

## **PSALMS OF JOY AND THANKSGIVING**

There are at least 36 Psalms in the Bible dedicated to unbounded praise for the Lord of the Universe who has performed many signs and wonders.

There is profound gratitude for humanity's own elevated glory and for the many blessings bestowed upon humanity.

There is exaltation of the King who rules over nations and throughout all of nature.

Most crucially there is thanksgiving for the personal concern this loving God has for each individual and his special needs.

Psalm 100, 117, 136, 150

Psalm 8, 9, 16, 19, 21, 24, 29, 33, 65-68, 75, 93, 94, 97-100, 103-4, 113-4, 117, 119, 122, 124, 133-136, 138-39, 145, 148, 150

**Psalm 8**

For the director of music. According to gittith [a].

A psalm of David.

1 O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory

above the heavens.

2 From the lips of children and infants

you have ordained praise [b]

because of your enemies,

to silence the foe and the avenger.

3 When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars,

which you have set in place,

4 what is man that you are mindful of him,

the son of man that you care for him?

5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings [c]

and crowned him with glory and honor.

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

you put everything under his feet:

7 all flocks and herds,

and the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the air,

and the fish of the sea,

all that swim the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**PSALM 9**

For the director of music. To the tune of "The Death of the Son." A psalm of David.

1 [a]I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonders.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you;

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

3 My enemies turn back;

they stumble and perish before you.

4 For you have upheld my right and my cause;

you have sat on your throne, judging righteously.

5 You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked;

you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6 Endless ruin has overtaken the enemy,

you have uprooted their cities;

even the memory of them has perished.

7 The LORD reigns forever;

he has established his throne for judgment.

8 He will judge the world in righteousness;

he will govern the peoples with justice.

9 The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

10 Those who know your name will trust in you,

for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion;

proclaim among the nations what he has done.

12 For he who avenges blood remembers;

he does not ignore the cry of the afflicted.

13 O LORD, see how my enemies persecute me!

Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death,

14 that I may declare your praises

in the gates of the Daughter of Zion  
and there rejoice in your salvation.

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

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

— Higgsion. [b] Selah

17 The wicked return to the grave, [c]  
all the nations that forget God.

18 But the needy will not always be forgotten,  
nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish.

19 Arise, O LORD, let not man triumph;  
let the nations be judged in your presence.

20 Strike them with terror, O LORD;  
let the nations know they are but men.

Selah

## Psalm 16

A miktam of David. [a]

1 Keep me safe, O God,  
for in you I take refuge.

2 I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."

3 As for the saints who are in the land,  
they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. [b]

4 The sorrows of those will increase  
who run after other gods.  
I will not pour out their libations of blood  
or take up their names on my lips.

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

you have made my lot secure.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

7 I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

8 I have set the LORD always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,

10 because you will not abandon me to the grave, [c]  
nor will you let your Holy One [d] see decay.

11 You have made [e] known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

### **Psalm 19**

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

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

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

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

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

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,

5 which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6 It rises at one end of the heavens

and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is hidden from its heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever.  
The ordinances of the LORD are sure  
and altogether righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

11 By them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can discern his errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;  
may they not rule over me.  
Then will I be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.

14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

1 O LORD, the king rejoices in your strength.

How great is his joy in the victories you give!

2 You have granted him the desire of his heart  
and have not withheld the request of his lips.

Selah

3 You welcomed him with rich blessings  
and placed a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him—  
length of days, for ever and ever.

5 Through the victories you gave, his glory is great;  
you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.

6 Surely you have granted him eternal blessings  
and made him glad with the joy of your presence.

7 For the king trusts in the LORD;  
through the unfailing love of the Most High  
he will not be shaken.

8 Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies;  
your right hand will seize your foes.

9 At the time of your appearing  
you will make them like a fiery furnace.  
In his wrath the LORD will swallow them up,  
and his fire will consume them.

10 You will destroy their descendants from the earth,  
their posterity from mankind.

11 Though they plot evil against you  
and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed;

12 for you will make them turn their backs  
when you aim at them with drawn bow.

13 Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength;

we will sing and praise your might.

### **Psalm 24**

Of David. A psalm.

1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;

2 for he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the waters.

3 Who may ascend the hill of the LORD ?  
Who may stand in his holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to an idol  
or swear by what is false. [a]

5 He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from God his Savior.

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, O God of Jacob. [b]  
Selah

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty—  
he is the King of glory. Selah

**Psalm 29**

A psalm of David.

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of his [a] holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
Sirion [b] like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD strikes  
with flashes of lightning.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;  
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD twists the oaks [c]  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits [d] enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
- 11 The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

**Psalm 33**

- 1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;

it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

2 Praise the LORD with the harp;

make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

3 Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully, and shout for joy.

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

he is faithful in all he does.

