



Mapping the Psalms

Week 10: Mapping SOVEREIGNTY & NATIONS/ZION

Wednesday Night Church Fall 2024 Series

Sept 11: 1.Kickoff-Intro Pr. R
 Sept 18: 2. The BeginningPs1&2
 Sept 25: 3.PsalterTheme: Guardian Angels
 Oct 2: 4. **.God's Character.**
 Oct 9: 5. Lament
 Oct 16: 6. Trust

Oct 23: 7.Wisdom
 Oct 30: 8 Vindication/Imprecatory
 Nov 6: 9. Praise
 Nov 13: 10 **Sovereignty/Nations.Zion**
 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: NewYears No WNC

GENRE	CHAPTERS
.Praise.WNC Nov. 6TH	9, 32, 33, 47, 81, 93,96, 98, 100, 103, 104, 113, 114, 115, 117, 122, 124, 129, 134, 139, 145, 147, 149, 150
.Thanksgiving. WNC Nov. 13TH	75, 65, 138, 106, 105, 116, 18,30, 66, 135, 136, 67, 108
.Trust. WNC Oct 16th	11, 27, 121, 91, 63, 23, 131, 62, 125
.Wisdom. WNC Oct 23rd	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
.God's Character. WNC OCT 2ND <small>..Royal.</small>	144, 21, 20, 61, 101
.Sovereignty WNC 11/13. <small>..God is King.</small>	99, 95, 148, 29, 97, 24
.Messianic. WNC Dec 4th	118, 41, 2, 8, 45, 132, 109, 22, 102, 16, 69, 40, 72, 89, 68, 78
.God of Nations WNC 11/13. <small>..Zion.</small>	48, 76, 46, 84, 87
.Lament. WNC Oct 9th	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
.Vindication. (Imprecatory)	5, 12, 35, 52, 54, 56, 58, 79, 83, 88, 137, 140,

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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Sovereignty: 24, 29, 95, 97, 99, 148 [Nations: 48, 76, 46, 84, 87]

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)¹

- "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.

1 Corinthians 2:14NKJV	1 Corinthians 2:14 CEB
¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them because they are spiritually discerned .	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.

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

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DEFINING Sovereignty:

Oxford:

Noun

1. supreme power or authority.

Similar: jurisdiction; supremacy; dominion; power; ascendancy; suzerainty; tyranny; hegemony; domination; sway; predominance; authority; control; influence; rule; regiment

Opposite: subservience, subjection

1828:

SOVEREIGNLY, *adverb* suv'eranly. Supreme power; supremacy; the possession power. Absolute sovereignty belongs to God only.

SOVEREIGN, *adjective* suv'eran. [We retain this barbarous orthography from the Norman *sovereign* The true spelling would be suveran from the Latin *supernes*, *superus*.]

1. Supreme in power; possessing supreme dominion; as a *sovereign* ruler of the universe.
2. Supreme; superior to all others; chief. God is the *sovereign* good of all who love and obey him.

OMNIPOTENT – All Powerful

OMNIPRESENT – Is Everywhere

OMNISCIENT – Knows all

The God who was. The God who is. The God who is to come.

SOVEREIGNTY

1. Meaning. The word means principal, chief, supreme.

2. Scripture.

a. God has a plan (Acts 15:18),

b. which is all-inclusive (Eph. 1:11),

c. which He controls (Ps. 135:6)(Ps. 115:3),

d. which includes but does not involve Him in evil (Prov. 16:4),

e. and which ultimately is for the praise of His glory (Eph. 1:13b-14).

3. The problem.

The sovereignty of God seems to contradict the freedom or actual responsibility of man. But even though it may seem to do so, the perfection of sovereignty is clearly taught in the Scriptures, so it must not be denied because of our inability to reconcile it with freedom or responsibility.

Also, if God is sovereign, how can the creation be so filled with evil?

Sovereignty/freedom forms an antinomy

("a contradiction between two apparently equally valid principles or between inferences correctly drawn from such principles").

Sovereignty must not obliterate free will, and free will must never dilute sovereignty.²

² Ryrie, C. C. (1999). [*Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth*](#) (pp. 48–49). Moody Press.

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SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES: Daniel. Job.

Sovereignty: 24, 29, 95, **97, 99, 148**

Psalm 24 NKJV	Psalm 24 CEB
The King of Glory and His Kingdom A Psalm of David.	A psalm of David.
<p>24 The ^(A)earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. ² For He has ^(B)founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the ^(a)waters. ³ ^(C)Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has ^(D)clean hands and ^(E)a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor ^(E)sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He shall receive blessing from the Lord, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ This is Jacob, the generation of those who ^(C)seek Him, Who seek Your face. <i>Selah</i> ⁷ ^(H)Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! ^(I)And the King of glory shall come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in ^(J)battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. <i>Selah</i></p> <p>Footnotes a. Psalm 24:2 Lit. <i>rivers</i></p> <p>Cross references A. Psalm 24:1 : 1 Cor. 10:26, 28 B. Psalm 24:2 : Ps. 89:11 C. Psalm 24:3 : Ps. 15:1-5</p>	<p>24 The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too. ² Because God is the one who established it on the seas; God set it firmly on the waters. ³ Who can ascend the Lord's mountain? Who can stand in his holy sanctuary? ⁴ Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart; the one who hasn't made false promises, the one who hasn't sworn dishonestly. ⁵ That kind of person receives blessings from the Lord and righteousness from the God who saves. ⁶ And that's how things are with the generation that seeks him—that seeks the face of Jacob's God. ^(a) <i>Selah</i> ⁷ Mighty gates: lift up your heads! Ancient doors: rise up high! So the glorious king can enter! ⁸ Who is this glorious king? The Lord—strong and powerful! The Lord—powerful in battle! ⁹ Mighty gates: lift up your heads! Ancient doors: rise up high! So the glorious king can enter! ¹⁰ Who is this glorious king? The Lord of heavenly forces—he is the glorious king! <i>Selah</i></p> <p>Footnotes</p>

