# DASV [Digital American Standard Version]

### BOOK I: Psalms 1-41

### DASV: Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way with sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers.
<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
<sup>3</sup> He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season; its leaves do not wither. Everything he attempts will prosper.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,

but are like the chaff that the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, or sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage, and the peoples devise useless plots? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth take their battle positions and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed. <sup>3</sup> "Let us break their chains," they cry, "and throw off their ropes from us." <sup>4</sup> He who is enthroned in the heavens laughs; the LORD scoffs at them. <sup>5</sup> Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and terrifies them in his fury. <sup>6</sup> "I have established my king on Zion, my holy hill." <sup>7</sup> I will announce the decree. The LORD said to me: "You are my son; this day have I have become your father. <sup>8</sup> Ask me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as your possession. <sup>9</sup> You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them in pieces like a potter's clay pot." <sup>10</sup> Now therefore be wise, O kings; be instructed, O judges of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the son, lest he become angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath can quickly ignite. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

A psalm of David, when he fled from his son Absalom.

For the music director, with stringed instruments. A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!	
When I was in distress, you gave me relief;	
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.	
$^{2}$ How long, O sons of men, will my glory be turned into shame?	
How long will you love worthless words and pursue lies?	Selah
<sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;	Seidh
the LORD will hear when I call to him.	
<sup>4</sup> Fearfully tremble and do not sin;	
ponder in your heart when on your beds and be silent.	Selah
<sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices,	Seiun
and put your trust in the LORD.	
<sup>6</sup> There are many who complain,	
"Who will show us anything good?"	
May the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.	
<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart,	
more than those who have abundant grain and wine.	
<sup>8</sup> In peace I will lay down and sleep;	
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.	

For the music director, for the flutes. A psalm of David.

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my groaning.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> Pay attention to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to you.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> O LORD, in the morning you will hear my voice; in the morning I will bring my case to you, and eagerly watch.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who delights in wickedness, evil cannot dwell with you.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> The arrogant cannot stand before your eyes; you hate all who do evil.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> You will destroy those who speak lies; the LORD detests those who are violent and deceitful.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>7</sup> But as for me, by the abundance of your loyal love, I will enter your house.</li> <li>I will worship toward your holy temple in reverence of you.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>9</sup> For there is no truth in their mouths, their hearts desire destruction, their throats are an open grave, their tongues speak deceptive flattery.</li> <li><sup>10</sup> Hold them guilty, O God, let them fall by their own schemes; because of their many sins, throw them out, for they have rebelled against you.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>11</sup> But let all those who take refuge in you rejoice; let them always shout for joy.</li> <li>Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may be joyful in you.</li> <li><sup>12</sup> For you will bless the righteous, O LORD; you will encircle him with favor as with a shield.</li> </ul>

For the music director, with stringed instruments; according to the Sheminith. A psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger, or discipline me in your wrath. <sup>2</sup> Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am frail. O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled in agony. <sup>3</sup> My soul is absolutely troubled in anguish, and you, O LORD, how long? <sup>4</sup> Return, O LORD, deliver my soul; save me because of your loyal love. <sup>5</sup> For in death there is no remembrance of you, in the grave, who praises you? <sup>6</sup> I am weary with my groaning; every night I flood my bed with weeping; I drench my couch with my tears. <sup>7</sup> My eyes are blurry because of grief; they are worn out because of all my adversaries. <sup>8</sup> Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. <sup>9</sup> The LORD has heard my supplication; the LORD will accept my prayer. <sup>10</sup> All my enemies will be shamed and greatly quake in anguish;

they will turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

A Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the LORD concerning Cush, a Benjaminite.

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> O LORD my God, in you I have taken refuge; save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me,</li> <li><sup>2</sup> or they will tear me apart like a lion, ripping me to shreds, while there is no one to rescue me.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>3</sup> O LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is injustice in my hands,</li> <li><sup>4</sup> if I have repaid my ally harm, or senselessly plundered my enemy,</li> <li><sup>5</sup> let the enemy pursue and catch me; let him trample my life down into the ground, and lay my honor in the dust. Selah</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>6</sup> Arise, O LORD, in your anger; rise up in rage against my enemies; awake, O my God, order justice.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> The assembly of the peoples surround you; take your seat over them on high.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> The LORD judges the peoples; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Exalted One.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> May the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; for you, O righteous God, test the minds and hearts.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>10</sup> God is my shield, the One who saves the upright in heart.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> God is a righteous judge, a God who is angry every day.</li> <li><sup>12</sup> If a person does not repent, he will sharpen his sword; he will bend and prepare his bow.</li> <li><sup>13</sup> He has also readied his deadly weapons; he prepared his flaming arrows.</li> <li><sup>14</sup> Look, the wicked person conceives evil; he is pregnant with trouble, and gives birth to lies.</li> </ul>

<sup>15</sup> He digs a pit, clears it out, then falls into the hole he has made.

<sup>16</sup> His trouble returns upon his own head,

and his violence comes back on his own head. <sup>17</sup> I will give thanks to the LORD according to his righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

For the music director. According to The Gittith. A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth; you have set your glory upon the heavens! <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants you have ordained praise because of your adversaries, that you might silence the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, that you have put in place, <sup>4</sup> what is man, that you are mindful of him, and the son of man, that you care for him? <sup>5</sup> For you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings, and crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have given him rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and even the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

For the music director, according to Muth-labben. A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvelous works. <sup>2</sup> I will be glad and rejoice in you. I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. <sup>3</sup> When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before you. <sup>4</sup> For you have maintained my right and my cause; you sat on the throne judging righteously. <sup>5</sup> You have rebuked the nations; you have destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. <sup>6</sup> The enemy has come to an end in everlasting ruins, and you have uprooted their cities, the very memory of them has perished. <sup>7</sup> But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for judgment; <sup>8</sup> he will judge the world with righteousness; he will judge the peoples with fairness. <sup>9</sup> The LORD will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. <sup>10</sup> Those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. <sup>11</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion; declare his deeds among the people. <sup>12</sup> For he who avenges blood remembers the slain; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. <sup>13</sup> Have mercy on me, O LORD. Look at my affliction that I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who can lift me up from the gates of death, <sup>14</sup> that I may recount all your praises, in the gates of the daughter of Zion I will rejoice in your salvation. <sup>15</sup> The nations have fallen into the pit they made; their own foot has been snared in the net they hid. <sup>16</sup> The LORD has made himself known,

he has executed judgment; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. *Higgaion. Selah* <sup>17</sup> The wicked will be turned back to the grave, all the nations that forget God. <sup>18</sup> For the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor dashed forever. <sup>19</sup> Arise, O LORD, do not let humans prevail; let the nations be judged before you. <sup>20</sup> Terrify them, O LORD; let the nations know that they are merely human. *Selah* 

<sup>1</sup> Why do you stand so far off, O LORD? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? <sup>2</sup> In arrogance the wicked hunt down the poor. Let them be caught in the schemes they have plotted. <sup>3</sup> For the wicked boasts about his heart's desire, and the greedy one curses and renounces the LORD. <sup>4</sup> In pride the wicked refuses to seek him, thinking, "He will never find out." All his thoughts are, "There is no God." <sup>5</sup> His ways are always prosperous; your judgments are far above, out of his sight, as for all his enemies, he snorts at them. <sup>6</sup> He says in his heart, "I will never be moved, to all generations I will never have any trouble." <sup>7</sup> His mouth is full of curses, deceit and harm; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity. <sup>8</sup> He crouches in ambush in the villages; from the secret places he murders the innocent, his eyes stalk the helpless. <sup>9</sup> He lurks in secret as a lion in his lair; he lies in wait ready to pounce on the poor; he catches the poor and drags him off in his net. <sup>10</sup> His victims are crushed, and the helpless fall under his might. <sup>11</sup> He says in his heart, "God has forgotten; he has hidden his face; he will never ever see it." <sup>12</sup> Arise, O LORD, O God, lift up your hand, do not forget the oppressed. <sup>13</sup> Why does the wicked despise God, and say in his heart, "You will not hold me accountable"? <sup>14</sup> But you have seen it, for you are aware of trouble and grief, that you may take it into your hand. The helpless commits himself to you; you have been the orphan's helper. <sup>15</sup> Break the arm of the wicked, and as for the evil man, search out his wickedness until you find none of it left. <sup>16</sup> The LORD is King forever and ever,

the nations perish from his land.

- <sup>17</sup> O LORD, you hear the pleas of the oppressed;
  - you strengthen their heart,

your ear hears their prayer,

<sup>18</sup> to render justice for the orphan and the oppressed,
 so that no one on the earth may terrify them any longer.

For the music director, of David.

<sup>1</sup> In the LORD I take refuge. How can you say to me, "Flee like a bird to your mountain."
<sup>2</sup> For look, the wicked bend their bow; they have readied their arrow on the string so that they may shoot in dark at the upright in heart.
<sup>3</sup> If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven. His eyes see; his eyelids examine the children of men.
<sup>5</sup> The LORD examines the righteous and the wicked,

and the one who loves violence he hates.

<sup>6</sup> On the wicked he will rain burning coals and sulfur, and a scorching wind will be the portion of their cup.

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is righteous, he loves righteousness; the upright will gaze on his face.

For the music director, according to The Sheminith. A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> Help, O LORD, for anyone who is godly is gone; the faithful have vanished from the human race.
<sup>2</sup> Each person tells lies to his neighbor; they speak with a flattering lip and a deceptive heart.
<sup>3</sup> The LORD will cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that speaks boastful things.
<sup>4</sup> Those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail; our lips are our own, who is lord over us?"
<sup>5</sup> "Because of the violence done to the poor,

because of the sighing of the needy, I will arise," says the LORD, "I will set him in the safety for which he longs." <sup>6</sup> The words of the LORD are pure; as silver fired in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

<sup>7</sup> You will keep them, O LORD; you will protect them from this generation forever.
<sup>8</sup> The wicked walk around everywhere, when vileness is exalted among humanity.

## For the music director, a psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD, will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
<sup>2</sup> How long must I struggle with anxiety in my soul, having sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

 <sup>3</sup> Look at me and answer me, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or else I will sleep in death,
 <sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed over him," and my foes rejoice at my downfall.

<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your loyal love; my heart will rejoice in your salvation.
<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD, because he has vindicated me.

For the music director, of David.

<sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do detestable deeds; there is no one who does good.
<sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race, to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.
<sup>3</sup> They all have turned away, they all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.
<sup>4</sup> Do the evildoers really not know?

They eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call on the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> There they are totally terrified,

for God is in the company of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> You would block the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.

<sup>7</sup> O that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD brings back the fortunes of his people, then Jacob will rejoice, and Israel will be glad.

#### A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may sojourn in your sanctuary? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
<sup>2</sup> The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is right, and speaks the truth from his heart,
<sup>3</sup> who does not slander with his tongue, and does no harm to his friend, who does not speak disrespectfully about his neighbor;
<sup>4</sup> who despises the vile, but who honors those who fear the LORD, one who keeps his promises, even to his own hurt, and does not renege,
<sup>5</sup> one who lends money without charging interest, who does not take a bribe against the innocent. The one who does these things will never be moved.

#### A Miktam of David.

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you. <sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord, I have no good besides you." <sup>3</sup> As for the holy ones who are in the earth, they are the leaders, in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup> Those who pursue other gods multiply their sorrows; I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood, or take their names on my lips. <sup>5</sup> LORD you are my allotted portion and my cup; you hold my lot secure. <sup>6</sup> The boundary lines are fallen to me in pleasant places; I have a beautiful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD, who has given me guidance; even in the night my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also will rest in security. <sup>10</sup> For you will not leave my soul in Sheol; or allow your faithful one to experience decay. <sup>11</sup> You show me the path of life;

in your presence is abundant joy;

in your right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

## A prayer of David.

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD, attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer offered from lips free of deceit.

<sup>2</sup> Let my vindication come out from before you; let your eyes look at what is right.

<sup>3</sup> You have examined my heart; you have visited me in the night; you have tried me, and found nothing; I have purposed that my mouth should not sin.
<sup>4</sup> As for the works of other people, by the word of your lips I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.
<sup>5</sup> My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

<sup>6</sup> I call upon you, for you will answer me; O God, turn your ear to me and hear my words.
<sup>7</sup> Wondrously display your loyal love, you who save by your right hand, those who seek refuge in you from their foes.
<sup>8</sup> Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
<sup>9</sup> from the wicked who oppress me, my deadly enemies who surround me.

<sup>10</sup> They close their insensitive hearts; their mouths speak arrogantly.

<sup>11</sup> They track me down, then they surround me;

they focus their eyes to throw me down to the ground.

<sup>12</sup> They are like a lion eager for prey, and like a young lion lurking in ambush.

 <sup>13</sup> Arise, O LORD, confront him, cast him down, deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword;
 <sup>14</sup> from men by your hand, O LORD,

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

<sup>15</sup> As for me, I will gaze on your face in righteousness; when I awake, I will be satisfied by seeing your likeness.

For the music director; A psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who sang to the LORD the words of this song to the LORD on the day when the LORD rescued him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

<sup>1</sup> I love you, O LORD, my strength.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup> I called on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, so I was saved from my enemies.
<sup>4</sup> The cords of death surrounded me, and the floods of destruction overwhelmed me.
<sup>5</sup> The cords of Sheol wrapped around me; the snares of death trapped me.
<sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried for help to my God. He heard my voice from his temple, and my cry for help came to his ears.

<sup>7</sup> Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the mountains quaked and shook because he was angry. <sup>8</sup> Smoke went up out of his nostrils, and fire from his mouth devoured, flaming coals were kindled by it. <sup>9</sup> The heavens bent down as he descended, and thick darkness was under his feet. <sup>10</sup> He mounted a cherub, and flew; he soared upon the wings of the wind. <sup>11</sup> He made darkness his covering; his canopy around him was dark rain clouds. <sup>12</sup> From the brightness before him his thick clouds passed by, with hailstones and coals of fire. <sup>13</sup> The LORD thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. <sup>14</sup> He shot his arrows, and scattered them; he flashed lightning bolts, and routed them. <sup>15</sup> Then the channels of sea were seen,

and the foundations of the world were laid bare,
at your rebuke, O LORD,
at the blast of the breath from your nostrils.
<sup>16</sup> He reached down from on high, he took hold of me; he pulled me out of deep waters.
<sup>17</sup> He delivered me from my strong enemy,
and from those who hated me,
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for they were too strong for me. $^{18}$ They attacked me in the day of my colomity
<sup>18</sup> They attacked me in the day of my calamity,
but the LORD was my support.
<sup>19</sup> He brought me out into the open;
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.
<sup>20</sup> The LORD has repaid me according to my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.
<sup>21</sup> For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
and have not wickedly departed from my God.
<sup>22</sup> For all his regulations were before me,
and I have not rejected his statutes.
<sup>23</sup> I was blameless before him,
and I kept myself from sin.
<sup>24</sup> Therefore the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
according to the cleanness of my nands in ms sight.
<sup>25</sup> To the faithful you show yourself faithful;
to the blameless you show yourself blameless;
<sup>26</sup> to the pure you show yourself pure,
and to the twisted you show yourself cunning.
<sup>27</sup> You save the humble,
but those with haughty eyes you humble.
<sup>28</sup> For you light my lamp;
the LORD, my God lights up my darkness.
<sup>29</sup> For by you I can attack an army,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
<sup>30</sup> As for God, his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD is tried and true.
He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him.
<sup>31</sup> For who is God, except the LORD?
Who is a rock, besides our God? $^{32}$ Cod agains me with strength
<sup>32</sup> God equips me with strength,
and makes my way perfect.

- <sup>33</sup> He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and sets me on high places. <sup>34</sup> He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. <sup>35</sup> You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand has held me up, and your support has made me great. <sup>36</sup> You have widened the path for my steps under me, and my feet have not slipped. <sup>37</sup> I pursued my enemies and overtook them; I did not turn back until they were destroyed. <sup>38</sup> I struck them through, so that they were not able to rise; they fell under my feet. <sup>39</sup> For you have equipped me with strength for the battle; those who rose up against me, you have subdued under me. <sup>40</sup> You have made my fleeing enemies turn their backs to me, and I destroyed those who hated me. <sup>41</sup> They cried for help, but there was no one to save them; they cried out to the LORD, but he did not answer them. <sup>42</sup> I beat them as fine as the dust blown by the wind; I swept them out like mud from the streets. <sup>43</sup> You have delivered me from people accusing me; you have made me the head of the nations, a people whom I did not know serve me. <sup>44</sup> As soon as they hear about me, they obey me; foreigners helplessly cringe before me. <sup>45</sup> Foreigners lose their courage, and come trembling out of their fortified enclosures.
- <sup>46</sup> The LORD lives! Blessed be my rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted.
  <sup>47</sup> It is God who avenges me,

and subdues the people under me.

<sup>48</sup> He rescues me from my enemies;

yes, you lifted me up above those who rose up against me; you delivered me from the violent.

<sup>49</sup> Therefore I will give thanks to you, O LORD,

among the nations,

and will sing praises to your name.

<sup>50</sup> He gives great victories to his king; and shows loyal love to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.

#### For the music director, a psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; the sky proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup> Day to day utters speech, night to night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup> There is no speech nor are there words, their voice is not heard, <sup>4</sup> yet their voice is gone out through all the earth, their words to the end of the world. In them he has pitched a tent for the sun, 5 which is like a bridegroom coming out of his wedding chamber. It rejoices like a strong man to run a race. <sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens, and proceeds to the other end of it: there is nothing hid from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are reliable, making the simple wise. <sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes. <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The commands of the LORD are true, and absolutely righteous. <sup>10</sup> They are more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold. They are sweeter than honey, even the drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> Who can discern his own errors? Clear me from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep your servant from deliberate sins, let them not have control over me. Then I will be blameless.

and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

# For the music director, a psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble;
the name of the God of Jacob set you secure on high.
$^{2}$ May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and support you out of Zion.
<sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings,
and accept your burnt offering. Selah
<sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire,
and cause all your plans to succeed.
<sup>5</sup> We will shout for joy over your salvation,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the LORD give you all your requests.
<sup>6</sup> Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
by the saving strength of his right hand.
<sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots, and some in horses,
but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.
<sup>8</sup> They are bent over and fall,
but we arise and stand upright.

<sup>9</sup> Save the King, O LORD. Answer us when we call.

# For the music director, a psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, the king rejoices in your strength,
how greatly he rejoices in your salvation!
<sup>2</sup> You have given him his heart's desire,
and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah
<sup>3</sup> For you met him with rich blessings;
you set a crown of pure gold on his head.
<sup>4</sup> He asked you for life, you gave it to him,
even length of days forever and ever.
<sup>5</sup> By your salvation his glory is great;
you confer honor and majesty on him.
<sup>6</sup> For you bestow eternal blessings on him;
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.
<sup>7</sup> For the king trusts in the LORD,
and through the loyal love of the Most High
he will not be moved.
<sup>8</sup> Vour hard will dominate all your anomiase
<sup>8</sup> Your hand will dominate all your enemies;
your right hand will dominate those who hate you.
<sup>9</sup> You will burn them up like a fiery furnace
when you appear.
The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath,
and the fire will devour them.
<sup>10</sup> Their offspring you will destroy from the earth,
and their descendants from among the human race.
<sup>11</sup> For although they intend harm against you,
while they conceive a scheme, they will not succeed.
while they conceive a scheme, they will not succeed. <sup>12</sup> For you will make them turn in retreat;
while they conceive a scheme, they will not succeed. <sup>12</sup> For you will make them turn in retreat; you will aim your bowstrings at their faces.
while they conceive a scheme, they will not succeed. <sup>12</sup> For you will make them turn in retreat;

For the music director, according to The Deer of the Dawn, a psalm of David. <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me. so far from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, I find no relief. <sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy, the one enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup> Our fathers trusted in you; they trusted, and you delivered them. <sup>5</sup> They cried out to you, and were rescued; they trusted in you, and were not disappointed. <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm, and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they shoot out the lip; they shake their heads, saying, <sup>8</sup> "He trusts in to the LORD. Let him deliver him; let him rescue him, seeing he delights in him." <sup>9</sup> Yet you are the one who brought me out of the womb; you made me trust when I was at my mother's breasts. <sup>10</sup> I was cast on you from birth; you have been my God since my mother bore me. <sup>11</sup> Do not stay far away from me; for trouble is near and there is no one to help. <sup>12</sup> Many bulls have surrounded me; strong bulls of Bashan have hemmed me in. <sup>13</sup> They open their mouths wide against me, like a ravening and roaring lion. <sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax: it is melted within me. <sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a piece of pottery,

and my tongue sticks to my gums, and you lay me in the dust of death. <sup>16</sup> For dogs surround me; a pack of evildoers encircles me, they pierce my hands and my feet. <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones: they stare and gloat over me. <sup>18</sup> They divide my clothes among them, and cast lots for my clothes. <sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, do not stay far away! O my help, come quickly to help me. <sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. <sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth; rescue me from the horns of the wild oxen. <sup>22</sup> I will declare your name to my brothers; in the middle of the assembly I will praise you. <sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you, the seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you the descendants of Israel. <sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or abhorred the suffering of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from him, but when he cried out to him, he listened. <sup>25</sup> You are the reason for my praise in the great assembly; I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him. <sup>26</sup> The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him; may your hearts live forever. <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of nations will worship before you. <sup>28</sup> For the kingship belongs to the LORD, he is ruler over the nations. <sup>29</sup> All those flourishing on the earth will eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust will bow before him-the one who cannot keep himself alive. <sup>30</sup> An entire generation will serve him; it will tell the next generation about the Lord. <sup>31</sup> They will come and declare his righteousness

to a people who have yet to be born, telling what he has done.

