup>52</sup> When I remember your ancient rules,  
I'm comforted, Lord.

<sup>53</sup> But I'm seized with anger because of  
the wicked—  
because of those who abandon your  
Instruction.

<sup>54</sup> Your statutes have been my songs of  
praise  
wherever I lived as an immigrant.

<sup>55</sup> Lord, I remember your name at  
nighttime,  
and I keep your Instruction.

<sup>56</sup> This has been my practice  
because I guard your precepts.

**God's Job:**   or   **My Job:**

**n HETH** [kheht]

<sup>57</sup> <sup>(AD)</sup> *You are* my portion, O Lord;  
I have said that I would keep Your  
words.

<sup>58</sup> I entreated Your favor with *my* whole  
heart;  
Be merciful to me according to Your  
word.

<sup>59</sup> I <sup>(AB)</sup> thought about my ways,  
And turned my feet to Your testimonies.

<sup>60</sup> I made haste, and did not delay  
To keep Your commandments.

<sup>61</sup> The cords of the wicked have bound

me,

*But* I have not forgotten Your law.


<sup>62</sup> <sup>(AD)</sup> At midnight I will rise to give thanks  
to You,

Because of Your righteous judgments.

<sup>63</sup> I *am* a companion of all who fear You,  
And of those who keep Your precepts.

<sup>64</sup> <sup>(AG)</sup> The earth, O Lord, is full of Your  
mercy;

Teach me Your statutes.

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57 The Lord is my possession.  
I promise to do what you have said.  
58 I've sought your favor with all my heart;  
have mercy on me according to your word.  
59 I've considered my ways and turned my feet back to your laws.  
60 I hurry to keep your commandments—  
I never put it off!  
61 Though the wicked have surrounded


me with their ropes,  
I haven't forgotten your Instruction.  
62 I get up in the middle of the night to give thanks to you  
because of your righteous rules.  
63 I'm a friend to everyone who honors you  
and to all who keep your precepts.  
64 Lord, the world is full of your faithful love!  
Teach me your statutes!

**God's Job:**    or    **My Job:**

**U TETH** [teht]

65 You have dealt well with Your servant,  
O Lord, according to Your word.  
66 Teach me good judgment  
and <sup>(AB)</sup>knowledge,  
For I believe Your commandments.  
67 Before I was <sup>(A)</sup>afflicted I went astray,  
But now I keep Your word.  
68 You *are* <sup>(A)</sup>good, and do good;  
Teach me Your statutes.  
69 The proud have <sup>(AK)</sup>forged <sup>(B)</sup>a lie against me,  
*But* I will keep Your precepts  
with *my* whole heart.  
70 <sup>(AU)</sup>Their heart is <sup>(U)</sup>as fat as grease,  
*But* I delight in Your law.  
71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted,  
That I may learn Your statutes.  
72 <sup>(AM)</sup>The law of Your mouth *is* better to me

Than thousands of *coins of* gold and silver.  
65 You have treated your servant well,  
Lord, according to your promise.  
66 Teach me knowledge and good judgment because I've put my trust in your commandments.  
67 Before I suffered, I took the wrong way, but now I do what you say.  
68 You are good and you do good.  
Teach me your statutes!  
69 The arrogant cover me with their lies,  
but I guard your precepts with all my heart.  
70 Their hearts are unfeeling, like blubber,  
but I rejoice in your Instruction.  
71 My suffering was good for me,  
because through it I learned your

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statutes.

72 The Instruction you've given to me is better

than thousands of pieces of gold and silver!

**God's Job:** or **My Job:**

▪ **YOD** [yohd]

73 <sup>(AN)</sup>Your hands have made me and fashioned me;

Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

74 <sup>(AO)</sup>Those who fear You will be glad when they see me,

Because I have hoped in Your word.

75 I know, O Lord, <sup>(AP)</sup>that Your judgments *are* <sup>(m)</sup>right,

And *that* in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort,

According to Your word to Your servant.

77 Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;

For Your law *is* my delight.

78 Let the proud <sup>(AO)</sup>be ashamed, For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood;

*But* I will meditate on Your precepts.

79 Let those who fear You turn to me, Those who know Your testimonies.

80 Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes,

That I may not be ashamed.

73 Your hands have made me and set me in place. Help me understand so I can learn your commandments.

74 Then those who honor you will see me and be glad because I have waited for your promise.

75 Lord, I know that your rules are right and that you rightly made me suffer.

76 Please let your faithful love comfort me, according to what you've said to your servant.


77 Let your compassion come to me so I can live again, because your Instruction is my joy!

78 But let the arrogant be ashamed because they oppressed me with lies—meanwhile, I will be contemplating your precepts!

79 Let the people who honor you come back to me; let those who know your precepts return to me.

80 Let my heart be blameless in your statutes so that I am not put to shame.

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**כ KAPH** [kahf]

**81** <sup>(AB)</sup> My soul faints for Your salvation,  
But I hope in Your word.

**82** My eyes fail *from searching* Your word,  
Saying, “When will You comfort me?”

**83** For <sup>(AS)</sup> I have become like a wineskin in  
smoke,  
Yet I do not forget Your statutes.

**84** <sup>(AD)</sup> How many *are* the days of Your  
servant?

<sup>(AU)</sup> When will You execute judgment on  
those who persecute me?

**85** <sup>(AV)</sup> The proud have dug pits for me,  
Which *is* not according to Your law.

**86** All Your commandments *are* faithful;  
They persecute me <sup>(AW)</sup> wrongfully;  
Help me!

**87** They almost made an end of me on  
earth,  
But I did not forsake Your precepts.

**88** Revive me according to Your  
lovingkindness,  
So that I may keep the testimony of  
Your mouth.

**81** My whole being yearns for your  
saving help!

I wait for your promise.

**82** My eyes are worn out looking for  
your word.

“When will you comfort me?” I ask,

**83** because I’ve become like a bottle  
dried up by smoke, though I haven’t  
forgotten your statutes.

**84** How much more time does your  
servant have? When will you bring my  
oppressors to justice?

**85** The arrogant have dug pits for me—  
those people who act against your  
Instruction.

**86** All your commandments are true,  
but people harass me for no reason.  
Help me!

**87** They’ve almost wiped me off the face  
of the earth! Meanwhile, I haven’t  
abandoned your precepts!

**88** Make me live again according to your  
faithful love so I can keep the law you’ve  
given!

**God’s Job:**    or    **My Job:**


**ל LAMED** [LAH mehd]

**89** <sup>(AY)</sup> Forever, O Lord,  
Your word <sup>(B)</sup> is settled in heaven.

**90** Your faithfulness *endures* to all  
generations;

You established the earth, and  
it <sup>(C)</sup> abides.

**91** They continue this day according  
to <sup>(AY)</sup> Your ordinances,

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For all *are* Your servants.

<sup>92</sup> Unless Your law *had been* my delight,  
I would then have perished in my  
affliction.

<sup>93</sup> I will never forget Your precepts,  
For by them You have given me life.

<sup>94</sup> I *am* Yours, save me;  
For I have sought Your precepts.

<sup>95</sup> The wicked wait for me to destroy me,  
*But* I will <sup>(L)</sup>consider Your testimonies.

<sup>96</sup> <sup>(A2)</sup> I have seen the consummation of all  
perfection,  
*But* Your commandment *is* exceedingly  
broad.

<sup>89</sup> Your word, Lord,  
stands firm in heaven forever!

<sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness extends from one  
generation to the next!

You set the earth firmly in place, and it  
is still there.

<sup>91</sup> Your rules endure to this day  
because everything serves you.

<sup>92</sup> If your Instruction hadn't been my  
delight,

I would have died because of my  
suffering.

<sup>93</sup> I will never forget your precepts  
because through them you gave me  
life again.

<sup>94</sup> I'm yours—save me  
because I've pursued your precepts!

<sup>95</sup> The wicked wait for me,  
wanting to kill me, but I'm studying your  
laws.

<sup>96</sup> I've seen that everything,  
no matter how perfect, has a limit,<sup>(L)</sup>  
but your commandment is boundless.

**God's Job:**

or

**My Job:**

**MEM** [mehm]

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love Your law!

<sup>(B)</sup> It *is* my meditation all the day.

<sup>98</sup> You, through Your commandments,  
make me <sup>(B)</sup>wiser than my enemies;  
For they *are* ever with me.

<sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my  
teachers,

<sup>(B)</sup> For Your testimonies *are* my  
meditation.

<sup>100</sup> <sup>(B)</sup> I understand more than  
the <sup>(L)</sup>ancients,

Because I keep Your precepts.

<sup>101</sup> I have restrained my feet from every  
evil way,  
That I may keep Your word.

<sup>102</sup> I have not departed from Your  
judgments,

For You Yourself have taught me.

<sup>103</sup> <sup>(B)</sup> How sweet are Your words to my  
taste,

*Sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup> Through Your precepts I get  
understanding;

Therefore I hate every false way.


<sup>97</sup> I love your Instruction!

I think about it constantly.

<sup>98</sup> Your commandment makes me wiser  
than my enemies

because it is always with me.

<sup>99</sup> I have greater insight than all my

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teachers

because I contemplate your laws.

**100** I have more understanding than the

elders

because I guard your precepts.

**101** I haven't set my feet on any evil path  
so I can make sure to keep your word.

**102** I haven't deviated from any of your

rules

because you are the one who has  
taught me.

**103** Your word is so pleasing to my taste  
buds—

it's sweeter than honey in my mouth!

**104** I'm studying your precepts—  
that's why I hate every false path.

**God's Job:**

or

**My Job:**

**1 NUN [none]**

**105** <sup>(B)</sup>Your word *is* a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.

**106** <sup>(B)</sup>I have sworn and confirmed  
That I will keep Your righteous  
judgments.

**107** I am afflicted very much;  
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your  
word.

**108** Accept, I pray, <sup>(H)</sup>the freewill offerings  
of my mouth, O Lord,  
And teach me Your judgments.

**109** <sup>(B)</sup>My life *is* continually <sup>(I)</sup>in my hand,  
Yet I do not forget Your law.

**110** <sup>(B)</sup>The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
Yet I have not strayed from Your  
precepts.

**111** <sup>(B)</sup>Your testimonies I have taken as  
a <sup>(I)</sup>heritage forever,  
For they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

**112** I have inclined my heart to perform

Your statutes

Forever, to the very end.

**105** Your word is a lamp before my feet  
and a light for my journey.

**106** I have sworn, and I fully mean it:  
I will keep your righteous rules.

**107** I have been suffering so much—  
Lord, make me live again according to  
your promise.

**108** Please, Lord, accept my spontaneous  
gifts of praise.

Teach me your rules!

**109** Though my life is constantly in  
danger,


I won't forget your Instruction.

**110** Though the wicked have set a trap  
for me,

I won't stray from your precepts.

**111** Your laws are my possession forever  
because they are my heart's joy.



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112 I have decided to keep your statutes forever, every last one.


**God's Job:**    or    **My Job:**

**o SAMEK** [SAH mekhk]

113 I hate the <sup>(L)</sup>double-minded,  
But I love Your law.  
114 <sup>(BL)</sup>You *are* my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.  
115 <sup>(BM)</sup>Depart from me, you evildoers,  
For I will keep the commandments of my God!  
116 Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me <sup>(BN)</sup>be ashamed of my hope.  
117 <sup>(L)</sup>Hold me up, and I shall be safe,  
And I shall observe Your statutes continually.  
118 You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceit *is* falsehood.  
119 You <sup>(L)</sup>put away all the wicked of the earth <sup>(BO)</sup>like <sup>(LW)</sup>dross;  
Therefore I love Your testimonies.  
120 <sup>(BP)</sup>My flesh trembles for fear of You,  
And I am afraid of Your judgments.

113 I hate fickle people, but I love your Instruction.  
114 You are my shelter and my shield—  
I wait for your promise.  
115 Get away from me, you evildoers;  
I want to guard my God's commandments!  
116 Sustain me according to your word so I can live!  
Don't let me be put to shame because of hope.  
117 Support me so I can be saved  
and so I can focus constantly on your statutes.  
118 You discard everyone who strays from your statutes because they are dishonest and false.  
119 You dispose of all the wicked people on earth like waste—  
that's why I love your laws.  
120 My body shudders because I fear you; I'm in awe of your rules.

**God's Job:**    or    **My Job:**


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**Y AYIN** [AH yeen]

121 I have done justice and  
righteousness;  
Do not leave me to my oppressors.  
122 Be <sup>(C)</sup>surety<sup>(L)</sup> for Your servant for  
good;  
Do not let the proud oppress me.  
123 My eyes fail *from seeking* Your  
salvation  
And Your righteous word.  
124 Deal with Your servant according to  
Your mercy,  
And teach me Your statutes.  
125 <sup>(B)</sup>I *am* Your servant;  
Give me understanding,  
That I may know Your testimonies.  
126 *It is time for You* to act, O Lord,  
*For* they have <sup>(L)</sup>regarded Your law as  
void.  
127 <sup>(B)</sup>Therefore I love Your  
commandments  
More than gold, yes, than fine gold!  
128 Therefore  
all *Your precepts concerning all things*  
I consider *to be* right;  
I hate every false way.

121 I've done what is just and right.  
Don't just hand me over to my  
oppressors.  
122 Guarantee good things for your  
servant.  
Please don't let the arrogant oppress  
me.  
123 My eyes are worn out looking for  
your saving help—  
looking for your word that will set  
things right.  
124 Act toward your servant according to  
your faithful love.  
Teach me your statutes!  
125 I'm your servant!  
Help me understand so I can know  
your laws.  
126 It is time for the Lord to do  
something!  
Your Instruction has been broken.  
127 But I love your commandments  
more than gold, even more than pure  
gold.  
128 That's why I walk straight by every  
single one of your precepts.  
That's why I hate every false path.

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▷ PE [PEH – pey]









129 Your testimonies are wonderful;  
Therefore my soul keeps them.  
130 The entrance of Your words gives  
light;  
<sup>(E)</sup>It gives understanding to the <sup>(E)</sup>simple.  
131 I opened my mouth and <sup>(E)</sup>panted,  
For I longed for Your commandments.  
132 <sup>(E)</sup>Look upon me and be merciful to  
me,  
<sup>(E)</sup>As Your custom is toward those who  
love Your name.  
133 <sup>(E)</sup>Direct my steps by Your word,  
And <sup>(E)</sup>let no iniquity have dominion over  
me.  
134 <sup>(E)</sup>Redeem me from the oppression of  
man, That I may keep Your precepts.  
135 <sup>(E)</sup>Make Your face shine upon Your  
servant, And teach me Your statutes.  
136 <sup>(E)</sup>Rivers of water run down from my  
eyes, Because *men* do not keep Your  
law.

129 Your laws are wonderful!  
That's why I guard them.  
130 Access to your words<sup>(E)</sup> gives light,  
giving simple folk understanding.  
131 I open my mouth up wide, panting,  
because I long for your  
commandments.  
132 Come back to me and have mercy on  
me;  
that's only right for those who love  
your name.  
133 Keep my steps steady by your word;  
don't let any sin rule me.  
134 Redeem me from the people who  
oppress me  
so I can keep your precepts.  
135 Shine your face on your servant,  
and teach me your statutes.  
136 Rivers of tears stream from my eyes  
because your Instruction isn't being  
kept.