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<p>D. Psalm 24:4 : [Job 17:9]; Ps. 26:6 E. Psalm 24:4 : Ps. 51:10; 73:1; [Matt. 5:8] F. Psalm 24:4 : Ps. 15:4 G. Psalm 24:6 : Ps. 27:4, 8 H. Psalm 24:7 : Ps. 118:20; Is. 26:2 I. Psalm 24:7 : Ps. 29:2, 9; 97:6; Hag. 2:7; Acts 7:2; [1 Cor. 2:8] J. Psalm 24:8 : Rev. 19:13–16</p>	<p>a. Psalm 24:6 LXX, Syr; MT <i>seek your face, Jacob</i></p>
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Psalm 24

You could say that Psalm 24, like Psalm 23 (and like Caesar’s Gaul), is divided into three parts. A tiny hymn about the power of God the Creator is followed by an ‘entrance liturgy’ about the holiness of God the Lord and a ‘procession liturgy’ about the victories of God the King. But, again like the last psalm, this one works properly only when reassembled, and taking it as a whole there is one particular historical occasion to which it is ideally suited.³

Psalm 29 NKJV	Psalm 29 CEB
Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty A Psalm of David.	A psalm of David.
<p>29 Give^[a] (A) unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, Give unto the Lord glory and strength. ² [b] Give unto the Lord the glory^[c] due to His name; Worship the Lord in (B) the [d] beauty of holiness. ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters; (C) The God of glory thunders; The Lord is over many waters. ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful; The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks (D) the cedars, Yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ (E) He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and (F) Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the Lord [e] divides the flames of fire. ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; The Lord shakes the Wilderness of (G) Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the (H) deer give</p>	<p>29 You, divine beings! Give to the Lord— give to the Lord glory and power! ² Give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor! ³ The Lord’s voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders; the Lord is over the mighty waters. ⁴ The Lord’s voice is strong; the Lord’s voice is majestic. ⁵ The Lord’s voice breaks cedar trees— yes, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull, makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox. ⁷ The Lord’s voice unleashes fiery flames; ⁸ the Lord’s voice shakes the wilderness— yes, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.</p>

³ Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 1, pp. 87–90). Inter-Varsity Press.

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<p>birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The ^(U) Lord sat <i>enthroned</i> at the Flood, And ^(U) the Lord sits as King forever. ¹¹ ^(K) The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace.</p> <p>Footnotes</p> <p>a. Psalm 29:1 <i>Ascribe</i> b. Psalm 29:2 <i>Ascribe</i> c. Psalm 29:2 <i>Lit. of His name</i> d. Psalm 29:2 <i>majesty</i> e. Psalm 29:7 <i>stirs up, lit. hews out</i></p> <p>Cross references</p> <p>A. Psalm 29:1 : 1 Chr. 16:28, 29 B. Psalm 29:2 : 2 Chr. 20:21; Ps. 110:3 C. Psalm 29:3 : [Job 37:4, 5]; Ps. 18:13; Acts 7:2 D. Psalm 29:5 : Judg. 9:15; 1 Kin. 5:6; Ps. 104:16; Is. 2:13; 14:8 E. Psalm 29:6 : Ps. 114:4 F. Psalm 29:6 : Deut. 3:9 G. Psalm 29:8 : Num. 13:26 H. Psalm 29:9 : Job 39:1 I. Psalm 29:10 : Gen. 6:17; Job 38:8, 25 J. Psalm 29:10 : Ps. 10:16 K. Psalm 29:11 : Ps. 28:8; 68:35; [Is. 40:29]</p>	<p>⁹ The Lord's voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare, but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters; the Lord sits enthroned—king forever! ¹¹ Let the Lord give strength to his people! Let the Lord bless his people with peace!</p>
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Psalm 29

John Oxenham, imagining the 'hidden years' of Jesus' early life, has a younger lad tell of a ramble in the country with the carpenter's son. On the way home to Nazareth,

I saw a great black cloud sweeping in from the West and darkening all the sky ... The thunder was clapping all about us ... long before we began to climb the hill.

But the boy seemed actually to like it, for he began singing at the top of his voice ... 'It is the Glory of God that thundereth ... Eloi! Eloi! Eloi!' ... With his arms thrown up towards the terrible black sky ... he sang amid the thunder claps, and his voice was steady as a trumpet, and he knew no fear.

It is the twenty-ninth Psalm, of course, which the novelist has put into the mouth of the boy Jesus. Whatever our view of such fiction, this song well suits the imagined circumstances.⁴

Psalm 95 NKJV	Psalm 95 CEB
A Call to Worship and Obedience	
<p>95 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with ^(A) psalms. ³ For ^(B) the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods. ⁴ ^(A) In His hand are the deep places of the earth;</p>	<p>Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord! Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation! ² Let's come before him with thanks! Let's shout songs of joy to him! ³ The Lord is a great God, the great king over all other gods. ⁴ The earth's depths are in his hands; the mountain heights belong to him;</p>

⁴ Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 1, pp. 100–103). Inter-Varsity Press.