5 The LORD loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of his unfailing love.

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

their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars [a] ;

he puts the deep into storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the people of the world revere him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

10 The LORD foils the plans of the nations;

he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,

the purposes of his heart through all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

the people he chose for his inheritance.

13 From heaven the LORD looks down

and sees all mankind;

14 from his dwelling place he watches

all who live on earth-

15 he who forms the hearts of all,

who considers everything they do.

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

no warrior escapes by his great strength.

- 17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
- 18 But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,  
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
- 19 to deliver them from death  
and keep them alive in famine.
- 20 We wait in hope for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 In him our hearts rejoice,  
for we trust in his holy name.
- 22 May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD,  
even as we put our hope in you.

### **Psalm 65**

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

- 1 Praise awaits [a] you, O God, in Zion;  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.
- 2 O you who hear prayer,  
to you all men will come.
- 3 When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
you forgave [b] our transgressions.
- 4 Blessed are those you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts!  
We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.
- 5 You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness,  
O God our Savior,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas,
- 6 who formed the mountains by your power,

- having armed yourself with strength,  
7 who stilled the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the turmoil of the nations.
- 8 Those living far away fear your wonders;  
where morning dawns and evening fades  
you call forth songs of joy.
- 9 You care for the land and water it;  
you enrich it abundantly.  
The streams of God are filled with water  
to provide the people with grain,  
for so you have ordained it. [c]
- 10 You drench its furrows  
and level its ridges;  
you soften it with showers  
and bless its crops.
- 11 You crown the year with your bounty,  
and your carts overflow with abundance.
- 12 The grasslands of the desert overflow;  
the hills are clothed with gladness.
- 13 The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;  
they shout for joy and sing.

### **Psalm 66**

For the director of music. A song. A psalm.

- 1 Shout with joy to God, all the earth!  
2 Sing the glory of his name;  
make his praise glorious!  
3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

So great is your power  
that your enemies cringe before you.

4 All the earth bows down to you;  
they sing praise to you,  
they sing praise to your name." Selah

5 Come and see what God has done,  
how awesome his works in man's behalf!

6 He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the waters on foot—  
come, let us rejoice in him.

7 He rules forever by his power,  
his eyes watch the nations—  
let not the rebellious rise up against him. Selah

8 Praise our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard;

9 he has preserved our lives  
and kept our feet from slipping.

10 For you, O God, tested us;  
you refined us like silver.

11 You brought us into prison  
and laid burdens on our backs.

12 You let men ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us to a place of abundance.

13 I will come to your temple with burnt offerings  
and fulfill my vows to you—

14 vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke  
when I was in trouble.

15 I will sacrifice fat animals to you  
and an offering of rams;  
I will offer bulls and goats. Selah

16 Come and listen, all you who fear God;  
let me tell you what he has done for me.  
17 I cried out to him with my mouth;  
his praise was on my tongue.  
18 If I had cherished sin in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened;  
19 but God has surely listened  
and heard my voice in prayer.  
20 Praise be to God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or withheld his love from me!

### **Psalm 67**

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine upon us, Selah  
2 that your ways may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.  
3 May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you.  
4 May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth. Selah  
5 May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you.  
6 Then the land will yield its harvest,  
and God, our God, will bless us.  
7 God will bless us,

and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

### **Psalm 68**

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. A song.

1 May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;  
may his foes flee before him.

2 As smoke is blown away by the wind,  
may you blow them away;  
as wax melts before the fire,  
may the wicked perish before God.

3 But may the righteous be glad  
and rejoice before God;  
may they be happy and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praise to his name,  
extol him who rides on the clouds [a]—  
his name is the LORD—  
and rejoice before him.

5 A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
is God in his holy dwelling.

6 God sets the lonely in families, [b]  
he leads forth the prisoners with singing;  
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

7 When you went out before your people, O God,  
when you marched through the wasteland, Selah

8 the earth shook,  
the heavens poured down rain,  
before God, the One of Sinai,  
before God, the God of Israel.

9 You gave abundant showers, O God;  
you refreshed your weary inheritance.

- 10 Your people settled in it,  
and from your bounty, O God, you provided for the poor.
- 11 The Lord announced the word,  
and great was the company of those who proclaimed it:
- 12 "Kings and armies flee in haste;  
in the camps men divide the plunder.
- 13 Even while you sleep among the campfires, [c]  
the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver,  
its feathers with shining gold."
- 14 When the Almighty [d] scattered the kings in the land,  
it was like snow fallen on Zalmon.
- 15 The mountains of Bashan are majestic mountains;  
rugged are the mountains of Bashan.
- 16 Why gaze in envy, O rugged mountains,  
at the mountain where God chooses to reign,  
where the LORD himself will dwell forever?
- 17 The chariots of God are tens of thousands  
and thousands of thousands;  
the Lord has come from Sinai into his sanctuary.
- 18 When you ascended on high,  
you led captives in your train;  
you received gifts from men,  
even from [e] the rebellious—  
that you, [f] O LORD God, might dwell there.
- 19 Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,  
who daily bears our burdens. Selah
- 20 Our God is a God who saves;  
from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.
- 21 Surely God will crush the heads of his enemies,  
the hairy crowns of those who go on in their sins.
- 22 The Lord says, "I will bring them from Bashan;