## A psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters.
<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul, he guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
<sup>4</sup> Even though, I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no harm, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# A psalm of David

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's, and everything it contains, the world, and those who live in it.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> For he put its foundation on the seas, and established it on the rivers.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?</li> <li><sup>4</sup> Only one who has clean hands, and a pure heart, who does not worship an idol, who does not swear deceitfully.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of his salvation.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.</li> </ul>	Selah
<ul> <li><sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates, be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates, be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.</li> <li><sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah</li> </ul>	

## Of David

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup> O my God, I trust in you; do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies triumph over me. <sup>3</sup> Surely no one who waits for you will be put to shame; they will be disgraced who act treacherously without cause. <sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation, I expectantly wait for you all day long. <sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compassion and your loyal love, for they have existed from ancient times. <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth, or my acts of rebellion; according to your loyal love remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD, therefore he instructs sinners in the proper way. <sup>9</sup> He guides the humble with justice, and teaches them his way. <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are loyal love and faithful, to those who keep his covenant and his demands. <sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. <sup>12</sup> Who is one who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose. <sup>13</sup> He will live in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. <sup>14</sup> The LORD offers advice to those who fear him, and he will show them his covenant. <sup>15</sup> My eyes are always on the LORD, for he will pluck my feet from the snaring net. <sup>16</sup> Turn to me, and have mercy on me, for I am alone and afflicted.

<sup>17</sup> The troubles of my heart are huge;

- release me from the pressures on me. <sup>18</sup> Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
- <sup>19</sup> Consider my enemies, for they are many,
  - and they hate me with a violent hatred.
- <sup>20</sup> Guard my life, and deliver me;
  - let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
- <sup>21</sup> Let integrity and uprightness protect me,
  - for I expectantly wait for you.
- <sup>22</sup> Redeem Israel, O God,
  - out of all its troubles.

## Of David

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity; I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. <sup>2</sup> Examine me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. <sup>3</sup> For your loyal love is before my eyes; and I have walked in your truth. <sup>4</sup> I do not sit with deceitful men, neither will I join with hypocrites. <sup>5</sup> I hate the assembly of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked. <sup>6</sup> I will wash my hands in innocence, so I will go around your altar, O LORD, <sup>7</sup> raising my voice in thanksgiving, and telling of all your wondrous works. <sup>8</sup> O LORD, I love the house where you inhabit, and the place where your glory dwells. <sup>9</sup> Do not sweep me away with sinners, or condemn my life with men of blood, <sup>10</sup> in whose hands is wicked scheming, and their right hand is full of bribes. <sup>11</sup> But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be merciful to me.

<sup>12</sup> My foot stands in a level place, in the great congregation I will praise the LORD.

## Of David

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup> When evildoers attack me to devour my flesh, even my adversaries and my foes stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army is deployed against me, my heart will not fear; though a battle breaks out against me, even then I will be confident. <sup>4</sup> One thing I have asked of the LORD, this is what I am seeking: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble he will hide me in his shelter, in the cover of his tabernacle he will hide me; he will put me high on a secure rock. <sup>6</sup> Then I will lift my head up above my enemies who surround me, and I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing and perform music to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry out; have mercy on me and answer me. <sup>8</sup> When you said, "Seek my face." My heart said to you, "Your face, LORD, I will seek." <sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me; do not turn your servant away in anger. You have been my help. Do not desert or abandon me, O God of my salvation. <sup>10</sup> When my father and my mother abandon me, then the LORD will take me in. <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD; and lead me in a level path because of my enemies. <sup>12</sup> Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,

for false witnesses have risen against me, they exhale violence.

<sup>13</sup> I am confident of this: that I will see the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup> Wait expectantly for the LORD;

be strong and let your heart take courage and wait expectantly for the LORD.

# Of David

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> Unto you, O LORD, will I call; my rock, do not refuse to listen to me; for if you ignore me, I will become like those who go down into the pit.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> Hear the voice of my plea for mercy when I cry to you, when I lift up my hands toward your holy sanctuary.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>3</sup> Do not drag me away with the wicked, and with the evildoers;</li> <li>who speak peace with their neighbors, while plotting harm in their hearts.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> Repay them according to their deeds, according to their evil actions;</li> <li>repay them according to the work of their hands; give them back what they deserve.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> Because they have no respect for the works of the LORD, or the actions of his hands, he will break them down and never rebuild them.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped. Therefore my heart leaps for joy; and I will praise him with my song.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> The LORD is his strength, and he is a saving refuge for his anointed one.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> Save your people, and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.</li> </ul>

## A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name;
worship the LORD in the magnificence of his holiness.
<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
even the LORD over mighty waters.
<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD shatters the cedars;
the LORD shatters in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young ox.
<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD strikes with bolts of lightning.
<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD twists the oaks,
and strips the forests bare.
Everyone in his temple cries, "Glory."
<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.

 the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.
 <sup>11</sup> The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

A psalm. A song for the dedication of the temple. Of David. <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD; for you have lifted me up, and have not let my foes gloat over me. <sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you healed me. <sup>3</sup> O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol; you rescued my life from descending into the pit. <sup>4</sup> Sing praise to the LORD, his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. <sup>5</sup> For his anger lasts just a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping may persist through the night, but joy comes in the morning. <sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I will never be moved." <sup>7</sup> LORD, by your favor you made my mountain stand firm, then you hid your face and I was terrified. <sup>8</sup> I cried to you, O LORD, and to the LORD I pleaded for mercy. <sup>9</sup> "What benefit is there in my death, in my going down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it declare your faithfulness? <sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me, O LORD, be my helper." <sup>11</sup> You turned my mourning into dancing. You took off my sackcloth, and clothed me with gladness,

<sup>12</sup> so that my glory may praise you, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

For the music director, a psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I have sought refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. <sup>2</sup> Turn your ear toward me; quickly deliver me. Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. <sup>3</sup> For you are my rock and my fortress, for your name's sake lead me and guide me. <sup>4</sup> Free me from the trap that they secretly laid for me, for you are my stronghold. <sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit, you have redeemed me, O LORD, for you are a faithful God. <sup>6</sup> I hate those clinging to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. <sup>7</sup> I will be glad and rejoice in your loyal love; because you have seen my affliction, you know the troubles of my soul. <sup>8</sup> You have not delivered me over to the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a wide open place. <sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and my body as well. <sup>10</sup> For my life is worn out by sorrow, and my years with sighing. My strength fails because of my anguish, and my bones waste away. <sup>11</sup> Because of all my enemies I am despised; even my neighbors dread me fearing my acquaintance. Those who see me in the street run away from me. <sup>12</sup> I am forgotten like a dead man who drops out of mind; I am discarded like broken pottery. <sup>13</sup> For I have heard the gossip of many, whispering, "Terror on every side," while they plotted together against me, they conspire to take away my life.

<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O LORD. I confess, "You are my God." <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. <sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine on your servant; save me by your loyal love. <sup>17</sup> Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I have called on you; let the wicked be put to shame, let them be silent in Sheol. <sup>18</sup> Let the lying lips be silenced, those who speak arrogantly against the righteous, with pride and contempt. <sup>19</sup> How great is your goodness, which you store up for those who fear you, which you have granted to those who take refuge in you, in the sight of all humanity. <sup>20</sup> In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plotting. You conceal them in a shelter safe from slanderous tongues. <sup>21</sup> Blessed be the LORD, for he has shown me his marvelous loyal love when I was trapped in a besieged city.

<sup>22</sup> As for me, I said in my panic,
"I am cut off from your sight."
But you heard my plea for mercy when I cried to you for help.

<sup>23</sup> Love the LORD, all his faithful ones. The LORD preserves the faithful, and abundantly repays the one who acts proudly.
<sup>24</sup> Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the LORD.

# Of David, a Maskil

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one to whom the LORD does not impute guilt, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the parching heat of summer. <i>Selah</i></li> <li><sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not try to hide my guilt.</li> <li>I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD;" and you forgave the guilt of my sin. <i>Selah</i></li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>6</sup> Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you in a time when you may be found. Surely when the flood waters rise, it will not reach him.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble; you will surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah</li> <li><sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will advise you with my eye upon you.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or mule, which have no understanding, which must be controlled by a bit and bridle, otherwise they will not come near you.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>10</sup> Many sorrows come on the wicked, but one who trusts in the LORD, loyal love surrounds him.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> Be happy in the LORD, and rejoice, you righteous; shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; praise is fitting for the upright. <sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; play music to him on a harp with ten strings. <sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song; play skillfully with shouts of joy. <sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD is right, and everything he does is with faithfulness. <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the loyal love of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth. <sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea into a heap; he puts the deep in storehouses. <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. <sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood firm. <sup>10</sup> The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he stymies the plans of the peoples. <sup>11</sup> The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen for his inheritance. <sup>13</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees the entire human race. <sup>14</sup> From the place where he dwells, he observes all the inhabitants of the earth. <sup>15</sup> He fashions the hearts of them all, he considers all their deeds. <sup>16</sup> No king is saved by his great army; no warrior is delivered by his great strength. <sup>17</sup> It is false to trust a horse for victory, for it cannot deliver even by its great strength. <sup>18</sup> Look, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his loyal love, <sup>19</sup> to deliver their soul from death, and keep them alive in famine.

- <sup>20</sup> Our soul expectantly waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup> For our heart rejoices in him, because we trust in his holy name.
  <sup>22</sup> Let your loyal love, O LORD, be upon us,
- just as we expectantly wait for you.

*Of David, when he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, so that he threw him out, and he got away.* 

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise will continually be in my mouth.
  <sup>2</sup> My soul will boast in the LORD; the oppressed will hear and be glad.
  <sup>3</sup> Magnify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
  <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant,
  - and their faces will never be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried out, and the LORD listened, and saved him from all his troubles.
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD camps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
  <sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you his holy ones;
- for those who fear him will not lack anything. <sup>10</sup> Even young lions suffer need and hunger, but those who seek the LORD will not lack any good thing.
- <sup>11</sup> Come, children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
  <sup>12</sup> What person is there who desires life, and wants a long life to see good?
  <sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from telling lies.
  <sup>14</sup> Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
- <sup>16</sup> The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off all memory of them from the earth.

- <sup>17</sup> The righteous cry for help and the LORD hears them, and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to those who are brokenhearted, and saves those whose spirits are crushed.
- <sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues him from them all.
- <sup>20</sup> He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken.
- <sup>21</sup> Evil will slay the wicked,
  - and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- <sup>22</sup> The LORD redeems the life of his servants,
  - and none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

# Of David

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> Oppose, O LORD, those who oppose me; fight against those who fight against me.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> Take hold of shield and buckler; rise up to help me.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> Draw out the spear and javelin against those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>4</sup> Let them be put to shame and disgrace who seek my life; turn them back and humiliate those plotting to harm me.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> For no reason they hid their net for me; for no reason they dug a pit for my life.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> Let destruction come on him by surprise, and let the net he hid snare himself,</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>with destruction let him fall into the pit.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> Then I will be joyful in the LORD; I will rejoice in his salvation.</li> <li><sup>10</sup> All my bones will say, "O LORD, who is like you?" You deliver the poor from the one who is too strong for him, the poor and the needy from the one who attempts to rob him.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>11</sup> Malicious witnesses rise up; they accuse me of things that I know nothing about.</li> <li><sup>12</sup> They repay me evil for good; I am overcome with sorrow.</li> <li><sup>13</sup> But when they were sick, I put on sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting, and I prayed with my head bowed low on my chest.</li> <li><sup>14</sup> I grieved for them as if they had been my friend or my brother; I bowed down mourning, as one who laments for his own mother</li> <li><sup>15</sup> But when I stumbled, they rejoiced and gathered together against me, attackers I do not even know; they tear me apart without stopping.</li> <li><sup>16</sup> Like the profane mockers at feasts,</li> </ul>
they gnash on me with their teeth. <sup>17</sup> O Lord, how long will you just look on?

Rescue me from their devastating attacks; save my precious life from the lions. <sup>18</sup> I will give you thanks in the great assembly; I will praise you among many people.
<ul> <li><sup>19</sup> Do not let those who are my treacherous enemies rejoice over me; do not let those who hate me for no reason wink with the eye.</li> <li><sup>20</sup> For they do not speak peace, but they devise deceitful words</li> </ul>
against those who live quietly in the land.
<sup>21</sup> They open their mouth wide against me;
they say, "Aha, aha, our own eyes have seen him do it."
<sup>22</sup> You have seen it, O LORD;
do not remain silent, O Lord;
do not stay far away from me.
<sup>23</sup> Rouse yourself, and wake up for my justice;
defend my cause, my God and my Lord.
<sup>24</sup> Vindicate me, O LORD my God,
according to your righteousness;
do not let them rejoice over me.
<sup>25</sup> Do not let them say in their heart,
"Aha, we got what we wanted."
Do not let them say,
"We have swallowed him up."
<sup>26</sup> Let those who rejoice at my harm
be put to shame and disgrace;
let those who exalt themselves against me
be clothed with shame and dishonor.
<sup>27</sup> Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause;
Let them should for joy, and be glad, that have my fighteous eause,

 let them continually say, "The LORD is great, who delights in the prosperity of his servant."
 <sup>28</sup> My tongue will tell of your righteousness and speak of your praises all day long.

For the music director, of David, the servant of the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> Transgression speaks deep into the heart of the wicked; there is no fear of God before his eyes. <sup>2</sup> He flatters himself in his own eyes, mistakenly believing that his iniquity will not be found out and hated. <sup>3</sup> The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has given up being wise and doing good. <sup>4</sup> He devises iniquity on his bed; he commits himself to a way that is not good; he does not reject evil. <sup>5</sup> Your loyal love, O LORD, extends to heaven, your faithfulness to the skies. <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your justice is like the ocean depths; O LORD, you preserve both humans and animals. <sup>7</sup> How precious is your loyal love, O God! The human race takes refuge under the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup> They are abundantly satisfied with the food from your house; you let them drink from the river of your delights. <sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. <sup>10</sup> Pour out your loyal love on those who know you, your righteousness on the upright in heart. <sup>11</sup> Do not allow the foot of the proud to trample on me, or let the hand of the wicked drive me away. <sup>12</sup> There the evildoers lie fallen; they are knocked down.

unable to rise.

# Of David

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> Do not fret yourself because of evildoers, or envy those who do wrong.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> For they will soon wither like the grass, and wilt like a green plant.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and pasture securely.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will make it happen.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> He will make your righteousness beam like the light, and your justice like the noonday.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret because of one who prospers in his way, because of one who implements wicked schemes.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li><sup>8</sup> Stop being angry, and forsake wrath; do not fret, it only leads to evil.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> For evildoers will be cut off, but those who expectantly wait on the LORD will inherit the land.</li> <li><sup>10</sup> In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully for his place, he will not be there.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> But the meek will inherit the land, and will delight themselves in the abundant prosperity.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li><sup>12</sup> The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes their teeth at him.</li> <li><sup>13</sup> The Lord will laugh at him, for he sees that his day is coming.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li><sup>14</sup> The wicked draw the sword, and bend their bows, to bring down the poor and needy, to slaughter those whose way is upright.</li> <li><sup>15</sup> Their sword will pierce their own heart, and their bows will be broken.</li> </ul>	
<sup>16</sup> Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked.	

	as of the wicked will be broken, a LORD supports the righteous.
	knows the days of the blameless,
	eir inheritance will last forever.
	to the shamed in the times of trouble,
	the days of famine they will have plenty. ked will perish,
and the	e enemies of the LORD will be like a flourishing pasture
	that vanishes like smoke.
<sup>21</sup> The wicked	l borrows, and does not repay,
	righteous is generous and gives.
<sup>22</sup> Those bless	sed by the LORD will inherit the land,
and the	ose who are cursed by him will be cut off.
<sup>23</sup> The LORD	makes a person's steps successful,
	ne delights in his way.
	stumbles, he will not fall headlong,
	LORD holds onto him with his hand.
	young, and now am old,
yet hav	ve I not seen the righteous forsaken,
$^{26}$ All day lon	or his children begging for bread. g he is generous and lends,
	s children are blessed.
	, enharen are blessed.
<sup>27</sup> Turn away	from evil and do good,
then ye	ou will live in the land forever.
<sup>28</sup> For the LO	RD loves justice;
he nev	er abandons his faithful ones;
	they are protected forever,
but the chi	ldren of the wicked will be cut off.
	bus will inherit the land,
	e in it forever.
The mouth	of the righteous utters wisdom,
$^{31}$ The law of	s tongue speaks justice. his God is in his heart;
	e of his steps slip.
$^{32}$ The wicked	l stalk the righteous,
and see	ek to kill him.
	will not abandon him into his hand,
	nim be condemned when he is judged.
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<sup>34</sup> Wait expectantly for the LORD, and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land;

when the wicked are cut off, you will see it. <sup>35</sup> I have seen the wicked flourishing, and spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil. <sup>36</sup> But he passed away and was no more; I searched for him, but he could not be found. <sup>37</sup> Observe the blameless, and look carefully at the upright, for there is a future for the person of peace. <sup>38</sup> As for transgressors, they will be absolutely destroyed;

- the future of the wicked will be cut off.
- <sup>39</sup> But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their fortress in the time of trouble.

<sup>40</sup> The LORD helps them, and rescues them;

he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they seek refuge in him.

# A psalm of David, for remembrance

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> O LORD, rebuke me not in your wrath, or discipline me in your rage.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> For your arrows pierce me, and your hand has come down on me.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> There is no soundness in my flesh because of your anger; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> For my sins overwhelm my head, as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>5</sup> My wounds are infected and stink, because of my foolish sins.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> I am bent over and totally bowed down; I go around crying all day long.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> For my sides are filled with fever; there is no soundness in my flesh.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> I am faint and severely bruised; I groan because of the moaning of my heart.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>9</sup> Lord, all my desire lies open before you, and my groaning is not hid from you.</li> <li><sup>10</sup> My heart throbs, my strength fails me; the light of my eyes is gone from me.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> My loved ones and friends stay away because of my disease, and my close neighbors stand afar off.</li> <li><sup>12</sup> Those who seek my life lay snares for me, and those who seek my harm speak of ruin, and plot treachery all the day long.</li> <li><sup>13</sup> But I am like the deaf, who cannot hear; I am like the mute who cannot speak.</li> <li><sup>14</sup> I am like one who does not hear, and in whose mouth there is no defense.</li> <li><sup>15</sup> For you, O LORD, I expectantly wait. You will answer, O Lord my God.</li> <li><sup>16</sup> For I prayed, "Do not let them rejoice over me, or exalt themselves over me when my foot slips."</li> <li><sup>17</sup> For I am on the verge of stumbling, and I am in constant pain.</li> <li><sup>18</sup> For I will confess my iniquity;</li> </ul>

- I am sorry for my sin. <sup>19</sup> But my enemies are healthy and strong; those who hate me for no reason are multiplied.
- <sup>20</sup> Those who repay evil for good are my opponents, because I pursue the good.
- <sup>21</sup> Do not abandon me, O LORD;
  O my God, do not stay far away from me.
  <sup>22</sup> Hurry to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

For the music director, Jeduthun; a psalm of David <sup>1</sup> I said, "I will guard my ways, so that I do not sin with my tongue; I will put a muzzle on my mouth, while the wicked are before me." <sup>2</sup> I was speechless with silence; I held my peace even from saying good things, and my anguish grew worse. <sup>3</sup> My heart became hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burned, then I spoke with my tongue. <sup>4</sup> O LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the extent of my days; make me realize how fleeting my life is. <sup>5</sup> You have made my days as short as the width of a hand, and my whole lifetime is nothing to you; surely everyone is just a breath, even those who seem to stand secure. Selah <sup>6</sup> Everyone moves about like a mere shadow; surely they make an uproar over nothing; someone stores up wealth, not knowing who will get it. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord, what do I expectantly wait for? My hope is in you. <sup>8</sup> Deliver me from all my transgressions; do not let me be the mockery of fools. <sup>9</sup> I am silent, I do not open my mouth, because you are the one who did it. <sup>10</sup> Remove your stroke away from me; I am consumed by the blows of your hand. <sup>11</sup> When your rebuke corrects a person for iniquity, you consume what is precious to him like a moth; surely everyone is just a breath. Selah <sup>12</sup> Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; do not ignore my tears, for I am your guest, a sojourner, as all my forefathers were. <sup>13</sup> Look away from me, so that I may smile again, before I pass away and am no more.

## For the music director, of David, a psalm

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the LORD, and he turned to me, and heard my cry.
<sup>2</sup> He pulls me out of a swirling pit, out of the muck and mud; he set my feet upon a rock, and made my steps secure.
<sup>3</sup> He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see it and fear, and trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, and does not turn to the proud, or turn away after false gods.
<sup>5</sup> Many, O LORD my God, are the wonderful works you have done, and your plans toward us; no one can compare with you. If I would declare and list them, they would be too many to count.

<sup>6</sup> You have no delight in sacrifice and offering; you have opened my ears, you have not required burnt offerings and sin offerings.
<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Look, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written about me,
<sup>8</sup> 'I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is in my heart."