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▼ **TSADDE** [TSAH dee] (**tsar**)

137  Righteous *are* You, O Lord,  
And upright *are* Your judgments.  
138  Your testimonies, *which* You have  
commanded,  
*Are* righteous and very faithful.  
139  My zeal has  consumed me,  
Because my enemies have forgotten  
Your words.  
140  Your word *is* very  pure;  
Therefore Your servant loves it.  
141 I *am* small and despised,  
*Yet* I do not forget Your precepts.  
142 Your righteousness *is* an everlasting  
righteousness, And Your law *is*  truth.  
143 Trouble and anguish  
have  overtaken me,  
*Yet* Your commandments *are* my  
delights.  
144 The righteousness of Your  
testimonies *is* everlasting;  
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

137 Lord, you are righteous,  
and your rules are right.  
138 The laws you commanded are  
righteous,  
completely trustworthy.  
139 Anger consumes me  
because my enemies have forgotten  
what you've said.  
140 Your word has been tried and tested;  
your servant loves your word!  
141 I'm insignificant and unpopular,  
but I don't forget your precepts.  
142 Your righteousness lasts forever!  
Your Instruction is true!  
143 Stress and strain have caught up with  
me,  
but your commandments are my joy!  
144 Your laws are righteous forever.  
Help me understand so I can live!

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**פ QOPH [KOOF]**


**145** I cry out with *my* whole heart;  
Hear me, O Lord!  
I will keep Your statutes.  
**146** I cry out to You;  
Save me, and I will keep Your  
testimonies.  
**147** ☞ I rise before the dawning of the  
morning,  
And cry for help;  
I hope in Your word.  
**148** ☞ My eyes are awake through  
the *night* watches,  
That I may meditate on Your word.  
**149** Hear my voice according to Your  
lovingkindness;  
O Lord, revive me according to Your  
justice.  
**150** They draw near who follow after  
wickedness;  
They are far from Your law.  
**151** You *are* ☞ near, O Lord,  
And all Your commandments *are* truth.  
**152** Concerning Your testimonies,  
I have known of old that You have  
founded them ☞ forever.

**145** I cry out with all my heart:  
“Lord, answer me so I can guard your  
statutes!”  
**146** I cry out to you, “Save me  
so I can keep your laws!”  
**147** I meet the predawn light and cry for  
help.  
I wait for your promise.  
**148** My eyes encounter each hour of the  
night  
as I think about your word.  
**149** Listen to my voice, according to your  
faithful love.  
Lord, make me live again, according  
to your justice.  
**150** The people who love to plot wicked  
schemes are nearby,  
but they are so far from your  
Instruction!  
**151** But you, Lord, are nearby too,  
and all your commandments are true.  
**152** Long ago I learned from your laws  
that you had established them  
forever.

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↷ **RESH** [REYSH]

153  Consider my affliction and deliver me,

For I do not forget Your law.

154  Plead my cause and redeem me;

Revive me according to Your word.

155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked,


For they do not seek Your statutes.


156  Great *are* Your tender mercies,

O Lord;

Revive me according to Your judgments.

157 Many *are* my persecutors and my enemies,

Yet I do not  turn from Your testimonies.

158 I see the treacherous, and  am disgusted,

Because they do not keep Your word.

159 Consider how I love Your precepts;

Revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.

160 The entirety of Your word *is* truth,

And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.

153 Look at my suffering and deliver me because I haven't forgotten your Instruction.

154 Argue my case and redeem me.

Make me live again by your word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked

because they haven't pursued your

statutes.

156 You have so much compassion, Lord

— make me live again, according to

your rules.


157 My oppressors and enemies are many, but I haven't turned away from your laws.

158 I look on the faithless, and I am disgusted because they haven't kept your word.


159 Look at how much I love your precepts. Make me live again, Lord, according to your faithful love!

160 The first thing to know about your word is that it is true and that all your righteous rules last forever.

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**U SHIN** [SHEEN]

161  Princes persecute me without a cause,

But my heart stands in awe of Your word.


162 I rejoice at Your word


As one who finds great treasure.


163 I hate and abhor lying,

*But* I love Your law.

164 Seven times a day I praise You,  
Because of Your righteous judgments.

165  Great peace have those who love  
Your law,

And  nothing causes them to stumble.


166  Lord, I hope for Your salvation,

And I do Your commandments.

167 My soul keeps Your testimonies,

And I love them exceedingly.

168 I keep Your precepts and Your  
testimonies,

 For all my ways *are* before You.

161 Rulers oppress me without cause,  
but my heart honors what you've said.

162 I'm overjoyed at your word,  
like someone who finds great  
treasure.

163 I hate, I absolutely despise, what is  
false,

but I'm in love with your Instruction.

164 I praise you seven times a day  
for your righteous rules.

165 The people who love your Instruction  
enjoy peace—and lots of it.

There's no stumbling for them!

166 Lord, I wait for your saving help.


I do what you've commanded.

167 I keep your laws;

I love them so much!

168 I keep your precepts and your laws  
because all my ways are seen by you.

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**TAU** [TAHV]

169 Let my cry come before You, O Lord;  
Give me understanding according to  
Your word.  
170 Let my <sup>169</sup>supplication come before  
You; Deliver me according to Your word.  
171 My lips shall utter praise,  
For You teach me Your statutes.  
172 My tongue shall speak of Your word,  
For all Your  
commandments *are* righteousness.  
173 Let Your hand become my help,  
For I have chosen Your precepts.  
174 I long for Your salvation, O Lord,  
And Your law *is* my delight.  
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise  
You; And let Your judgments help me.  
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep;  
Seek Your servant,  
For I do not forget Your  
commandments.

169 Let my cry reach you, Lord;  
help me understand according to  
what you've said.  
170 Let my request for grace come before  
you; deliver me according to your  
promise!  
171 Let my lips overflow with praise  
because you've taught me your  
statutes.  
172 Let my tongue declare your word,  
because all your commandments are  
righteous.  
173 Let your power help me  
because I have chosen your  
precepts.  
174 Lord, I long for your saving help!  
Your Instruction is my joy!  
175 Let me live again so I can praise you!  
Let your rules help me!  
176 I've wandered off like a sheep, lost.  
Find your servant  
because I haven't forgotten  
your commandments!

**God's Job:** or **My Job:**

**Footnotes**

- a. [Psalm 119:1](#) *blameless*




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| b. <a href="#">Psalm 119:15</a> <i>look into</i>                            | q. <a href="#">Psalm 119:100</a> <i>aged</i>                               |
| c. <a href="#">Psalm 119:20</a> <i>is crushed</i>                           | r. <a href="#">Psalm 119:109</a> <i>In danger</i>                          |
| d. <a href="#">Psalm 119:28</a> <i>Lit. drops</i>                           | s. <a href="#">Psalm 119:111</a> <i>inheritance</i>                        |
| e. <a href="#">Psalm 119:28</a> <i>grief</i>                                | t. <a href="#">Psalm 119:113</a> <i>Lit. divided in heart or mind</i>      |
| f. <a href="#">Psalm 119:36</a> <i>Cause me to long for</i>                 | u. <a href="#">Psalm 119:117</a> <i>Uphold me</i>                          |
| g. <a href="#">Psalm 119:37</a> <i>Lit. Cause my eyes to pass away from</i> | v. <a href="#">Psalm 119:119</a> <i>destroy, lit. cause to cease</i>       |
| h. <a href="#">Psalm 119:37</a> <i>So with MT, LXX, Vg.; Tg. Your words</i> | w. <a href="#">Psalm 119:119</a> <i>slag or refuse</i>                     |
| i. <a href="#">Psalm 119:42</a> <i>taunts</i>                               | x. <a href="#">Psalm 119:122</a> <i>guaranty</i>                           |
| j. <a href="#">Psalm 119:45</a> <i>Lit. in a wide place</i>                 | y. <a href="#">Psalm 119:126</a> <i>broken Your law</i>                    |
| k. <a href="#">Psalm 119:69</a> <i>Lit. smeared me with a lie</i>           | z. <a href="#">Psalm 119:139</a> <i>put an end to</i>                      |
| l. <a href="#">Psalm 119:70</a> <i>Insensible</i>                           | aa. <a href="#">Psalm 119:140</a> <i>Lit. refined or tried</i>             |
| m. <a href="#">Psalm 119:75</a> <i>Lit. righteous</i>                       | bb. <a href="#">Psalm 119:143</a> <i>Lit. found</i>                        |
| n. <a href="#">Psalm 119:89</a> <i>Lit. stands firm</i>                     | cc. <a href="#">Psalm 119:156</a> <i>Or Many</i>                           |
| o. <a href="#">Psalm 119:90</a> <i>Lit. stands</i>                          | dd. <a href="#">Psalm 119:165</a> <i>Lit. they have no stumbling block</i> |
| p. <a href="#">Psalm 119:95</a> <i>give attention to</i>                    | ee. <a href="#">Psalm 119:170</a> <i>Prayer of supplication</i>            |

**Cross references**

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| B. <a href="#">Psalm 119:2</a> : <a href="#">Deut. 6:5</a> ; <a href="#">10:12</a> ; <a href="#">11:13</a> ; <a href="#">13:3</a>  | GG. <a href="#">Psalm 119:64</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 33:5</a>  |
| C. <a href="#">Psalm 119:3</a> : [ <a href="#">1 John 3:9</a> ; <a href="#">5:18</a> ]   | HH. <a href="#">Psalm 119:66</a> : <a href="#">Phil. 1:9</a>   |
| D. <a href="#">Psalm 119:6</a> : <a href="#">Job 22:26</a>   | II. <a href="#">Psalm 119:67</a> : <a href="#">Prov. 3:11</a> ; <a href="#">Jer31:18,19</a> ; [ <a href="#">Heb.12:5-11</a> ]  |
| E. <a href="#">Psalm 119:10</a> : <a href="#">2 Chr. 15:15</a>   | JJ. <a href="#">Psalm 119:68</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 106:1</a> ; <a href="#">107:1</a> ; [ <a href="#">Matt. 19:17</a> ]   |
| F. <a href="#">Psalm 119:11</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 37:31</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 2:19</a>  | KK. <a href="#">Psalm 119:69</a> : <a href="#">Job 13:4</a> ; <a href="#">Ps. 109:2</a>  |
| G. <a href="#">Psalm 119:13</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 34:11</a>  | LL. <a href="#">Psalm 119:70</a> : <a href="#">Deut. 32:15</a> ; <a href="#">Job 15:27</a> ; <a href="#">Ps. 17:10</a> ; <a href="#">Is. 6:10</a> ; <a href="#">Jer. 5:28</a> ; <a href="#">Acts 28:27</a> |
| H. <a href="#">Psalm 119:16</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 1:2</a>  | MM. <a href="#">Psalm 119:72</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 19:10</a> ; <a href="#">Prov. 8:10, 11, 19</a>  |
| I. <a href="#">Psalm 119:17</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 116:7</a>  | NN. <a href="#">Psalm 119:73</a> : <a href="#">Job 10:8</a> ; <a href="#">31:15</a> ; [ <a href="#">Ps. 139:15, 16</a> ]   |
| J. <a href="#">Psalm 119:19</a> : <a href="#">Gen. 47:9</a> ; <a href="#">Lev. 25:23</a> ; <a href="#">1 Chr. 29:15</a> ; <a href="#">Ps. 39:12</a> ; <a href="#">Heb. 11:13</a> | OO. <a href="#">Psalm 119:74</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 34:2</a>  |
| K. <a href="#">Psalm 119:20</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 42:1, 2</a> ; <a href="#">63:1</a> ; <a href="#">84:2</a>  | PP. <a href="#">Psalm 119:75</a> : [ <a href="#">Heb. 12:10</a> ]  |
| L. <a href="#">Psalm 119:22</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 39:8</a>   | QQ. <a href="#">Psalm 119:78</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 25:3</a>  |
| M. <a href="#">Psalm 119:25</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 44:25</a>  | RR. <a href="#">Psalm 119:81</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 73:26</a> ; <a href="#">84:2</a>  |
| N. <a href="#">Psalm 119:25</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 143:11</a>   | SS. <a href="#">Psalm 119:83</a> : <a href="#">Job 30:30</a>   |
| O. <a href="#">Psalm 119:26</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 25:4</a> ; <a href="#">27:11</a> ; <a href="#">86:11</a>   | TT. <a href="#">Psalm 119:84</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 39:4</a>  |
| P. <a href="#">Psalm 119:27</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 145:5, 6</a>   | UU. <a href="#">Psalm 119:84</a> : <a href="#">Rev. 6:10</a>   |
| Q. <a href="#">Psalm 119:28</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 107:26</a>   | VV. <a href="#">Psalm 119:85</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 35:7</a> ; <a href="#">Prov. 16:27</a> ; <a href="#">Jer. 18:22</a>   |
| R. <a href="#">Psalm 119:32</a> : <a href="#">1 Kin. 4:29</a> ; <a href="#">Is. 60:5</a> ; <a href="#">2 Cor. 6:11, 13</a>   | WW. <a href="#">Psalm 119:86</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 35:19</a>   |
| S. <a href="#">Psalm 119:33</a> : [ <a href="#">Matt. 10:22</a> ; <a href="#">Rev. 2:26</a> ]  | XX. <a href="#">Psalm 119:89</a> ; <a href="#">Ps. 89:2</a> ; <a href="#">Is.40:8</a> ; <a href="#">Matt.24:35</a> ; [ <a href="#">1Pet. 1:25</a> ]  |
| T. <a href="#">Psalm 119:34</a> : [ <a href="#">Prov. 2:6</a> ; <a href="#">James 1:5</a> ]  | YY. <a href="#">Psalm 119:91</a> : <a href="#">Jer. 33:25</a>  |
| U. <a href="#">Psalm 119:36</a> : <a href="#">Ezek. 33:31</a> ; [ <a href="#">Mark 7:20-23</a> ]; <a href="#">Luke 12:15</a> ; [ <a href="#">Heb. 13:5</a> ]                     | ZZ. <a href="#">Psalm 119:96</a> : <a href="#">Matt. 5:18</a>  |
| V. <a href="#">Psalm 119:37</a> : <a href="#">Is. 33:15</a>  | AAA. <a href="#">Psalm 119:97</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 1:2</a>  |
| W. <a href="#">Psalm 119:37</a> : <a href="#">Prov. 23:5</a>   | BBB. <a href="#">Psalm 119:98</a> : <a href="#">Deut. 4:6</a>  |
| X. <a href="#">Psalm 119:38</a> : <a href="#">2 Sam. 7:25</a>  | CCC. <a href="#">Psalm 119:99</a> : [ <a href="#">2 Tim. 3:15</a> ]  |
| Y. <a href="#">Psalm 119:45</a> : <a href="#">Prov. 4:12</a>   | DDD. <a href="#">Psalm 119:100</a> : [ <a href="#">Job 32:7-9</a> ]  |
| Z. <a href="#">Psalm 119:46</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 138:1</a> ; <a href="#">Matt. 10:18</a> ; <a href="#">Acts 26</a>  | EEE. <a href="#">Psalm 119:103</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 19:10</a> ; <a href="#">Prov. 8:11</a>  |
| AA. <a href="#">Psalm 119:50</a> : <a href="#">Job 6:10</a> ; [ <a href="#">Rom. 15:4</a> ]  | FFF. <a href="#">Psalm 119:105</a> : <a href="#">Prov. 6:23</a>  |
| BB. <a href="#">Psalm 119:53</a> : <a href="#">Ex. 32:19</a> ; <a href="#">Ezra 9:3</a> ; <a href="#">Neh. 13:25</a>   | GGG. <a href="#">Psalm 119:106</a> : <a href="#">Neh. 10:29</a>  |
| CC. <a href="#">Psalm 119:55</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 63:6</a>  | HHH. <a href="#">Psalm 119:108</a> : <a href="#">Hos. 14:2</a> ; <a href="#">Heb. 13:15</a>  |
| DD. <a href="#">Psalm 119:57</a> : <a href="#">Num. 18:20</a> ; <a href="#">Ps. 16:5</a> ; <a href="#">Jer. 10:16</a> ; <a href="#">Lam. 3:24</a>                                | III. <a href="#">Psalm 119:109</a> : <a href="#">Judg. 12:3</a> ; <a href="#">Job 13:14</a>  |
| EE. <a href="#">Psalm 119:59</a> : <a href="#">Mark 14:72</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 15:17</a>   | JJJ. <a href="#">Psalm 119:110</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 140:5</a>   |
|  | KKK. <a href="#">Psalm 119:111</a> : <a href="#">Deut. 33:4</a>  |
|  | LLL. <a href="#">Psalm 119:114</a> : [ <a href="#">Ps. 32:7</a> ]  |
|  | MMM. <a href="#">Psalm 119:115</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 6:8</a> ; <a href="#">Matt. 7:23</a>  |