I will bring them from the depths of the sea,  
23 that you may plunge your feet in the blood of your foes,  
while the tongues of your dogs have their share."  
24 Your procession has come into view, O God,  
the procession of my God and King into the sanctuary.  
25 In front are the singers, after them the musicians;  
with them are the maidens playing tambourines.  
26 Praise God in the great congregation;  
praise the LORD in the assembly of Israel.  
27 There is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them,  
there the great throng of Judah's princes,  
and there the princes of Zebulun and of Naphtali.  
28 Summon your power, O God [g] ;  
show us your strength, O God, as you have done before.  
29 Because of your temple at Jerusalem  
kings will bring you gifts.  
30 Rebuke the beast among the reeds,  
the herd of bulls among the calves of the nations.  
Humbled, may it bring bars of silver.  
Scatter the nations who delight in war.  
31 Envoys will come from Egypt;  
Cush [h] will submit herself to God.  
32 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth,  
sing praise to the Lord, Selah  
33 to him who rides the ancient skies above,  
who thunders with mighty voice.  
34 Proclaim the power of God,  
whose majesty is over Israel,  
whose power is in the skies.  
35 You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary;  
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

Praise be to God!

### **Psalm 75**

For the director of music. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A psalm of Asaph. A song.

- 1 We give thanks to you, O God,  
    we give thanks, for your Name is near;  
    men tell of your wonderful deeds.
- 2 You say, "I choose the appointed time;  
    it is I who judge uprightly.
- 3 When the earth and all its people quake,  
    it is I who hold its pillars firm. Selah
- 4 To the arrogant I say, 'Boast no more,'  
    and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horns.
- 5 Do not lift your horns against heaven;  
    do not speak with outstretched neck.' "
- 6 No one from the east or the west  
    or from the desert can exalt a man.
- 7 But it is God who judges:  
    He brings one down, he exalts another.
- 8 In the hand of the LORD is a cup  
    full of foaming wine mixed with spices;  
    he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth  
    drink it down to its very dregs.
- 9 As for me, I will declare this forever;  
    I will sing praise to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I will cut off the horns of all the wicked,  
    but the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

### **Psalm 93**

- 1 The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty  
and is armed with strength.  
The world is firmly established;  
it cannot be moved.
- 2 Your throne was established long ago;  
you are from all eternity.
- 3 The seas have lifted up, O LORD,  
the seas have lifted up their voice;  
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 4 Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea—  
the LORD on high is mighty.
- 5 Your statutes stand firm;  
holiness adorns your house  
for endless days, O LORD.

### **Psalm 94**

- 1 O LORD, the God who avenges,  
O God who avenges, shine forth.
- 2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth;  
pay back to the proud what they deserve.
- 3 How long will the wicked, O LORD,  
how long will the wicked be jubilant?
- 4 They pour out arrogant words;  
all the evildoers are full of boasting.
- 5 They crush your people, O LORD;  
they oppress your inheritance.
- 6 They slay the widow and the alien;

they murder the fatherless.

7 They say, "The LORD does not see;

the God of Jacob pays no heed."

8 Take heed, you senseless ones among the people;

you fools, when will you become wise?

9 Does he who implanted the ear not hear?

Does he who formed the eye not see?

10 Does he who disciplines nations not punish?

Does he who teaches man lack knowledge?

11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man;

he knows that they are futile.

12 Blessed is the man you discipline, O LORD,

the man you teach from your law;

13 you grant him relief from days of trouble,

till a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not reject his people;

he will never forsake his inheritance.

15 Judgment will again be founded on righteousness,

and all the upright in heart will follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the wicked?

Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?

17 Unless the LORD had given me help,

I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death.

18 When I said, "My foot is slipping,"

your love, O LORD, supported me.

19 When anxiety was great within me,

your consolation brought joy to my soul.

20 Can a corrupt throne be allied with you—

one that brings on misery by its decrees?

21 They band together against the righteous  
and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the LORD has become my fortress,  
and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.

23 He will repay them for their sins  
and destroy them for their wickedness;  
the LORD our God will destroy them.

### **Psalm 97**

1 The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;  
let the distant shores rejoice.

2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

3 Fire goes before him  
and consumes his foes on every side.

4 His lightning lights up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.

5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.