<sup>9</sup> I have proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; look, I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, as you know.
<sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your righteousness within my heart; I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation, I have not concealed your loyal love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

 <sup>11</sup> Do not withhold your mercies from me, O LORD; let your loyal love and your faithfulness continually protect me.
 <sup>12</sup> For innumerable troubles surround me; my sins have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.
<sup>13</sup> Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; hurry to help me, O LORD.
<sup>14</sup> Let all those who seek to destroy my life be put to shame and humiliated; may those who seek my harm be turned back and dishonored.
<sup>15</sup> Let them be appalled by their shame; those who say to me, "Aha, he's ours now."
<sup>16</sup> Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say continually, "The LORD is great."
<sup>17</sup> But as for me, I am poor and needy;

You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

## For the music director, a psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one who looks out for the poor; the LORD will deliver him in the day of trouble. <sup>2</sup> The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive. He will be blessed in the land. Do not deliver him over to the will of his enemies. <sup>3</sup> The LORD supports him on the bed of sickness; you totally heal him from his bed of illness. <sup>4</sup> I said, "O LORD, have mercy on me. Heal me, for I have sinned against you." <sup>5</sup> My enemies taunt me, "When will he die, and his name perish?" <sup>6</sup> When he comes to see me, he speaks lies; his heart gathers gossip, when he leaves, he broadcasts it abroad. <sup>7</sup> All who hate me whisper together against me; they devise ways to harm me. <sup>8</sup> They whisper, "He has contracted a fatal disease, and he will never get up from the bed where he lies." <sup>9</sup> Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me. <sup>10</sup> But you, O LORD, have mercy on me, raise me up, so that I may repay them. <sup>11</sup> By this I know that you are pleased with me, because my enemy does not triumph over me. <sup>12</sup> As for me, you uphold me because of my integrity; you set me in your presence forever. <sup>13</sup> Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen and Amen.

#### BOOK II: Psalms 42-72

#### DASV: Psalm 42

#### For the music director, a Maskil of the Sons of Korah

<sup>1</sup> As a deer pants after the water brooks, so my soul pants after you, O God. <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? <sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually ask me, "Where is your God?" <sup>4</sup> These things I remember, as I pour out my soul, how I used to walk with the crowd, leading them to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving, with the roaring crowd celebrating the festival. <sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul? Why are you so disturbed? Hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my salvation and my God. <sup>6</sup> My soul is depressed within me, therefore I remember you from the land of the Jordan, and from Hermon, from Mount Mizar. <sup>7</sup> Deep water calls to deep at the rumble of your waterfalls; all your waves and billows wash over me. <sup>8</sup> Yet the LORD commands his loyal love by day; at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. <sup>9</sup> I will say to God my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk around mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" <sup>10</sup> As a mortal wound, my adversaries taunt me, while they continually ask me, "Where is your God?" <sup>11</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul? Why are you so disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my salvation and my God.

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, O God, and plead my case against an ungodly nation; deliver me from the one who is deceitful and unjust. <sup>2</sup> For you are the God of my strength. Why have you cast me off? Why must I walk around mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? <sup>3</sup> Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwellings. <sup>4</sup> Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy. Upon the harp I will praise you, O God, my God. <sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul? Why are you so disturbed within me? Hope in God; for I will yet praise him, my salvation and my God.

For the music director, of the Sons of Korah, a Maskil

<sup>1</sup> We have heard with our ears, O God,
our ancestors have told us,
what you did in their days,
in the days of old.
$^{2}$ You drove out the nations with your hand,
but you settled them;
you afflicted the peoples,
but you set them free.
<sup>3</sup> For they did not conquer the land by their own sword,
nor did their own arm save them;
but with your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face,
because you favored them.
<sup>4</sup> You are my King, O God;
order salvation for Jacob.
<sup>5</sup> Through you we push back our foes;
through your name we trample down those rising against us.
<sup>6</sup> For I do not trust in my bow,
my sword cannot save me.
<sup>7</sup> But you have saved us from our enemies,
and have put to shame those who hate us.
<sup>8</sup> In God we have boasted all day long;
we will give thanks to your name forever. Selah
<sup>9</sup> But now you have rejected and disgraced us,
and have not gone out leading our armies.
<sup>10</sup> You make us retreat before the adversary;
those who hate us plunder us.
<sup>11</sup> You have made us like sheep to be eaten,
and have scattered us among the nations.
<sup>12</sup> You sell your people for nothing,
and have gotten nothing from the sale of them.
<sup>13</sup> You make us to be despised by our neighbors,
a scoffing and mockery to those around us.
<sup>14</sup> You make us a joke among the nations,
a laughingstock among the peoples.
<sup>15</sup> All day long my dishonor is before me,
shame has covered my face,
<sup>16</sup> from the voice of the one despising and ridiculing,

because of the enemy and the one plotting revenge.

- <sup>17</sup> All this has come upon us,
  - yet we have not forgotten you,
    - nor have we violated your covenant.
- <sup>18</sup> Our heart has not turned back,
  - nor have our steps digressed from your way.
- <sup>19</sup> You have broken us in the place of jackals, and covered us with darkness.
- <sup>20</sup> If we have forgotten the name of our God, or spread out our hands to a strange god,
- <sup>21</sup> would God not figure it out? He knows the secrets of the heart.
- <sup>22</sup> For your sake are we killed all day long; we are thought of as sheep for the slaughter.
- <sup>23</sup> Get up! Why do you sleep, O Lord?
  - Wake up, do not reject us forever.
- <sup>24</sup> Why do you hide your face?
  - Why do you forget our suffering and oppression?
- <sup>25</sup> For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
  - our body clings to the ground.
- <sup>26</sup> Rise up, come to our aid; redeem us because of your loyal love.

For the music director, according to Lilies, of the Korahites, a Maskil, a love song

<sup>1</sup> My heart is stirred with a beautiful theme; I address my work to the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful scribe. <sup>2</sup> You are the most handsome of all men; grace pours from your lips, therefore God has blessed you forever. <sup>3</sup> Strap your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, array yourself with your glory and your majesty. <sup>4</sup> In your majesty, ride on victoriously, for the sake of truth, humility and righteousness. May your right hand perform awesome deeds. <sup>5</sup> Your arrows are sharp; they pierce the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples prostrate themselves beneath you. <sup>6</sup> Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of fairness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>7</sup> You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions. <sup>8</sup> Your royal robes are scented with myrrh, aloes and cassia; out of ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad. <sup>9</sup> Kings' daughters are among your honored women; at your right hand stands the queen decked in gold from Ophir. <sup>10</sup> Listen, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear; forget your own people, and your father's house. <sup>11</sup> For the king desires your beauty; since he is your lord, bow before him. <sup>12</sup> The daughter of Tyre will present a gift before you; the richest nation will seek your favor. <sup>13</sup> The presence of the princess is absolutely stunning; her gown is interwoven with gold. <sup>14</sup> She is led to the king in embroidered robes; her virgin companions attend her and are brought to you. <sup>15</sup> With gladness and joy they are led, as they enter into the king's palace.

<sup>16</sup> Your sons will succeed your fathers,

whom you will make rulers in all the earth. <sup>17</sup> I will cause your name to be remembered through all generations, so the nations will praise you forever and ever.

For the music director, of the Sons of Korah, according to Alamoth, a song

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, always there to help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth shakes, and though the mountains tumble into the heart of the seas; <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble from the crashing sea. Selah <sup>4</sup> There is a river, the streams of which make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she will not be moved: God will help her as the morning dawns. <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, kingdoms are shaken; he raises his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah <sup>8</sup> Come and see the wonderful works of the LORD, what devastations he has brought on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with the fire. <sup>10</sup> Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted over the nations; I will be exalted over the earth. <sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

For the music director, of the Sons of Korah, a psalm

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with the voice of triumph.
<sup>2</sup> For the LORD Most High is awesome;
he is a great King over all the earth.
<sup>3</sup> He subdues peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
<sup>4</sup> He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah
<ul> <li><sup>5</sup> God has ascended with a shouts of triumph, the LORD is enthroned with the sound of a trumpet.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a skillful psalm.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples are gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham. For the rulers of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.</li> </ul>

### A Song, a psalm of the Sons of Korah

<sup>1</sup> Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God on his holy mountain. <sup>2</sup> It is high and beautiful, the joy of the whole earth. Mount Zion is like the peaks of Mount Zaphon. the city of the great King. <sup>3</sup> God is within her citadels; he has shown himself to be its defender. <sup>4</sup> The kings assembled, they invaded together. <sup>5</sup> When they saw it, they were amazed; they were terrified and ran away. <sup>6</sup> Trembling took hold of them there, like the pain of a woman in labor, <sup>7</sup> like you shatter the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. <sup>8</sup> As we have heard, now we have seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God. God will establish it forever. Selah <sup>9</sup> We have thought about your loyal love, O God, in the midst of your temple. <sup>10</sup> Like your name, O God, your praise extends to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments. <sup>12</sup> Walk around Zion, go all the way around it, number its towers, <sup>13</sup> mark well her fortified walls, pass by its fortresses, that you may tell it to the next generation. <sup>14</sup> For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even to death.

For the music director, a psalm of the Sons of Korah

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world, <sup>2</sup> both low and high, rich and poor together. <sup>3</sup> My mouth will speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart will disclose understanding. <sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle with the harp. <sup>5</sup> Why should I fear in the days of trouble, when iniquity of deceivers surrounds me; <sup>6</sup> they who trust in their wealth; and boast in their abundant riches? <sup>7</sup> No one can redeem his brother's life or pay to God a ransom sufficient for him: <sup>8</sup> for the redemption price of their life is costly, and no one would ever have enough, <sup>9</sup> that one could live forever and never see the grave. <sup>10</sup> For they see that a wise person dies; just like the fool and stupid they perish, and leave their wealth to others. <sup>11</sup> Their graves are their houses forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they name their lands after themselves. <sup>12</sup> But humans, even though wealthy, will not last; they are like the beasts that perish. <sup>13</sup> This the destiny of a fool; yet those after them approve of their sayings. Selah <sup>14</sup> They are led like sheep to the grave; death will be their shepherd; the upright will rule over them in the morning; their body will be consumed by the grave with no more mansions to live in. <sup>15</sup> But God will redeem my life from the power of Sheol, for he will take me away. Selah <sup>16</sup> Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, when the magnificence of his house increases.

<sup>17</sup> For when he dies he can carry nothing away; his wealth cannot descend with him.
<sup>18</sup> Though when he lived he counted himself blessed, for people praise you when you prosper,
<sup>19</sup> he will go to the generation of his fathers who will never again see the light.
<sup>20</sup> A wealthy person who does not understand is like the beasts that perish.

# A psalm of Asaph

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks; he summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> Our God comes, and is not silent, a fire devours before him, and a furious storm surrounds him.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> He calls in the heavens above and on the earth, that he may judge his people:</li> <li><sup>5</sup> "Gather my faithful ones together to me, those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."</li> <li><sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>7</sup> "Listen, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, your God.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> I am not rebuking you for your sacrifices, or your burnt offerings that are continually before me.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> I do not need a bull from your house, or goats from your folds,</li> <li><sup>10</sup> for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> I know every bird in the mountains; everything that moves in the field is mine.</li> <li><sup>12</sup> If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and everything in it is mine.</li> <li><sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?</li> <li><sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and keep your vows to the Most High.</li> <li><sup>15</sup> Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will glorify me."</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>16</sup> But to the wicked God says,</li> <li>"What right do you have to declare my statutes, or to talk about my covenant with your mouth?</li> <li><sup>17</sup> You hate instruction, and throw away my words behind you?</li> </ul>

<sup>18</sup> When you see a thief, you join in with him, and associate with adulterers. <sup>19</sup> You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue to join in the deceit. <sup>20</sup> You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. <sup>21</sup> These things you have done, and I kept silent; you assumed that I was someone just like yourself, but now I will rebuke you, and lay the charges before your eyes. <sup>22</sup> Now consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to rescue you. <sup>23</sup> Whoever offers the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; and to one who follows the right way, I will show the salvation of God."

For the music director, a psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, because of your loyal love; because of your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I realize my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, that you may be justified in your verdict, and blameless when you render judgment. <sup>5</sup> For I was born in iniquity, and a sinner from when my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> Look, you desire truth in the inner parts, and you teach me wisdom in the inner recesses. <sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Allow me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a loyal spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit. <sup>13</sup> Then will I teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn to you. <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, God of my salvation; and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup> For you do not delight in sacrifice,

else would I give it. You have no pleasure in burnt offerings. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

<sup>18</sup> Do good in your special favor to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem.
<sup>19</sup> Then you will delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offerings and in whole burnt offerings; then they will offer bulls on your altar.

For the music director, a Maskil of David, when Doeg the Edomite went to Saul and told him, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech"

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> Why do you boast in trouble, O mighty one? The loyal love of God lasts all day long.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, it executes deception.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> You love evil more than good,</li> </ul>	
lying rather than speaking what is right.	Selah
<sup>4</sup> You love all words that devour,	
by a deceitful tongue.	
<sup>5</sup> God will tear you down forever; he will snatch and tear you away from your ter	at.
he will uproot you out of the land of the	
<sup>6</sup> The righteous will see it, and fear,	e nving. Seiun
and will laugh at him, saying,	
<sup>7</sup> "Look, here is the person who would not make God but trusted in the abundance of his riches,	-
and strengthened himself by destroying	•
<sup>8</sup> But as for me, I am like a flourishing olive tree in th I trust in the loyal love of God forever and eve	
<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you forever, for what you have	done;

I will hope in your name,

for you are good, in the presence of your faithful ones.

#### For the music director, according to Mahalath, a Maskil of David

<sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do detestable deeds; there is no one who does good.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on the human race to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.
<sup>3</sup> They all have turned away; they all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

<sup>4</sup> Do the evildoers really not know? They eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call on God.
<sup>5</sup> There they are totally terrified, where there was no terror; for God will scatter the bones of the one who camps against you. You will put them to shame, because God has rejected them.

<sup>7</sup> O that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the fortunes of his people, then Jacob will rejoice, and Israel will be glad.

For the music director, on stringed instruments, a Maskil of David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Is not David hiding among us?"

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> For strangers are risen up against me, and the ruthless are seeking my life; they have not set God before them.</li> </ul>	Selah
<ul> <li><sup>4</sup> Look, God is my helper; the Lord is the sustainer of my life.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> He will repay the evil of my enemies; destroy them in your promised faithfulness.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> With a fractual offering will Leagrifice to your</li> </ul>	
<sup>6</sup> With a freewill offering will I sacrifice to you;	

I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good. <sup>7</sup> For he has delivered me out of all trouble, and my eye has seen triumph over my enemies.

#### For the music director, with stringed instruments, a Maskil of David

<sup>1</sup> Listen to my prayer. O God: do not hide yourself from my plea for mercy. <sup>2</sup> Pay attention to me, and answer me; I am disturbed in my complaint, and I am troubled. <sup>3</sup> because of the threats of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked; they heap trouble on me, and in anger they persecute me. <sup>4</sup> My heart pounds within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. <sup>5</sup> Fear and trembling have overcome me, horror has overwhelmed me. <sup>6</sup> I said, "O that I had wings like a dove! Then I would fly away, and be at rest. <sup>7</sup> Then I would flee far away; I would remain in the wilderness. Selah <sup>8</sup> I would quickly find a place of refuge from the raging gusts and wind." <sup>9</sup> Confuse them, O Lord, thwart their tongues, for I see violence and strife in the city. <sup>10</sup> Day and night they circle its walls; trouble and distress are within it. <sup>11</sup> Disaster is in its midst; oppression and treachery do not leave its streets. <sup>12</sup> But it is not an enemy who insults me; I could bear that: it is not one hating me who arrogantly belittles me; I could have hid myself from him; <sup>13</sup> but it was you, a person like me, my companion and my close friend. <sup>14</sup> Together we shared such sweet conversation; we walked in the house of God with the crowds. <sup>15</sup> Let death come suddenly upon them; let them go down alive into the grave;

for wickedness is in their homes and in their midst.

<ul> <li><sup>16</sup> As for me, I will call upon God, and the LORD will save me.</li> <li><sup>17</sup> Evening, morning and noon, I will express my complaint, and moan, and he will hear my voice.</li> <li><sup>18</sup> He will ransom me in safety from the battle waged against</li> </ul>	me,
even though many are against me.	
<sup>19</sup> God who sits enthroned will hear, and humble them,	Selah
because they never change, and do not fear God.	
<ul> <li><sup>20</sup> My companion lays his hands on those who were at peace he violates his covenant promises.</li> <li><sup>21</sup> His mouth is as smooth as butter, but his heart is at war; his words were softer than olive oil, but they were really drawn swords.</li> </ul>	with him;
<ul> <li><sup>22</sup> Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never allow the righteous to be moved.</li> <li><sup>23</sup> But you, O God, will bring them down into the pit of destr the bloodthirsty and deceitful will not live out half the</li> </ul>	

But I will trust in you.

For the music director, according to The Dove on Far-off Terebinths, a Miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, for people are trampling on me; all day long the one attacking oppresses me.
<sup>2</sup> My enemies trample me all day long; for there are many attacking me, O Exalted One.

<sup>3</sup> When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
<sup>4</sup> In God, I will praise his word, in God, I put my trust. I will not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

<sup>5</sup> All day long they twist my words; all their plotting is to harm me.
<sup>6</sup> They stalk and hide in ambush; they mark my steps, expectantly waiting to take my life.

<sup>7</sup> Because of their wickedness do not let them escape; in anger cast down these peoples, O God.
<sup>8</sup> You keep track of my wanderings;

you put my tears into your bottle. Are not they recorded in your scroll?

<sup>9</sup> Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call for help; this I know, that God is for me.
<sup>10</sup> In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise.
<sup>11</sup> In God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mere humans do to me?

<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows to you, O God; I will present thank offerings to you.
<sup>13</sup> For you have delivered my life from death; and my feet from stumbling, so that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Selah

#### DASV: Psalm 57

# For the music director, according to Do Not Destroy, a Miktam of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me. For my soul takes refuge in you; in the shadow of your wings I take refuge, until troubles pass by. <sup>2</sup> I will cry to God Most High, to God who completes his plan for me. <sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me, putting to shame the one who would trample on me. God will send forth his loval love and faithfulness. <sup>4</sup> My soul is surrounded by lions; I lie down among those who devour humans, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword. <sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. <sup>6</sup> They set a net to trap my steps; my soul is bent over with distress. They dug a pit in front of me; but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah <sup>7</sup> My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and I will sing praises. <sup>8</sup> Wake up, my glory. Wake up, O harp and lyre.

I myself will wake the dawn.

<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.
<sup>10</sup> For your loyal love is great unto the heavens, and your faithfulness to the skies.
<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

let your glory be above all the earth.

For the music director, according to Do Not Destroy, a Miktam of David

<sup>1</sup> Do you rulers really speak righteousness? Do you judge people fairly? <sup>2</sup> No, in your heart you devise wickedness; you dole out the violence of your hands on earth. <sup>3</sup> The wicked turn astray even from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies. <sup>4</sup> Their venom is like the venom of a serpent, like a deaf adder that has shut its ear, <sup>5</sup> which does not listen to the voice of a snake whisperer, or to a skilled snake charmer. <sup>6</sup> O God, break their teeth in their mouth; rip open the jawbones of these young lions, O LORD. <sup>7</sup> Let them disappear like water that runs away; let them wither like trampled grass. <sup>8</sup> Let them be like a snail which squishes as it moves along, like a miscarried baby which never gets to see the sun. <sup>9</sup> Quicker than your pots can feel heat of thorns, whether green or burning, may he be swept away. <sup>10</sup> The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. <sup>11</sup> So that people will say, "Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God that judges on earth."

For the music director, according to Do Not Destroy, a Miktam of David, when Saul ordered his house to be watched in order to kill him

<sup>1</sup> Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; set me on high defending me from those who rise up against me. <sup>2</sup> Deliver me from the workers of evil, and save me from those who shed blood. <sup>3</sup> Look how they lie in wait to ambush my life; the mighty conspire against me, but not because of my transgression or my sin, O LORD. <sup>4</sup> They prepare to attack me, though I have done nothing wrong; awake and come to my aid and see. <sup>5</sup> You, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, arise to punish all the nations; have no mercy on all of these evil traitors. Selah <sup>6</sup> They return at evening, they growl like a dog, and prowl around the city. <sup>7</sup> Look, they belch out with their mouths; swords are in their lips, for they assume, "who will hear it?" <sup>8</sup> But you, O LORD, will laugh at them; you will ridicule all the nations. <sup>9</sup> O my strength, I will watch for you, for God is my secure refuge. <sup>10</sup> My God with his loyal love will meet me; God will let me see victory over my enemies. <sup>11</sup> Do not just kill them or my people will forget; make them totter by your power, and bring them down, O Lord our shield. <sup>12</sup> For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, may they be trapped in their pride, and for cursing and lying which they have spoken. <sup>13</sup> Consume them in wrath; absolutely consume them until they are no more, and let them know that God rules in Jacob. to the ends of the earth. Selah

<sup>14</sup> They return at evening, they growl like a dog, and prowl around the city.
<sup>15</sup> They will wander around for food, but go to sleep hungry.
<sup>16</sup> But I will sing of your strength; yes, I will sing aloud of your loyal love in the morning; for you have been my high tower, and a refuge in the day of my distress.
<sup>17</sup> Unto you, O my strength, I will sing praises; for God is my high tower, the God guaranteeing me loyal love.

For the music director, according to the Lily of the Covenant, a Miktam of David, for instruction; when he fought with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and when Joab on his return struck down 12,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt

<sup>1</sup> O God you have rejected us, you have broken us down, you have been angry; restore us again. <sup>2</sup> You have made the earth to quake; you have torn it open; seal its cracks, for it is shaking. <sup>3</sup> You have shown your people hard things; you have made us to drink wine causing us to stagger. <sup>4</sup> You have given a banner to those who fear you, that they may rally to it, out of the range of the bow. Selah <sup>5</sup> Deliver your beloved; save by your right hand and answer us. <sup>6</sup> God has spoken in his sanctuary; "I will triumph, I will divide up Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth. <sup>7</sup> Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is my helmet; Judah is my scepter. <sup>8</sup> Moab is my washbasin; I will throw my shoe at Edom; I will shout in triumph over Philistia." <sup>9</sup> Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who has led me to Edom? <sup>10</sup> Have you not abandoned us, O God? You no longer go out with our armies, O God. <sup>11</sup> Give us help against the foe, for human help is useless. <sup>12</sup> With God we will be victorious, for he will trample down our foes.