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<p>The heights of the hills are His also. ⁵ The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let ^(D)us kneel before the Lord our Maker. ⁷ For He <i>is</i> our God, And ^(E)we <i>are</i> the people of His pasture, And the sheep ^(L)of His hand. ^(E)Today, if you will hear His voice: ⁸ "Do not harden your hearts, as in the ^(L)rebellion, ^(G)As <i>in</i> the day of ^(L)trial in the wilderness, ⁹ When ^(H)your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they ^(U)saw My work. ¹⁰ For ^(U)forty years I was ^(L)grieved with <i>that</i> generation, And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.' ¹¹ So ^(K)I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "</p> <p>Footnotes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Psalm 95:4 In His possession Psalm 95:7 Under His care Psalm 95:8 Or <i>Meribah</i>, lit. <i>Strife, Contention</i> Psalm 95:8 Or <i>Massah</i>, lit. <i>Trial, Testing</i> Psalm 95:10 <i>disgusted</i> <p>Cross references</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Psalm 95:2 : Eph. 5:19; James 5:13 Psalm 95:3 : [Ps. 96:4; 1 Cor. 8:5, 6] Psalm 95:5 : Gen. 1:9, 10; Jon. 1:9 Psalm 95:6 : 2 Chr. 6:13; Dan. 6:10; [Phil. 2:10] Psalm 95:7 : Ps. 79:13 Psalm 95:7 : Heb. 3:7–11, 15; 4:7 Psalm 95:8 : Ex. 17:2–7; Num. 20:13 Psalm 95:9 : Ps. 78:18; [1 Cor. 10:9] Psalm 95:9 : Num. 14:22 Psalm 95:10 : Acts 7:36; 13:18; Heb. 3:10, 17 Psalm 95:11 : Num. 14:23, 28–30; Deut. 1:35; Heb. 4:3, 5 	<p>⁵ the sea, which he made, is his along with the dry ground, which his own hands formed. ⁶ Come, let's worship and bow down! Let's kneel before the Lord, our maker! ⁷ He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep in his hands. If only you would listen to his voice right now! ⁸ "Don't harden your hearts like you did at Meribah, like you did when you were at Massah, in the wilderness, ⁹ when your ancestors tested me and scrutinized me, even though they had already seen my acts. ¹⁰ For forty years I despised that generation; I said, 'These people have twisted hearts. They don't know my ways.' ¹¹ So in anger I swore: 'They will never enter my place of rest!'"</p>
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Psalm 95

Except for Easter Day, 'upon which another Anthem is appointed', every morning of the year should see the people of every parish in England gathering to encourage one another with the words of this psalm. *Venite, exultemus Domino*—O come, let us sing unto the Lord! That at any rate was what the English reformers intended. Today, 450 years later, the expectation is somewhat unrealistic, but the principle is sound.⁵

Psalm 97 NKJV	Psalm 97 CEB
A Song of Praise to the Sovereign Lord	
<p>97 The Lord ^(A)reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of ^(L)isles be glad!</p>	<p>The Lord rules! Let the earth rejoice! Let all the islands celebrate! ² Clouds and thick darkness surround God. His throne is built on righteousness and</p>

⁵ Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 2, pp. 92–95). Inter-Varsity Press.

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² **(B)** Clouds and darkness surround Him;
^(C) Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of His throne.
³ **(D)** A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about.
⁴ **(E)** His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles.
⁵ **(F)** The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
⁶ **(G)** The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory.
⁷ **(H)** Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols.
^(I) Worship Him, all *you* gods.
⁸ Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O Lord.
⁹ **For You, Lord, *are* ^(J) most high above all the earth;**
^(K) **You are exalted far above all gods.**
¹⁰ You who love the Lord, ^(L) hate evil!
^(M) **He preserves the souls of His saints;**
^(N) **He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.**
¹¹ ^(O) Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.
¹² ^(P) Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
^(Q) And give thanks ^(R) at the remembrance of ^(S) His holy name.

Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 97:1](#) Or *coastlands*
- b. [Psalm 97:12](#) Or *for the memory*
- c. [Psalm 97:12](#) Or *His holiness*

Cross references

- A. [Psalm 97:1](#) : [[Ps. 96:10](#)]
- B. [Psalm 97:2](#) : [Ex. 19:9](#); [Deut. 4:11](#); [1 Kin. 8:12](#); [Ps. 18:11](#)
- C. [Psalm 97:2](#) : [[Ps. 89:14](#)]
- D. [Psalm 97:3](#) : [Ps. 18:8](#); [Dan. 7:10](#); [Hab. 3:5](#)
- E. [Psalm 97:4](#) : [Ex. 19:18](#)

justice.

³ Fire proceeds before him, burning up his enemies on every side.
⁴ His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees it and trembles!
⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of the whole world!
⁶ Heaven has proclaimed God's righteousness, and all nations have seen his glory.
⁷ All those who worship images, those who are proud of idols, are put to shame. All gods bow down to the Lord!
⁸ Zion has heard and celebrates, the towns^(a) of Judah rejoice, because of your acts of justice, Lord,
⁹ because you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth, because you are so superior to all other gods.
¹⁰ Those of you who love the Lord, hate evil! God guards the lives of his faithful ones, delivering them from the power of the wicked.
¹¹ Light is planted like seed for the righteous person; joy too for those whose heart is right.
¹² Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones! Give thanks to his holy name!

Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 97:8](#) Or *daughters*

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<p>F. Psalm 97:5 : Ps. 46:6; Amos 9:5; Mic. 1:4; Nah. 1:5</p> <p>G. Psalm 97:6 : Ps. 19:1</p> <p>H. Psalm 97:7 : [Ex. 20:4]</p> <p>I. Psalm 97:7 : [Heb. 1:6]</p> <p>J. Psalm 97:9 : Ps. 83:18</p> <p>K. Psalm 97:9 : Ex. 18:11; Ps. 95:3; 96:4</p> <p>L. Psalm 97:10 : [Ps. 34:14; Prov. 8:13; Amos 5:15; Rom. 12:9]</p> <p>M. Psalm 97:10 : Ps. 31:23; 145:20; Prov. 2:8</p> <p>N. Psalm 97:10 : Ps. 37:40; Jer. 15:21; Dan. 3:28</p> <p>O. Psalm 97:11 : Job 22:28; Ps. 112:4; Prov. 4:18</p> <p>P. Psalm 97:12 : Ps. 33:1</p> <p>Q. Psalm 97:12 : Ps. 30:4</p>	
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Psalm 97

Like 68, this is a psalm ‘full of quotations’, woven from threads drawn from other parts of the Psalter, it seems, though none the worse for that. Its author has made a tapestry that hangs well alongside its companions in this section of the book.⁶

Psalm 99 NKJV	Psalm 99 CEB
Praise to the Lord for His Holiness	
<p>99 The Lord reigns; Let the peoples tremble! ^(A) He dwells <i>between</i> the cherubim; Let the earth be ^[a] moved! ² The Lord <i>is</i> great in Zion, And He <i>is</i> high above all the peoples. ³ Let them praise Your great and awesome name—^[b] He <i>is</i> holy. ⁴ The King’s strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His footstool—He <i>is</i> holy. ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who ^(B) called upon His name;</p>	<p>The Lord rules— the nations shake! He sits enthroned on the winged heavenly creatures— the earth quakes! ² The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. ³ Let them thank your great and awesome name. He is holy! ⁴ Strong king ^[a] who loves justice, you are the one who established what is fair. You worked justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Magnify the Lord, our God! Bow low at his footstool! He is holy! ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,</p>

⁶ Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 2, pp. 99–102). Inter-Varsity Press.

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<p>They called upon the Lord, and He answered them. ⁷ He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; They kept His testimonies and the [□]ordinance He gave them. ⁸ You answered them, O Lord our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, Though You took vengeance on their deeds. ⁹ Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our God is holy.</p> <p>Footnotes a. Psalm 99:1 <i>shaken</i> b. Psalm 99:3 <i>Or It</i> c. Psalm 99:7 <i>statute</i></p> <p>Cross references A. Psalm 99:1 : Ex. 25:22; 1 Sam. 4:4; Ps. 80:1 B. Psalm 99:6 : 1 Sam. 7:9; 12:18</p>	<p>Samuel too among those who called on his name. They cried out to the Lord, and he himself answered them— ⁷ he spoke to them from a pillar of cloud. They kept the laws and the rules God gave to them. ⁸ Lord our God, you answered them. To them you were a God who forgives but also the one who avenged their wrong deeds. ⁹ Magnify the Lord our God! Bow low at his holy mountain because the Lord our God is holy!</p> <p>Footnotes a. Psalm 99:4 <i>Correction; MT A king's strength</i></p>
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Psalm 99

One more psalm begins with the words *The LORD reigns*. The first was immensely positive (93), the next dramatic but joyful (97); this, the third, is austere and bracing.⁷

Psalm 148 NKJV	Psalm 148 CEB
Praise to the Lord from Creation	
<p>148 Praise[□] the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! ² Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! ³ Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! ⁴ Praise Him, [⊕]you heavens of heavens, And [⊕]you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, For [⊕]He commanded and they were created. ⁶ [⊕]He also established them forever and ever;</p>	<p>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from heaven! Praise God on the heights! ² Praise God, all of you who are his messengers! Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces! ³ Sun and moon, praise God! All of you bright stars, praise God! ⁴ You highest heaven, praise God! Do the same, you waters that are above the sky! ⁵ Let all of these praise the Lord's name because God gave the command and they were created! ⁶ God set them in place always and forever. God made a law that will not be broken.</p>

⁷ Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 2, pp. 105–107). Inter-Varsity Press.

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<p>He made a decree which shall not pass away.</p> <p>⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, ^(E)You great sea creatures and all the depths; ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; ⁹ ^(E)Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; ¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; ¹² Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His ^(C)name alone is exalted; His glory <i>is</i> above the earth and heaven. ¹⁴ And He ^(H)has exalted the ^(b)horn of His people, The praise of ^(U)all His saints— Of the children of Israel, ^(U)A people near to Him. ^(C)Praise the Lord!</p> <p>Footnotes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Psalm 148:1 Heb. <i>Hallelujah</i> b. Psalm 148:14 Strength or dominion c. Psalm 148:14 Heb. <i>Hallelujah</i> <p>Cross references</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Psalm 148:4 : Deut. 10:14; 1 Kin. 8:27; [Neh. 9:6] B. Psalm 148:4 : Gen. 1:7 C. Psalm 148:5 : Gen. 1:1, 6 D. Psalm 148:6 : Ps. 89:37; [Jer. 31:35, 36; 33:20, 25] E. Psalm 148:7 : Is. 43:20 F. Psalm 148:9 : Is. 44:23; 49:13 G. Psalm 148:13 : Ps. 8:1 H. Psalm 148:14 : 1 Sam. 2:1; Ps. 75:10 I. Psalm 148:14 : Ps. 149:9 J. Psalm 148:14 : Lev. 10:3; Eph. 2:17 	<p>⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all you ocean depths! ⁸ Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind that does what God says! ⁹ Do the same, you mountains, every single hill, fruit trees, and every single cedar! ¹⁰ Do the same, you animals—wild or tame— you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly! ¹¹ Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person, you princes and every single ruler on earth! ¹² Do the same, you young men—young women too!— you who are old together with you who are young! ¹³ Let all of these praise the Lord’s name because only God’s name is high over all. Only God’s majesty is over earth and heaven. ¹⁴ God raised the strength^(a) of his people, the praise of all his faithful ones— that’s the Israelites, the people who are close to him. Praise the Lord!</p> <p>Footnotes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Psalm 148:14 Or horn
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Hallel Psalms