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NNN. <a href="#">Psalm 119:116</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 25:2</a> ; [ <a href="#">Rom. 5:5</a> ; <a href="#">9:33</a> ; <a href="#">10:11</a> ; <a href="#">Phil. 1:20</a> ]	FFFF. <a href="#">Psalm 119:139</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 69:9</a> ; <a href="#">John 2:17</a>
OOO. <a href="#">Psalm 119:119</a> : [ <a href="#">Is. 1:22</a> , <a href="#">25</a> ; <a href="#">Ezek. 22:18</a> , <a href="#">19</a> ]	GGGG. <a href="#">Psalm 119:140</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 12:6</a>
PPP. <a href="#">Psalm 119:120</a> : <a href="#">Job 4:14</a> ; <a href="#">Hab. 3:16</a>	HHHH. <a href="#">Psalm 119:142</a> : [ <a href="#">Ps. 19:9</a> ; <a href="#">John 17:17</a> ]
QQQ. <a href="#">Psalm 119:122</a> : <a href="#">Job 17:3</a> ; <a href="#">Heb. 7:22</a>	IIII. <a href="#">Psalm 119:147</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 5:3</a>
RRR. <a href="#">Psalm 119:125</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 116:16</a>	JJJ. <a href="#">Psalm 119:148</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 63:1</a> , <a href="#">6</a>
SSS. <a href="#">Psalm 119:127</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 19:10</a>	KKKK. <a href="#">Psalm 119:151</a> : [ <a href="#">Ps. 145:18</a> ]; <a href="#">Is. 50:8</a>
TTT. <a href="#">Psalm 119:130</a> : <a href="#">Prov. 6:23</a>	LLLL. <a href="#">Psalm 119:152</a> : <a href="#">Luke 21:33</a>
UUU. <a href="#">Psalm 119:130</a> : [ <a href="#">Ps. 19:7</a> ]; <a href="#">Prov. 1:4</a>	MMMM. <a href="#">Psalm 119:153</a> : <a href="#">Lam. 5:1</a>
VVV. <a href="#">Psalm 119:131</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 42:1</a>	NNNN. <a href="#">Psalm 119:154</a> : <a href="#">1 Sam. 24:15</a> ; <a href="#">Mic. 7:9</a>
WWW. <a href="#">Psalm 119:132</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 106:4</a>	OOOO. <a href="#">Psalm 119:157</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 44:18</a>
XXX. <a href="#">Psalm 119:132</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 51:1</a> ; [ <a href="#">2 Thess. 1:6</a> ]	PPPP. <a href="#">Psalm 119:158</a> : <a href="#">Ezek. 9:4</a>
YYY. <a href="#">Psalm 119:133</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 17:5</a>	QQQQ. <a href="#">Psalm 119:161</a> : <a href="#">1 Sam. 24:11</a> ; <a href="#">26:18</a>
ZZZ. <a href="#">Psalm 119:133</a> : [ <a href="#">Ps. 19:13</a> ; <a href="#">Rom. 6:12</a> ]	RRRR. <a href="#">Psalm 119:165</a> : <a href="#">Prov. 3:2</a> ; [ <a href="#">Is. 26:3</a> ; <a href="#">32:17</a> ]
AAAA. <a href="#">Psalm 119:134</a> : <a href="#">Luke 1:74</a>	SSSS. <a href="#">Psalm 119:166</a> : <a href="#">Gen. 49:18</a>
BBBB. <a href="#">Psalm 119:135</a> : <a href="#">Num. 6:25</a> ; <a href="#">Ps. 4:6</a>	TTTT. <a href="#">Psalm 119:168</a> : <a href="#">Job 24:23</a> ; <a href="#">Prov. 5:21</a>
CCCC. <a href="#">Psalm 119:136</a> : <a href="#">Jer. 9:1</a> , <a href="#">18</a> ; <a href="#">14:17</a> ; <a href="#">Lam. 3:48</a> ; <a href="#">Ezek. 9:4</a>	UUUU. <a href="#">Psalm 119:169</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 119:27</a> , <a href="#">144</a>
DDDD. <a href="#">Psalm 119:137</a> : <a href="#">Ezra 9:15</a> ; <a href="#">Neh. 9:33</a> ; <a href="#">Jer. 12:1</a> ; <a href="#">Lam. 1:18</a> ; <a href="#">Dan. 9:7</a> , <a href="#">14</a>	VVVV. <a href="#">Psalm 119:171</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 119:7</a>
EEEE. <a href="#">Psalm 119:138</a> : [ <a href="#">Ps. 19:7-9</a> ]	WWWW. <a href="#">Psalm 119:173</a> : <a href="#">Josh. 24:22</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 10:42</a>
	XXXX. <a href="#">Psalm 119:174</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 119:166</a>
	YYYY. <a href="#">Psalm 119:174</a> : <a href="#">Ps. 119:16</a> , <a href="#">24</a>
	ZZZZ. <a href="#">Psalm 119:176</a> : [ <a href="#">Is. 53:6</a> ]; <a href="#">Jer. 50:6</a> ; <a href="#">Matt. 18:12</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 15:4</a> ; [ <a href="#">1 Pet. 2:25</a> ]


**How** does one accrue Wisdom? [All come write their idea on the white board]

Obvious features of 119:

- Length of poem
- Longest chapter in the bible
- 22 divisions of equal stanzas
- Acrostic from Hebrew Alphabet (Each of the 22 divisions begins with the “next” letter of the Hebrew Alphabet)
- Elaborate acrostic “In the first stanza, the initial word of each of the eight verses begins with *aleph*, the first letter of the alphabet; in the second stanza the initial words all begin with *beth*, and so on throughout.” Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 2, pp. 193–219). Inter-Varsity Press.
- Main theme: Word of God

It may be intentional that a group of nouns referring to the poem’s main theme, the word of God, is also eight in number. Each noun occurs on average twenty-two times, and the eight verses of any given stanza will contain most if not all of them. Helpfully, the NIV is on the whole consistent in translating these nouns as commands (or commandments), decrees, law, laws (a different word, meaning judgments or rulings), precepts, promises, statutes, and word. We shall compare their shades of meaning when we get to the *Heth* stanza, where they all appear once each. Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 2, pp. 193–219). Inter-Varsity Press.

**As far back as Psalms 9 and 10 we had to come to terms with the artificiality of acrostic poems. Both on that and on the theme of this particular one, C. S. Lewis has perceptive**

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comments. Unlike some other psalms, he says, 119 'is not, and does not pretend to be, a sudden outpouring of the heart ... It is a pattern, a thing done like embroidery, stitch by stitch, through long, quiet hours, for love of the subject and for the delight in leisurely, disciplined craftsmanship.'

He goes on to speak of that subject, the word of God, which (as the eight nouns tell us) is here thought of primarily as law—not irksome, restrictive rules, but God's way for his people to be happy. Undoubtedly the psalmist 'felt about the Law somewhat as he felt about his poetry; both involved exact and loving conformity to an intricate pattern ... The Order of the Divine mind, embodied in the Divine Law, is beautiful. What should a man do but try to reproduce it, so far as possible, in his daily life?' Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 2, pp. 193–219). Inter-Varsity Press.

## PSALM 1


### The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly

1 Blessed <sup>Ⓜ</sup>is the man  
Who walks not in the counsel of the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>ungodly,  
Nor stands in the path of sinners,  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;  
2 But <sup>Ⓜ</sup>his delight *is* in the law of the Lord,  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>And in His law he <sup>Ⓜ</sup>meditates day and night.  
3 He shall be like a tree  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>Planted by the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,  
Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall <sup>Ⓜ</sup>prosper.  
4 The ungodly *are* not so,  
But *are* <sup>Ⓜ</sup>like the chaff which the wind drives away.  
5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.  
6 For <sup>Ⓜ</sup>the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 1:1](#) *wicked*
- b. [Psalm 1:2](#) *ponders* by talking to himself
- c. [Psalm 1:3](#) *channels*

### Cross references

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- A. [Psalm 1:1](#) : [Prov. 4:14](#)
- B. [Psalm 1:1](#) : [Ps. 26:4, 5](#); [Jer. 15:17](#)
- C. [Psalm 1:2](#) : [Ps. 119:14, 16, 35](#)
- D. [Psalm 1:2](#) : [\[Josh. 1:8\]](#)
- E. [Psalm 1:3](#) : [\[Ps. 92:12–14\]](#); [Jer. 17:8](#); [Ezek. 19:10](#)
- F. [Psalm 1:3](#) : [Gen. 39:2, 3, 23](#); [Ps. 128:2](#)
- G. [Psalm 1:4](#) : [Job 21:18](#); [Ps. 35:5](#); [Is. 17:13](#)
- H. [Psalm 1:6](#) : [Ps. 37:18](#); [\[Nah. 1:7; John 10:14; 2 Tim. 2:19\]](#)

## PSALM 14

### Folly of the Godless, and God's Final Triumph<sup>(A)</sup>

#### To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

**14** The fool has said in his heart,  
"There is no God."  
They are corrupt,  
They have done abominable works,  
There is none who does good.  
**2** The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men,  
To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.  
**3** They have all turned aside,  
They have together become corrupt;  
There is none who does good,  
No, not one.  
**4** Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge,  
Who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
And do not call on the Lord?  
**5** There they are in great fear,  
For God is with the generation of the righteous.  
**6** You shame the counsel of the poor,  
But the Lord is his refuge.

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<sup>7</sup> <sup>Ⓞ</sup>Oh, <sup>Ⓞ</sup>that the salvation of Israel *would come* out of Zion!  
<sup>Ⓞ</sup>When the Lord brings back <sup>Ⓞ</sup>the captivity of His people,  
Let Jacob rejoice *and* Israel be glad.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 14:7](#) Lit. *Who will give out of Zion the salvation of Israel?*
- b. [Psalm 14:7](#) Or *His captive people*

### Cross references


- A. [Psalm 14:1](#) : [Ps. 53:1–6](#)
- B. [Psalm 14:1](#) : [Ps. 10:4; 53:1](#)
- C. [Psalm 14:2](#) : [Ps. 33:13, 14; 102:19; Rom. 3:11](#)
- D. [Psalm 14:3](#) : [Rom. 3:12](#)
- E. [Psalm 14:4](#) : [Ps. 79:6; Is. 64:7; Jer. 10:25; Amos 8:4; Mic. 3:3](#)
- F. [Psalm 14:6](#) : [Ps. 9:9; 40:17; 46:1; 142:5](#)
- G. [Psalm 14:7](#) : [Ps. 53:6; \[Rom. 11:25–27\]](#)
- H. [Psalm 14:7](#) : [Deut. 30:3; Job 42:10](#)

## PSALM 15

### The Character of Those Who May Dwell with the Lord

#### A Psalm of David.

**15** Lord, <sup>Ⓞ</sup>who may <sup>Ⓞ</sup>abide in Your tabernacle?  
Who may dwell in Your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> He who walks uprightly,  
And works righteousness,  
And speaks the <sup>Ⓞ</sup>truth in his heart;  
<sup>3</sup> He *who* <sup>Ⓞ</sup>does not backbite with his tongue,  
Nor does evil to his neighbor,  
<sup>Ⓞ</sup>Nor does he <sup>Ⓞ</sup>take up a reproach against his friend;  
<sup>4</sup> <sup>Ⓞ</sup>In whose eyes a vile person is despised,  
But he honors those who fear the Lord;

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He *who* <sup>Ⓜ</sup>swears to his own hurt and does not change;  
<sup>5</sup> He *who* does not put out his money at usury,  
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these *things* <sup>Ⓜ</sup>shall never be moved.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 15:1](#) *sojourn*
- b. [Psalm 15:3](#) *receive*

### Cross references


- A. [Psalm 15:1](#) : [Ps. 24:3–5](#)
- B. [Psalm 15:2](#) : [Zech. 8:16](#); [\[Eph. 4:25\]](#)
- C. [Psalm 15:3](#) : [\[Lev. 19:16–18\]](#)
- D. [Psalm 15:3](#) : [Ex. 23:1](#)
- E. [Psalm 15:4](#) : [Esth. 3:2](#)
- F. [Psalm 15:4](#) : [Lev. 5:4](#)
- G. [Psalm 15:5](#) : [2 Pet. 1:10](#)

## PSALM 19

### The Perfect Revelation of the Lord

#### To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

**19** The <sup>Ⓜ</sup>heavens declare the glory of God;  
And the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>firmament<sup>Ⓜ</sup> shows <sup>Ⓜ</sup>His handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup> Day unto day utters speech,  
And night unto night reveals knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> *There is* no speech nor language  
*Where* their voice is not heard.  
<sup>4</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Their <sup>Ⓜ</sup>line has gone out through all the earth,  
And their words to the end of the world.  
In them He has set a <sup>Ⓜ</sup>tabernacle for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> Which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.  
<sup>6</sup> Its rising *is* from one end of heaven,

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And its circuit to the other end;  
And there is nothing hidden from its heat.  
7 <sup>Ⓜ</sup>The law of the Lord *is* perfect, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>converting the soul;  
The testimony of the Lord *is* sure, making <sup>Ⓜ</sup>wise the simple;  
8 The statutes of the Lord *are* right, rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of the Lord *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;  
9 The fear of the Lord *is* clean, enduring forever;  
The judgments of the Lord *are* true *and* righteous altogether.  
10 More to be desired *are they* than <sup>Ⓜ</sup>gold,  
Yea, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey and the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>honeycomb.  
11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned,  
*And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.  
12 Who can understand *his* errors?  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>Cleanse me from secret *faults*.  
13 Keep back Your servant also from <sup>Ⓜ</sup>presumptuous *sins*;  
Let them not have <sup>Ⓜ</sup>dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless,  
And I shall be innocent of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>great transgression.  
14 <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
Be acceptable in Your sight,  
O Lord, my <sup>Ⓜ</sup>strength and my <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Redeemer.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 19:1](#) *expanse of heaven*
- b. [Psalm 19:1](#) *the work of His hands*
- c. [Psalm 19:4](#) LXX, Syr., Vg. *sound*; Tg. *business*
- d. [Psalm 19:4](#) *tent*
- e. [Psalm 19:7](#) *restoring*
- f. [Psalm 19:10](#) *honey in the combs*
- g. [Psalm 19:13](#) *Or much*
- h. [Psalm 19:14](#) Lit. *rock*

### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 19:1](#) : [Is. 40:22](#); [[Rom. 1:19, 20](#)]
- B. [Psalm 19:1](#) : [Gen. 1:6, 7](#)
- C. [Psalm 19:4](#) : [Rom. 10:18](#)

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- D. [Psalm 19:5](#) : [Eccl. 1:5](#)
- E. [Psalm 19:7](#) : [Ps. 111:7](#); [[Rom. 7:12](#)]
- F. [Psalm 19:7](#) : [Ps. 119:130](#)
- G. [Psalm 19:10](#) : [Ps. 119:72, 127](#); [Prov. 8:10, 11, 19](#)
- H. [Psalm 19:12](#) : [[Ps. 51:1, 2](#)]
- I. [Psalm 19:13](#) : [Num. 15:30](#)
- J. [Psalm 19:13](#) : [Ps. 119:133](#); [[Rom. 6:12–14](#)]
- K. [Psalm 19:14](#) : [Ps. 51:15](#)
- L. [Psalm 19:14](#) : [Ps. 31:5](#); [Is. 47:4](#)

## PSALM 25

### A Plea for Deliverance and Forgiveness

#### A Psalm of David.

**25** To <sup>Ⓐ</sup>You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I <sup>Ⓑ</sup>trust in You;

Let me not be ashamed;

<sup>Ⓒ</sup>Let not my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, let no one who <sup>Ⓓ</sup>waits on You be ashamed;

Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>Ⓔ</sup>Show me Your ways, O Lord;

Teach me Your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You *are* the God of my salvation;

On You I wait all the day.