For the music director, with stringed instruments, of David

<sup>1</sup> Hear my cry, O God;	
listen to my prayer.	
$^{2}$ From the end of the earth I will call to you,	
when my heart is overwhelmed;	
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.	
<sup>3</sup> For you have been a refuge for me,	
a strong tower from the enemy.	
<sup>4</sup> I will dwell in your tent forever;	
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<sup>5</sup> For you, O God, have heard my vows;	ciun
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your n	ame.
<sup>6</sup> You will prolong the king's life;	
his years will last for many generations.	
<sup>7</sup> May he reign before God forever;	
may loyal love and faithfulness be appointed to protect h	im.
<sup>8</sup> So I will sing praise to your name forever,	

as I daily complete my vows.

For the music director, for Jeduthun, a psalm of David

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> My soul waits in silence for God alone; from him comes my salvation.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will not be shaken.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li><sup>3</sup> How long will you attack a person? All of you will kill him, like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> They plan to knock down a person of prominence; they delight in lies. They bless with their mouth, but inwardly they curse. Selah</li> </ul>	•
<ul> <li><sup>5</sup> My soul waits in silence for God alone, for my hope is from him.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will not be shaken.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> My salvation and my honor rely upon God; my strong rock and my refuge is in God.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li><sup>9</sup> Surely humans are but a breath, human beings are a delusion;</li> <li>when weighed on the balances they tip up; together they are lighter than breath.</li> <li><sup>10</sup> Do not trust in oppression, or put confidence in robbery; if your wealth increases, do not set your heart on it.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken, twice I have heard this, that power belongs to God.</li> <li><sup>12</sup> Also to you, O Lord, belongs loyal love; you repay each person according to his work.</li> </ul>	

#### A psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; I long for you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh craves for you, in a dry and weary land, where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> So I have gazed on you in the sanctuary, to see your power and your glory.
<sup>3</sup> Because your loyal love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you while I live;

I will lift up my hands in honor of your name. <sup>5</sup> My soul will be satisfied as with the tastiest food;

my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.

<sup>6</sup> I remember you upon my bed,

and meditate on you in the night watches,

<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you;

your right hand upholds me.

<sup>9</sup> But those that seek to destroy my life,

will descend into the depths of the earth.

<sup>10</sup> They will be given over to the power of the sword; they will be prey for jackals.

<sup>11</sup> But the king will rejoice in God;

every one who swears by him will praise him, for the mouths of liars will be shut.

#### For the music director, a psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> Listen to my voice, O God, in my complaint; preserve my life from terror of the enemy. <sup>2</sup> Hide me from the secret plots of the evil, from the mob of evildoers; <sup>3</sup> who sharpen their tongues like a sword, and aim bitter words like their arrows, <sup>4</sup> that they may shoot from camouflage at the blameless; suddenly they shoot at him with no fear. <sup>5</sup> They incite themselves in their evil purpose; they conspire to lay secret snares; they boast, "Who will see them?" <sup>6</sup> They search for injustice; they claim, "We have come up with the perfect plan," for the human heart and thought are deep. <sup>7</sup> But God will shoot an arrow at them; suddenly they will be wounded. <sup>8</sup> Their own tongues will bring about their demise; all who see them will shake their heads in horror. <sup>9</sup> Then everyone will fear; they will declare what God has done, and wisely reflect on his mighty deeds. <sup>10</sup> The righteous one will rejoice in the LORD, and he will take refuge in him; all the upright in heart will praise him.

For the music director, a psalm of David, a song

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due you, O God, in Zion; to you vows will be completed. <sup>2</sup> O you who hears prayer, to you all flesh will come. <sup>3</sup> When issues of sin prevail against me, you forgive our rebellions. <sup>4</sup> Blessed is the one you choose and bring near that he may dwell in your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. <sup>5</sup> With incredible righteous deeds you answer us, God of our salvation: you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and the distant seas. <sup>6</sup> By your strength you established the mountains, having clothed yourself with might. <sup>7</sup> You still the raging seas, the roaring of their waves, and the rumble of the peoples. <sup>8</sup> Even those who dwell in the remotest regions are awed by your wondrous deeds: from where the sun rises to where it sets you cause shouts of amazement. <sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it. The river of God is full of water; you provide them with grain, for this is the way you have ordered it. <sup>10</sup> You abundantly water its plowed furrows; you level its ridges; you soften it with showers; you bless its sprouts. <sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your goodness; your worn paths overflow with bounty. <sup>12</sup> The pastures of the wilderness drip; the hills are dressed with joy. <sup>13</sup> The meadows are clothed with flocks;

the valleys also are covered with grain; they shout for joy, yes they sing.

#### For the music director, a song, a psalm

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to God, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Sing about the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your works! Because of the greatness of your power your enemies cringe before you. <sup>4</sup> All the earth worships you, and sings praise to you; they sing praise to your name." Selah <sup>5</sup> Come, and see the works of God, his awesome acts on behalf of human beings. <sup>6</sup> He turned the sea into dry land; they crossed the river on foot: let us rejoice there in him. <sup>7</sup> He rules by his power forever; his eyes observe the nations; do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah <sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples, let the voice of his praise be heard; <sup>9</sup> who keeps us among the living, and does not allow our feet to slip. <sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have refined us as silver. <sup>11</sup> You trapped us in your net; you laid a heavy burden on our backs. <sup>12</sup> You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of plenty. <sup>13</sup> I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, <sup>14</sup> those my lips uttered, and my mouth pledged when I was in trouble. <sup>15</sup> I will offer fattened animals as burnt offerings to you, with the smoke of rams; I will offer bulls and goats. Selah

<sup>16</sup> Come, and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what he has done for me.
<sup>17</sup> I cried out to him with my mouth, and praise was on my tongue.
<sup>18</sup> If I had harbored sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
<sup>19</sup> But in fact, God has listened,

he has heard the voice of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup> Praise God, who has not rejected my prayer, or removed his loyal love from me.

For the music director, with stringed instruments, a psalm, a song

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us;</li> <li><sup>2</sup> then your way will be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li><sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you will judge the peoples with equity, and govern the nations upon earth.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.</li> </ul>	Selah
<ul> <li><sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its produce; God, even our God, will bless us.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> God will bless us, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.</li> </ul>	

For the music director, of David, a psalm, a song

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let those who hate him flee before him. <sup>2</sup> Blow them away like smoke, like wax melting before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. <sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; let them rejoice with gladness. <sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt the one who rides on the clouds: his name is the LORD. and rejoice before him. <sup>5</sup> A father for the fatherless, and an advocate for the widows, is God in his holy habitation. <sup>6</sup> God puts the lonely in families; he brings out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a scorched desert. <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the desert, Selah <sup>8</sup> the earth quaked, the heavens poured rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai. at the presence of God, the God of Israel. <sup>9</sup> You, O God, sent plentiful rain; you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary. <sup>10</sup> Your creatures settled in it; you provided your goodness for the poor, O God. <sup>11</sup> The Lord gives the word, and a great army proclaims the news. <sup>12</sup> Kings of armies flee, they flee, while the women at home divide the spoil. <sup>13</sup> When you lie among the sheepfolds, the wings of a dove are covered with silver, her wings with glittering gold. <sup>14</sup> When the Almighty scattered kings there,

it was like snow falling on Mount Zalmon. <sup>15</sup> The mighty mountain of Bashan, a mountain with many peaks is the mountain of Bashan. <sup>16</sup> Why do you look with envy, O many-peaked mountain, at the mountain God has desired for his abode? Yes, the LORD will dwell there forever. <sup>17</sup> The countless thousands of God's chariots, the Lord comes from Sinai into his holy place. <sup>18</sup> You have ascended on high; you have led away captives; you have received gifts from men, even the rebellious, now the LORD God dwells there. <sup>19</sup> Praise the Lord, who daily carries our burden; God is our salvation. Selah <sup>20</sup> Our God is a God who delivers; the LORD, the sovereign Lord, rescues from death. <sup>21</sup> But God will shatter the head of his enemies, the hairy crown of the one who walks on in his guilty way. <sup>22</sup> The Lord said, "I will bring them back from Bashan; I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, <sup>23</sup> so that you may trample your foot in their blood, that the tongue of your dogs may get a piece of your enemies." <sup>24</sup> They see your processions, O God, even the processions of my God, my King, into the sanctuary. <sup>25</sup> The singers walk before, the musicians follow behind, in the middle the young women play the tambourines. <sup>26</sup> Praise God in the congregation, the Lord, in the multitude of Israel. <sup>27</sup> There is little Benjamin as their leader, the princes of Judah in their throng, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali. <sup>28</sup> Summon your power, O God; show your strength, O God, just as you did for us before. <sup>29</sup> Because of your temple at Jerusalem, kings will bring tribute to you. <sup>30</sup> Rebuke the wild beasts that live in the reeds,

the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples. Trample underfoot those who bring silver tribute; scatter the peoples that delight in war. <sup>31</sup> Ambassadors will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God. <sup>32</sup> Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord. Selah <sup>33</sup> To him who rides through the sky from ancient times; he utters his voice, a mighty thunder. <sup>34</sup> Ascribe strength to God; his majesty is over Israel, and his power is in the skies. <sup>35</sup> O God, you are awesome emerging from your sanctuary; the God of Israel, gives strength and power to his people. Praise be to God.

For the music director, according to Lilies, of David

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, for the waters have reached up to my neck. <sup>2</sup> I sink in deep mire, where there is no solid foothold; I am in deep waters, where the floods wash over me. <sup>3</sup> I am weary from crying for help; my throat is dry; my eyes fail from waiting for my God. <sup>4</sup> Those who hate me without a cause are more numerous than the hairs of my head; those who want to deceitfully destroy me, my enemies, are many; I am forced to repay what I did not steal. <sup>5</sup> O God, you know my foolishness; my sins are not hidden from you. <sup>6</sup> Do not allow those who hope in you to be put to shame because of me, O Lord God of hosts. Do not allow those who seek you be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel. <sup>7</sup> Because for your sake I have borne insults; shame has covered my face. <sup>8</sup> I am treated like a stranger by my own brothers, and an alien by my mother's children. <sup>9</sup> For the zeal of your house has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me. <sup>10</sup> I weep with fasting, yet they insult me. <sup>11</sup> When I wear sackcloth, I have become a standing joke to them. <sup>12</sup> Those who sit in the city gate slander me; I have become the song of the drunkards. <sup>13</sup> But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD, hoping for a time of your favor; O God, in the greatness of your loyal love, answer me with your faithful salvation. <sup>14</sup> Save me from the mire, and do let me sink; deliver me from those who hate me. and from the deep waters.

<sup>15</sup> Do not allow the floods to sweep over me, or the deep to shallow me up, or the pit to shut its mouth over me. <sup>16</sup> Answer me, O LORD; your loyal love is good; according to the greatness of your mercy, turn toward me. <sup>17</sup> Do not hide your face from your servant; I am in trouble; answer me quickly. <sup>18</sup> Draw near to me, and redeem me; pay the ransom for me because of my enemies. <sup>19</sup> You know my reproach, my shame and my dishonor; my foes are before your face. <sup>20</sup> Insults have broken my heart so that I am in despair; I looked for someone to show pity, but there was no one, for comforters. but found none. <sup>21</sup> They put bitter gall in my food; for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. <sup>22</sup> Let their dining table before them become a snare, and their prosperity become a trap. <sup>23</sup> Let their eyes go blind, so that they cannot see, and make their loins shake continually. <sup>24</sup> Pour out your indignation on them, and let your raging anger overtake them. <sup>25</sup> Let their camp be desolate, with no one dwelling in their tents. <sup>26</sup> For they persecute him whom you have punished; they recount the pain of those you have wounded. <sup>27</sup> Add punishment onto their punishment; do not let them enter your vindication. <sup>28</sup> Let them be blotted out of the book of life, and not be listed with the righteous. <sup>29</sup> I am oppressed and suffering; let your salvation, O God, set me on high. <sup>30</sup> I will praise the name of God with song, and magnify him with thanksgiving. <sup>31</sup> This will please the LORD more than an ox,

or a bull that has horns and hooves.

- <sup>32</sup> Let the oppressed see it and be glad;
  - you who seek after God, let your hearts revive.
- <sup>33</sup> For the LORD hears the needy,

and does not despise his imprisoned people.

<sup>34</sup> Let heaven and earth praise him,

the seas and everything that moves in them.

- <sup>35</sup> For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah, his people will again live there and take possession of it.
- <sup>36</sup> The children of his servants will inherit it; those who love his name will dwell in it.

For the music director, of David, for a memorial

<sup>1</sup> O God, hurry to rescue me; make haste to help me, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Let those who seek my life be ashamed and confused; let those who delight in harming me be turned back in disgrace.
<sup>3</sup> Let those who say "Aha, he got what he deserved," be turned back by their own shame.
<sup>4</sup> Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say continually, "God is great."

<sup>5</sup> But I am poor and needy; hurry to help to me, O God; You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. <sup>2</sup> In your righteousness deliver and rescue me; turn your ear to me, and save me. <sup>3</sup> Be a rock of refuge for me, a place I can always go; you have given the order to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. <sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the clutches of the cruel and unjust. <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope; O LORD, you have been my confidence since my childhood. <sup>6</sup> I have depended on you from birth; you took me from my mother's womb; my praise of you is continual. <sup>7</sup> I have become a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. <sup>8</sup> My mouth will be filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long. <sup>9</sup> Do not throw me aside in my old age; do not abandon me when my strength fails. <sup>10</sup> For my enemies speak against me, and those who stalk my life plot together, <sup>11</sup> saying, "God has forsaken him. Pursue and seize him, for there is no one to rescue him." <sup>12</sup> O God, do not stay far from me, O my God, hurry to help me. <sup>13</sup> Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to harm me

be covered with insults and disgrace.

<sup>14</sup> But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.
<sup>15</sup> My mouth will tell of your righteousness, and of your salvation all day long, though I cannot fathom its totality.
<sup>16</sup> I will come proclaiming your mighty deeds, O Lord God;

I will recount your righteousness, yours alone. <sup>17</sup> O God, you have taught me from my youth; I am still declaring your wonderful works. <sup>18</sup> Yes, even when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not abandon me, until I have declared your strength to the next generation, your power to everyone who is to come. <sup>19</sup> Your righteousness, O God, reaches the skies. You have done great things, O God, who is like to you? <sup>20</sup> You, who have made me see many troubles and much distress, but you will revive and bring me up again from the depths of the earth. <sup>21</sup> You will increase my greatness and surround me with compassion. <sup>22</sup> I will also praise you with the harp, for your faithfulness, O my God; to you I will sing praises with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. <sup>23</sup> My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you, and my soul also, which you have ransomed. <sup>24</sup> My tongue will tell of your righteousness all day long; for they are put to shame, for they are confused, who sought to harm me.

# Of Solomon

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> Give to the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness, and your oppressed with justice.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> May the mountains bring peace to the people; and the hills bring righteousness.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> May he defend the poor of the people, may he save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>5</sup> May they fear you as long as the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> May the king's reign descend like rain on mown grass, like showers that water the earth.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace increase until the moon is no more.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>8</sup> May he have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> May those who dwell in the wilderness bow before him, and his enemies lick the dust.</li> <li><sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and distant regions render him tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba offer him gifts.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they cry for help, and the poor who have no helper.</li> <li><sup>13</sup> He will have pity on the poor and needy, and he will save the lives of the needy.</li> <li><sup>14</sup> He will redeem them from oppression and violence, and their blood will be precious in his sight.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>15</sup> May he live long; may he be given the gold of Sheba. May they pray for him continually, and bless him all day long.</li> <li><sup>16</sup> May there be abundance of grain in the land; may it wave on the top of the mountains;</li> </ul>

may its fruit trees flourish like those of Lebanon. May the people of the city increase like grass of the earth.
<sup>17</sup> May his name endure forever; may his name last as long as the sun. May all nations be blessed through him; may they regard him as blessed.
<sup>18</sup> Praise be the LORD God, the God of Israel,

who alone does such awesome deeds.
<sup>19</sup> Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

<sup>20</sup> The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

#### BOOK III: Psalms 73-89

#### DASV: Psalm 73

#### A psalm of Asaph

<sup>1</sup> Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. <sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet almost slipped; my steps almost slid out from under me. <sup>3</sup> For I was envious of the proud, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. <sup>4</sup> For they have no pains, their bodies are strong and healthy. <sup>5</sup> They do not have trouble like other people; neither do they suffer like others do. <sup>6</sup> Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. <sup>7</sup> Their eyes bulge from fatness; they have more than their heart could wish for. <sup>8</sup> They scoff and speak with malice; they arrogantly speak about oppression. <sup>9</sup> Their mouth boasts against the heavens, and their tongue parades through the earth. <sup>10</sup> Therefore the people turn to them, and drink full of their words. <sup>11</sup> They ask, "Does God really know? Is the Most High really aware?" <sup>12</sup> Look, these are the wicked, always at ease as they increase in wealth. <sup>13</sup> Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure, and washed my hands in innocence. <sup>14</sup> For all day long I suffer; I'm punished every morning. <sup>15</sup> If I had said, "I will speak like this;" I would have betrayed the generation of your children. <sup>16</sup> When I tried to figure this out, it was too troubling to me; <sup>17</sup> until I went into the sanctuary of God, then I understood the fate of the wicked.

<sup>18</sup> Surely you set them in slippery places;

you make them fall down into destruction.
<sup>19</sup> How they are destroyed in a moment,
totally swept away by terrors.
<sup>20</sup> As a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when you wake you will despise them as fleeting images.
<sup>21</sup> When my soul was grieved,
and I was pricked in my heart,
<sup>22</sup> I was stupid and ignorant;
I was like an irrational beast before you.
<sup>23</sup> Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
<sup>24</sup> You will guide me with your counsel,
and afterward receive me to glory.
<sup>25</sup> Whom do I have in heaven but you?
There is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
<sup>27</sup> For those who are far from you will perish;
you destroy everyone who is unfaithful to you.
<sup>28</sup> But it is good for me to draw near to God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may recount all your works.
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### A Maskil of Asaph

<sup>1</sup> O God, why have you rejected us forever?
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?
<sup>2</sup> Remember your congregation, which you have acquired long ago,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your inheritance,
and Mount Zion, where you dwell.
<sup>3</sup> Turn your steps to the perpetual heap of rubble,
all the damage that the enemy has done in the sanctuary.
<sup>4</sup> Your adversaries have roared in the middle of your assembly place;
there they have set up their battle streamers.
<sup>5</sup> They seemed like those who swing axes
in a thicket of trees.
<sup>6</sup> Now they have torn down all its carved work
with hatchets and hammers.
<sup>7</sup> They have set your sanctuary on fire;
they have profaned the dwelling place of your name
by throwing it to the ground.
<sup>8</sup> They said to themselves,
"Let us totally crush them."
They have burned up all of God's meeting places in the land.
<sup>9</sup> We do not see any signs of deliverance;
there are no more prophets;
neither is there anyone among us who knows how long it will last.
<sup>10</sup> How long, O God, will the adversary insult you?
Will the enemy blaspheme your name forever?
<sup>11</sup> Why do you withhold your hand, even your right hand?
Pull it out of your pocket and destroy them.
<sup>12</sup> Yet God is my King from ages past,
working salvation in the earth.
<sup>13</sup> You divided the sea by your strength;
you broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.
<sup>14</sup> You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces;
you gave him as food for the desert animals.
<sup>15</sup> You split open the springs and streams;
you dried up perpetual rivers.
<sup>16</sup> Both day and night are yours;
you have fixed the sun and moon in place.

- <sup>17</sup> You have set all the boundaries of the earth; you made summer and winter.
- <sup>18</sup> Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy insulted you, and that a foolish people has blasphemed your name.
- <sup>19</sup> Do not deliver the life of your turtledove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of your oppressed forever.
- <sup>20</sup> Have respect for the covenant,
  - for the dark places of the earth are full of the dwellings of violence.
- <sup>21</sup> Do not let the oppressed return ashamed;
  - let the poor and needy praise your name.
- <sup>22</sup> Arise, O God, plead your own cause;
- remember how the fools have insulted you all day long.
- <sup>23</sup> Do not forget the sneers of your adversaries, the uproar of those who rise up against you ascends continually.

For the music director, according to Do Not Destroy, a psalm of Asaph, a song

<sup>1</sup> We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near; people tell of your wondrous works. <sup>2</sup> God says, "At the set time, I will judge with equity. <sup>3</sup> The earth and all its inhabitants quake: I have set up its pillars securely. Selah <sup>4</sup> I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast;' and to the wicked. 'Do lift not up your horns. <sup>5</sup> do not lift up your horn on high; do not speak with a haughty neck." <sup>6</sup> For not from the east, or from the west, or from the wilderness, comes lifting up in success. <sup>7</sup> But God is the judge. He puts down one, and lifts up another. <sup>8</sup> For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine; it is mixed with spices: when he pours it out, all the wicked of the earth will drink it down to the dregs. <sup>9</sup> But as for me, I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. <sup>10</sup> God says, "I will cut off all the horns of the wicked, but the horns of the righteous will be lifted up."