OVERVIEW

The *Hallel* psalms are found in three separate collections: the “Egyptian Hallel” (113–118), the “Great Hallel” (120–136), and the concluding Hallel psalms (146–150). The Hallel psalms had a significant part in the praise (*hallel*) of the Lord. The Egyptian Hallel and the Great Hallel (most of which are pilgrimage songs:

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120–134) were sung during the annual feasts (Lev 23; Nu 10:10). The Egyptian Hallel psalms received a special place in the Passover liturgy, as Psalms 113–114 were recited or sung before the festival meal and 115–118 after it (cf. Mt 26:30; Mk 14:26). The concluding Hallel psalms (146–150) were incorporated in the daily prayers of the synagogue after the destruction of the temple (AD 70).⁸

Psalm 148

Who that knows the Lord will not love to praise him with these psalms of the last Hallel? After Watts’s paraphrase of 146 and Dudley-Smith’s of 147, the English-speaking church is suddenly spoilt for choice when it reaches 148. We may of course chant it, or its big brother the Benedicite, in liturgical versions old or new. We may say it congregationally in a Bible translation, or memorize it (or its little sister 145:10!) for private meditation. But in today’s hymn books we have in addition at least four hymns based on it that are well worth singing. To one of these we shall return, for a rather special reason.

But what about the psalm itself, as the psalmist wrote it?⁹

God of the Nations/Zion: 46, 48, 76, 84, 87

Psalm 46 NKJV	Psalm 46 CEB
God the Refuge of His People and Conqueror of the Nations To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song ^(A)for Alamoth.	For the music leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamoth.^[a] A song.
<p>46 God is our ^(B)refuge and strength, ^(C)A^[a] very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the ^(b)midst of the sea; ³ ^(D)Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. <i>Selah</i> ⁴ There is a ^(E)river whose streams shall make glad the ^(F)city of God, The holy place of the ^(c)tabernacle of the Most High. ⁵ God is ^(G)in the midst of her, she shall not be ^(d)moved; God shall help her, just ^(e)at the break of</p>	<p>46 God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble. ² That’s why we won’t be afraid when the world falls apart, when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea, ³ when its waters roar and rage, when the mountains shake because of its surging waves. <i>Selah</i> ⁴ There is a river whose streams gladden God’s city, the holiest dwelling of the Most High. ⁵ God is in that city. It will never crumble. God will help it when morning dawns. ⁶ Nations roar; kingdoms crumble.</p>

⁸ VanGemeren, W. A. (2008). [Psalms](#). In T. Longman III & D. E. Garland (Eds.), *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary: Psalms (Revised Edition)* (Vol. 5, p. 831). Zondervan.

⁹ Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 2, pp. 279–282). Inter-Varsity Press.

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<p>dawn.</p> <p>⁶ ^(H) The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.</p> <p>⁷ The ^(U) Lord of hosts <i>is</i> with us; The God of Jacob <i>is</i> our refuge. <i>Selah</i></p> <p>⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has made desolations in the earth.</p> <p>⁹ ^(U) He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; ^(K) He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; ^(L) He burns the chariot in the fire.</p> <p>¹⁰ Be still, and know that I <i>am</i> God; ^(M) I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!</p> <p>¹¹ The Lord of hosts <i>is</i> with us; The God of Jacob <i>is</i> our refuge. <i>Selah</i></p> <p>Footnotes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Psalm 46:1 <i>An abundantly available help</i> b. Psalm 46:2 Lit. <i>heart</i> c. Psalm 46:4 <i>dwelling places</i> d. Psalm 46:5 <i>shaken</i> e. Psalm 46:5 Lit. <i>at the turning of the morning</i> <p>Cross references</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Psalm 46:1 : 1 Chr. 15:20 B. Psalm 46:1 : Ps. 62:7, 8 C. Psalm 46:1 : [Deut. 4:7; Ps. 145:18] D. Psalm 46:3 : [Ps. 93:3, 4] E. Psalm 46:4 : [Ezek. 47:1–12] F. Psalm 46:4 : Ps. 48:1, 8; Is. 60:14 G. Psalm 46:5 : [Deut. 23:14; Is. 12:6]; Ezek. 43:7; Hos. 11:9; [Joel 2:27; Zeph. 3:15; Zech. 2:5, 10, 11; 8:3] H. Psalm 46:6 : Ps. 2:1, 2 I. Psalm 46:7 : Num. 14:9; 2 Chr. 13:12 J. Psalm 46:9 : Is. 2:4 K. Psalm 46:9 : Ps. 76:3 L. Psalm 46:9 : Ezek. 39:9 M. Psalm 46:10 : [Is. 2:11, 17] 	<p>God utters his voice; the earth melts.</p> <p>⁷ The Lord of heavenly forces is with us! The God of Jacob is our place of safety. <i>Selah</i></p> <p>⁸ Come, see the Lord’s deeds, what devastation he has imposed on the earth—</p> <p>⁹ bringing wars to an end in every corner of the world, breaking the bow and shattering the spear, burning chariots with fire.</p> <p>¹⁰ “That’s enough! Now know that I am God! I am exalted among all nations; I am exalted throughout the world!”</p> <p>¹¹ The Lord of heavenly forces is with us! The God of Jacob is our place of safety. <i>Selah</i></p> <p>Footnotes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Psalm 46:1 Heb uncertain; see the note at Pss 9–10.
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Psalm 46