<sup>6</sup> Remember, O Lord, <sup>Ⓔ</sup>Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,

For they *are* from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember <sup>Ⓔ</sup>the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;

<sup>Ⓒ</sup>According to Your mercy remember me,

For Your goodness' sake, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright *is* the Lord;


Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> The humble He guides in justice,

And the humble He teaches His way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord *are* mercy and truth,



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To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

<sup>11</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>For Your name's sake, O Lord,

Pardon my iniquity, for it *is* great.

<sup>12</sup> Who *is* the man that fears the Lord?

<sup>Ⓟ</sup>Him shall <sup>Ⓜ</sup>He teach in the way He chooses.

<sup>13</sup> <sup>Ⓟ</sup>He himself shall dwell in <sup>Ⓜ</sup>prosperity,

And <sup>Ⓜ</sup>his descendants shall inherit the earth.

<sup>14</sup> <sup>Ⓟ</sup>The secret of the Lord *is* with those who fear Him,

And He will show them His covenant.

<sup>15</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>My eyes *are* ever toward the Lord,

For He shall <sup>Ⓜ</sup>pluck my feet out of the net.

<sup>16</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me,

For I *am* <sup>Ⓜ</sup>desolate and afflicted.

<sup>17</sup> The troubles of my heart have enlarged;

Bring me out of my distresses!

<sup>18</sup> <sup>Ⓟ</sup>Look on my affliction and my pain,

And forgive all my sins.

<sup>19</sup> Consider my enemies, for they are many;

And they hate me with <sup>Ⓜ</sup>cruel hatred.

<sup>20</sup> Keep my soul, and deliver me;

Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.

<sup>21</sup> Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,

For I wait for You.

<sup>22</sup> <sup>Ⓟ</sup>Redeem Israel, O God,


Out of all their troubles!

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 25:3](#) Waits for You in faith
- b. [Psalm 25:12](#) Or *he*
- c. [Psalm 25:13](#) Lit. *goodness*
- d. [Psalm 25:15](#) Lit. *bring out*
- e. [Psalm 25:16](#) *lonely*
- f. [Psalm 25:19](#) *violent hatred*

### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 25:1](#) : [Ps. 86:4](#); [143:8](#)
- B. [Psalm 25:2](#) : [Ps. 34:8](#)

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- C. [Psalm 25:2](#) : [Ps. 13:4](#); [41:11](#)
- D. [Psalm 25:4](#) : [Ex. 33:13](#); [Ps. 5:8](#); [27:11](#); [86:11](#); [119:27](#); [143:8](#)
- E. [Psalm 25:6](#) : [Ps. 103:17](#); [106:1](#)
- F. [Psalm 25:7](#) : [Job 13:26](#); [[Jer. 3:25](#)]
- G. [Psalm 25:7](#) : [Ps. 51:1](#)
- H. [Psalm 25:11](#) : [Ps. 31:3](#); [79:9](#); [109:21](#); [143:11](#)
- I. [Psalm 25:12](#) : [[Ps. 25:8](#); [37:23](#)]
- J. [Psalm 25:13](#) : [[Prov. 19:23](#)]
- K. [Psalm 25:13](#) : [Ps. 37:11](#); [69:36](#); [Matt. 5:5](#)
- L. [Psalm 25:14](#) : [[Prov. 3:32](#); [John 7:17](#)]
- M. [Psalm 25:15](#) : [[Ps. 123:2](#); [141:8](#)]
- N. [Psalm 25:16](#) : [Ps. 69:16](#)
- O. [Psalm 25:18](#) : [2 Sam. 16:12](#); [Ps. 31:7](#)
- P. [Psalm 25:22](#) : [[Ps. 130:8](#)]

## **PSALM 31**


### **The Lord a Fortress in Adversity**

#### **To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.**

**31** In <sup>Ⓐ</sup>You, O Lord, I <sup>Ⓜ</sup>put my trust;  
Let me never be ashamed;  
Deliver me in Your righteousness.  
**2** <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Bow down Your ear to me,  
Deliver me speedily;  
Be my rock of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>refuge,  
A <sup>Ⓜ</sup>fortress of defense to save me.  
**3** <sup>Ⓜ</sup>For You *are* my rock and my fortress;  
Therefore, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>for Your name's sake,  
Lead me and guide me.  
**4** Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me,  
For You *are* my strength.  
**5** <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Into Your hand I commit my spirit;  
You have redeemed me, O Lord God of <sup>Ⓜ</sup>truth.  
**6** I have hated those <sup>Ⓜ</sup>who regard useless idols;  
But I trust in the Lord.  
**7** I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy,

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For You have considered my trouble;  
You have <sup>Ⓜ</sup>known my soul in <sup>Ⓜ</sup>adversities,  
<sup>8</sup> And have not <sup>Ⓜ</sup>shut<sup>Ⓜ</sup> me up into the hand of the enemy;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>You have set my feet in a wide place.  
<sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>My eye wastes away with grief,  
Yes, my soul and my <sup>Ⓜ</sup>body!  
<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with grief,  
And my years with sighing;  
My strength fails because of my iniquity,  
And my bones waste away.  
<sup>11</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>I am a <sup>Ⓜ</sup>reproach among all my enemies,  
But <sup>Ⓜ</sup>especially among my neighbors,  
And *am* repulsive to my acquaintances;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>Those who see me outside flee from me.  
<sup>12</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;  
I am like a <sup>Ⓜ</sup>broken vessel.  
<sup>13</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>For I hear the slander of many;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>Fear *is* on every side;  
While they <sup>Ⓜ</sup>take counsel together against me,  
They scheme to take away my life.  
<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord;  
I say, "You *are* my God."  
<sup>15</sup> My times *are* in Your <sup>Ⓜ</sup>hand;  
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies,  
And from those who persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Make Your face shine upon Your servant;  
Save me for Your mercies' sake.  
<sup>17</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Do not let me be ashamed, O Lord, for I have called upon You;  
Let the wicked be ashamed;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>Let them be silent in the grave.  
<sup>18</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Let the lying lips be put to silence,  
Which <sup>Ⓜ</sup>speak insolent things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.  
<sup>19</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Oh, how great *is* Your goodness,  
Which You have laid up for those who fear You,  
*Which* You have prepared for those who trust in You  
In the presence of the sons of men!  
<sup>20</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence  
From the plots of man;

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<sup>(AA)</sup> You shall keep them secretly in a <sup>U</sup>pavilion  
From the strife of tongues.  
<sup>21</sup> Blessed *be* the Lord,  
For <sup>(AB)</sup> He has shown me His marvelous kindness in a <sup>U</sup>strong city!  
<sup>22</sup> For I said in my haste,  
“I am cut off from before Your eyes”;  
Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications  
When I cried out to You.  
<sup>23</sup> Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints!  
*For* the Lord preserves the faithful,  
And fully repays the proud person.  
<sup>24</sup> <sup>(AO)</sup> Be of good courage,  
And He shall strengthen your heart,  
All you who hope in the Lord.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 31:1](#) *have taken refuge*
- b. [Psalm 31:2](#) *strength*
- c. [Psalm 31:2](#) Lit. *house of fortresses*
- d. [Psalm 31:7](#) *troubles*
- e. [Psalm 31:8](#) *given me over*
- f. [Psalm 31:9](#) Lit. *belly*
- g. [Psalm 31:11](#) *despised thing*
- h. [Psalm 31:12](#) Lit. *perishing*
- i. [Psalm 31:20](#) *shelter*
- j. [Psalm 31:21](#) *fortified*

### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 31:1](#) : [Ps. 22:5](#)
- B. [Psalm 31:2](#) : [Ps. 17:6](#); [71:2](#); [86:1](#); [102:2](#)
- C. [Psalm 31:3](#) : [\[Ps. 18:2\]](#)
- D. [Psalm 31:3](#) : [Ps. 23:3](#); [25:11](#)
- E. [Psalm 31:5](#) : [Luke 23:46](#)
- F. [Psalm 31:5](#) : [\[Deut. 32:4\]](#); [Ps. 71:22](#)
- G. [Psalm 31:6](#) : [Jon. 2:8](#)
- H. [Psalm 31:7](#) : [\[John 10:27\]](#)
- I. [Psalm 31:8](#) : [\[Deut. 32:30\]](#); [Ps. 37:33](#)

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- J. [Psalm 31:8](#) : [[Ps. 4:1](#); [18:19](#)]
- K. [Psalm 31:9](#) : [Ps. 6:7](#)
- L. [Psalm 31:11](#) : [[Is. 53:4](#)]
- M. [Psalm 31:11](#) : [Job 19:13](#); [Ps. 38:11](#); [88:8](#), [18](#)
- N. [Psalm 31:11](#) : [Ps. 64:8](#)
- O. [Psalm 31:12](#) : [Ps. 88:4](#), [5](#)
- P. [Psalm 31:13](#) : [Ps. 50:20](#); [Jer. 20:10](#)
- Q. [Psalm 31:13](#) : [Lam. 2:22](#)
- R. [Psalm 31:13](#) : [Ps. 62:4](#); [Matt. 27:1](#)
- S. [Psalm 31:15](#) : [[Job 14:5](#); [24:1](#)]
- T. [Psalm 31:16](#) : [Ps. 4:6](#); [80:3](#)
- U. [Psalm 31:17](#) : [Ps. 25:2](#), [20](#)
- V. [Psalm 31:17](#) : [[1 Sam. 2:9](#)]; [Ps. 94:17](#); [115:17](#)
- W. [Psalm 31:18](#) : [Ps. 109:2](#); [120:2](#)
- X. [Psalm 31:18](#) : [[1 Sam. 2:3](#)]; [Ps. 94:4](#); [[Jude 15](#)]
- Y. [Psalm 31:19](#) : [Ps. 145:7](#); [[Rom. 2:4](#); [11:22](#)]
- Z. [Psalm 31:20](#) : [[Ps. 27:5](#); [32:7](#)]
- AA. [Psalm 31:20](#) : [Job 5:21](#)
- BB. [Psalm 31:21](#) : [[Ps. 17:7](#)]
- CC. [Psalm 31:24](#) : [[Ps. 27:14](#)]

## **PSALM 34**

### **The Happiness of Those Who Trust in God**

**A Psalm of David** <sup>(A)</sup>when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

**34** I will <sup>(B)</sup>bless the Lord at all times;  
His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul shall make its boast in the Lord;  
The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad.  
<sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
And let us exalt His name together.  
<sup>4</sup> I <sup>(C)</sup>sought the Lord, and He heard me,  
And delivered me from all my fears.  
<sup>5</sup> They looked to Him and were radiant,  
And their faces were not ashamed.

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<sup>6</sup> This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard *him*,  
And saved him out of all his troubles.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>The <sup>b</sup>angel of the Lord <sup>c</sup>encamps all around those who fear Him,  
And delivers them.

<sup>8</sup> Oh, <sup>d</sup>taste and see that the Lord *is* good;  
<sup>e</sup>Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him!

<sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!  
*There is no* <sup>f</sup>want to those who fear Him.

<sup>10</sup> The young lions lack and suffer hunger;  
<sup>g</sup>But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good *thing*.

<sup>11</sup> Come, you children, listen to me;  
<sup>h</sup>I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> <sup>i</sup>Who *is* the man *who* desires life,  
And loves *many* days, that he may see good?

<sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil,  
And your lips from speaking <sup>j</sup>deceit.

<sup>14</sup> <sup>k</sup>Depart from evil and do good;  
<sup>l</sup>Seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup> <sup>m</sup>The eyes of the Lord *are* on the righteous,  
And His ears *are open* to their cry.

<sup>16</sup> <sup>n</sup>The face of the Lord *is* against those who do evil,  
<sup>o</sup>To <sup>p</sup>cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup> *The righteous* cry out, and <sup>q</sup>the Lord hears,  
And delivers them out of all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> <sup>r</sup>The Lord *is* near <sup>s</sup>to those who have a broken heart,  
And saves such as <sup>t</sup>have a contrite spirit.

<sup>19</sup> <sup>u</sup>Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous,  
<sup>v</sup>But the Lord delivers him out of them all.


<sup>20</sup> He guards all his bones;  
<sup>w</sup>Not one of them is broken.

<sup>21</sup> <sup>x</sup>Evil shall slay the wicked,  
And those who hate the righteous shall be <sup>y</sup>condemned.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord <sup>z</sup>redeems the soul of His servants,  
And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 34:7](#) Or *Angel*
- b. [Psalm 34:9](#) *lack*

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- c. [Psalm 34:16](#) *destroy*
- d. [Psalm 34:18](#) *are crushed in spirit*
- e. [Psalm 34:21](#) *held guilty*

**Cross references**

- A. [Psalm 34:1](#) : [1 Sam. 21:10–15](#)
- B. [Psalm 34:1](#) : [[Eph. 5:20](#); [1 Thess. 5:18](#)]
- C. [Psalm 34:4](#) : [[2 Chr. 15:2](#); [Ps. 9:10](#); [Matt. 7:7](#); [Luke 11:9](#)]
- D. [Psalm 34:7](#) : [[Ps. 91:11](#)]; [Dan. 6:22](#)
- E. [Psalm 34:7](#) : [2 Kin. 6:17](#)
- F. [Psalm 34:8](#) : [Ps. 119:103](#); [[Heb. 6:5](#)]; [1 Pet. 2:3](#)
- G. [Psalm 34:8](#) : [Ps. 2:12](#)
- H. [Psalm 34:10](#) : [[Ps. 84:11](#)]
- I. [Psalm 34:11](#) : [Ps. 32:8](#)
- J. [Psalm 34:12](#) : [[1 Pet. 3:10–12](#)]
- K. [Psalm 34:13](#) : [[Eph. 4:25](#)]
- L. [Psalm 34:14](#) : [Ps. 37:27](#); [Is. 1:16, 17](#)
- M. [Psalm 34:14](#) : [[Rom. 14:19](#); [Heb. 12:14](#)]
- N. [Psalm 34:15](#) : [Job 36:7](#); [[Ps. 33:18](#)]
- O. [Psalm 34:16](#) : [Lev. 17:10](#); [Jer. 44:11](#); [Amos 9:4](#)
- P. [Psalm 34:16](#) : [Job 18:17](#); [Ps. 9:6](#); [109:15](#); [[Prov. 10:7](#)]
- Q. [Psalm 34:17](#) : [Ps. 34:6](#); [145:19](#)
- R. [Psalm 34:18](#) : [[Ps. 145:18](#)]
- S. [Psalm 34:18](#) : [Ps. 51:17](#); [[Is. 57:15](#)]
- T. [Psalm 34:19](#) : [Prov. 24:16](#)
- U. [Psalm 34:19](#) : [Ps. 34:4, 6, 17](#)
- V. [Psalm 34:20](#) : [John 19:33, 36](#)
- W. [Psalm 34:21](#) : [Ps. 94:23](#); [140:11](#); [Prov. 24:16](#)
- X. [Psalm 34:22](#) : [1 Kin. 1:29](#)

## PSALM 36

### Man's Wickedness and God's Perfections

**To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of the Lord.**

**36** An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked:

Ⓐ *There is* no fear of God before his eyes.

<sup>2</sup> For he flatters himself in his own eyes,  
When he finds out his iniquity *and* when he hates.

<sup>3</sup> The words of his mouth *are* wickedness and deceit;  
Ⓑ He has ceased to be wise *and* to do good.

<sup>4</sup> Ⓒ He devises wickedness on his bed;  
He sets himself Ⓓ in a way *that is* not good;  
He does not Ⓔ abhor Ⓕ evil.