# For the music director, with stringed instruments, a psalm of Asaph, a song

<sup>1</sup> In Judah is God known;
his name is great in Israel.
<sup>2</sup> In Salem is his abode,
and his dwelling place in Zion.
<sup>3</sup> There he broke the flaming arrows, the shield,
the sword and weapons of war. Selah
<sup>4</sup> You are glorious,
more majestic than the mountains covered with prey.
<sup>5</sup> The valiant of heart were plundered;
they have fallen into their sleep;
none of the warriors was able to lift a hand.
<sup>6</sup> At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,
both chariot and horse lay still.
<sup>7</sup> You yourself are to be feared.
Who can stand before you once your anger is roused?
<sup>8</sup> From heaven your judgment was heard.
The earth feared and was silent
<sup>9</sup> when God arose for judgment,
to save all the oppressed of the earth. Selah
<sup>10</sup> Surely your wrath upon men will praise you;
with the remnant of wrath you gird yourself.
<sup>11</sup> Make vows to the LORD your God and keep them;
let all who are around him bring gifts
to him who is to be feared.
<sup>12</sup> He will cut off the spirit of princes;
he is feared by the kings of the earth.

### For the music director, according to Jeduthun, of Asaph, a psalm

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> I cry out to God, I cry out to God, that he would listen to me.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> In the day of my trouble, I sought the Lord; my hand was stretched out throughout the night without going numb; my soul refused to be comforted.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>3</sup> I remember God, contemplate and meditate until my spirit grows faint. Selah</li> <li><sup>4</sup> You keep my eyelids from closing; I am so troubled I cannot speak.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> I contemplate the days of old, the years of ancient times.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> I remember my song in the night; I meditate within my own heart, and search deep into my own spirit.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>7</sup> Will the Lord reject me forever? Will he never again be favorable?</li> <li><sup>8</sup> Is his loyal love gone forever? Has his promise failed from generation to generation?</li> <li><sup>9</sup> Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withdrawn his compassion? Selah</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>10</sup> Then I concluded, "This thought pierces me that the favor of the right hand of the Most High has changed."</li> <li><sup>11</sup> I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.</li> <li><sup>12</sup> I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your deeds.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>13</sup> Your way, O God, is holy; who is a great god like our God?</li> <li><sup>14</sup> You are the God who does wonders; you make known your power among the peoples.</li> <li><sup>15</sup> With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah</li> </ul>

<sup>16</sup> The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you, they were afraid; even the depths of the sea trembled.
<sup>17</sup> The clouds poured down rain; the dark clouds thundered; your arrows flashed all around.
<sup>18</sup> The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; the lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.
<sup>19</sup> Your way was through the sea, and your paths through the great waters, though your footprints could not be detected.
<sup>20</sup> You led your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

#### A Maskil of Asaph

<sup>1</sup> Give ear to my instruction, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter insightful secrets from the past, <sup>3</sup> which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us about. <sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children. We will tell the next generation of the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his power and wondrous works that he has done. <sup>5</sup> For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel. He commanded our fathers, that they should teach them to their children, <sup>6</sup> so that the next generation might know them, even the children not yet born, who should rise and tell them to their children. <sup>7</sup> Then they will set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments, <sup>8</sup> so that they might not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not committed, and whose spirit was not faithful to God. <sup>9</sup> The Ephraimites were armed with bows, but they turned back in the day of battle. <sup>10</sup> They did not keep the covenant of God, and refused to walk according to his law; <sup>11</sup> they forgot his doings, and his wondrous works that he had shown them. <sup>12</sup> He performed wonders in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. <sup>13</sup> He split the sea, and caused them to pass through; he made the waters to stand in a heap. <sup>14</sup> In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night with a light of fire. <sup>15</sup> He split rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as the ocean depths. <sup>16</sup> He brought streams out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

<sup>17</sup> Yet they still continued to sin against him, to rebel against the Most High in the desert. <sup>18</sup> They tested God in their heart by demanding food to satisfy their appetite. <sup>19</sup> They spoke against God; They said, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness? <sup>20</sup> Yes, he struck a rock so that waters gushed out, and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread? Can he provide meat for his people?" <sup>21</sup> When the LORD heard it, he was enraged; a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger flared up against Israel, <sup>22</sup> because they did not believe in God, and did not trust in his salvation. <sup>23</sup> Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven; <sup>24</sup> he rained down manna for them to eat, and gave them grain from heaven. <sup>25</sup> Humans ate the bread of the angels; he sent them food until they were full. <sup>26</sup> He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens; by his power he guided the south wind. <sup>27</sup> He rained meat on them as the dust, and winged birds as numerous as the sand of the seas; <sup>28</sup> he had them fall in the middle of their camp, all around their tents. <sup>29</sup> They ate until they were gorged; he gave them what they craved. <sup>30</sup> While they had not yet satisfied their craving, while their food was still in their mouths, <sup>31</sup> the anger of God rose up against them, and slew the strongest of them, and struck down the young men of Israel. <sup>32</sup> In spite of all this, they continued sinning, and did not believe in his wondrous works. <sup>33</sup> So he made their days vanish like a vapor and their years in terror. <sup>34</sup> When he slew them, then they sought after him,

and repented and desired God.

<sup>35</sup> They remembered that God was their rock,

and the Most High God was their redeemer. <sup>36</sup> But they flattered him with their mouths, and lied to him with their tongues. <sup>37</sup> For their heart was not committed to him, nor were they faithful to his covenant. <sup>38</sup> Yet he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them; many times he held back his anger, and did not stir up all his wrath. <sup>39</sup> He remembered that they were but flesh, a breeze that blows by never to return. <sup>40</sup> How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness, and grieved him in the desert! <sup>41</sup> They turned again and tested God, and provoked the Holy One of Israel. <sup>42</sup> They did not remember his powerful hand, nor the day when he redeemed them from the enemy; <sup>43</sup> when he performed his miraculous signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the fields of Zoan. <sup>44</sup> He turned their rivers into blood, so that they could not drink from their streams. <sup>45</sup> He sent among them swarms of flies, which bit them; and frogs, which ruined them. <sup>46</sup> He gave their crops to the caterpillar, and the produce of their toil to the locust. <sup>47</sup> He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore-fig trees with frost. <sup>48</sup> He rained hail on their cattle, and shot thunderbolts on their flocks. <sup>49</sup> He unleashed his fierce anger on them, wrath, indignation and trouble, as messengers of disaster. <sup>50</sup> He made a path for his anger; he did not spare them from death, but gave their life over to the plague. <sup>51</sup> He struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, the firstfruits of their strength in the tents of Ham. <sup>52</sup> Then he led forth his own people like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. <sup>53</sup> He kept them safe, so that they were not afraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies. <sup>54</sup> He brought them to the border of his holy land,

to this mountain which his right hand had won. <sup>55</sup> He drove out the nations before them, and allotted them for an inheritance by lot, and made the tribes of Israel to settle in their tents. <sup>56</sup> Yet they tested and rebelled against the Most High God. They did not keep his decrees, <sup>57</sup> but turned back and acted treacherously like their forefathers had, as unreliable as a defective bow. <sup>58</sup> They provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their idols. <sup>59</sup> When God heard this, he got angry, and totally rejected Israel. <sup>60</sup> He abandoned the tabernacle at Shiloh, the tent where he settled among humans. <sup>61</sup> He delivered the ark of his power into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand. <sup>62</sup> He gave his people over to the sword, and was angry with his inheritance. <sup>63</sup> Fire devoured their young men; their young women had no wedding songs. <sup>64</sup> Their priests fell by the sword; their widows did not grieve. <sup>65</sup> Then the Lord awoke as from sleep, like a warrior in a drunken rage. <sup>66</sup> He drove his adversaries back; he put them to perpetual shame. <sup>67</sup> He rejected the tent of Joseph, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, <sup>68</sup> but he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which he loved. <sup>69</sup> He built his sanctuary like the heights, like the earth he founded it forever. <sup>70</sup> He chose his servant David, and took him from the sheepfolds; <sup>71</sup> from following mother sheep with their young, he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, and his inheritance Israel. <sup>72</sup> He cared for them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them with skillful hands.

#### A psalm of Asaph

<sup>1</sup> O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins. <sup>2</sup> The bodies of your servants they have given to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the earth. <sup>3</sup> They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. <sup>4</sup> We have become a mockery to our neighbors, a scoffing and derision to those around us. <sup>5</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealousy burn like fire? <sup>6</sup> Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that call not on your name. <sup>7</sup> For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling. <sup>8</sup> Do not hold the sins of our forefathers against us; let your compassion quickly come to us, for we are brought very low. <sup>9</sup> Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake. <sup>10</sup> Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Before our eyes avenge the blood of your servants which was shed, let it be known among the nations. <sup>11</sup> Let the groans of the prisoner come before you; according to the greatness of your power spare those who are appointed to death. <sup>12</sup> Repay our neighbors sevenfold into their lap; insult them the way they have insulted you, O Lord. <sup>13</sup> So we, your people and sheep of your pasture, will give you thanks forever, from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

For the music director, according to Lilies, a covenant, of Asaph, a psalm

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who sit enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth. <sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up vour might. come to save us. <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; let your face shine. and we will be saved. <sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry against the prayer of your people? <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink by the gallon. <sup>6</sup> You make our neighbors quarrel with us; our enemies laugh at us. <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, and we will be saved. <sup>8</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations, and planted it. <sup>9</sup> You prepared ground for it, and it took deep root, and filled the land. <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered with its shadow, and its branches were like mighty cedars. <sup>11</sup> It spread its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the Euphrates River. <sup>12</sup> Why have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass by on the path pluck its fruit? <sup>13</sup> The forest boars ravage it, and the wild beasts of the field feed on it. <sup>14</sup> Turn back, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see, and tend to this vine, <sup>15</sup> the stock which your right hand planted, your son whom you made strong for yourself.

<sup>16</sup> It is cut down, it is burned with fire; they perish at the frown of your face.
<sup>17</sup> Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, upon the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.
<sup>18</sup> Then we will never turn away from you; revive us and we will call on your name.
<sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine,

and we will be saved.

For the music director, according to the Gittith, of Asaph

<sup>1</sup> Sing with joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> Raise a song, and play the tambourine, the melodic lyre with the harp. <sup>3</sup> Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on the day of our feast. <sup>4</sup> For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob. <sup>5</sup> He appointed it to Joseph as a regulation when he went out through the land of Egypt, there I heard a voice that I did not recognize. <sup>6</sup> "I removed the burden from his shoulder; his hands were freed from the basket. <sup>7</sup> When you were in trouble you called, and I delivered you; I answered you from the dark thundercloud; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah <sup>8</sup> Hear, O my people, while I give you a warning; O Israel, if you would just listen to me! <sup>9</sup> No strange god should be among you; do not worship any foreign god. <sup>10</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. <sup>11</sup> But my people did not listen to my voice, and Israel refused to submit to me. <sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to their own stubborn hearts, so that they would walk in their own plans. <sup>13</sup> O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! <sup>14</sup> Then I would have quickly subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. <sup>15</sup> Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him; their doomed destiny would endure forever. <sup>16</sup> But I would feed you with the finest of the wheat; with honey out of the rock I would satisfy you.

#### A psalm of Asaph

<sup>1</sup> God stands in the divine council; he renders justice among the heavenly beings.

<sup>2</sup> Saying, "How long will you judge unjustly, and favor the wicked? Selah
<sup>3</sup> Defend the poor and orphan; give justice to the oppressed and destitute.
<sup>4</sup> Rescue the poor and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
<sup>5</sup> They do not know or understand; they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
<sup>6</sup> I said, 'You are gods, all of you are sons of the Most High.
<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless you will die like men, and fall just like other rulers.'"

<sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, judge the earth, for all nations belong to you.

### A song, a psalm of Asaph

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> O God, do not stay silent; do not hold your peace or be still, O God.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> For see what a commotion your enemies are making, and those who hate you have cocked their heads.</li> <li><sup>3</sup> They plot crafty plans against your people, and collude against those you cherish.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more."</li> <li><sup>5</sup> For they conspire together with one mind; they make a pack against you</li> <li><sup>6</sup> the tents of Edom and Ishmaelites, Moab, and the Hagrites,</li> <li><sup>7</sup> Gebal, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> Assyria also has joined them; they have aided the children of Lot. Selah</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>9</sup> Do to them as you did to Midian, as you did to Sisera and Jabin by the Kishon River,</li> <li><sup>10</sup> who perished at Endor, who became like manure for the soil.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna;</li> <li><sup>12</sup> who said, "Let us take the pastures of God for our possession."</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>13</sup> O my God, make them like the whirling dust, like chaff blown away by the wind.</li> <li><sup>14</sup> Like the fire that burns down a forest and like the flame that ignites the mountains with fire,</li> <li><sup>15</sup> pursue them with your storm, terrify them with your tempest.</li> <li><sup>16</sup> Fill their faces with shame, so that they may seek your name, O LORD.</li> <li><sup>17</sup> Let them be ashamed and dismayed forever; let them be humiliated and perish.</li> <li><sup>18</sup> Let them know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.</li> </ul>

For the music director, according to the Gittith, of the Sons of Korah, a psalm

<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  $^{2}$  My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out to the living God. <sup>3</sup> Even, the sparrow has found her house, and the swallow a nest for herself. where she may lay her young, by your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who live in your house, continually singing your praise. Selah <sup>5</sup> Blessed is the one whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the paths of pilgrimage to Zion. <sup>6</sup> Passing through the valley of Bacca, they make it a place of springs; the early rains of autumn cover it with pools. <sup>7</sup> They go from strong to stronger; every one of them appears before God in Zion. <sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah <sup>9</sup> Look favorably, O God, our shield, and look on the face of your anointed one. <sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. <sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and a shield; he gives grace and glory; no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

For the music director, of the Sons of Korah, a psalm

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have been favorable to your land; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> You have forgiven the iniquity of your people; you have covered all their sin. Selah <sup>3</sup> You have withdrawn all your wrath; you have turned from the fierceness of your fury. <sup>4</sup> Restore us, O God of our salvation, and put away your rage against us. <sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever? Will your anger continue to all generations? <sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? <sup>7</sup> Show us your loyal love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. <sup>8</sup> I will listen to what God the LORD will speak; he will speak peace to his people, and to his faithful ones; they must not turn back to folly. <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup> Loyal love and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed. <sup>11</sup> Truth springs out of the earth; righteousness looks down from heaven. <sup>12</sup> Yes, the LORD will give that which is good; our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him, and prepare a path for his steps.

A prayer of David <sup>1</sup> Bend down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. <sup>2</sup> Protect my life, for I am loyal to you: you who are my God, save your servant who trusts in you. <sup>3</sup> Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry out to you all day long. <sup>4</sup> Make the soul of your servant glad, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abundant in loyal love to all those who call on you. <sup>6</sup> Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to the voice of my cry for help. <sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me. <sup>8</sup> There is no one like you among the gods, O Lord; nor can any match your magnificent deeds. <sup>9</sup> All nations whom you made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will glorify your name. <sup>10</sup> For you are great, and do wondrous works; you are God alone. <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, so that I may walk in your truth; grant me a focused heart to fear your name. <sup>12</sup> I will praise you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart; I will glorify your name forever. <sup>13</sup> For great is your loyal love toward me; you have delivered my life from the depths of Sheol. <sup>14</sup> O God, the arrogant are risen up against me, and a gang of violent men have sought my life; there is no respect of you before them. <sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and grace, slow to anger, abundant in loyal love and faithfulness. <sup>16</sup> Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your handmaid. <sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your goodness, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

#### A psalm of the sons of Korah, a song

<sup>1</sup> He has laid the foundations of his city on the holy mountains. <sup>2</sup> The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. <sup>3</sup> Glorious things are spoken about you, O city of God. Selah <sup>4</sup> I will remind Egypt and Babylon-as those who have known me, Philistia, Tyre, along with Ethiopia: "This one was born there." <sup>5</sup> Yes, of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one was born in her;" the Most High himself will establish her. <sup>6</sup> The LORD will write when he takes a census of the peoples, "This one was born there." Selah <sup>7</sup> Those who sing and dance will exclaim, "All my springs of delight are in you."

#### A song, a psalm of the Korahites, for the music director, according to Mahalath Leannoth, a Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, the God of my salvation, by day I cry out and by night I come before you. <sup>2</sup> Let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry. <sup>3</sup> For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to the grave. <sup>4</sup> I am counted with those who go down into the pit; I am as a person who has no strength, <sup>5</sup> abandoned among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, they are cut off from your hand. <sup>6</sup> You have laid me in the bottom of the pit, in darkness of the depths. <sup>7</sup> Your wrath presses hard on me, you have afflicted me with all your waves. Selah <sup>8</sup> You have moved those who know me far away; you have made me revolting to them; I am closed in and cannot get out. <sup>9</sup> My eyes grow blurry from grief; I have called daily on you, O LORD; I have spread out my hands to you. <sup>10</sup> Will you perform wonders for the dead? Will the departed spirits rise up and praise you? Selah <sup>11</sup> Will your loyal love be recorded in the grave, or your faithfulness in the place of Destruction? <sup>12</sup> Are your wonders known in the regions of darkness, your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? <sup>13</sup> But to you, O LORD, I cry out; in the morning my prayer comes before you. <sup>14</sup> O LORD, why do you throw away my life? Why do you hide your face from me? <sup>15</sup> I am oppressed and near death from my youth up; I suffer your terrors yet I am helpless.

<sup>16</sup> Your fierce wrath has swept over me;

your terrors have put an end to me. <sup>17</sup> They encircle me like water all day long; they have totally engulfed me. <sup>18</sup> Both lover and friend you have moved far from me, with darkness as my closest friend.

### A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> I will sing of the loyal love of the LORD forever; with my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> For I said, "Loyal love is built to last forever; in the heavens you established your faithfulness."</li> <li><sup>3</sup> For the LORD said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have made a promise to David my servant.</li> <li><sup>4</sup> Your descendants I will establish forever, and build your throne to last for all generations." Selah</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>5</sup> The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.</li> <li><sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?</li> <li><sup>7</sup> God is greatly revered in the council of the holy ones, more awesome than all those who surround him.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, who is a mighty one, like you, O LORD? Your faithfulness surrounds you.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> You rule the swelling of the sea; when its waves surge, you calm them.</li> <li><sup>10</sup> You crushed Rahab as one who is slain; you have scattered your enemies with your strong arm.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> The heavens are yours, the earth is also yours; the world and everything in it, you founded it all.</li> <li><sup>12</sup> The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.</li> <li><sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, and high is your right hand.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; loyal love and faithfulness go before your face.</li> <li><sup>15</sup> Blessed is the people that know the joyful shout, those who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face.</li> <li><sup>16</sup> In your name they rejoice all day; in your righteousness they are exalted.</li> <li><sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength; through your favor our horn is exalted.</li> <li><sup>18</sup> For our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.</li> </ul>

<sup>19</sup> Then you spoke in a vision to your devoted ones, you declared, "I give help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen among the people. <sup>20</sup> I have found David my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him. <sup>21</sup> My hand will establish him; my arm also will strengthen him.  $^{22}$  The enemy will not exact tribute from him; the wicked will not oppress him. <sup>23</sup> I will crush his adversaries before him, and strike down the ones who hate him. <sup>24</sup> But my faithfulness and my loyal love will be with him; in my name his horn will be exalted. <sup>25</sup> I will set his hand over the sea, and his right hand over the rivers. <sup>26</sup> He will cry out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' <sup>27</sup> I also will make him my firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. <sup>28</sup> I will retain my loyal love for him forever; my covenant with him will never cease. <sup>29</sup> His descendants I will make to last forever, and his throne as long as the days of heaven. <sup>30</sup> If his children forsake my law, and refuse to walk in my regulations; <sup>31</sup> if they break my statutes, and do not keep my commands; <sup>32</sup> then I will visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with lashes. <sup>33</sup> But your loyal love I will not totally remove from him, or betray my faithful promise. <sup>34</sup> I will not break my covenant, or alter the promise that has gone out of my lips. <sup>35</sup> Once and for all I have promised by my holiness; I will not lie to David. <sup>36</sup> His descendants will endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me. <sup>37</sup> It will be established forever as the moon, and as the faithful witness in the sky." Selah

<sup>38</sup> But you have abandoned and rejected him;

you are furious with your anointed one.	
<sup>39</sup> You have abhorred the covenant of your servant;	
you have defiled his crown in the dirt.	
<sup>40</sup> You have broken down all his hedges;	
you have brought down his strongholds to ruins.	
<sup>41</sup> All who pass by the way plunder him;	
he has become a laughingstock to his neighbors.	
<sup>42</sup> You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries;	
you have made all his enemies rejoice.	
<sup>43</sup> Yes, you turned back the edge of his sword,	
and have not made him victorious in the battle.	
<sup>44</sup> You have made his splendor to cease,	
and have thrown down his throne to the ground.	
<sup>45</sup> The days of his youth you have cut short;	
you have covered him with shame. Selah	
46	
<sup>46</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself, forever?	
How long will your wrath burn like fire?	
<sup>47</sup> Remember how brief my life is;	
for what emptiness you have created all human beings!	
<sup>48</sup> What person is there that will live and not experience death?	
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<sup>49</sup> Lord, where is your former loyal love,	
which you swore to David in your faithfulness?	
<sup>50</sup> Remember, Lord, the disgrace of your servants,	
how I bear in my heart the insults of so many peoples,	
<sup>51</sup> by which your enemies have insulted, O LORD,	
by which they have insulted the footsteps of your anointed one.	
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<sup>52</sup> Praise be the LORD forever.	

Amen, and Amen.