A roundabout route into this splendid psalm is provided by the word *alamoth*, in the heading. What it means in itself (i.e. ‘girls’) is not in doubt, but what it means in its context is. David included in the arrangements for the Jerusalem sanctuary three groups of (male) musicians, one to play cymbals, another to play lyres ‘according to *alamoth*’, and the third to play harps ‘according to *sheminith*’. ‘Girls’ and ‘eighth’? Perhaps a treble line and a bass line?

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Goulder, following some of the old translations, suggests quite another meaning for the word: ‘something hidden’, and therefore ‘depths’.¹⁰

Psalm 48 NKJV	Psalm 48 CEB
The Glory of God in Zion A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.	A song. A psalm of the Korahites.
<p>48 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised In the ^(A)city of our God, In His holy mountain. ² Beautiful in ^(B)elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King. ³ God is in her palaces; He is known as her refuge. ⁴ For behold, ^(C)the kings assembled, They passed by together. ⁵ They saw it, and so they marveled; They were troubled, they hastened away. ⁶ Fear ^(D)took hold of them there, And pain, as of a woman in birth pangs, ⁷ As when You break the ^(E)ships of Tarshish With an east wind. ⁸ As we have heard, So we have seen In the city of the Lord of hosts, In the city of our God: God will ^(F)establish it forever. <i>Selah</i> ⁹ We have thought, O God, on ^(G)Your lovingkindness, In the midst of Your temple. ¹⁰ According to ^(H)Your name, O God, So is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness. ¹¹ Let Mount Zion rejoice,</p>	<p>48 In the city belonging to our God, the Lord is great and so worthy of praise! His holy mountain ² is a beautiful summit, the joy of the whole world. Mount Zion, in the far north, is the city of the great king. ³ God is in its fortifications, revealing himself as a place of safety. ⁴ Look: the kings assembled themselves, advancing all together— ⁵ when they saw it, they were stunned; they panicked and ran away frightened. ⁶ Trembling took hold of them right there— like a woman giving birth, ⁷ or like the east wind when it smashes the ships of Tarshish. ⁸ Just like we had heard, now we’ve seen it for ourselves in the city of the Lord of heavenly forces, in the city of our God. May God make it secure forever! <i>Selah</i> ⁹ We dwell on your faithful love, God, in your temple. ¹⁰ Your praise, God, just like your reputation, extends to the far corners of the earth. Your strong hand is filled with righteousness. ¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad;</p>

¹⁰ Wilcock, M. (2001). [*The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God*](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 1, pp. 165–169). Inter-Varsity Press.

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<p>Let the daughters of Judah be glad, Because of Your judgments. ¹² Walk about Zion, And go all around her. Count her towers; ¹³ Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces; That you may ^(U)tell <i>it</i> to the generation following. ¹⁴ For this <i>is</i> God, Our God forever and ever; ^(U)He will be our guide ^(b)<i>Even</i> to death.</p> <p>Footnotes</p> <p>a. Psalm 48:2 <i>height</i> b. Psalm 48:14 So with MT, Syr.; LXX, Vg. <i>Forever</i></p> <p>Cross references</p> <p>A. Psalm 48:1 : Ps. 46:4; 87:3; Matt. 5:35 B. Psalm 48:2 : Ps. 50:2 C. Psalm 48:4 : 2 Sam. 10:6, 14 D. Psalm 48:6 : Ex. 15:15 E. Psalm 48:7 : 1 Kin. 10:22; Ezek. 27:25 F. Psalm 48:8 : [Ps. 87:5; Is. 2:2]; Mic. 4:1 G. Psalm 48:9 : Ps. 26:3 H. Psalm 48:10 : [Deut. 28:58]; Josh. 7:9; Mal. 1:11 I. Psalm 48:13 : [Ps. 78:5–7] J. Psalm 48:14 : Is. 58:11</p>	<p>let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your acts of justice! ¹² Walk around Zion; go all the way around it; count its towers. ¹³ Examine its defenses closely; tour its fortifications so that you may tell future generations: ¹⁴ “This is God, our God, forever and always! He is the one who will lead us even to the very end.”^(a)</p> <p>Footnotes</p> <p>a. Psalm 48:14 LXX; Heb uncertain; Heb <i>al muth (unto death or against death)</i>, but see the notes at Pss 9–10, 46—the words might belong in the heading of Ps 49.</p>
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Psalm 48

Musical settings of this ‘song of Zion’ still have people singing about *the north side*, or *the sides of the north*, without any notion of the meaning of the words. They do mean something; so does the poem as a whole. It is another of the fine Korah psalms, with obvious likenesses to 46 and 47 in particular.¹¹

Psalm 76 NKJV	Psalm 76 CEB
The Majesty of God in Judgment To the Chief Musician. On ^(a)stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.	For the music leader. With stringed instruments. A psalm of Asaph. A song.
<p>76 In ^(A)Judah God <i>is</i> known; His name <i>is</i> great in Israel. ² In ^(b)Salem also is His tabernacle, And His dwelling place in Zion. ³ There He broke the arrows of the bow, The shield and sword of battle. <i>Selah</i> ⁴ You <i>are</i> more glorious and excellent ^(B)<i>Than</i> the mountains of prey.</p>	<p>76 God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel. ² His dwelling place became Salem; his habitation was Zion. ³ It was there that he broke the fiery shafts of the bow, the shield, the sword—even the battle itself! <i>Selah</i></p>

¹¹ Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 1, pp. 172–176). Inter-Varsity Press.