<sup>5</sup> Your mercy, O Lord, *is* in the heavens;  
Your faithfulness *reaches* to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness *is* like the Ⓖ great mountains;  
Ⓖ Your judgments *are* a great deep;  
O Lord, You preserve man and beast.

<sup>7</sup> How precious *is* Your lovingkindness, O God!  
Therefore the children of men Ⓗ put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

<sup>8</sup> Ⓗ They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,  
And You give them drink from Ⓖ the river of Your pleasures.

<sup>9</sup> Ⓖ For with You *is* the fountain of life;  
Ⓖ In Your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,  
And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

<sup>11</sup> Let not the foot of pride come against me,  
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.


<sup>12</sup> There the workers of iniquity have fallen;  
They have been cast down and are not able to rise.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 36:4](#) *reject, loathe*
- b. [Psalm 36:6](#) Lit. *mountains of God*

### Cross references



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- A. [Psalm 36:1](#) : [Rom. 3:18](#)
- B. [Psalm 36:3](#) : [Ps. 94:8](#); [Jer. 4:22](#)
- C. [Psalm 36:4](#) : [Prov. 4:16](#); [[Mic. 2:1](#)]
- D. [Psalm 36:4](#) : [Is. 65:2](#)
- E. [Psalm 36:4](#) : [[Ps. 52:3](#); [Rom. 12:9](#)]
- F. [Psalm 36:6](#) : [Job 11:8](#); [Ps. 77:19](#); [[Rom. 11:33](#)]
- G. [Psalm 36:7](#) : [Ruth 2:12](#); [Ps. 17:8](#); [57:1](#); [91:4](#)
- H. [Psalm 36:8](#) : [Ps. 63:5](#); [65:4](#); [Is. 25:6](#); [Jer. 31:12–14](#)
- I. [Psalm 36:8](#) : [Ps. 46:4](#); [Rev. 22:1](#)
- J. [Psalm 36:9](#) : [[Jer. 2:13](#); [John 4:10, 14](#)]
- K. [Psalm 36:9](#) : [[1 Pet. 2:9](#)]

## PSALM 37


### The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked

#### A Psalm of David.


**37** Do<sup>Ⓜ</sup> not fret because of evildoers,  
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.  
<sup>2</sup> For they shall soon be cut down<sup>Ⓜ</sup> like the grass,  
And wither as the green herb.  
<sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.  
<sup>4</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Delight yourself also in the Lord,  
And He shall give you the desires of your<sup>Ⓜ</sup> heart.  
<sup>5</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Commit<sup>Ⓜ</sup> your way to the Lord,  
Trust also in Him,  
And He shall bring *it* to pass.  
<sup>6</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
And your justice as the noonday.  
<sup>7</sup> Rest in the Lord, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>and wait patiently for Him;  
Do not fret because of him who <sup>Ⓜ</sup>prosperes in his way,  
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.  
<sup>8</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>Do not fret—*it* only *causes* harm.

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<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be <sup>cut</sup> off;  
But those who wait on the Lord,  
They shall <sup>inherit</sup> the earth.  
<sup>10</sup> For <sup>yet</sup> a little while and the wicked *shall be no more*;  
Indeed, <sup>you</sup> will look carefully for his place,  
But it *shall be no more*.  
<sup>11</sup> <sup>But</sup> the meek shall inherit the earth,  
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.  
<sup>12</sup> The wicked plots against the just,  
<sup>and</sup> gnashes at him with his teeth.  
<sup>13</sup> <sup>The</sup> Lord laughs at him,  
For He sees that <sup>his</sup> day is coming.  
<sup>14</sup> The wicked have drawn the sword  
And have bent their bow,  
To cast down the poor and needy,  
To slay those who are of upright conduct.  
<sup>15</sup> Their sword shall enter their own heart,  
And their bows shall be broken.  
<sup>16</sup> <sup>A</sup> little that a righteous man has  
*is* better than the riches of many wicked.  
<sup>17</sup> For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,  
But the Lord upholds the righteous.  
<sup>18</sup> The Lord knows the days of the upright,  
And their inheritance shall be forever.  
<sup>19</sup> They shall not be ashamed in the evil time,  
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.  
<sup>20</sup> But the wicked shall perish;  
And the enemies of the Lord,  
Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish.  
Into smoke they shall vanish away.  
<sup>21</sup> The wicked borrows and does not repay,  
But <sup>the</sup> righteous shows mercy and gives.  
<sup>22</sup> <sup>For</sup> *those* blessed by Him shall inherit the earth,  
But *those* cursed by Him shall be <sup>cut</sup> off.  
<sup>23</sup> <sup>The</sup> steps of a *good* man are <sup>ordered</sup> by the Lord,  
And He delights in his way.  
<sup>24</sup> <sup>Though</sup> he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;  
For the Lord upholds *him with* His hand.

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25 I have been young, and *now* am old;  
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,  
Nor his descendants begging bread.  
26 <sup>(W)</sup>He is <sup>(E)</sup>ever merciful, and lends;  
And his descendants *are* blessed.  
27 Depart from evil, and do good;  
And dwell forevermore.  
28 For the Lord loves justice,  
And does not forsake His saints;  
They are preserved forever,  
But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.  
29 <sup>(O)</sup>The righteous shall inherit the land,  
And dwell in it forever.  
30 <sup>(V)</sup>The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom,  
And his tongue talks of justice.  
31 The law of his God *is* in his heart;  
None of his steps shall <sup>(S)</sup>lide.  
32 The wicked <sup>(Z)</sup>watches the righteous,  
And seeks to slay him.  
33 The Lord <sup>(AA)</sup>will not leave him in his hand,  
Nor condemn him when he is judged.  
34 <sup>(AB)</sup>Wait on the Lord,  
And keep His way,  
And He shall exalt you to inherit the land;  
When the wicked are cut off, you shall see *it*.  
35 I have seen the wicked in great power,  
And spreading himself like a native green tree.  
36 Yet <sup>(U)</sup>he passed away, and behold, he *was no more*;  
Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.  
37 Mark the blameless *man*, and observe the upright;  
For the future of *that man is* peace.  
38 <sup>(AO)</sup>But the transgressors shall be destroyed together;  
The future of the wicked shall be cut off.  
39 But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the Lord;  
*He is* their strength <sup>(AD)</sup>in the time of trouble.  
40 And <sup>(AB)</sup>the Lord shall help them and deliver them;  
He shall deliver them from the wicked,  
And save them,  
<sup>(AB)</sup>Because they trust in Him.


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**Footnotes**

- a. [Psalm 37:5](#) Lit. *Roll off onto*
- b. [Psalm 37:9](#) *destroyed*
- c. [Psalm 37:22](#) *destroyed*
- d. [Psalm 37:23](#) *established*
- e. [Psalm 37:26](#) Lit. *all the day*
- f. [Psalm 37:31](#) *slip*
- g. [Psalm 37:36](#) So with MT, LXX, Tg.; Syr., Vg. *I passed by*

**Cross references**

- A. [Psalm 37:1](#) : [Ps. 73:3](#); [[Prov. 23:17](#); [24:19](#)]
- B. [Psalm 37:2](#) : [Job 14:2](#); [Ps. 90:5, 6](#); [92:7](#); [James 1:11](#)
- C. [Psalm 37:4](#) : [Job 22:26](#); [Ps. 94:19](#); [Is. 58:14](#)
- D. [Psalm 37:4](#) : [Ps. 21:2](#); [145:19](#); [[Matt. 7:7, 8](#)]
- E. [Psalm 37:5](#) : [[Ps. 55:22](#); [Prov. 16:3](#); [1 Pet. 5:7](#)]
- F. [Psalm 37:6](#) : [Job 11:17](#); [[Is. 58:8, 10](#)]
- G. [Psalm 37:7](#) : [Ps. 40:1](#); [62:5](#); [[Lam. 3:26](#)]
- H. [Psalm 37:7](#) : [[Ps. 73:3–12](#)]
- I. [Psalm 37:8](#) : [[Eph. 4:26](#)]
- J. [Psalm 37:8](#) : [Ps. 73:3](#)
- K. [Psalm 37:9](#) : [Ps. 25:13](#); [Prov. 2:21](#); [[Is. 57:13](#); [60:21](#); [Matt. 5:5](#)]
- L. [Psalm 37:10](#) : [[Heb. 10:37](#)]
- M. [Psalm 37:10](#) : [Job 7:10](#); [Ps. 37:35, 36](#)
- N. [Psalm 37:11](#) : [[Matt. 5:5](#)]
- O. [Psalm 37:12](#) : [Ps. 35:16](#)
- P. [Psalm 37:13](#) : [Ps. 2:4](#); [59:8](#)
- Q. [Psalm 37:13](#) : [1 Sam. 26:10](#); [Job 18:20](#)
- R. [Psalm 37:16](#) : [Prov. 15:16](#); [16:8](#); [[1 Tim. 6:6](#)]
- S. [Psalm 37:21](#) : [Ps. 112:5, 9](#)
- T. [Psalm 37:22](#) : [[Prov. 3:33](#)]
- U. [Psalm 37:23](#) : [[1 Sam. 2:9](#)]; [Ps. 40:2](#); [66:9](#); [119:5](#)
- V. [Psalm 37:24](#) : [Prov. 24:16](#)
- W. [Psalm 37:26](#) : [[Deut. 15:8](#)]; [Ps. 37:21](#)
- X. [Psalm 37:29](#) : [Ps. 37:9](#); [Prov. 2:21](#)
- Y. [Psalm 37:30](#) : [[Matt. 12:35](#)]
- Z. [Psalm 37:32](#) : [Ps. 10:8](#); [17:11](#)
- AA. [Psalm 37:33](#) : [Ps. 31:8](#); [[2 Pet. 2:9](#)]

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BB. [Psalm 37:34](#) : [Ps. 27:14](#); [37:9](#)  
CC. [Psalm 37:38](#) : [[Ps. 1:4–6](#); [37:20, 28](#)]  
DD. [Psalm 37:39](#) : [Ps. 9:9](#); [37:19](#)  
EE. [Psalm 37:40](#) : [Ps. 22:4](#); [Is. 31:5](#); [Dan. 3:17](#); [6:23](#)  
FF. [Psalm 37:40](#) : [1 Chr. 5:20](#); [Ps. 34:22](#)








## PSALM 39

### Prayer for Wisdom and Forgiveness

**To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.**

**39** I said, "I will guard my ways,  
Lest I sin with my <sup>Ⓜ</sup>tongue;  
I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle,  
While the wicked are before me."  
<sup>2</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>I was mute with silence,  
I held my peace *even* from good;  
And my sorrow was stirred up.  
<sup>3</sup> My heart was hot within me;  
While I was <sup>Ⓜ</sup>musing, the fire burned.  
*Then* I spoke with my tongue:  
<sup>4</sup> "Lord, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>make me to know my end,  
And what *is* the measure of my days,  
*That* I may know how frail I *am*.  
<sup>5</sup> Indeed, You have made my days *as* handbreadths,  
And my age *is* as nothing before You;  
Certainly every man at his best state *is* but <sup>Ⓜ</sup>vapor. *Selah*  
<sup>6</sup> Surely every man walks about like a shadow;  
Surely they <sup>Ⓜ</sup>busy themselves in vain;  
He heaps up *riches*,  
And does not know who will gather them.  
<sup>7</sup> "And now, Lord, what do I wait for?  
My <sup>Ⓜ</sup>hope *is* in You.  
<sup>8</sup> Deliver me from all my transgressions;  
Do not make me <sup>Ⓜ</sup>the reproach of the foolish.

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<sup>9</sup>  I was mute, I did not open my mouth,  
Because it was  You who did *it*.  
<sup>10</sup>  Remove Your plague from me;  
I am consumed by the blow of Your hand.  
<sup>11</sup> When with rebukes You correct man for iniquity,  
You make his beauty  melt away like a moth;  
Surely every man *is* vapor. *Selah*  
<sup>12</sup> "Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
And give ear to my cry;  
Do not be silent at my tears;  
For I *am* a stranger with You,  
A sojourner,  as all my fathers *were*.  
<sup>13</sup>  Remove Your gaze from me, that I may regain strength,  
Before I go away and  am no more."

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 39:3](#) *meditating*
- b. [Psalm 39:6](#) *make an uproar for nothing*

### Cross references


- A. [Psalm 39:1](#) : [Job 2:10](#); [Ps. 34:13](#); [[James 3:5–12](#)]
- B. [Psalm 39:2](#) : [Ps. 38:13](#)
- C. [Psalm 39:4](#) : [Ps. 90:12](#); [119:84](#)
- D. [Psalm 39:5](#) : [Ps. 62:9](#); [[Eccl. 6:12](#)]
- E. [Psalm 39:7](#) : [Ps. 38:15](#)
- F. [Psalm 39:8](#) : [Ps. 44:13](#); [79:4](#); [119:22](#)
- G. [Psalm 39:9](#) : [Ps. 39:2](#)
- H. [Psalm 39:9](#) : [2 Sam. 16:10](#); [Job 2:10](#)
- I. [Psalm 39:10](#) : [Job 9:34](#); [13:21](#)
- J. [Psalm 39:11](#) : [Job 13:28](#); [[Ps. 90:7](#)]; [Is. 50:9](#)
- K. [Psalm 39:12](#) : [Gen. 47:9](#); [Lev. 25:23](#); [1 Chr. 29:15](#); [Ps. 119:19](#); [Heb. 11:13](#); [1 Pet. 2:11](#)
- L. [Psalm 39:13](#) : [Job 7:19](#); [10:20, 21](#); [14:6](#); [Ps. 102:24](#)
- M. [Psalm 39:13](#) : [[Job 14:10](#)]

## PSALM 49

## The Confidence of the Foolish

### To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

**49** Hear this, all peoples;  
Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,  
<sup>2</sup> Both low and high,  
Rich and poor together.  
<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak wisdom,  
And the meditation of my heart *shall give* understanding.  
<sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb;  
I will disclose my <sup>Ⓛ</sup>dark saying on the harp.  
<sup>5</sup> Why should I fear in the days of evil,  
*When* the iniquity at my heels surrounds me?  
<sup>6</sup> Those who <sup>Ⓛ</sup>trust in their wealth  
And boast in the multitude of their riches,  
<sup>7</sup> None *of them* can by any means redeem *his* brother,  
Nor <sup>Ⓛ</sup>give to God a ransom for him—  
<sup>8</sup> For <sup>Ⓛ</sup>the redemption of their souls *is* costly,  
And it shall cease forever—  
<sup>9</sup> That he should continue to live eternally,  
*And* <sup>Ⓛ</sup>not <sup>Ⓛ</sup>see the Pit.  
<sup>10</sup> For he sees wise men die;  
Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish,  
And leave their wealth to others.  
<sup>11</sup> <sup>Ⓛ</sup>Their inner thought *is that* their houses *will last* forever,  
Their dwelling places to all generations;  
They <sup>Ⓛ</sup>call *their* lands after their own names.  
<sup>12</sup> Nevertheless man, *though* in honor, does not <sup>Ⓛ</sup>remain;  
He is like the beasts *that* perish.  
<sup>13</sup> This is the way of those who *are* <sup>Ⓛ</sup>foolish,  
And of their posterity who approve their sayings. *Selah*  
<sup>14</sup> Like sheep they are laid in the grave;  
Death shall feed on them;  
<sup>Ⓛ</sup>The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;  
<sup>Ⓛ</sup>And their beauty shall be consumed in <sup>Ⓛ</sup>the grave, far from their dwelling.  
<sup>15</sup> But God <sup>Ⓛ</sup>will redeem my soul from the power of <sup>Ⓛ</sup>the grave,  
For He shall <sup>Ⓛ</sup>receive me. *Selah*