#### BOOK IV: Psalms 90-106

### DASV: Psalm 90

# A Prayer of Moses, the man of God

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place through all generations.</li> <li><sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, before you formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>3</sup> You turn people back into dust, and order, "Turn back into dust, O human beings."</li> <li><sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or like a brief shift in the night.</li> <li><sup>5</sup> You fade them away like a dream that disappears. They are like grass which sprouts in the morning;</li> <li><sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and grows; in the evening it dries up and withers away.</li> <li><sup>7</sup> We are consumed by your anger, and overwhelmed by your wrath.</li> <li><sup>8</sup> You have laid out our iniquities before you, our secret sins are exposed by the light of your face.</li> <li><sup>9</sup> For all our days pass under your wrath; we finish our years with a sigh.</li> <li><sup>10</sup> The days of our life are seventy years, or possibly by reason of strength eighty years; yet even at their best they are but toil and trouble; for they are soon gone, and we fly away.</li> <li><sup>11</sup> Who really knows the power of your anger? Your wrath is suited for the fear that is due to you.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.</li> <li><sup>13</sup> Return, O LORD. How long? Have pity on your servants.</li> <li><sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your loyal love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.</li> <li><sup>15</sup> Make us happy in proportion to the days you have afflicted us, and for the years wherein we have seen trouble.</li> <li><sup>16</sup> Let your mighty deeds be seen by your servants,</li> </ul>

- <sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us, and prosper the work of our hands for us;
  - - yes, the work of our hands make it prosper.

<sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will abide under the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." <sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his wings, and under his wings you will take refuge; his truth is a shield and a protective wall. <sup>5</sup> You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day, <sup>6</sup> of the pestilence that comes in darkness, or of the destruction that ravages at noon. <sup>7</sup> A thousand will fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. <sup>8</sup> You will look on it with your own eyes, and see the punishment of the wicked. <sup>9</sup> For you, O LORD, are my refuge! You have made the Most High your shelter; <sup>10</sup> no evil will happen to you, nor will any plague come near your tent. <sup>11</sup> For he will order his angels concerning you, to keep you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup> They will pick you up in their hands, so that you do not dash your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup> You will tread upon a lion and snake; a young lion and serpent you will trample under foot. <sup>14</sup> The LORD says, "Because he has fixed his love on me, I will rescue him; I will protect him on high, because he was loyal to my name. <sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver and honor him. <sup>16</sup> I will satisfy him with long life, and show him my salvation."

A psalm, a song for the Sabbath

- <sup>1</sup> It is a good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
  <sup>2</sup> to show forth your loyal love in the morning, your faithfulness at night,
  <sup>3</sup> with a ten-stringed harp, and the melody of a lyre.
  <sup>4</sup> For you, O LORD, have made me glad through your work; I will sing for joy because of the works of your hands.
  <sup>5</sup> How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep.
  <sup>6</sup> A brutish person cannot know, nor does a fool understand this,
- <sup>7</sup> when the wicked spring up as the grass, and when all the evildoers flourish; it is so they may be destroyed forever.
  <sup>8</sup> But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.
- <sup>9</sup> For your enemies, O LORD, will perish; all the evildoers will be scattered.
  <sup>10</sup> But my horn you have exalted like the horn of a wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil.
  <sup>11</sup> My eyes have seen the demise of my enemies; my ears have heard the fall of the evil-doers

who have risen against me.

- <sup>12</sup> The righteous will flourish like a palm tree; he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
  <sup>13</sup> They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.
  <sup>14</sup> They will still bring forth fruit in old age; they will be full of sap and stay green,
  <sup>15</sup> to declare that the LORD is upright;
  - he is my rock, and there is no injustice in him.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; he is robed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength; the world is established so it cannot be moved.
<sup>2</sup> Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.
<sup>3</sup> The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.
<sup>4</sup> More powerful than the rumble of many waters, than the mighty breakers of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty.
<sup>5</sup> Your testimonies are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for perpetual days.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, God of vengeance, you God of vengeance, shine forth. <sup>2</sup> Lift up yourself, you judge of the earth; repay the proud with what they deserve. <sup>3</sup> LORD, how long will the wicked, how long will the wicked celebrate? <sup>4</sup> They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast. <sup>5</sup> They crush your people, O LORD, and oppress your heritage. <sup>6</sup> They slay the widow and the foreigner, and murder the orphan. <sup>7</sup> They claim, "The LORD does not see, the God of Jacob is not aware." <sup>8</sup> Be aware of this, you stupid people; and you fools, when will you wise up? <sup>9</sup> He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see? <sup>10</sup> Does he who punishes nations not punish? Does he who teaches human beings have no knowledge? <sup>11</sup> The LORD even knows people's thoughts, that they are useless. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one whom you discipline, O LORD, and teach from your law; <sup>13</sup> you may give him rest from days of adversity, until a pit is dug for the wicked. <sup>14</sup> For the LORD will not forsake his people, nor will he desert his inheritance. <sup>15</sup> For judgment will again be done with righteousness; all the upright in heart will follow it. <sup>16</sup> Who will rise up to defend me against the wicked? Who will stand up for me against the evildoers? <sup>17</sup> Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul would soon dwell in the silence of the grave. <sup>18</sup> When I said, "My foot is slipping," your loyal love, O LORD, sustained me. <sup>19</sup> When anxious thoughts multiplied within me, your comfort cheered my soul.

- <sup>20</sup> Will a corrupt throne be your ally,
  - those who devise oppressive laws?
- <sup>21</sup> They conspire against the life of the righteous, and condemn the innocent to death.
- <sup>22</sup> But the LORD has been my high tower, and my God the rock providing me refuge.
- <sup>23</sup> He has brought back on them their own iniquity, and will cut them off in their own wickedness; the LORD our God will destroy them.

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to him in songs. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains also are his. <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. <sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. <sup>7</sup> For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! <sup>8</sup> Do not harden your heart, as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> when your fathers tested me, proved me, and saw my work. <sup>10</sup> I was grieved with that generation for forty years, and said, "They are a people that go astray in their heart, they have not known my ways." <sup>11</sup> So I swore in my wrath:

"They will never enter my rest."

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation from day to day.
<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name;

bring an offering, and enter his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in his holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Declare among the nations, "The LORD reigns;" the world is solidly established so that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples fairly.
<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and everything in it;
<sup>12</sup> let the fields celebrate, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will shout for joy
<sup>13</sup> before the LORD; for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the distant coasts be glad. <sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. <sup>3</sup> A fire goes before him, and burns up his adversaries on all sides. <sup>4</sup> His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles. <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. <sup>7</sup> All those who serve idols are put to shame, those who boast about worthless idols; worship him, all you gods. <sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD. <sup>9</sup> For you, LORD, are most high above all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. <sup>10</sup> You who love the LORD, hate evil; he protects the lives of his saints; he delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. <sup>11</sup> Light shines on the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.

# A psalm

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand, and his holy arm, have won him the victory. <sup>2</sup> The LORD has made known his salvation; his righteousness he has revealed in the sight of the nations. <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his loyal love and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. <sup>4</sup> Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; break out and sing for joy, yes, sing praises. <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of music. <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of a ram's horn, shout joyfully before the King, the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and everything in it, the world, and those who live in it. <sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy 9 before the LORD. For he comes to judge the earth; he will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with fairness.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble; he sits enthroned above the cherubim, let the earth quiver.
<sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted above all the nations.
<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name. He is holy.
<sup>4</sup> The strong king, who loves justice, you have established fairness; you have acted with justice and righteousness in Jacob.
<sup>5</sup> Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool. He is holy.

<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel among the ones who called on his name; they called on the LORD, and he answered them.
<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his regulations, and the decrees he gave them.
<sup>8</sup> You answered them, O LORD our God; you were a God who forgave them, though you punished their evil doings.
<sup>9</sup> Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

# A psalm of thanksgiving

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all the earth.
<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness; come before his presence with singing.
<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God; it is he who has made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
<sup>4</sup> Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him,

and bless his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;

his loyal love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

# Of David, a psalm

<sup>1</sup> I will sing of loyal love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will sing praises. <sup>2</sup> I will carefully maintain the way of integrity. When will you come to me? I will walk within my house with a heart of integrity. <sup>3</sup> I will not set any worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who are crooked; it will not cling to me. <sup>4</sup> A perverse heart will leave me; I will not condone anything evil. <sup>5</sup> Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, I will destroy; the one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, I will not tolerate. <sup>6</sup> My eyes of favor will be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; whoever walks in the way of integrity will serve me. <sup>7</sup> No one doing deceit will dwell in my house; whoever speaks lies will not be established in my presence. <sup>8</sup> Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land, to cut off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

A prayer of the afflicted, when he is faint and pours out his lament before the LORD

<sup>1</sup> Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry for help come to you. <sup>2</sup> Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress; bend down your ear to me; in the day when I call, answer me quickly. <sup>3</sup> For my days fade away like smoke, and my bones are burned like charred coals. <sup>4</sup> Mv heart is mowed down, withered like grass; I forget even to eat my food. <sup>5</sup> Because of the sound of my groaning; my bones protrude from my flesh. <sup>6</sup> I am like an owl of the wilderness; I am become like a small owl of the waste places. <sup>7</sup> I lie awake: I am like a solitary bird alone on the roof top. <sup>8</sup> My enemies insult me all day long; those who taunt me use my name as a curse. <sup>9</sup> I have eaten ashes like it was bread, and mixed my drink with my tears, <sup>10</sup> because of your anger and your wrath, for you have picked me up and thrown me away. <sup>11</sup> My days are like an evening shadow that passes; I am withered like grass. <sup>12</sup> But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; your reputation is known to all generations. <sup>13</sup> You will arise, and have mercy on Zion, for it is time to have pity on her: yes, the appointed time has come. <sup>14</sup> For your servants delight in her stones, and favor even her dust. <sup>15</sup> The nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth your glory. <sup>16</sup> For the LORD will rebuild Zion; he will appear in his glory. <sup>17</sup> He has regarded the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer.

- <sup>18</sup> Let this be written for the generation to come,
  - so that a people not yet born will praise the LORD.
- <sup>19</sup> "For he will look down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven the LORD looks down on the earth,
- <sup>20</sup> to hear the moans of the prisoner,
  - to set free those who are condemned to die.
- <sup>21</sup> So that the name of the LORD may be declared in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem,
- <sup>22</sup> when the peoples are assembled together and the kingdoms,
  - to worship the LORD.
- <sup>23</sup> He has broken my strength in midlife; he has shortened my days.
- <sup>24</sup> I said, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; yet your years continue through all generations.
- <sup>25</sup> Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth; the heavens are the work of your hands.
- <sup>26</sup> They will perish, but you will endure;
  - yes, all of them will wear out like a garment;
    - you will change them like clothes and shed them.
- <sup>27</sup> But you are the same,
  - your years will never end.
- <sup>28</sup> The children of your servants will live on, and their descendants will be established in your presence."

# Of David

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul; all that is within me, praise his holy name.
<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquities;
who heals all your diseases;
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from destruction;
who crowns you with loyal love and tender mercies;
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desire with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.
<sup>6</sup> The LORD executes righteous acts,
and justice for all who are oppressed.
<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the children of Israel.
<sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and abounding in loyal love.
<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,
nor will he stay angry forever.
<sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us as our sins deserve,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his loyal love toward those who fear him.
$^{12}$ As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
<sup>13</sup> Like a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
<sup>14</sup> For he knows what we are made from;
he remembers that we are dust.
<sup>15</sup> A human life is like grass;
it flourishes like a flower of the field;
<sup>16</sup> then the wind blows over it, and it is gone;
even the place where it grew
no longer recognizes where it was.
<sup>17</sup> But the loyal love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to their children's children;
<sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant,
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and who remember to do his precepts.

<sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
<sup>20</sup> Praise the LORD, you his angels, who are mighty in strength carrying out his word, obedient to the voice of his word.
<sup>21</sup> Praise the LORD, all his heavenly armies, you his servants who do his pleasure.
<sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, all his works, everywhere he rules. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with honor and majesty.
<sup>2</sup> He covers himself with light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent curtain.
<sup>3</sup> He sets the rafters of his palace in the rain clouds; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind.
<sup>4</sup> He makes the winds his messengers; flames of fire are his attendants.
<sup>5</sup> He laid the foundations of the earth, so that it will never move.
<sup>6</sup> You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

<sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they fled;

at the sound of your thunder they hurry away.

<sup>8</sup> The mountains rose, the valleys sank down, to the place you had determined for them.

<sup>9</sup> You have set a boundary that they may not cross over, so that they would never again cover the earth.

<sup>10</sup> He makes springs stream into the valleys; they flow between the mountains. <sup>11</sup> They give drink to all the animals of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. <sup>12</sup> Beside the streams the birds of the heavens make their nests; they sing among the branches. <sup>13</sup> He waters the mountains from his heavenly chambers; the earth is filled with the fruit of his work. <sup>14</sup> He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for the people to cultivate, so that he may bring food out of the earth, <sup>15</sup> and wine that makes glad the human heart, oil to make his face to shine, and bread to strengthen his heart. <sup>16</sup> The trees of the LORD are well cared for, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted, <sup>17</sup> where the birds make their nests, and the stork makes its nest in the fir trees. <sup>18</sup> The high mountains are for the wild goats;

the rocks are a refuge for the rock badger.

- <sup>19</sup> He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knows when it's time to set.
  <sup>20</sup> You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest prowl around.
  <sup>21</sup> The young lions roar after their prey,
  - and seek their food from God.
- <sup>22</sup> The sun rises, they retire, and lay down in their dens.
  <sup>23</sup> A person goes out to his work
- and to his labor until evening.
- <sup>24</sup> O LORD, how many things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
  <sup>25</sup> Over there is the sea, great and wide, with innumerable moving creatures, both small and great.
  <sup>26</sup> There ships sail back and forth; Leviathan, whom you made to play there.
- <sup>27</sup> These all depend on you, to give them their food at the right time.
  <sup>28</sup> You give to them, they gather; you open your hand, and they are satisfied with good.
  <sup>29</sup> You hide your face, and they are troubled; you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.
  <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; you replenish the face of the ground.
  <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.
- <sup>32</sup> He looks on the earth, and it trembles; he touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;I will sing praise to my God while I am alive.

<sup>34</sup> May my thoughts be pleasing to him, for I will rejoice in the LORD.
<sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth. Let the wicked be no more.
Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him; talk of all his marvelous works. <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. <sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his face continually. <sup>5</sup> Remember his marvelous works that he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth, <sup>6</sup> O descendants of his servant Abraham, you children of Jacob, his chosen ones. <sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. <sup>8</sup> He has remembered his covenant forever, the word that he commanded to a thousand generations, <sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham, and his oath he promised to Isaac. <sup>10</sup> He confirmed the same to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, <sup>11</sup> saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan, as the portion of your inheritance." <sup>12</sup> When they were but few in number, yes, very few, and strangers in it, <sup>13</sup> they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people. <sup>14</sup> He suffered no one to do them wrong; yes, he even rebuked kings for their sakes, <sup>15</sup> saying, "Do not touch my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm." <sup>16</sup> He called for a famine on the land; he broke the whole supply of food. <sup>17</sup> He sent a man before them; Joseph was sold as a slave. <sup>18</sup> His feet they hurt with shackles; his neck was put in an iron collar, <sup>19</sup> until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him. <sup>20</sup> The king sent and loosed him;

the ruler of peoples released him. <sup>21</sup> He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions, <sup>22</sup> to instruct his princes as he wished and teach his elders wisdom. <sup>23</sup> Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. <sup>24</sup> He increased his people greatly, and made them stronger than their enemies. <sup>25</sup> He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal deceitfully with his servants. <sup>26</sup> He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen. <sup>27</sup> They performed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. <sup>28</sup> He sent darkness and it became dark-did they not rebel against his words? <sup>29</sup> He turned their waters into blood, and killed their fish. <sup>30</sup> Their land swarmed with frogs, which even got into their king's chambers. <sup>31</sup> He spoke, and swarms of flies came, then gnats in their whole territory.  $^{32}$  He gave them hail for rain, and flashes of lightning throughout their land. <sup>33</sup> He destroyed their vines and their fig trees, and broke the trees in their territory. <sup>34</sup> He spoke, and the locust came, and countless grasshoppers. <sup>35</sup> They ate all the vegetation in their land, and ate up the fruit of their ground. <sup>36</sup> He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength. <sup>37</sup> He brought them out with silver and gold; there was not one who stumbled among his tribes. <sup>38</sup> Egypt was glad when they left, for the fear of them had fallen on them. <sup>39</sup> He spread a cloud for a covering,

- and fire to give light at night.
- <sup>40</sup> They asked, and he brought quails,

and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

- <sup>41</sup> He opened the rock, and waters gushed out; it flowed like a stream in the desert.
- <sup>42</sup> For he remembered his sacred promise, and Abraham his servant.
- <sup>43</sup> He brought out his people with joy, and his chosen with singing.
- <sup>44</sup> He gave them the lands of the nations; they took the wealth other peoples had produced,
- <sup>45</sup> that they might keep his statutes, and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his loyal love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Who can fully declare the mighty acts of the LORD, or publish all his praise? <sup>3</sup> Blessed are those who promote justice, and who do what is right at all times. <sup>4</sup> Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you rescue them, <sup>5</sup> so that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may give glory with the rest of your inheritance. <sup>6</sup> We have sinned along with our forefathers; we have done wrong; we have behaved wickedly. <sup>7</sup> Our forefathers did not understood your wonders in Egypt; they did not remember the greatness of your loyal love, but rebelled at the sea, at the Red Sea. <sup>8</sup> Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, so that he might make his mighty power known. <sup>9</sup> He rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up; he led them through the depths as through a desert. <sup>10</sup> He saved them from the hand of one who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. <sup>11</sup> The waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left. <sup>12</sup> Then they believed his words; they sang his praise. <sup>13</sup> Soon they forgot his works; they refused to wait for his advice, <sup>14</sup> but in the wilderness their appetite was insatiable, and tested God in the desert. <sup>15</sup> He gave them what they requested, but sent a plague among them. <sup>16</sup> They were jealous of Moses in the camp, and Aaron the holy priest of the LORD.

<sup>17</sup> The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,

- and covered the coterie of Abiram.
   <sup>18</sup> A fire ignited among their faction; the flame burned up the wicked.
- <sup>19</sup> They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped a cast metal image.
  <sup>20</sup> They traded their glorious God,
  - for the image of a bull that eats grass.
- <sup>21</sup> They forgot God their Savior,
  - who had done great things in Egypt,
- <sup>22</sup> wondrous works in the land of Ham,
  - and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.
- <sup>23</sup> Therefore he threatened to destroy them,
  - had not Moses, his chosen, stood before him in the gap, to turn back his wrath from destroying them.
- <sup>24</sup> Yes, they despised the pleasant land; they refused to believe his promise,
- <sup>25</sup> but complained in their tents,
  - and refused to listen to the voice of the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup> Therefore he swore to them
  - that he would destroy them in the desert,
- <sup>27</sup> that he would exile their descendants among the nations, and scatter them among the lands.
- <sup>28</sup> They also joined in the worship of Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices offered to the dead.
- <sup>29</sup> So they provoked him to anger by their actions; the plague broke out on them.
- <sup>30</sup> Then Phinehas stood up, and executed judgment, and the plague was stopped.
- <sup>31</sup> So it was reckoned to him for righteousness, to all generations forever.
- <sup>32</sup> They angered him also at the waters of Meribah,
- so that even Moses suffered the consequences for their sakes;
- <sup>33</sup> because they embittered his spirit, he spoke rashly with his lips.
- <sup>34</sup> They did not destroy the nations, as the LORD had commanded them,
- <sup>35</sup> but mingled with the nations,
  - and learned their ways.
- <sup>36</sup> They served their idols,

which became a snare to them. <sup>37</sup> Yes, they even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons. <sup>38</sup> They shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood. <sup>39</sup> Thus they were defiled by their actions, and prostituted themselves by their practices. <sup>40</sup> Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against his people, and he abhorred the people of his inheritance. <sup>41</sup> He handed them over to the nations, and those who hated them ruled over them. <sup>42</sup> Their enemies also oppressed them, and brought them into subjection under their hand. <sup>43</sup> Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their counsel, and brought low by their sin. <sup>44</sup> Nevertheless he saw their distress, and heard their cry. <sup>45</sup> He remembered his covenant with them, and relented according to the greatness of his loyal love. <sup>46</sup> He caused them to be pitied by all those who had taken them captive. <sup>47</sup> Save us, O LORD our God, and regather us from among the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and to glory in your praise. <sup>48</sup> Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen." Praise the LORD.

# BOOK V: Psalms 107-150

# DASV: Psalm 107

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD speak up, those whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, <sup>3</sup> and gathered out of foreign lands, from the east and from the west. from the north and from the south. <sup>4</sup> They wandered in the desert wasteland; they found no way to an inhabited city. <sup>5</sup> Hungry and thirsty, their lives fainted within them. <sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distress. <sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way, that they might go to an inhabited city. <sup>8</sup> Let them praise the LORD for his loyal love, and for his wonderful works for the children of humanity! <sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the one who thirsts, he fills the hungry with good food. <sup>10</sup> Some sat in darkness even total darkness, bound in misery and iron chains, <sup>11</sup> because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the counsel of the Most High. <sup>12</sup> Therefore he humbled their hearts with labor; they fell down and there was no one to help them up. <sup>13</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he rescued them out of their distress. <sup>14</sup> He brought them out of darkness even total darkness, and broke their chains apart. <sup>15</sup> Let them praise the LORD for his loyal love, and for his wonderful works for the children of humanity! <sup>16</sup> He has broken the gates of bronze, and cut the bars of iron in two. <sup>17</sup> Fools, because of their rebellion, and because of their sins, they were afflicted. <sup>18</sup> They detested all kinds of food,

and they drew near to the gates of death. <sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he rescued them out of their distress. <sup>20</sup> He sent his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. <sup>21</sup> Let them praise the LORD for his loyal love, and for his wonderful works for the children of humanity! <sup>22</sup> Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his deeds with singing. <sup>23</sup> Those going down to the sea in ships, who do business in great waters; <sup>24</sup> these see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. <sup>25</sup> For he spoke and raised a stormy wind, which stirred up the waves of the sea. <sup>26</sup> They rose up to the heavens; they drop down to the depths; their courage melted away because of the danger. <sup>27</sup> They teetered to and fro, and staggered like a drunk, and were at their wits' end. <sup>28</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. <sup>29</sup> He calmed the storm, so that its waves were silenced. <sup>30</sup> Then the sailors were glad because of the calm, so he brought them to their desired haven. <sup>31</sup> Let them praise the LORD for his loyal love, and for his wonderful works for the children of humanity! <sup>32</sup> Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people, and praise him in the forum of the elders. <sup>33</sup> He turns streams into a desert, and springs of water into thirsty ground, <sup>34</sup> a fruitful land into a salty wasteland, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants. <sup>35</sup> He turns a wilderness into a pool of water, and a dry land into springs of water. <sup>36</sup> There he made the hungry to settle, so that they prepared a city to live in, <sup>37</sup> and sowed fields and planted vineyards, and gathered a fruitful harvest.