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<p>⁵ ^(C) The stouthearted were plundered; ^(D) They ^(C) have sunk into their sleep; And none of the mighty men have found the use of their hands. ⁶ ^(E) At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, Both the chariot and horse were cast into a dead sleep. ⁷ You, Yourself, <i>are</i> to be feared; And ^(E) who may stand in Your presence When once You are angry? ⁸ ^(C) You caused judgment to be heard from heaven; ^(H) The earth feared and was still, ⁹ When God ^(U) arose to judgment, To deliver all the oppressed of the earth. <i>Selah</i> ¹⁰ ^(U) Surely the wrath of man shall praise You; With the remainder of wrath You shall gird Yourself. ¹¹ ^(K) Make vows to the Lord your God, and pay <i>them</i>; ^(L) Let all who are around Him bring presents to Him who ought to be feared. ¹² He shall cut off the spirit of princes; ^(M) <i>He is awesome to the kings of the earth.</i></p> <p>Footnotes a. Psalm 76:1 Heb. <i>neginoth</i> b. Psalm 76:2 Jerusalem c. Psalm 76:5 Lit. <i>have slumbered their sleep</i></p> <p>Cross references A. Psalm 76:1 : Ps. 48:1, 3 B. Psalm 76:4 : Ezek. 38:12 C. Psalm 76:5 : Is. 10:12; 46:12 D. Psalm 76:5 : Ps. 13:3 E. Psalm 76:6 : Ex. 15:1–21; Ezek. 39:20; Nah. 2:13; Zech. 12:4 F. Psalm 76:7 : [Ezra 9:15; Nah. 1:6; Mal. 3:2; Rev. 6:17] G. Psalm 76:8 : Ex. 19:9 H. Psalm 76:8 : 1 Chr. 16:30; 2 Chr. 20:29 I. Psalm 76:9 : [Ps. 9:7–9] J. Psalm 76:10 : Ex. 9:16; Rom. 9:17 K. Psalm 76:11 : [Eccl. 5:4–6] L. Psalm 76:11 : 2 Chr. 32:22, 23 M. Psalm 76:12 : Ps. 68:35</p>	<p>⁴ You are ablaze with light, mightier than the mountains that give food. ⁵ The bravehearted lie plundered. They sank into deep lethargy. All the strong troops couldn't even lift their hands! ⁶ At your rebuke, Jacob's God, both chariot and horse were stopped dead-still. ⁷ You! You are awesome! Who can stand before you when you are angry? ⁸ You have announced judgment from heaven. The earth grew afraid and fell silent ⁹ when God rose up to establish justice, when God rose up to save all of the earth's poor. <i>Selah</i> ¹⁰ Even human rage will turn to your praise when you dress yourself with whatever remains of your wrath.^[a] ¹¹ Make promises to the Lord your God and keep them! Let all around him bring gifts to the awesome one. ¹² He breaks the spirit of princes. He is terrifying to all the kings of the earth.</p> <p>Footnotes a. Psalm 76:10 Heb uncertain</p>
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Psalm 76

With *selah* twice, an emphatic *You* twice, and four times a verb form that is in effect a title of God (such as 'the Shining One'), Psalm 76 has a certain symmetry about it. For example, we might reasonably see each half halved again by a *selah*. The first quarter begins with God as the Self-revealing One in verse 1, and the second quarter begins with him as the Shining One in verse 4. The second half begins and ends (vv. 7 and 12) with him as the Awe-inspiring One. Furthermore, the second and third quarters answer to each other, beginning respectively with *You the Illustrious* and *You the Terrible* (vv. 4 and 7 JB).

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Like the previous psalm, these four stanzas of three verses each may celebrate the deliverance of Jerusalem from the Assyrian invader in the reign of Hezekiah. If so, 2 Kings 18–19 and Isaiah 36–37 are again the background.
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Psalm 84 NKJV	Psalm 84 CEB
The Blessedness of Dwelling in the House of God To the Chief Musician. (A) On [a] an instrument of Gath. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.	For the music leader. According to the Gittith. Of the Korahites. A psalm.
<p>84 How ^(b)lovely ^(b)is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts!</p> <p>² ^(c)My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.</p> <p>³ Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young— <i>Even</i> Your altars, O Lord of hosts, My King and my God.</p> <p>⁴ Blessed <i>are</i> those who dwell in Your ^(d)house; They will still be praising You. <i>Selah</i></p> <p>⁵ Blessed <i>is</i> the man whose strength <i>is</i> in You, Whose heart <i>is</i> set on pilgrimage.</p> <p>⁶ <i>As they</i> pass through the Valley ^(e)of ^(f)Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with ^(g)pools.</p> <p>⁷ They go ^(h)from strength to strength; ⁽ⁱ⁾<i>Each one</i> ^(c)appears before God in Zion.</p> <p>⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! <i>Selah</i></p> <p>⁹ ^(h)O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your ⁽ⁱ⁾anointed.</p> <p>¹⁰ For a day in Your courts <i>is</i> better than a thousand. I would rather ^(g)be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.</p>	<p>84 How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of heavenly forces!</p> <p>² My very being ^(a)longs, even yearns, for the Lord’s courtyards. My heart and my body will rejoice out loud to the living God!</p> <p>³ Yes, the sparrow too has found a home there; the swallow has found herself a nest where she can lay her young beside your altars, Lord of heavenly forces, my king, my God!</p> <p>⁴ Those who live in your house are truly happy; they praise you constantly. <i>Selah</i></p> <p>⁵ Those who put their strength in you are truly happy; pilgrimage is in their hearts.</p> <p>⁶ As they pass through the Baca Valley, ^(b) they make it a spring of water. Yes, the early rain covers it with blessings.</p> <p>⁷ They go from strength to strength, until they see the supreme God in Zion. ^(c)</p> <p>⁸ Lord God of heavenly forces, hear my prayer; listen closely, Jacob’s God! <i>Selah</i></p> <p>⁹ Look at our shield, God; pay close attention to the face of your anointed one!</p> <p>¹⁰ Better is a single day in your courtyards than a thousand days anywhere else! I would prefer to stand outside the entrance of my God’s house than live comfortably in the</p>