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<sup>16</sup> Do not be afraid when one becomes rich,  
When the glory of his house is increased;  
<sup>17</sup> For when he dies he shall carry nothing away;  
His glory shall not descend after him.  
<sup>18</sup> Though while he lives <sup>Ⓜ</sup>he blesses himself  
(For *men* will praise you when you do well for yourself),  
<sup>19</sup> He shall go to the generation of his fathers;  
They shall never see <sup>Ⓜ</sup>light.<sup>Ⓜ</sup>  
<sup>20</sup> A man *who is* in honor, yet does not understand,  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>Is like the beasts *that* perish.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 49:4](#) riddle
- b. [Psalm 49:9](#) *experience corruption*
- c. [Psalm 49:11](#) LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg. *Their graves shall be their houses forever*
- d. [Psalm 49:12](#) So with MT, Tg.; LXX, Syr., Vg. *understand* (cf. v. [20](#))
- e. [Psalm 49:14](#) Or *Sheol*
- f. [Psalm 49:15](#) Or *Sheol*
- g. [Psalm 49:19](#) The light of life

### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 49:6](#) : [Job 31:24](#); [Ps. 52:7](#); [[Prov. 11:28](#); [Mark 10:23, 24](#)]
- B. [Psalm 49:7](#) : [Job 36:18, 19](#)
- C. [Psalm 49:8](#) : [[Matt. 16:26](#)]
- D. [Psalm 49:9](#) : [Ps. 89:48](#)
- E. [Psalm 49:11](#) : [Gen. 4:17](#); [Deut. 3:14](#)
- F. [Psalm 49:13](#) : [[Luke 12:20](#)]
- G. [Psalm 49:14](#) : [Ps. 47:3](#); [[Dan. 7:18](#); [1 Cor. 6:2](#); [Rev. 2:26](#)]
- H. [Psalm 49:14](#) : [Job 4:21](#)
- I. [Psalm 49:15](#) : [[Hos. 13:4](#)]; [Mark 16:6, 7](#); [Acts 2:31, 32](#)
- J. [Psalm 49:15](#) : [Ps. 73:24](#)
- K. [Psalm 49:18](#) : [Deut. 29:19](#); [Luke 12:19](#)
- L. [Psalm 49:19](#) : [Job 33:30](#)
- M. [Psalm 49:20](#) : [Eccl. 3:19](#)


## PSALM 50



## God the Righteous Judge

### A Psalm of Asaph.

**50** The <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Mighty One, God the Lord,  
Has spoken and called the earth  
From the rising of the sun to its going down.  
**2** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>God will shine forth.  
**3** Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>A fire shall devour before Him,  
And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.  
**4** <sup>Ⓜ</sup>He shall call to the heavens from above,  
And to the earth, that He may judge His people:  
**5** "Gather <sup>Ⓜ</sup>My saints together to Me,  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>Those who have <sup>Ⓜ</sup>made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."  
**6** Let the <sup>Ⓜ</sup>heavens declare His righteousness,  
For <sup>Ⓜ</sup>God Himself *is* Judge. *Selah*  
**7** "Hear, O My people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, and I will testify against you;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>I *am* God, your God!  
**8** <sup>Ⓜ</sup>I will not <sup>Ⓜ</sup>rebuke you <sup>Ⓜ</sup>for your sacrifices  
Or your burnt offerings,  
*Which are* continually before Me.  
**9** <sup>Ⓜ</sup>I will not take a bull from your house,  
*Nor* goats out of your folds.  
**10** For every beast of the forest *is* Mine,  
*And* the cattle on a thousand hills.  
**11** I know all the birds of the mountains,  
And the wild beasts of the field *are* Mine.  
**12** "If I were hungry, I would not tell you;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>For the world *is* Mine, and all its fullness.  
**13** <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Will I eat the flesh of bulls,  
Or drink the blood of goats?  
**14** <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Offer to God thanksgiving,  
And <sup>Ⓜ</sup>pay your vows to the Most High.  
**15** <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Call upon Me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

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16 But to the wicked God says:  
“What *right* have you to declare My statutes,  
Or take My covenant in your mouth,  
17 <sup>a</sup>Seeing you hate instruction  
And cast My words behind you?  
18 When you saw a thief, you <sup>b</sup>consented<sup>c</sup> with him,  
And have been a <sup>d</sup>partaker with adulterers.  
19 You give your mouth to evil,  
And <sup>e</sup>your tongue frames deceit.  
20 You sit *and* speak against your brother;  
You slander your own mother’s son.  
21 These *things* you have done, and I kept silent;  
<sup>f</sup>You thought that I was altogether like you;  
*But* I will rebuke you,  
And <sup>g</sup>set *them* in order before your eyes.  
22 “Now consider this, you who <sup>h</sup>forget God,  
Lest I tear *you* in pieces,  
And *there be* none to deliver:  
23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;  
And <sup>i</sup>to him who orders *his* conduct *aright*  
I will show the salvation of God.”

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 50:5](#) Lit. *cut*
- b. [Psalm 50:8](#) *reprove*
- c. [Psalm 50:18](#) LXX, Syr., Tg., Vg. *ran*

### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 50:1](#) : [Is. 9:6](#)
- B. [Psalm 50:2](#) : [Deut. 33:2](#); [Ps. 80:1](#)
- C. [Psalm 50:3](#) : [Lev. 10:2](#); [Num. 16:35](#); [[Ps. 97:3](#)]
- D. [Psalm 50:4](#) : [Deut. 4:26](#); [31:28](#); [32:1](#); [Is. 1:2](#)
- E. [Psalm 50:5](#) : [Deut. 33:3](#)
- F. [Psalm 50:5](#) : [Ex. 24:7](#)
- G. [Psalm 50:6](#) : [[Ps. 97:6](#)]
- H. [Psalm 50:6](#) : [Ps. 75:7](#)
- I. [Psalm 50:7](#) : [Ex. 20:2](#)

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- J. [Psalm 50:8](#) : [Jer. 7:22](#)
- K. [Psalm 50:8](#) : [Is. 1:11](#); [[Hos. 6:6](#)]
- L. [Psalm 50:9](#) : [Ps. 69:31](#)
- M. [Psalm 50:12](#) : [Ex. 19:5](#); [[Deut. 10:14](#); [Job 41:11](#)]; [1 Cor. 10:26](#)
- N. [Psalm 50:13](#) : [[Ps. 51:15–17](#)]
- O. [Psalm 50:14](#) : [Hos. 14:2](#); [Heb. 13:15](#)
- P. [Psalm 50:14](#) : [Num. 30:2](#); [Deut. 23:21](#)
- Q. [Psalm 50:15](#) : [Job 22:27](#); [[Zech. 13:9](#)]
- R. [Psalm 50:17](#) : [Neh. 9:26](#); [Rom. 2:21](#)
- S. [Psalm 50:18](#) : [[Rom. 1:32](#)]
- T. [Psalm 50:18](#) : [1 Tim. 5:22](#)
- U. [Psalm 50:19](#) : [Ps. 52:2](#)
- V. [Psalm 50:21](#) : [[Rom. 2:4](#)]
- W. [Psalm 50:21](#) : [[Ps. 90:8](#)]
- X. [Psalm 50:22](#) : [[Job 8:13](#)]
- Y. [Psalm 50:23](#) : [Gal. 6:16](#)

## PSALM 53

### Folly of the Godless, and the Restoration of Israel<sup>(A)</sup>

**To the Chief Musician. Set to "Mahalath." A <sup>(B)</sup>Contemplation of David.**


**53** The <sup>(C)</sup>fool has said in his heart,  
*"There is no God."*

They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity;  
<sup>(D)</sup>*There is none* who does good.

<sup>2</sup> God looks down from heaven upon the children of men,  
To see if there are *any* who understand, who <sup>(E)</sup>seek God.

<sup>3</sup> Every one of them has turned aside;  
They have together become corrupt;  
*There is none* who does good,  
No, not one.

<sup>4</sup> Have the workers of iniquity <sup>(F)</sup>no knowledge,  
Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,  
And do not call upon God?

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<sup>5</sup> There they are in great fear  
Where no fear was,  
For God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you;  
You have put *them* to shame,  
Because God has despised them.  
<sup>6</sup> Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!  
When God brings back <sup>the</sup> the captivity of His people,  
Let Jacob rejoice *and* Israel be glad.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 53:1](#) Heb. *Maschil*
- b. [Psalm 53:6](#) Or *His captive people*

### Cross references


- A. [Psalm 53:1](#) : [Ps. 14:1–7](#)
- B. [Psalm 53:1](#) : [Ps. 10:4](#)
- C. [Psalm 53:1](#) : [Rom. 3:10–12](#)
- D. [Psalm 53:2](#) : [\[2 Chr. 15:2\]](#)
- E. [Psalm 53:4](#) : [Jer. 4:22](#)
- F. [Psalm 53:5](#) : [Lev. 26:17, 36; Prov. 28:1](#)
- G. [Psalm 53:6](#) : [Ps. 14:7](#)

## PSALM 62

### A Calm Resolve to Wait for the Salvation of God

To the Chief Musician. To <sup>(a)</sup> Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

**62** Truly <sup>(a)</sup> my soul silently *waits* for God;  
From Him *comes* my salvation.  
<sup>2</sup> He only *is* my rock and my salvation;  
*He is* my <sup>(a)</sup> defense;  
I shall not be greatly <sup>(a)</sup> moved.<sup>(b)</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> How long will you attack a man?

You shall be slain, all of you,

Ⓜ Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.

<sup>4</sup> They only consult to cast *him* down from his high position;

They Ⓜ delight in lies;

They bless with their mouth,

But they curse inwardly. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> My soul, wait silently for God alone,

For my Ⓜ expectation *is* from Him.

<sup>6</sup> He only *is* my rock and my salvation;

*He is* my defense;

I shall not be Ⓜ moved.

<sup>7</sup> Ⓜ In God *is* my salvation and my glory;

The rock of my strength,

*And* my refuge, *is* in God.

<sup>8</sup> Trust in Him at all times, you people;

Ⓜ Pour out your heart before Him;

God *is* a refuge for us. *Selah*

<sup>9</sup> Ⓜ Surely men of low degree *are* Ⓜ a vapor,

Men of high degree *are* a lie;

If they are weighed on the scales,

They *are* altogether *lighter* than vapor.

<sup>10</sup> Do not trust in oppression,

Nor vainly hope in robbery;


Ⓜ If riches increase,

Do not set *your* heart *on* *them*.

<sup>11</sup> God has spoken once,

Twice I have heard this:

That power *belongs* to God.

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<sup>12</sup> Also to You, O Lord, *belongs* mercy;  
For <sup>o</sup>You <sup>r</sup>render to each one according to his work.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 62:2](#) *strong tower*
- b. [Psalm 62:2](#) *shaken*
- c. [Psalm 62:5](#) *hope*
- d. [Psalm 62:6](#) *shaken*
- e. [Psalm 62:9](#) *vanity*
- f. [Psalm 62:12](#) *reward*

### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 62:1](#) : [1 Chr. 25:1](#)
- B. [Psalm 62:1](#) : [Ps. 33:20](#)
- C. [Psalm 62:2](#) : [Ps. 55:22](#)
- D. [Psalm 62:3](#) : [Is. 30:13](#)
- E. [Psalm 62:4](#) : [Ps. 28:3](#)
- F. [Psalm 62:7](#) : [\[Jer. 3:23\]](#)
- G. [Psalm 62:8](#) : [1 Sam. 1:15](#); [Ps. 42:4](#); [Lam. 2:19](#)
- H. [Psalm 62:9](#) : [Job 7:16](#); [Ps. 39:5](#); [Is. 40:17](#)
- I. [Psalm 62:10](#) : [Job 31:25](#); [\[Mark 10:24; Luke 12:15; 1 Tim. 6:10\]](#)
- J. [Psalm 62:12](#) : [\[Matt. 16:27\]](#); [Rom. 2:6](#); [1 Cor. 3:8](#)

## PSALM 73

### BOOK THREE

#### Psalms 73–89

### The Tragedy of the Wicked, and the Blessedness of Trust in God

#### A Psalm of <sup>(A)</sup>Asaph.

**73** Truly God *is* good to Israel,  
To such as are pure in heart.

<sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;  
My steps had nearly <sup>(S)</sup>slipped.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>(C)</sup>For I *was* envious of the boastful,  
When I saw the prosperity of the <sup>(W)</sup>wicked.

<sup>4</sup> For *there are* no <sup>(P)</sup>pangs in their death,  
But their strength *is* firm.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>(S)</sup>They *are* not in trouble *as other* men,  
Nor are they plagued like *other* men.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore pride serves as their necklace;  
Violence covers them <sup>(L)</sup>like a garment.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>(C)</sup>Their <sup>(E)</sup>eyes bulge with abundance;  
They have more than heart could wish.

<sup>8</sup> <sup>(S)</sup>They scoff and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression;  
They <sup>(S)</sup>speak <sup>(L)</sup>loftily.

<sup>9</sup> They set their mouth <sup>(A)</sup>against the heavens,  
And their tongue walks through the earth.


<sup>10</sup> Therefore his people return here,  
<sup>(C)</sup>And waters of a full *cup* are drained by them.

<sup>11</sup> And they say, <sup>(W)</sup>“How does God know?  
And is there knowledge in the Most High?”

<sup>12</sup> Behold, these *are* the ungodly,  
Who are always at ease;  
They increase *in* riches.

<sup>13</sup> Surely I have <sup>(L)</sup>cleansed my heart *in* <sup>(W)</sup>vain,  
And washed my hands in innocence.

<sup>14</sup> For all day long I have been plagued,  
And chastened every morning.


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15 If I had said, "I will speak thus,"  
Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children.  
16 When I thought *how* to understand this,  
It was <sup>a</sup>too painful for me—  
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God;  
*Then* I understood their <sup>w</sup>end.  
18 Surely <sup>w</sup>You set them in slippery places;  
You cast them down to destruction.  
19 Oh, how they are *brought* to desolation, as in a moment!  
They are utterly consumed with terrors.  
20 As a dream when *one* awakes,  
So, Lord, when You awake,  
You shall despise their image.  
21 Thus my heart was grieved,  
And I was <sup>w</sup>vexed in my mind.  
22 <sup>w</sup>I *was* so foolish and ignorant;  
I was *like* a beast before You.  
23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with You;  
You hold *me* by my right hand.  
24 <sup>w</sup>You will guide me with Your counsel,  
And afterward receive me *to* glory.  
25 <sup>w</sup>Whom have I in heaven *but* You?  
And *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides You.  
26 <sup>w</sup>My flesh and my heart fail;  
*But* God *is* the <sup>a</sup>strength of my heart and my <sup>w</sup>portion forever.  
27 For indeed, <sup>w</sup>those who are far from You shall perish;  
You have destroyed all those who <sup>w</sup>desert You for harlotry.  
28 But *it is* good for me to <sup>w</sup>draw near to God;  
I have put my trust in the Lord God,  
That I may <sup>w</sup>declare all Your works.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 73:4](#) *pains*
- b. [Psalm 73:7](#) Tg. *face bulges*; LXX, Syr., Vg. *iniquity bulges*
- c. [Psalm 73:8](#) Proudly
- d. [Psalm 73:13](#) *kept my heart pure in vain*
- e. [Psalm 73:16](#) *troublesome in my eyes*
- f. [Psalm 73:21](#) Lit. *pierced in my kidneys*



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- g. [Psalm 73:26](#) Lit. *rock*
- h. [Psalm 73:27](#) Are unfaithful to You

**Cross references**


- A. [Psalm 73:1](#) : [Ps. 50:title](#)
- B. [Psalm 73:2](#) : [Job 12:5](#)
- C. [Psalm 73:3](#) : [Ps. 37:1, 7](#); [[Prov. 23:17](#)]
- D. [Psalm 73:3](#) : [Job 21:5–16](#); [Jer. 12:1](#)
- E. [Psalm 73:5](#) : [Job 21:9](#)
- F. [Psalm 73:6](#) : [Ps. 109:18](#)
- G. [Psalm 73:7](#) : [Job 15:27](#); [Jer. 5:28](#)
- H. [Psalm 73:8](#) : [Ps. 53:1](#)
- I. [Psalm 73:8](#) : [2 Pet. 2:18](#); [Jude 16](#)
- J. [Psalm 73:9](#) : [Rev. 13:6](#)
- K. [Psalm 73:10](#) : [[Ps. 75:8](#)]
- L. [Psalm 73:11](#) : [Job 22:13](#)
- M. [Psalm 73:13](#) : [Job 21:15](#); [35:3](#); [Mal. 3:14](#)
- N. [Psalm 73:17](#) : [[Ps. 37:38](#); [55:23](#)]
- O. [Psalm 73:18](#) : [Ps. 35:6](#)
- P. [Psalm 73:22](#) : [Ps. 92:6](#)
- Q. [Psalm 73:24](#) : [Ps. 32:8](#); [48:14](#); [Is. 58:11](#)
- R. [Psalm 73:25](#) : [[Phil. 3:8](#)]
- S. [Psalm 73:26](#) : [Ps. 84:2](#)
- T. [Psalm 73:26](#) : [Ps. 16:5](#)
- U. [Psalm 73:27](#) : [[Ps. 119:155](#)]
- V. [Psalm 73:28](#) : [[Heb. 10:22](#); [James 4:8](#)]
- W. [Psalm 73:28](#) : [Ps. 116:10](#); [2 Cor. 4:13](#)

**PSALM 90**

**BOOK FOUR**

**Psalms 90–106**

**The Eternity of God, and Man’s Frailty**

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**A Prayer <sup>Ⓜ</sup>of Moses the man of God.**

**90** Lord, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>You have been our <sup>Ⓜ</sup>dwelling place in all generations.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth,  
Or ever You <sup>Ⓜ</sup>had formed the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.