- <sup>38</sup> He blessed them so that they multiplied greatly, and he did not allow their cattle to decrease.
- <sup>39</sup> When they were diminished and brought low through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,
- <sup>40</sup> he poured contempt on princes,
  - and caused them to wander in roadless wastelands.
- <sup>41</sup> Yet he rescues the needy from affliction,
  - and makes families as numerous as a flock.
- <sup>42</sup> The upright will see it and be glad,
  - and all injustice will shut its mouth.
- <sup>43</sup> Whoever is wise let him give careful attention to these things; and consider the loyal love of the LORD.

A song, a psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> My heart is firmly set, O God; I will sing and praise with my whole being. <sup>2</sup> Awake, O harp and lyre, I will wake up the dawn. <sup>3</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to you among the nations. <sup>4</sup> For your loyal love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. <sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and may your glory be over the entire earth. <sup>6</sup> That your beloved may be rescued, save with you right hand and answer us. <sup>7</sup> God has spoken in his sanctuary, "I will triumph when I divide Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth. <sup>8</sup> Gilead is mine, so is Manasseh; Ephraim is a helmet for my head, Judah is my scepter. <sup>9</sup> Moab is my washbasin, on Edom will I throw my sandal; over Philistia I will shout in triumph." <sup>10</sup> Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? <sup>11</sup> Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go out to battle, O God, with our armies. <sup>12</sup> Give us help against the enemy, for the help of man is useless. <sup>13</sup> With God we get the victory; he will stomp on our enemies.

# For the music director. A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> O God of my praise, do not be silent. <sup>2</sup> For the mouth of the wicked and treacherous is opened against me; they have spoken against me with lying tongues. <sup>3</sup> They surround me with hateful words, and fight against me for no reason. <sup>4</sup> In return for my love they accuse me, but I continue to pray. <sup>5</sup> They repay me evil for good, and hatred for my love. <sup>6</sup> Set a wicked person against him; let a prosecuting attorney stand at his right hand. <sup>7</sup> When he is judged, let him be found guilty; let his prayer be reckoned as sin. <sup>8</sup> Let his days be few; let someone else take over his position. <sup>9</sup> Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. <sup>10</sup> Let his children wander around begging; let them seek food from the ruins they inhabit. <sup>11</sup> Let creditors seize all that he has; let strangers plunder the product of his labor. <sup>12</sup> Let there be no one to show him kindness; let there be no one take pity on his fatherless children. <sup>13</sup> Let his posterity be cut off; let their name be blotted out from the next generation. <sup>14</sup> Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered by the LORD; let the sin of his mother not be blotted out. <sup>15</sup> Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. <sup>16</sup> Because he did not think to show kindness, but persecuted the poor and needy, and pursued the broken in heart to their death. <sup>17</sup> He loved cursing. so let it come back on him. He did not delight in blessing, so let blessings be far from him.

<sup>18</sup> He clothed himself with cursing as with his coat; let it enter his belly like water,

and like oil into his bones.

<sup>19</sup> Let his curse cover him like a cloak, or a belt he wears continually.

<sup>20</sup> Let this be the reward of my enemies from the LORD, and those who speak evil against my life.

<sup>21</sup> But deal with me, O sovereign LORD, for your name's sake, because your loyal love is good,

deliver me.

<sup>22</sup> For I am poor and needy,

and my heart is wounded within me.

<sup>23</sup> I am fading like a shadow at dusk;

I am brushed off like a locust.

<sup>24</sup> My knees are weak from not eating; my flesh wastes away to nothing.

<sup>25</sup> I am an object of ridicule to them; when they see me, they shake their heads.

<sup>26</sup> Help me, O LORD my God! Save me according to your loyal love.
<sup>27</sup> Let them know that this is your hand,

that you, O LORD, have done it.

<sup>28</sup> Let them curse, but may you bless.
 When they arise, they will be put to shame, but your servant will rejoice.

<sup>29</sup> Let my enemies be clothed with dishonor; let them be covered with their own shame as with a robe.

<sup>30</sup> I will give great thanks to the LORD with my mouth; I will praise him in the midst of the crowd.

<sup>31</sup> For he stands at the right hand of the needy, to save him from those who would pass judgment on his life.

# A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

<sup>2</sup> The LORD will stretch out your mighty ruling scepter from Zion. Rule in the midst of your enemies.
<sup>3</sup> Your people will volunteer themselves willingly in the day of your battle, in holy splendor from the womb of the morning renewed like the dew of your youth.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD has sworn, and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."
<sup>5</sup> The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings in the day of his wrath.
<sup>6</sup> He will judge among the nations. He will fill the land with corpses. He will shatter the heads over the broad battlefield.
<sup>7</sup> He will drink from the brook by the way, so he will lift his head high.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the council of the upright and in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> The works of the LORD are great, carefully studied by all those who delight in them. <sup>3</sup> His work is splendid and majestic, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> He has made his wonderful works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. <sup>5</sup> He has given food to those who fear him. He will always remember his covenant. <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the property of the nations. <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are truth and justice, all his precepts are trustworthy. <sup>8</sup> They are established forever and ever; they are to be performed in faithfulness and uprightness. <sup>9</sup> He has sent redemption to his people; he has decreed his covenant forever-holy and awesome is his name. <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice his precepts gain good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Blessed is the one who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commandments. <sup>2</sup> His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed. <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> A light shines in the darkness for the upright, for those who are gracious, merciful and righteous. <sup>5</sup> It goes well for the person who graciously lends, he conducts his business with justice, <sup>6</sup> for he will never be shaken. The righteous will be remembered forever. <sup>7</sup> He will not be afraid of bad news; his heart is securely focused, trusting in the LORD. <sup>8</sup> His heart is secure, he will not be afraid, he will look with triumph over his enemies. <sup>9</sup> He has given generously, he has given to the needy; his righteousness endures forever; his reputation will be exalted with honor. <sup>10</sup> The wicked will see it and be upset, he will gnash his teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked will perish.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise, O you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the LORD from now and forevermore. <sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down, the LORD's name is to be praised.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.
<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God, who is enthroned on high,
<sup>6</sup> who bends down to look on the heaven and the earth?

<sup>7</sup> He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts up the needy from the trash heap,
<sup>8</sup> that he may put them with princes, with the princes of his people.
<sup>9</sup> He gives the barren woman a home,

making her a glad mother of children.

Praise the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a foreign language,
<sup>2</sup> Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel, his kingdom.

<sup>3</sup> The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back.
<sup>4</sup> The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.
<sup>5</sup> Why was it, O sea, that you fled?

O Jordan, that you turned back?

<sup>6</sup> Why, O mountains, did you skip like rams, O hills, like lambs?

<sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

<sup>8</sup> who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

<sup>1</sup> Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for your loyal love and faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"
<sup>3</sup> But our God is in heaven, he does whatever he pleases.
<sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but cannot speak, they have eyes, but cannot see.
<sup>6</sup> They have ears, but cannot hear, they have noses, but cannot smell.
<sup>7</sup> They have hands, but cannot feel, they have feet, but cannot walk. Their throat cannot even make a sound.
<sup>8</sup> Everyone who makes them will become like them, so will everyone who trusts in them.

<sup>9</sup> O Israel, trust in the LORD; he is their help and shield.
<sup>10</sup> O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; he is their help and shield.
<sup>11</sup> All you who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD, he is their help and shield.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD has been mindful of us and will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron.
<sup>13</sup> He will bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great.
<sup>14</sup> May the LORD increase you, both you and your children.
<sup>15</sup> May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

<sup>16</sup> The heavens are the LORD's, but he has given the earth to human beings.
<sup>17</sup> The dead cannot praise the LORD, <sup>18</sup> But we will praise the LORD from now and forevermore.

Praise the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. <sup>2</sup> Because he has turned his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. <sup>3</sup> The cords of death tied me up, the pains of Sheol seized me; I suffered trouble and sorrow. <sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD, "O LORD, please save my life." <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. <sup>6</sup> The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and he saved me. <sup>7</sup> Return to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. <sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. <sup>9</sup> I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>10</sup> I believed even when I said, "I am severely afflicted." <sup>11</sup> I said in my apprehension, "All men are liars." <sup>12</sup> What shall I give back to the LORD, for all his benefits to me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation,

and call on the name of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD,

in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my shackles.

<sup>17</sup> I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you, and will call on the name of the LORD.
<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD, <sup>19</sup> In the courts of the LORD's house, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD.

 <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, all you nations; give him praise, all you peoples.
 <sup>2</sup> For his loyal love for us is strong, and the faithfulness of the LORD lasts forever.

Praise the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his loyal love lasts forever. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel now declare, "His loyal love lasts forever." <sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron declare, "His loyal love lasts forever." <sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the LORD declare, "His loyal love lasts forever." <sup>5</sup> Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me loose in a wide open place. <sup>6</sup> The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can humans do to me? <sup>7</sup> The LORD is with me as my helper. I will triumphantly look on those who hate me. <sup>8</sup> It is better to take refuge in the LORD, than to trust in humans. <sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge in the LORD, than to trust in princes. <sup>10</sup> All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I will cut them down. <sup>11</sup> They surrounded me, yes, they absolutely surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I will cut them down. <sup>12</sup> They swarmed around me like bees, they are extinguished as quickly as a fire of thorns; in the name of the LORD I will cut them down. <sup>13</sup> You shoved me hard to make me fall, but the LORD helped me. <sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup> The sound of rejoicing and salvation exude from the tents of the righteous. The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. <sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is held high in victory. The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. <sup>17</sup> I will not die, but live, and I will recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has severely punished, but he has not given me over to death. <sup>19</sup> Open the gates of righteousness for me; I will enter through them, and I will give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD, the righteous will enter in through it. <sup>21</sup> I give thanks to you, for you have answered me, and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone which the builders rejected, has become the chief of the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save now, we pray, O LORD; O LORD, we pray, please give us success.

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God and has given us light.
 Bind the festival sacrifice with ropes to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will praise you.

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his loyal love lasts forever.

**ℵ** Aleph section

(all eight verses in each acrostic section begin with the same Hebrew letter)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Blessed are those who keep his regulations, who seek him with all their heart. <sup>3</sup> Yes, they do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways. <sup>4</sup> You have ordered your precepts, to be diligently kept. <sup>5</sup> O that my ways were firmly directed to keep your statutes! <sup>6</sup> Then I will not be put to shame when I fix my gaze on all your commandments. <sup>7</sup> I will give you thanks with uprightness of heart, when I learn your righteous regulations. <sup>8</sup> I will keep your statutes; do not totally forsake me. **2** Beth section <sup>9</sup> How can a young person maintain a pure path? By carefully keeping it in line with your word! <sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you. Do not let me wander from your commandments. <sup>11</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 have I declared all the regulations of your mouth. <sup>14</sup> I have rejoiced in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. <sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your precepts and focus my gaze on your ways. <sup>16</sup> I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

 <sup>17</sup> Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. <sup>18</sup> Open my eyes so that I may see

wondrous things out of your law.

<sup>19</sup> I am a sojourner in the earth;

do not hide your commandments from me.

<sup>20</sup> My soul is overwhelmed with longing for your regulations at all times.

<sup>21</sup> You have rebuked the proud who are cursed who wander from your commandments.

<sup>22</sup> Take away from me scorn and contempt, for I have kept your decrees.

<sup>23</sup> Even though princes plot and slander me,

your servant will meditate on your statutes.

<sup>24</sup> Your decrees are my delight and my counselors.

**7** Daleth section

<sup>25</sup> My life embraces the dust.

Revive me according to your word.

<sup>26</sup> I recounted my ways,

and you answered me;

teach me your statutes.

<sup>27</sup> Help me understand the way of your precepts,

so I will meditate on your wondrous works.

<sup>28</sup> I weep with sorrow,

strengthen me according to your word.

- <sup>29</sup> Remove from me the way of deception, and graciously grant me your law.
- <sup>30</sup> I have chosen the way of faithfulness; your regulations I have set before me.
- <sup>31</sup> I embrace your decrees, O LORD; do not make me ashamed.
- <sup>32</sup> I will run in the way of your commandments, for you increase my understanding.

⊓ He section

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will keep them to the end.

- <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding so that I may keep your law; I will keep 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 decrees, and not to wealth gained by injustice.

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes away from what is worthless, and revive me in your ways.

<sup>38</sup> Keep your promise to your servant,

which you made to those who fear you.

<sup>39</sup> Turn away the ridicule I dread,

for your regulations are good.

<sup>40</sup> Look, I long for your precepts, revive me with your righteousness.

1 Waw section

<sup>41</sup> Let you loyal love come to me, O LORD, your salvation just as you promised.
<sup>42</sup> Then I will have an answer for the one who ridicules me, for I trust in your word.
<sup>43</sup> Do not take the word of truth completely out of my mouth, for I have hoped in your regulations.
<sup>44</sup> Then I will keep your law continually forever and ever.
<sup>45</sup> I will walk in freedom, for I have sought your precepts.

<sup>46</sup> I will also speak of your decrees before kings, and will not be put to shame.

<sup>47</sup> I delight in your commandments,

which I love.

<sup>48</sup> I will lift up my hands to your commandments, which I love,

and I will meditate on your statutes.

↑ Zayin section

<sup>49</sup> Remember your word to your servant,

because you have given me hope.

<sup>50</sup> This is my comfort in my affliction,

that your promise will revive me.

<sup>51</sup> The proud thoroughly mock me,

yet I have not turned from your law.

<sup>52</sup> I remember your classic regulations, O LORD, and have comforted myself with them.

<sup>53</sup> Burning rage has taken hold on me,

because of the wicked who forsake your law.

<sup>54</sup> Your statutes have been my songs,

in the house of my sojourning.

<sup>55</sup> I have remembered your name in the night, O LORD, and keep your law.

<sup>56</sup> This has been my way of life: I have kept your precepts.

<sup>57</sup> The LORD is my portion; I have promised to keep your words.
<sup>58</sup> I seek your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to me according to your promise.
<sup>59</sup> I reflect on my ways, and turn my feet to your decrees.
<sup>60</sup> I quickly and without delay keep your commandments.
<sup>61</sup> The ropes of the wicked have wrapped me up, but I do not forget your law.
<sup>62</sup> At midnight I rise to give thanks to you, because of your righteous regulations.
<sup>63</sup> I am a companion of all those who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.

<sup>64</sup> The earth, O LORD, is full of your loyal love, teach me your statutes.

#### $\boldsymbol{\mho}$ Teth section

<sup>65</sup> You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.
<sup>66</sup> Teach me good judgment and knowledge,

for I believe in your commandments.

<sup>67</sup> Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now I keep your word.

<sup>68</sup> You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

<sup>69</sup> The proud have smeared me with lies;

with my whole heart will I keep your precepts.

<sup>70</sup> Their heart is as insensitive as fat,

but I delight in your law.

<sup>71</sup> It was good for me to have been afflicted,

so that I might learn your statutes.

<sup>72</sup> The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

' Yod section

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

give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

<sup>74</sup> Those who fear you will see me and be glad,

because I hope in your word.

<sup>75</sup> I know, O LORD, that your regulations are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

<sup>76</sup> Let your loyal love comfort me,

just as you promised your servant.

<sup>77</sup> Let your compassion come to me that I may live,

for your law is my delight. <sup>78</sup> Let the proud be put to shame,

for they have wronged me by lies,

but I will meditate on your precepts.

<sup>79</sup> Let those who fear you turn to me,

then they will know your decrees.

<sup>80</sup> May my heart be blameless in your statutes, so that I will not be ashamed.

⇒ Kaph section

<sup>81</sup> My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.

<sup>82</sup> My eyes strain to see the fulfillment of your promise, asking, "When will you comfort me?"

<sup>83</sup> For I am like a wine-skin shriveled in the smoke, yet I do not forget your statutes.

<sup>84</sup> How long must your servant hang on? When will you judge those who persecute me?

- <sup>85</sup> The proud have dug pits for me,

which is not according to your law.

<sup>86</sup> All your commandments are trustworthy,

but they persecute me for no reason. Help me!

<sup>87</sup> They have almost finished me from off the earth,

but I have not abandoned your precepts.

<sup>88</sup> Revive me by your loyal love, then I will keep the decrees of your mouth.

لا Lamed section

<sup>89</sup> Forever, O LORD,

your word stands secure in heaven.

- <sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness lasts to all generations;
  - you have established the earth and it stands firm.
- <sup>91</sup> They stand firm to this day according to your regulations, for all things are your servants.

<sup>92</sup> If your law had not been my delight,

I would 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 expectantly wait to destroy me, but I will consider your decrees.
- <sup>96</sup> I have seen the final limit of all perfection,
  - but your commandment is limitless.
- <sup>97</sup> O how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

### מ Mem section

<sup>98</sup> Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for they are always with me.

- <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers,
  - for your decrees are my meditation.
- <sup>100</sup> I understand more than the aged, because I keep your precepts.
- <sup>101</sup> I have restrained my feet from every evil path,
  - so that I might keep your word.
- <sup>102</sup> I have not turned aside from your regulations, for you have taught me.
- <sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste, more than honey to my mouth!
- <sup>104</sup> Through your precepts I gain understanding, therefore I hate every false way.
  - **)** Nun section
- <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet,
  - and light to my path.
- <sup>106</sup> I have promised and solemnly vowed,
  - that I will keep your righteous regulations.
- <sup>107</sup> I am severely afflicted, O LORD;
  - revive me according to your word.
- <sup>108</sup> Please accept the freewill offerings of praise, O LORD;
  - teach me your regulations.
- <sup>109</sup> My life is continually held in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.
- <sup>110</sup> The wicked have laid a trap for me,
  - yet I have not gone astray from your precepts.
- <sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my heritage forever,
  - for they are the joy of my heart.
- <sup>112</sup> I have inclined my heart to perform your statutes forever, even to the end.

**D** Samek section

- <sup>113</sup> I hate those who are double-minded,
  - but I love your law.
- <sup>114</sup> You are my hidingplace and my shield;
- I hope in your word.
- <sup>115</sup> Get away from me, you evildoers,
  - so that I may keep the commandments of my God.
- <sup>116</sup> Sustain me just as you have promised,

so that I may live;

- do not let my hope be disappointed.
- <sup>117</sup> Support me and I will be safe,
  - and will concentrate on your statutes continually.
- <sup>118</sup> You have tossed aside all who wander from your statutes, for their deceit is misleading.
- <sup>119</sup> You throw away all the wicked from the earth like dross, therefore I love your decrees.
- <sup>120</sup> My flesh trembles in fear of you, and I am afraid of your judgments.
  - **y** Ayin section

<sup>121</sup> I have done what is just and right;

do not abandon me to my oppressors.

<sup>122</sup> Guarantee the good of your servant;

do not allow the arrogant to oppress me.

- <sup>123</sup> My eyes are tired out from looking for your salvation, and for your righteous promise.
- <sup>124</sup> Deal with your servant according to your loyal love, and teach me your statutes.
- <sup>125</sup> I am your servant;

grant me understanding

that I may know your decrees.

<sup>126</sup> It is time for the LORD to act,

for they have broken your law.

<sup>127</sup> In this way I love your commandments,

more than gold, even fine gold.

<sup>128</sup> In this way I acknowledge all your precepts are right, and I hate every false way.

## **D** Pe section

<sup>129</sup> Your decrees are wonderful,

- therefore I keep them.
- <sup>130</sup> The revelation of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

<sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant,

for I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup> Turn to me and have mercy on me,

as is your pattern for those who love your name.

<sup>133</sup> Guide my steps by your word;

do not let iniquity overpower me.

- <sup>134</sup> Redeem me from human oppression, so that I may keep your precepts.
- <sup>135</sup> Make your face shine on your servant, and teach me your statutes.
- <sup>136</sup> My eyes shed streams of water, because they do not keep your law.

**D** Tsade section

<sup>137</sup> You are righteous, O LORD,

and your judgments are just.

- <sup>138</sup> You have commanded your regulations in righteousness and absolute faithfulness.
- <sup>139</sup> My zeal consumes me,

because my adversaries forget your words.

<sup>140</sup> Your promise has been tested by fire,

therefore your servant loves it.

<sup>141</sup> I am small and despised,

yet I do not forget your precepts.

- <sup>142</sup> Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is truth.
- <sup>143</sup> Trouble and anguish have found me,

yet your commandments are my delight.

<sup>144</sup> Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding and I will live.

و Qoph section

<sup>145</sup> I have called out with my whole heart;

- "Answer me, O LORD, I keep your statutes."
- <sup>146</sup> I have called out to you;

"Save me, so that I may keep your decrees."

- <sup>147</sup> I am up before the crack of dawn crying for help; I hope in your words.
- <sup>148</sup> My eyes are awake through the night-watches, so I can meditate on your word.

<sup>149</sup> Hear my voice according to your loyal love;

revive me, O LORD, according to your regulations.