¹² Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 2, pp. 18–21). Inter-Varsity Press.

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<p>¹¹ For the Lord God is ⁽¹⁾a sun and ⁽¹⁾shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; ⁽¹⁾No good <i>thing</i> will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. ¹² O Lord of hosts, ⁽¹⁾Blessed <i>is</i> the man who trusts in You!</p> <p>Footnotes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Psalm 84:1 Heb. <i>Al Gittith</i> b. Psalm 84:1 <i>are Your dwellings</i> c. Psalm 84:6 Lit. <i>Weeping</i> d. Psalm 84:6 Or <i>blessings</i> e. Psalm 84:7 LXX, Syr., Vg. <i>The God of gods shall be seen</i> f. Psalm 84:9 Commissioned one, Heb. <i>messiah</i> g. Psalm 84:10 <i>stand at the threshold</i> <p>Cross references</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Psalm 84:1 : Ps. 8:title B. Psalm 84:1 : Ps. 27:4; 46:4, 5 C. Psalm 84:2 : Ps. 42:1, 2 D. Psalm 84:4 : [Ps. 65:4] E. Psalm 84:6 : 2 Sam. 5:22–25 F. Psalm 84:7 : Prov. 4:18; Is. 40:31; John 1:16; 2 Cor. 3:18 G. Psalm 84:7 : Ex. 34:23; Deut. 16:16 H. Psalm 84:9 : Gen. 15:1 I. Psalm 84:11 : Is. 60:19, 20; Mal. 4:2; Rev. 21:23 J. Psalm 84:11 : Gen. 15:1 K. Psalm 84:11 : Ps. 34:9, 10 L. Psalm 84:12 : [Ps. 2:12; 40:4] 	<p>tents of the wicked! ¹¹ The Lord is a sun and shield; God is favor and glory. The Lord gives—doesn't withhold!—good things to those who walk with integrity. ¹² Lord of heavenly forces, those who trust in you are truly happy!</p> <p>Footnotes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Psalm 84:2 Or <i>soul</i> b. Psalm 84:6 LXX; Vulg <i>Valley of Tears</i> c. Psalm 84:7 Correction; MT <i>the God of gods will be seen in Zion</i>
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Psalm 84

The first of this supplementary Korah group is as well known and well loved as any psalm in the Psalter. Two metrical English versions of it are still to be found in standard hymn books, Isaac Watts's 'Lord of the worlds above', dating from 1719, and Henry Lyte's 'Pleasant are thy courts above', of 1834.¹³

Psalm 87 NKJV	Psalm 87 CEB
The Glories of the City of God A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.	A psalm of the Korahites. A song.
87 His foundation <i>is</i> in the holy mountains.	87 God's foundation is set on the holy mountains.

¹³ Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 2, pp. 47–51). Inter-Varsity Press.

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<p>² ^(A) The Lord loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob. ³ ^(B) Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! <i>Selah</i> ⁴ "I will make mention of ^(a) Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: 'This <i>one</i> was born there.' " ⁵ And of Zion it will be said, "This <i>one</i> and that <i>one</i> were born in her; And the Most High Himself shall establish her." ⁶ The Lord will record, When He ^(C) registers the peoples: "This <i>one</i> was born there." <i>Selah</i> ⁷ Both the singers and the players on instruments <i>say</i>, "All my springs <i>are</i> in you." Footnotes a. Psalm 87:4 Egypt Cross references A. Psalm 87:2 : Ps. 78:67, 68 B. Psalm 87:3 : Is. 60:1 C. Psalm 87:6 : Is. 4:3</p>	<p>² The Lord loves Zion's gates more than all of Jacob's houses combined. ³ Glorious things are said about you, the city of God! <i>Selah</i> ⁴ I count Rahab and Babel among those who know me; also Philistia and Tyre, along with Cush— each of these was born there. ⁵ And of Zion it is said: "Each person was born in it, but the one who will establish it is the Most High." ⁶ The Lord makes a record as he registers the peoples: "Each one was born there." <i>Selah</i> ⁷ And while they dance, people sing: "The source of my life comes from you."</p>
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Psalm 87

The last but one of the Korah psalms is in some ways an enigma. Even so, its clarities outweigh its obscurities, as in so much of the Psalter.¹⁴

¹⁴ Wilcock, M. (2001). [The Message of Psalms: Songs for the People of God](#) (J. A. Motyer, Ed.; Vol. 2, pp. 57–60). Inter-Varsity Press.