<sup>3</sup> You turn man to destruction,  
And say, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>“Return, O children of men.”

<sup>4</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>For a thousand years in Your sight  
*Are* like yesterday when it is past,  
And *like* a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> You carry them away *like* a flood;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>*They are* like a sleep.

In the morning <sup>Ⓜ</sup>they are like grass *which* grows up:

<sup>6</sup> In the morning it flourishes and grows up;  
In the evening it is cut down and withers.

<sup>7</sup> For we have been consumed by Your anger,  
And by Your wrath we are terrified.

<sup>8</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>You have set our iniquities before You,  
Our <sup>Ⓜ</sup>secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance.

<sup>9</sup> For all our days have passed away in Your wrath;  
We finish our years like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup> The days of our lives *are* seventy years;  
And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years,  
Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow;  
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

<sup>11</sup> Who knows the power of Your anger?  
For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath.

<sup>12</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>So teach *us* to number our days,  
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.


<sup>13</sup> Return, O Lord!  
How long?

And <sup>Ⓜ</sup>have compassion on Your servants.

<sup>14</sup> Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us,  
The years *in which* we have seen evil.

<sup>16</sup> Let <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Your work appear to Your servants,  
And Your glory to their children.

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17 <sup>Ⓜ</sup>And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us,  
And <sup>Ⓜ</sup>establish the work of our hands for us;  
Yes, establish the work of our hands.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 90:1](#) LXX, Tg., Vg. *refuge*
- b. [Psalm 90:2](#) Lit. *gave birth to*

### Cross references


- A. [Psalm 90:1](#) : [Deut. 33:1](#)
- B. [Psalm 90:1](#) : [[Deut. 33:27](#); [Ezek. 11:16](#)]
- C. [Psalm 90:2](#) : [Job 15:7](#); [[Prov. 8:25, 26](#)]
- D. [Psalm 90:3](#) : [Gen. 3:19](#); [Job 34:14, 15](#)
- E. [Psalm 90:4](#) : [2 Pet. 3:8](#)
- F. [Psalm 90:5](#) : [Ps. 73:20](#)
- G. [Psalm 90:5](#) : [Is. 40:6](#)
- H. [Psalm 90:8](#) : [Ps. 50:21](#); [[Jer. 16:17](#)]
- I. [Psalm 90:8](#) : [Ps. 19:12](#); [[Eccl. 12:14](#)]
- J. [Psalm 90:12](#) : [Deut. 32:29](#); [Ps. 39:4](#)
- K. [Psalm 90:13](#) : [Ex. 32:12](#); [Deut. 32:36](#)
- L. [Psalm 90:14](#) : [Ps. 85:6](#)
- M. [Psalm 90:16](#) : [[Deut. 32:4](#)]; [Hab. 3:2](#)
- N. [Psalm 90:17](#) : [Ps. 27:4](#)
- O. [Psalm 90:17](#) : [Is. 26:12](#)

## PSALM 92

### Praise to the Lord for His Love and Faithfulness

#### A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath day.


92 *It is* <sup>Ⓜ</sup>good to give thanks to the Lord,  
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>To <sup>Ⓜ</sup>declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,

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And Your faithfulness every night,  
3 On an instrument of ten strings,  
On the lute,  
And on the harp,  
With harmonious sound.  
4 For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work;  
I will triumph in the works of Your hands.  
5 O Lord, how great are Your works!  
Your thoughts are very deep.  
6 A senseless man does not know,  
Nor does a fool understand this.  
7 When the wicked spring up like grass,  
And when all the workers of iniquity flourish,  
*It is* that they may be destroyed forever.  
8 But You, Lord, *are* on high forevermore.  
9 For behold, Your enemies, O Lord,  
For behold, Your enemies shall perish;  
All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.  
10 But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox;  
I have been anointed with fresh oil.  
11 My eye also has seen *my desire* on my enemies;  
My ears hear *my desire* on the wicked  
Who rise up against me.  
12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord  
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.  
14 They shall still bear fruit in old age;  
They shall be fresh and flourishing,  
15 To declare that the Lord is upright;  
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

**Footnotes**

- a. [Psalm 92:7](#) sprout
- b. [Psalm 92:10](#) Strength
- c. [Psalm 92:14](#) Full of oil or sap, lit. *fat*
- d. [Psalm 92:14](#) green

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**Cross references**

- A. [Psalm 92:1](#) : [Ps. 147:1](#)
- B. [Psalm 92:2](#) : [Ps. 89:1](#)
- C. [Psalm 92:3](#) : [1 Chr. 23:5](#)
- D. [Psalm 92:5](#) : [Ps. 40:5](#); [\[Rev. 15:3\]](#)
- E. [Psalm 92:5](#) : [Ps. 139:17, 18](#); [\[Is. 28:29; Rom. 11:33, 34\]](#)
- F. [Psalm 92:6](#) : [Ps. 73:22](#)
- G. [Psalm 92:7](#) : [Job 12:6](#); [Ps. 37:1, 2](#); [Jer. 12:1, 2](#); [\[Mal. 3:15\]](#)
- H. [Psalm 92:8](#) : [\[Ps. 83:18\]](#)
- I. [Psalm 92:9](#) : [Ps. 68:1](#)
- J. [Psalm 92:10](#) : [Ps. 89:17](#)
- K. [Psalm 92:10](#) : [Ps. 23:5](#)
- L. [Psalm 92:11](#) : [Ps. 54:7](#)
- M. [Psalm 92:12](#) : [Num. 24:6](#); [Ps. 52:8](#); [Jer. 17:8](#); [Hos. 14:5, 6](#)
- N. [Psalm 92:15](#) : [\[Deut. 32:4\]](#)
- O. [Psalm 92:15](#) : [\[Rom. 9:14\]](#)

**PSALM 94**

**God the Refuge of the Righteous**


**94** O Lord God, <sup>(A)</sup>to whom vengeance belongs—  
O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!  
<sup>2</sup> Rise up, O <sup>(B)</sup>Judge of the earth;  
<sup>(C)</sup>Render punishment to the proud.  
<sup>3</sup> Lord, <sup>(D)</sup>how long will the wicked,  
How long will the wicked triumph?  
<sup>4</sup> They <sup>(E)</sup>utter speech, *and* speak insolent things;  
All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.  
<sup>5</sup> They break in pieces Your people, O Lord,  
And afflict Your heritage.  
<sup>6</sup> They slay the widow and the stranger,  
And murder the fatherless.  
<sup>7</sup> <sup>(F)</sup>Yet they say, “The Lord does not see,  
Nor does the God of Jacob <sup>(G)</sup>understand.”

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<sup>8</sup> Understand, you senseless among the people;  
And *you* fools, when will you be wise?  
<sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup>He who planted the ear, shall He not hear?  
He who formed the eye, shall He not see?  
<sup>10</sup> He who <sup>b</sup>instructs the <sup>c</sup>nations, shall He not correct,  
He who teaches man knowledge?  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord <sup>d</sup>knows the thoughts of man,  
That they *are* futile.  
<sup>12</sup> Blessed *is* the man whom You <sup>e</sup>instruct, O Lord,  
And teach out of Your law,  
<sup>13</sup> That You may give him <sup>f</sup>rest from the days of adversity,  
Until the pit is dug for the wicked.  
<sup>14</sup> For the Lord will not <sup>g</sup>cast off His people,  
Nor will He forsake His inheritance.  
<sup>15</sup> But judgment will return to righteousness,  
And all the upright in heart will follow it.  
<sup>16</sup> Who will rise up for me against the evildoers?  
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?  
<sup>17</sup> Unless the Lord *had been* my help,  
My soul would soon have settled in silence.  
<sup>18</sup> If I say, "My foot slips,"  
Your mercy, O Lord, will hold me up.  
<sup>19</sup> In the multitude of my anxieties within me,  
Your comforts delight my soul.  
<sup>20</sup> Shall <sup>h</sup>the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law,  
Have fellowship with You?  
<sup>21</sup> They gather together against the life of the righteous,  
And condemn <sup>i</sup>innocent blood.  
<sup>22</sup> But the Lord has been my defense,  
And my God the rock of my refuge.  
<sup>23</sup> He has brought on them their own iniquity,  
And shall <sup>j</sup>cut them off in their own wickedness;  
The Lord our God shall cut them off.

**Footnotes**

- a. [Psalm 94:2](#) *Repay with*
- b. [Psalm 94:7](#) *pay attention*
- c. [Psalm 94:10](#) *disciplines*

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- d. [Psalm 94:10](#) *Gentiles*
- e. [Psalm 94:13](#) *relief*
- f. [Psalm 94:14](#) *abandon*
- g. [Psalm 94:23](#) *destroy them*

### **Cross references**

- A. [Psalm 94:1](#) : [Deut. 32:35](#); [\[Is. 35:4](#); [Nah. 1:2](#); [Rom. 12:19\]](#)
- B. [Psalm 94:2](#) : [\[Gen. 18:25\]](#)
- C. [Psalm 94:3](#) : [\[Job 20:5\]](#)
- D. [Psalm 94:4](#) : [Ps. 31:18](#); [Jude 15](#)
- E. [Psalm 94:7](#) : [Job 22:13](#); [Ps. 10:11](#)
- F. [Psalm 94:9](#) : [\[Ex. 4:11](#); [Prov. 20:12\]](#)
- G. [Psalm 94:11](#) : [Job 11:11](#); [1 Cor. 3:20](#)
- H. [Psalm 94:12](#) : [\[Deut. 8:5](#); [Job 5:17](#); [Ps. 119:71](#); [Prov. 3:11, 12](#); [Heb. 12:5, 6\]](#)
- I. [Psalm 94:20](#) : [Amos 6:3](#)
- J. [Psalm 94:21](#) : [\[Ex. 23:7](#); [Ps. 106:38](#); [\[Prov. 17:15\]](#); [Matt. 27:4](#)

## **PSALM 107**

### **BOOK FIVE**

#### **Psalms 107–150**

#### **Thanksgiving to the Lord for His Great Works of Deliverance**

**107** Oh, <sup>ⓐ</sup>give thanks to the Lord, for *He is good!*

For His <sup>ⓑ</sup>mercy *endures* forever.


<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord say *so*,

Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

<sup>3</sup> And <sup>ⓒ</sup>gathered out of the lands,

From the east and from the west,

From the north and from the south.

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<sup>4</sup> They wandered in <sup>o</sup>the wilderness in a desolate way;  
They found no city to dwell in.

<sup>5</sup> Hungry and thirsty,  
Their soul fainted in them.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>o</sup>Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,  
*And* He delivered them out of their distresses.

<sup>7</sup> *And* He led them forth by the <sup>o</sup>right way,  
That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.

<sup>8</sup> <sup>o</sup>Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness,  
*And for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

<sup>9</sup> For <sup>o</sup>He satisfies the longing soul,  
*And* fills the hungry soul with goodness.

<sup>10</sup> Those who <sup>u</sup>sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
<sup>o</sup>Bound<sup>u</sup> in affliction and irons—

<sup>11</sup> Because they <sup>o</sup>rebelled against the words of God,  
*And* <sup>u</sup>despised <sup>o</sup>the counsel of the Most High,

<sup>12</sup> Therefore He brought down their heart with labor;  
They fell down, and *there was* <sup>o</sup>none to help.

<sup>13</sup> Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,  
*And* He saved them out of their distresses.

<sup>14</sup> <sup>u</sup>He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,  
*And* broke their chains in pieces.

<sup>15</sup> Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness,  
*And for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

<sup>16</sup> For He has <sup>u</sup>broken the gates of bronze,  
*And* cut the bars of iron in two.

<sup>17</sup> Fools, <sup>o</sup>because of their transgression,  
*And* because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

<sup>18</sup> <sup>o</sup>Their soul abhorred all manner of food,  
*And* they <sup>o</sup>drew near to the gates of death.


<sup>19</sup> Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,  
*And* He saved them out of their distresses.

<sup>20</sup> <sup>o</sup>He sent His word and <sup>o</sup>healed them,  
*And* <sup>o</sup>delivered *them* from their destructions.


<sup>21</sup> Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness,  
*And for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

<sup>22</sup> <sup>u</sup>Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
*And* <sup>u</sup>declare His works with <sup>u</sup>rejoicing.



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23 Those who go down to the sea in ships,  
Who do business on great waters,  
24 They see the works of the Lord,  
And His wonders in the deep.  
25 For He commands and <sup>(W)</sup>raises the stormy wind,  
Which lifts up the waves of the sea.  
26 They mount up to the heavens,  
They go down again to the depths;  
<sup>(W)</sup>Their soul melts because of trouble.  
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,  
And <sup>(E)</sup>are at their wits' end.  
28 Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble,  
And He brings them out of their distresses.  
29 <sup>(W)</sup>He calms the storm,  
So that its waves are still.  
30 Then they are glad because they are quiet;  
So He guides them to their desired haven.  
31 <sup>(W)</sup>Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness,  
And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!  
32 Let them exalt Him also <sup>(AA)</sup>in the assembly of the people,  
And praise Him in the company of the elders.  
33 He <sup>(AB)</sup>turns rivers into a wilderness,  
And the watersprings into dry ground;  
34 A <sup>(AC)</sup>fruitful land into <sup>(B)</sup>barrenness,  
For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.  
35 <sup>(AD)</sup>He turns a wilderness into pools of water,  
And dry land into watersprings.  
36 There He makes the hungry dwell,  
That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,  
37 And sow fields and plant vineyards,  
That they may yield a fruitful harvest.  
38 <sup>(AB)</sup>He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly;  
And He does not let their cattle <sup>(AB)</sup>decrease.  
39 When they are <sup>(AG)</sup>diminished and brought low  
Through oppression, affliction, and sorrow,  
40 <sup>(AB)</sup>He pours contempt on princes,  
And causes them to wander in the wilderness *where there is no way*;  
41 <sup>(AD)</sup>Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction,  
And <sup>(AD)</sup>makes *their* families like a flock.