<sup>150</sup> Those plotting evil, eager to attack me, draw near;

they are far from your law. <sup>151</sup> You are near, O LORD, and all your commandments are true. <sup>152</sup> Long ago I realized from your decrees that you have established them forever. **¬** Resh section <sup>153</sup> Consider my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law. <sup>154</sup> Plead my cause and redeem me; revive me just as you promised. <sup>155</sup> Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes. <sup>156</sup> Great are your tender mercies, O LORD; revive me according to your regulations. <sup>157</sup> Many are my persecutors and my enemies, yet I do not swerve from your decrees. <sup>158</sup> I look at the treacherous with disgust, because they do not keep your word. <sup>159</sup> Consider how I love your precepts; revive me, O LORD, according to your loyal love. <sup>160</sup> The sum total of your words are true, and every one of your righteous regulations lasts forever. ₩/Ψ Shin/Sin section <sup>161</sup> Rulers have persecuted me for no reason, but my heart stands in awe of your words.

<sup>162</sup> I rejoice at your word,

like one who finds a great fortune.

<sup>163</sup> I hate and abhor falsehood,

but I love your law.

<sup>164</sup> Seven times a day I praise you, because of your righteous regulations.

<sup>165</sup> Those who love your law have great peace,

nothing makes them stumble.

- <sup>166</sup> I hope for your salvation, O LORD, and have done your commandments.
- <sup>167</sup> I keep your decrees;

I absolutely love them.

<sup>168</sup> I keep your precepts and your decrees, for all my ways are before you.

<sup>169</sup> Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding just as you promised. <sup>170</sup> Let my prayer come before you; deliver me according to your word. <sup>171</sup> My lips will pour out praise, for you teach me your statutes. <sup>172</sup> My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are righteous. <sup>173</sup> May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. <sup>174</sup> I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight. <sup>175</sup> Let me live and I will praise you, and let your regulations help me. <sup>176</sup> I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek out your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

## A song of ascents

<sup>1</sup> In my distress I cried out to the LORD, and he answered me.
<sup>2</sup> Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.
<sup>3</sup> O deceitful tongue, what will be given to you? What more will be done to you?
<sup>4</sup> Sharp arrows of a warrior, with burning coals of a broom tree.
<sup>5</sup> Woe is me, because I am exiled sojourning in Meshech, that I live among the tents of Kedar!
<sup>6</sup> For too long I have had my dwelling with those who hate peace.

<sup>7</sup> I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war.

## A song of ascents

<sup>1</sup> I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup> He will not allow your foot to stumble; he who watches over you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup> Look, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup> The LORD is the one watching over you; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. <sup>6</sup> The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The LORD will protect you from all evil, he will watch over you. <sup>8</sup> The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in from now and forevermore.

## A song of ascents, of David

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
<sup>2</sup> Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem,
<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem, is built as a city that is tightly compacted together.
<sup>4</sup> It is where the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD. This is place where it was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
<sup>5</sup> There the thrones for judgment are set, the thrones of the house of David.
<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; may those who love her prosper.

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls,

and prosperity within your towers.

<sup>8</sup> For my brothers and friends I now say, "Peace be within you."

<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

## A song of ascents

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes will look to the LORD our God,

until he has mercy on us.

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us,

for we are absolutely filled with contempt.

<sup>4</sup> We have had our fill of scoffing from those who are at ease, and with contempt from the proud.

A song of ascents, of David

<sup>1</sup> If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, let Israel now say,
<sup>2</sup> if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when people rose up against us,
<sup>3</sup> they would have swallowed us alive, when their anger burned against us.
<sup>4</sup> Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream swept over us,
<sup>5</sup> then the raging waters would have inundated us.
<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird out of the trap of the hunter; the snare is broken, and we escaped.

<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

## A song of ascents

<sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but endures forever.
<sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people from now and forevermore.
<sup>3</sup> For the scepter of wickedness will not rule over the allotted land of the righteous; so that the righteous will not reach out their hands to do what is wrong.
<sup>4</sup> Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in heart.
<sup>5</sup> But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways, may the LORD exile them with the workers of iniquity. Peace be on Israel.

## A song of ascents

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD brought back the exiles to Zion, we were like those having a dream. <sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." <sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us. We are glad. <sup>4</sup> Restore again our fortunes, O LORD, as the streams in the Negev desert. <sup>5</sup> Those who sow in tears will reap in joy. <sup>6</sup> The one who goes out weeping, carrying his seed for sowing, will come home with shouts of joy, carrying his harvest of sheaves.

## A song of ascents, of Solomon

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house, those building it labor in vain.
<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stands guard in vain.
<sup>2</sup> It is vain for you to rise up early, or to go to bed late, working hard for food to eat; for he gives his beloved sleep.
<sup>3</sup> Children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is his reward.
<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.
<sup>5</sup> Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they will not be put to shame when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

## A song of ascents

 <sup>1</sup> Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways.
 <sup>2</sup> For you will eat what your hands have worked for; you will be happy and it will go well with you.
 <sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots around your table.
 <sup>4</sup> Yes, that is how the one who fears the LORD will be blessed.
 <sup>5</sup> May the LORD bless you from Zion;

may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

<sup>6</sup> May you see your grandchildren. May peace be upon Israel.

# A song of ascents

<sup>1</sup> "Many times they have attacked me from my youth up,"
let Israel now say,
<sup>2</sup> "Many times they have attacked me from my youth up,
yet they have never defeated me.
<sup>3</sup> The plowers plowed on my back,
they made their furrows long.
<sup>4</sup> The LORD is righteous,
he has cut the cords of the wicked."
<sup>5</sup> May all who hate Zion be put to shame
and turned backward.
<sup>6</sup> May they be like the grass on the rooftops,
which withers before it has a chance to grow up.
$^{7}$ May the reaper be unable to fill his hand with it,
or gather enough grain into his arms.
<sup>8</sup> May those who go by not say,
"May the blessing of the LORD be on you;
we bless you in the name of the LORD."

A song of ascents

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cried to you, O LORD. <sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for help. <sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, were to keep a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you, so you ought to be feared. <sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul expectantly waits, and I put my hope in his word. <sup>6</sup> I long for the Lord more than watchmen long for the morning, yes, more than watchmen for the morning. <sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is loyal love, and with him is abundant redemption. <sup>8</sup> He will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

A song of ascents, of David

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty;
I do not concern myself with issues too great or with matters too wonderful for me.
<sup>2</sup> To the contrary, I have calmed and quieted myself; like a weaned child with its mother, my soul is like a weaned child within me.
<sup>3</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD from now and forevermore.

A song of ascents <sup>1</sup> O LORD, remember David and all his affliction. <sup>2</sup> How he swore an oath to the LORD, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob. <sup>3</sup> "I will not enter into my house, or get into my bed. <sup>4</sup> I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids, <sup>5</sup> until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." <sup>6</sup> We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar. <sup>7</sup> We will go to his dwelling place; we will worship at his footstool. <sup>8</sup> Arise, O LORD, enter your resting place, you and the ark of your strength. <sup>9</sup> Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your saints shout for joy. <sup>10</sup> For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed. <sup>11</sup> The LORD has made a promise to David, a solemn promise from which he will not turn back: "I will set one of the offspring of your body on your throne. <sup>12</sup> If your sons keep my covenant and decrees that I will teach them, their sons also will sit on your throne forever." <sup>13</sup> For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his home. <sup>14</sup> "This is my resting place forever; I will dwell here, for it's what I wanted. <sup>15</sup> I will bless her with provisions, I will satisfy her poor with food. <sup>16</sup> Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shouts for joy. <sup>17</sup> There I will make the horn of David sprout; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed. <sup>18</sup> His enemies I will clothe with shame, but his crown will shine.

## A song of ascents, of David

<sup>1</sup> How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity!
<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head, that runs down on the beard, on Aaron's beard, then flowed down over the edge his garments.
<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Mount Hermon that flows down on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

## A song of ascents

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand at night in the house of the LORD.
  <sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD.
  <sup>3</sup> The LORD bless you from Zion,
- he who made heaven and earth.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise the name of the LORD, Praise him, you servants of the LORD, <sup>2</sup> you who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God. <sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good. Sing praises to his name, for it is lovely. <sup>4</sup> For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel for his special treasure. <sup>5</sup> For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is greater than all gods. <sup>6</sup> The LORD does whatever he pleases, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all their depths. <sup>7</sup> He causes the clouds to rise from the ends of the earth; he makes lightning bolts for the rain; he unleashes the wind out of his storehouses. <sup>8</sup> He struck down the firstborn of Egypt, both man and beast. <sup>9</sup> He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants. <sup>10</sup> He struck down many nations and killed mighty kings, <sup>11</sup> Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan. <sup>12</sup> He gave their land as an inheritance, as an inheritance to his people Israel. <sup>13</sup> Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your reputation, O LORD, throughout all generations. <sup>14</sup> For the LORD will render justice for his people, and have compassion on his servants. <sup>15</sup> The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the product of human hands.

<sup>16</sup> They have mouths, but they do not speak;

they have eyes, but they do not see.
<sup>17</sup> They have ears, but they do not hear; nor is there any breath in their mouths.
<sup>18</sup> Those who make them are destined to become like them, so is everyone who trusts in them.
<sup>19</sup> O house of Israel, praise the LORD;

O house of Islael, plaise the LORD,
O house of Aaron, praise the LORD.
O house of Levi, praise the LORD;
you who fear the LORD, praise the LORD.
May the LORD be praised from Zion;

he is the one who dwells in Jerusalem.

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>4</sup> to the one who alone does great wonders, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>5</sup> who by understanding skillfully made the heavens, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>6</sup> who spread out the earth on the waters, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>7</sup> who made great lights, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>8</sup> the sun to rule by day; for his loval love endures forever. <sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to rule by night; for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>10</sup> to the one who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>11</sup> and brought out Israel from among them, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>12</sup> with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>13</sup> who split the Red Sea in two, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>14</sup> and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>15</sup> but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>16</sup> who led his people through the wilderness, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>17</sup> to the one who struck down great kings, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>18</sup> and killed famous kings, for his loyal love endures forever. <sup>19</sup> Sihon king of the Amorites, for his loyal love endures forever.

<sup>20</sup> and Og king of Bashan, for his loyal love endures forever.
<sup>21</sup> and gave their land for an inheritance, for his loyal love endures forever.
<sup>22</sup> as an inheritance to his servant Israel, for his loyal love endures forever.

<sup>23</sup> he remembered us in our low estate, for his loyal love endures forever.
<sup>24</sup> and delivered us from our enemies, for his loyal love endures forever.
<sup>25</sup> to the one who gives food to all flesh, for his loyal love endures forever.
<sup>26</sup> Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his loyal love endures forever.

<sup>1</sup> By the rivers of Babylon, we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.
<sup>2</sup> On the poplars in her midst, we hung up our harps.
<sup>3</sup> For there our captors demanded songs from us, our tormentors pressed for a joyful song: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
<sup>4</sup> How can we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land?

<sup>5</sup> If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.
<sup>6</sup> Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you,

if I do not prefer Jerusalem above my greatest joy.

<sup>7</sup> Remember, O LORD, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell; they screamed, "Tear it down, tear it down, to its foundation."
<sup>8</sup> O daughter of Babylon, soon to be destroyed, happy is the one who repays you for what you did to us.
<sup>9</sup> Happy will be the one who takes and dashes

your little ones against the rocks.

## Of David

<sup>1</sup> I will give you thanks with my whole heart; before the heavenly beings will I sing praises to you.
<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple, and give thanks to your name for your loyal love and for your truth. For you have exalted your word and your name above all.
<sup>3</sup> In the day that I called, you answered me; you encouraged and strengthened me.

<sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth will give thanks to you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.
<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
<sup>6</sup> For though the LORD is high, yet he respects the lowly, but the haughty he knows from a distance.
<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against my enemies' rage,

your right hand will rescue me.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will complete his purpose for me. Your loyal love, O LORD, endures forever; do not forsake the works of your hands.

#### For the music director. A psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me, and known me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I get up; you understand my thoughts even at a distance. <sup>3</sup> You sift through my every path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it entirely. <sup>5</sup> You have protectively hemmed me in from behind and before, and laid your hand on me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high I cannot grasp it. <sup>7</sup> Where can I go to avoid your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I ascend up into heaven, you are there. If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning, and lodge in the remotest part of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me, and your right hand will keep hold of me. <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light will be night around me," <sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not really dark for you, but the night shines like the day, the darkness and the light are both the same to you. <sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts; you wove me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are your works, and I know that full well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in secret. and skillfully woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes could see my unformed embryo, and in your book were written all the days ordained for me, when as yet, none of them existed.

<sup>17</sup> How precious are your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!
<sup>18</sup> If I tried to count them, they are more numerous than the sand. When I awake, I am still with you.
<sup>19</sup> If only you would slay the wicked, O God. Get away from me, you bloodthirsty men.
<sup>20</sup> For they wickedly speak against you; your enemies take your name in vain.
<sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you O LORD? Am I not grieved with those who rise up against you?
<sup>22</sup> I hate them with an absolute hatred, they have become my enemies.
<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts.

<sup>24</sup> See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

## For the music director. A psalm of David <sup>1</sup> Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil people; protect me from the violent, $^{2}$ who devise evil in their heart, who continually stir up wars. <sup>3</sup> They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; the viper's venom is on their lips. Selah <sup>4</sup> Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; protect me from the violent who have plotted to trip me up. <sup>5</sup> The proud have hid a snare for me, and they have spread the cords of a net; by the path they have set their traps for me. Selah <sup>6</sup> I said to the LORD, "You are my God. Give ear to the voice of my pleas for help, O LORD." <sup>7</sup> O sovereign LORD, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle. <sup>8</sup> Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; do not let their evil schemes succeed Selah or they will become arrogant. <sup>9</sup> As for the head of those who surround me, let the damage plotted by their own lips overwhelm them. <sup>10</sup> Let burning coals fall on them. Let them be cast into the fire, into deep pits from which they will rise no more. <sup>11</sup> Do not allow a slanderer to be established in the earth; let disaster quickly hunt down the violent. <sup>12</sup> I know that the LORD will render justice for the needy, and defend the rights of the poor. <sup>13</sup> Surely the righteous will give thanks to your name; the upright will dwell in your presence.

### A psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, I call out to you, come quickly to me. Listen to my voice, when I call out to you. <sup>2</sup> Let my prayer be accepted, as incense before you, my lifted hands, as an evening sacrifice. <sup>3</sup> Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; put surveillance over the door of my lips. <sup>4</sup> Do not turn my heart to anything evil, to participate in wicked deeds with those who work iniquity; let me not eat their delicacies. <sup>5</sup> Let the righteous strike me, it will be a kindness; let him correct me. that will be like refreshing oil on the head; let my head not refuse it. I pray continually against the deeds of the wicked. <sup>6</sup> When their judges are thrown off a cliff, then they will hear my words, for they are pleasant. <sup>7</sup> As when one plows and breaks up the ground, so our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol. <sup>8</sup> For my eyes are focused on you, O sovereign LORD; in you do I take refuge; do not leave me helpless. <sup>9</sup> Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me, and from the traps of evildoers. <sup>10</sup> Let the wicked fall into their own nets,

while I myself escape.

A Maskil of David, when he was in the cave. A prayer.

<sup>1</sup> I cry with my voice to the LORD, with my voice to the LORD I make a plea for help. <sup>2</sup> I pour out my complaint before him; I declare my trouble before him. <sup>3</sup> When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, you know my path. In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me. <sup>4</sup> Look on my right hand and see, for no one recognizes me. There is no refuge left for me; no one cares about me. <sup>5</sup> I cried out to you, O LORD, I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." <sup>6</sup> Listen to my cry, for I have been brought down. Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I am. <sup>7</sup> Bring me out of prison, so that I may give thanks to your name. The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

## A psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> Hear my prayer, O LORD, listen to my cry for help. In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness. <sup>2</sup> Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous in your sight. <sup>3</sup> For the enemy has pursued me, he has crushed my life into the ground. He has made me live in dark places, like those who are long dead. <sup>4</sup> Therefore my spirit is faint within me, my heart within me is appalled. <sup>5</sup> I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your deeds; I ponder the work of your hands. <sup>6</sup> I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts after you like a parched land. Selah <sup>7</sup> Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I will be like those who go down into the pit. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear your loyal love in the morning, for in you do I trust. Let me know the way that I should walk, for I lift up myself to you. <sup>9</sup> Deliver me, O LORD from my enemies; I take refuge in you. <sup>10</sup> Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Your Spirit is good; lead me on level ground. <sup>11</sup> Revive me, O LORD, for your name's sake; in your righteousness bring me out of trouble. <sup>12</sup> In your loyal love cut off my enemies; and destroy all my enemies, for I am your servant.

## Of David

<sup>1</sup> Praise be the LORD my rock. He trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle. <sup>2</sup> He is my loyal love and my fortress, my strong tower, and my deliverer, my shield, and the one in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me. <sup>3</sup> O LORD, what is man, that you notice him, or the son of man, that you think of him? <sup>4</sup> Humans are like a breath of air; their days are like a passing shadow. <sup>5</sup> Stretch out your heavens, O LORD, and come down, touch the mountains, so that they will smoke. <sup>6</sup> Flash lightning bolts, and scatter them; send out your arrows and rout them. <sup>7</sup> Reach down your hand from above; rescue me and snatch me out of deep waters, from the hand of foreigners <sup>8</sup> whose mouths speak lies, and whose right hand makes false promises. <sup>9</sup> I will sing a new song to you, O God; on a ten-stringed harp I will sing praises to you. <sup>10</sup> You are the one who grants deliverance to kings, who rescues David his servant from the fatal sword. <sup>11</sup> Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of foreigners whose mouths speak lies, and whose right hand makes false promises. <sup>12</sup> May our sons be like plants full grown while in their youth, and our daughters be like corner pillars carved for display in a palace. <sup>13</sup> May our barns be full, providing all kinds of produce, and our sheep multiply by thousands and ten thousands in our fields. <sup>14</sup> May our oxen be loaded with produce; may there be no breaking in our walls, or going out into exile, or cry of desperation in our streets. <sup>15</sup> Blessed are the people who are in such a situation; blessed are the people whose God is the LORD.

## A Song of Praise. Of David

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King; I will praise your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup> Every day I will praise you; I will praise your name forever and ever. <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; no one can grasp the extent of his greatness. <sup>4</sup> One generation will praise your works to another, and will declare your mighty deeds. <sup>5</sup> On your glorious and majestic splendor, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. <sup>6</sup> They will speak of the might of your awesome acts, and I will declare your greatness. <sup>7</sup> They will broadcast the memory of your great goodness, and sing of your righteousness. <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and full of loyal love. <sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all his works. <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and your faithful ones will praise you. <sup>11</sup> They will proclaim the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power; <sup>12</sup> to make known to the sons of men his mighty deeds, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your rule endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all he does. <sup>14</sup> The LORD supports all who fall, and raises up all those who are bowed down. <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all expectantly look to you, and you give them their food in due season. <sup>16</sup> You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing. <sup>17</sup> The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and manifests love in all his works.

- <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all those who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- <sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he will hear their cry and will save them.
- <sup>20</sup> The LORD protects all those who love him, but he will destroy all the wicked.
- <sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh praise his holy name forever and ever.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, O my soul. <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I am alive. <sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, or in humans, in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup> His breath expires, he returns to the earth; in that very day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup> Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them. He stays faithful forever. <sup>7</sup> He executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD releases the prisoners. <sup>8</sup> The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD raises up those who are bowed down. The LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The LORD protects the foreigners. He supports the fatherless and widow, but he thwarts the way of the wicked. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is fitting. <sup>2</sup> The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers together the exiles of Israel. <sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. <sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars; he calls all of them by name. <sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; his understanding is limitless. <sup>6</sup> The LORD lifts up the oppressed; he throws the wicked down to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praises to our God accompanied by a harp. <sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass to grow on the hills. <sup>9</sup> He gives food to the animals, and to the young ravens when they twitter. <sup>10</sup> He does not delight in the strength of the horse, nor does he delight in the strength of human legs. <sup>11</sup> The LORD delights in those who fear him, in those that hope in his loyal love. <sup>12</sup> Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. <sup>13</sup> For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you. <sup>14</sup> He brings peace to your borders; he fills you with the finest wheat. <sup>15</sup> He sends out his command on earth; his word runs swiftly. <sup>16</sup> He sends snow like wool; he scatters the frost like ashes. <sup>17</sup> He hurls down his hail like crumbs; who can stand before his cold? <sup>18</sup> He sends out his word, and melts them; he causes his wind to blow and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and regulations to Israel.
<sup>20</sup> He has not done this with any other nation; they do not know his regulations.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights. <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. <sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens. <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded, and they were created. <sup>6</sup> He established them forever and ever; he gave a decree that will not pass away. <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you immense sea creatures and all depths of the sea, <sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and vapor, stormy wind, perform his word, <sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars, <sup>10</sup> beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds, <sup>11</sup> kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth. <sup>12</sup> young men and virgins, the old and the young. <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is over the earth and the heavens. <sup>14</sup> He has raised up the horn of his people, providing the praise for all his faithful ones. for the descendants of Israel, a people near to him.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. <sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praises to him with tambourine and harp. <sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he will adorn the meek with victory. <sup>5</sup> Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. <sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, <sup>7</sup> to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples, <sup>8</sup> to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with shackles of iron, <sup>9</sup> to execute the judgment written against them. This is glory for all his godly ones.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven.
<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his powerful acts; praise him according to his unmatched greatness.
<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with harp and lyre.
<sup>4</sup> Praise him with the tambourine and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and flute.
<sup>5</sup> Praise him with crashing cymbals; praise him with clanging cymbals.
<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.