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42 <sup>(AK)</sup> The righteous see *it* and rejoice,  
And all <sup>(AL)</sup> iniquity stops its mouth.  
43 <sup>(AM)</sup> Whoever *is* wise will observe these *things*,  
And they will understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 107:1](#) Heb. same as *goodness*, vv. [8](#), [15](#), [21](#), [31](#), and *lovingkindness*, v. [43](#)
- b. [Psalm 107:10](#) *Prisoners*
- c. [Psalm 107:11](#) *scorned*
- d. [Psalm 107:22](#) *joyful singing*
- e. [Psalm 107:27](#) Lit. *all their wisdom is swallowed up*
- f. [Psalm 107:34](#) Lit. *a salty waste*

### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 107:1](#) : [1 Chr. 16:34](#); [Ps. 106:1](#); [Jer. 33:11](#)
- B. [Psalm 107:3](#) : [Is. 43:5, 6](#); [Jer. 29:14](#); [31:8–10](#); [[Ezek. 39:27, 28](#)]
- C. [Psalm 107:4](#) : [Num. 14:33](#); [32:13](#); [[Deut. 2:7](#); [32:10](#)]; [Josh. 5:6](#); [14:10](#)
- D. [Psalm 107:6](#) : [Ps. 50:15](#); [[Hos. 5:15](#)]
- E. [Psalm 107:7](#) : [Ezra 8:21](#); [Ps. 5:8](#); [Jer. 31:9](#)
- F. [Psalm 107:8](#) : [Ps. 107:15, 21](#)
- G. [Psalm 107:9](#) : [[Ps. 34:10](#); [Luke 1:53](#)]
- H. [Psalm 107:10](#) : [[Is. 42:7](#); [Mic. 7:8](#); [Luke 1:79](#)]
- I. [Psalm 107:10](#) : [Job 36:8](#)
- J. [Psalm 107:11](#) : [Lam. 3:42](#)
- K. [Psalm 107:11](#) : [[Ps. 73:24](#)]
- L. [Psalm 107:12](#) : [Ps. 22:11](#)
- M. [Psalm 107:14](#) : [Ps. 68:6](#)
- N. [Psalm 107:16](#) : [Is. 45:1, 2](#)
- O. [Psalm 107:17](#) : [[Is. 65:6, 7](#); [Jer. 30:14, 15](#)]; [Lam. 3:39](#); [Ezek. 24:23](#)
- P. [Psalm 107:18](#) : [Job 33:20](#)
- Q. [Psalm 107:18](#) : [Job 33:22](#)
- R. [Psalm 107:20](#) : [Matt. 8:8](#)
- S. [Psalm 107:20](#) : [2 Kin. 20:5](#); [Ps. 30:2](#)
- T. [Psalm 107:20](#) : [Job 33:28, 30](#)
- U. [Psalm 107:22](#) : [Lev. 7:12](#); [Ps. 50:14](#); [Heb. 13:15](#)
- V. [Psalm 107:22](#) : [Ps. 9:11](#)
- W. [Psalm 107:25](#) : [Jon. 1:4](#)

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- X. [Psalm 107:26](#) : [Ps. 22:14](#)
- Y. [Psalm 107:29](#) : [Ps. 89:9](#); [Matt. 8:26](#); [Luke 8:24](#)
- Z. [Psalm 107:31](#) : [Ps. 107:8, 15, 21](#)
- AA. [Psalm 107:32](#) : [Ps. 22:22, 25](#)
- BB. [Psalm 107:33](#) : [1 Kin. 17:1, 7](#); [Is. 50:2](#)
- CC. [Psalm 107:34](#) : [Gen. 13:10](#); [Deut. 29:23](#)
- DD. [Psalm 107:35](#) : [Ps. 114:8](#); [[Is. 41:17, 18](#)]
- EE. [Psalm 107:38](#) : [Gen. 12:2](#); [17:16, 20](#)
- FF. [Psalm 107:38](#) : [Ex. 1:7](#); [[Deut. 7:14](#)]
- GG. [Psalm 107:39](#) : [2 Kin. 10:32](#)
- HH. [Psalm 107:40](#) : [Job 12:21, 24](#)
- II. [Psalm 107:41](#) : [1 Sam. 2:8](#); [[Ps. 113:7, 8](#)]
- JJ. [Psalm 107:41](#) : [Ps. 78:52](#)
- KK. [Psalm 107:42](#) : [Job 5:15, 16](#)
- LL. [Psalm 107:42](#) : [Job 5:16](#); [Ps. 63:11](#); [[Rom. 3:19](#)]
- MM. [Psalm 107:43](#) : [Ps. 64:9](#); [Jer. 9:12](#); [[Hos. 14:9](#)]

## **PSALM 111**

### **Praise to God for His Faithfulness and Justice**

**111** Praise<sup>Ⓜ</sup> the Lord!

ⓂI will praise the Lord with *my* whole heart,  
In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> ⓂThe works of the Lord *are* great,

ⓂStudied by all who have pleasure in them.

<sup>3</sup> His work *is* Ⓜhonorable and glorious,

And His righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;

ⓂThe Lord *is* gracious and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> He has given food to those who fear Him;


He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

<sup>6</sup> He has declared to His people the power of His works,

In giving them the Ⓜheritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of His hands *are* Ⓜverity<sup>Ⓜ</sup> and justice;

All His precepts *are* sure.

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<sup>8</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>They stand fast forever and ever,  
*And are* <sup>Ⓜ</sup>done in truth and uprightness.  
<sup>9</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>He has sent redemption to His people;  
He has commanded His covenant forever:  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>Holy and awesome *is* His name.  
<sup>10</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom;  
A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*.  
His praise endures forever.

### Footnotes


- a. [Psalm 111:1](#) Heb. *Hallelujah*
- b. [Psalm 111:6](#) *inheritance*
- c. [Psalm 111:7](#) *truth*

### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 111:1](#) : [Ps. 35:18](#)
- B. [Psalm 111:2](#) : [Ps. 92:5](#)
- C. [Psalm 111:2](#) : [Ps. 143:5](#)
- D. [Psalm 111:3](#) : [Ps. 145:4, 5](#)
- E. [Psalm 111:4](#) : [\[Ps. 86:5\]](#)
- F. [Psalm 111:7](#) : [\[Rev. 15:3\]](#)
- G. [Psalm 111:8](#) : [Is. 40:8](#); [Matt. 5:18](#)
- H. [Psalm 111:8](#) : [\[Rev. 15:3\]](#)
- I. [Psalm 111:9](#) : [Luke 1:68](#)
- J. [Psalm 111:9](#) : [Luke 1:49](#)
- K. [Psalm 111:10](#) : [Job 28:28](#); [\[Prov. 1:7; 9:10\]](#); [Eccl. 12:13](#)

## PSALM 112

### The Blessed State of the Righteous

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**112** Praise<sup>a</sup> the Lord!

Blessed *is* the man *who* fears the Lord,  
*Who* <sup>a</sup>delights greatly in His commandments.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>b</sup>His descendants will be mighty on earth;  
The generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>c</sup>Wealth and riches *will be* in his house,  
And his righteousness <sup>b</sup>endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>d</sup>Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness;  
*He is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>e</sup>A good man deals graciously and lends;  
He will guide his affairs <sup>e</sup>with discretion.

<sup>6</sup> Surely he will never be shaken;  
<sup>e</sup>The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>f</sup>He will not be afraid of evil tidings;  
His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> His <sup>g</sup>heart *is* established;  
<sup>g</sup>He will not be afraid,  
Until he <sup>g</sup>sees *his desire* upon his enemies.

<sup>9</sup> He has dispersed abroad,  
He has given to the poor;  
His righteousness endures forever;  
His <sup>h</sup>horn will be exalted with honor.


<sup>10</sup> The wicked will see *it* and be grieved;  
He will gnash his teeth and melt away;  
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

**Footnotes**

- a. [Psalm 112:1](#) Heb. *Hallelujah*
- b. [Psalm 112:3](#) *stands*
- c. [Psalm 112:9](#) Strength

**Cross references**

- A. [Psalm 112:1](#) : [Ps. 128:1](#)
- B. [Psalm 112:2](#) : [\[Ps. 102:28\]](#)
- C. [Psalm 112:3](#) : [Prov. 3:16; 8:18; \[Matt. 6:33\]](#)
- D. [Psalm 112:4](#) : [Job 11:17; Ps. 97:11](#)
- E. [Psalm 112:5](#) : [Ps. 37:26; \[Luke 6:35\]](#)

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- F. [Psalm 112:5](#) : [\[Eph. 5:15; Col. 4:5\]](#)
- G. [Psalm 112:6](#) : [Prov. 10:7](#)
- H. [Psalm 112:7](#) : [\[Prov. 1:33\]](#)
- I. [Psalm 112:8](#) : [Heb. 13:9](#)
- J. [Psalm 112:8](#) : [\[Ps. 27:1; 56:11\]; Prov. 1:33; 3:24; \[Is. 12:2\]](#)
- K. [Psalm 112:8](#) : [Ps. 59:10](#)

## PSALM 127


### Laboring and Prospering with the Lord

#### A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

**127** Unless the Lord builds the house,  
They labor in vain who build it;  
Unless <sup>Ⓜ</sup>the Lord guards the city,  
The watchman stays awake in vain.  
<sup>2</sup> *It is vain* for you to rise up early,  
To sit up late,  
To <sup>Ⓜ</sup>eat the bread of sorrows;  
*For* so He gives His beloved sleep.  
<sup>3</sup> Behold, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>children *are* a heritage from the Lord,  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>The fruit of the womb *is* a <sup>Ⓜ</sup>reward.  
<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,  
So *are* the children of one's youth.  
<sup>5</sup> <sup>Ⓜ</sup>Happy *is* the man who has his quiver full of them;  
<sup>Ⓜ</sup>They shall not be ashamed,  
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

#### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 127:1](#) : [\[Ps. 121:3–5\]](#)
- B. [Psalm 127:2](#) : [\[Gen. 3:17, 19\]](#)
- C. [Psalm 127:3](#) : [\[Gen. 33:5; Josh. 24:3, 4; Ps. 113:9\]](#)
- D. [Psalm 127:3](#) : [\[Deut. 7:13; 28:4; Is. 13:18\]](#)
- E. [Psalm 127:3](#) : [\[Ps. 113:9\]](#)
- F. [Psalm 127:5](#) : [\[Ps. 128:2, 3\]](#)

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G. [Psalm 127:5](#) : [Job 5:4](#); [Prov. 27:11](#)

## PSALM 128

### Blessings of Those Who Fear the Lord

#### A Song of Ascents.

**128** Blessed <sup>a</sup>is every one who fears the Lord,  
Who walks in His ways.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>b</sup>When you eat the <sup>c</sup>labor of your hands,  
You *shall be* happy, and *it shall be* <sup>d</sup>well with you.

<sup>3</sup> Your wife *shall be* <sup>e</sup>like a fruitful vine  
In the very heart of your house,  
Your <sup>f</sup>children <sup>g</sup>like olive plants  
All around your table.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
Who fears the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>h</sup>The Lord bless you out of Zion,  
And may you see the good of Jerusalem  
All the days of your life.

<sup>6</sup> Yes, may you <sup>i</sup>see your children's children.

<sup>j</sup>Peace *be* upon Israel!

#### Footnotes

a. [Psalm 128:2](#) Fruit of the labor

#### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 128:1](#) : [Ps. 119:1](#)
- B. [Psalm 128:2](#) : [Is. 3:10](#)
- C. [Psalm 128:2](#) : [Deut. 4:40](#)
- D. [Psalm 128:3](#) : [Ezek. 19:10](#)
- E. [Psalm 128:3](#) : [Ps. 127:3–5](#)
- F. [Psalm 128:3](#) : [Ps. 52:8](#); [144:12](#)
- G. [Psalm 128:5](#) : [Ps. 134:3](#)
- H. [Psalm 128:6](#) : [Gen. 48:11](#); [50:23](#); [Job 42:16](#); [Ps. 103:17](#); [[Prov. 17:6](#)]
- I. [Psalm 128:6](#) : [Ps. 125:5](#)

## PSALM 133

### Blessed Unity of the People of God

#### A Song of Ascents. Of David.

**133** Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*  
For <sup>Ⓐ</sup>brethren to dwell together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup> *It is* like the precious oil upon the head,  
Running down on the beard,  
The beard of Aaron,  
Running down on the edge of his garments.  
<sup>3</sup> *It is* like the dew of <sup>Ⓒ</sup>Hermon,  
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;  
For <sup>Ⓐ</sup>there the Lord commanded the blessing—  
Life forevermore.

#### Cross references


- A. [Psalm 133:1](#) : [Gen. 13:8](#); [Heb. 13:1](#)
- B. [Psalm 133:3](#) : [Deut. 4:48](#)
- C. [Psalm 133:3](#) : [Lev. 25:21](#); [Deut. 28:8](#); [Ps. 42:8](#)

## PSALM 146

### The Happiness of Those Whose Help Is the Lord

**146** Praise<sup>Ⓐ</sup> the Lord!  
<sup>Ⓐ</sup>Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup> <sup>Ⓒ</sup>While I live I will praise the Lord;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.  
<sup>3</sup> <sup>Ⓒ</sup>Do not put your trust in princes,  
*Nor* in <sup>Ⓒ</sup>a son of man, in whom *there is* no <sup>Ⓒ</sup>help.  
<sup>4</sup> <sup>Ⓒ</sup>His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;  
In that very day <sup>Ⓒ</sup>his plans perish.  
<sup>5</sup> <sup>Ⓒ</sup>Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help,  
Whose hope *is* in the Lord his God,  
<sup>6</sup> <sup>Ⓒ</sup>Who made heaven and earth,



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The sea, and all that *is* in them;  
Who keeps truth forever,  
7 <sup>(h)</sup>Who executes justice for the oppressed,  
<sup>(h)</sup>Who gives food to the hungry.  
<sup>(h)</sup>The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners.  
8 <sup>(h)</sup>The Lord opens *the eyes of* the blind;  
<sup>(h)</sup>The Lord raises those who are bowed down;  
The Lord loves the righteous.  
9 <sup>(h)</sup>The Lord watches over the strangers;  
He relieves the fatherless and widow;  
<sup>(h)</sup>But the way of the wicked He <sup>(h)</sup>turns upside down.  
10 <sup>(h)</sup>The Lord shall reign forever—  
Your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

### Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 146:1](#) Heb. *Hallelujah*
- b. [Psalm 146:3](#) A human being
- c. [Psalm 146:3](#) *salvation*
- d. [Psalm 146:9](#) Lit. *makes crooked*

### Cross references

- A. [Psalm 146:1](#) : [Ps. 103:1](#)
- B. [Psalm 146:2](#) : [Ps. 104:33](#)
- C. [Psalm 146:3](#) : [\[Is. 2:22\]](#)
- D. [Psalm 146:4](#) : [\[Eccl. 12:7\]](#)
- E. [Psalm 146:4](#) : [\[Ps. 33:10; 1 Cor. 2:6\]](#)
- F. [Psalm 146:5](#) : [Jer. 17:7](#)
- G. [Psalm 146:6](#) : [Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11; Acts 4:24; Rev. 14:7](#)
- H. [Psalm 146:7](#) : [Ps. 103:6](#)
- I. [Psalm 146:7](#) : [Ps. 107:9](#)
- J. [Psalm 146:7](#) : [Ps. 107:10; Is. 61:1](#)
- K. [Psalm 146:8](#) : [Matt. 9:30; \[John 9:7, 32, 33\]](#)
- L. [Psalm 146:8](#) : [Luke 13:13](#)
- M. [Psalm 146:9](#) : [Deut. 10:18; Ps. 68:5](#)
- N. [Psalm 146:9](#) : [Ps. 147:6](#)
- O. [Psalm 146:10](#) : [Ex. 15:18; Ps. 10:16; \[Rev. 11:15\]](#)