7 All who worship images are put to shame,  
those who boast in idols—  
worship him, all you gods!

8 Zion hears and rejoices  
and the villages of Judah are glad  
because of your judgments, O LORD.

9 For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 Let those who love the LORD hate evil,  
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is shed upon the righteous  
and joy on the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,  
and praise his holy name

### **Psalm 98**

A psalm.

1 Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

2 The LORD has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

3 He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

4 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;

5 make music to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,

6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands,

Let the mountains sing together for joy; 9 let them sing before the LORD,

for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

### **Psalm 99**

- 1 The LORD reigns,  
let the nations tremble;  
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,  
let the earth shake.
- 2 Great is the LORD in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the nations.
- 3 Let them praise your great and awesome name—  
he is holy.
- 4 The King is mighty, he loves justice—  
you have established equity;  
in Jacob you have done  
what is just and right.
- 5 Exalt the LORD our God  
and worship at his footstool;  
he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel was among those who called on his name;  
they called on the LORD  
and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God,  
you answered them;  
you were to Israel [a] a forgiving God,  
though you punished their misdeeds. [b]

9 Exalt the LORD our God  
and worship at his holy mountain,  
for the LORD our God is holy.

### **Psalm 100**

A psalm. For giving thanks.

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.  
2 Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.  
3 Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his [a] ;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

### **Psalm 103**

Of David.

1 Praise the LORD, O my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
2 Praise the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits-  
3 who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
4 who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
5 who satisfies your desires with good things

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

6 The LORD works righteousness

and justice for all the oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses,

his deeds to the people of Israel:

8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

9 He will not always accuse,

nor will he harbor his anger forever;

10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve

or repay us according to our iniquities.

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

so great is his love for those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children,

so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

14 for he knows how we are formed,

he remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass,

he flourishes like a flower of the field;

16 the wind blows over it and it is gone,

and its place remembers it no more.

17 But from everlasting to everlasting

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

and his righteousness with their children's children-

18 with those who keep his covenant

and remember to obey his precepts.

19 The LORD has established his throne in heaven,

and his kingdom rules over all.

- 20 Praise the LORD, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
who obey his word.
- 21 Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.
- 22 Praise the LORD, all his works  
everywhere in his dominion.  
Praise the LORD, O my soul.

### **Psalm 104**

- 1 Praise the LORD, O my soul.  
O LORD my God, you are very great;  
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.
- 2 He wraps himself in light as with a garment;  
he stretches out the heavens like a tent
- 3 and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.  
He makes the clouds his chariot  
and rides on the wings of the wind.
- 4 He makes winds his messengers, [a]  
flames of fire his servants.
- 5 He set the earth on its foundations;  
it can never be moved.
- 6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.
- 7 But at your rebuke the waters fled,  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;
- 8 they flowed over the mountains,  
they went down into the valleys,  
to the place you assigned for them.
- 9 You set a boundary they cannot cross;

- never again will they cover the earth.
- 10 He makes springs pour water into the ravines;  
it flows between the mountains.
- 11 They give water to all the beasts of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- 12 The birds of the air nest by the waters;  
they sing among the branches.
- 13 He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;  
the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work.
- 14 He makes grass grow for the cattle,  
and plants for man to cultivate—  
bringing forth food from the earth:
- 15 wine that gladdens the heart of man,  
oil to make his face shine,  
and bread that sustains his heart.
- 16 The trees of the LORD are well watered,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
- 17 There the birds make their nests;  
the stork has its home in the pine trees.
- 18 The high mountains belong to the wild goats;  
the crags are a refuge for the coney. [b]
- 19 The moon marks off the seasons,  
and the sun knows when to go down.
- 20 You bring darkness, it becomes night,  
and all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 21 The lions roar for their prey  
and seek their food from God.
- 22 The sun rises, and they steal away;  
they return and lie down in their dens.
- 23 Then man goes out to his work,  
to his labor until evening.

- 24 How many are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 There is the sea, vast and spacious,  
teeming with creatures beyond number—  
living things both large and small.
- 26 There the ships go to and fro,  
and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.
- 27 These all look to you  
to give them their food at the proper time.
- 28 When you give it to them,  
they gather it up;  
when you open your hand,  
they are satisfied with good things.
- 29 When you hide your face,  
they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to the dust.
- 30 When you send your Spirit,  
they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—
- 32 he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- 33 I will sing to the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
as I rejoice in the LORD.

35 But may sinners vanish from the earth  
and the wicked be no more.  
Praise the LORD, O [my](#) soul.  
Praise the LORD. [c]

### **Psalm 113**

1 Praise the LORD. [[a](#)]  
Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.  
2 Let the name of the LORD be praised,  
both now and forevermore.  
3 From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.  
4 The LORD is exalted over all the nations,  
his glory above the heavens.  
5 Who is like the LORD our God,  
the One who sits enthroned on high,  
6 who stoops down to look  
on the heavens and the earth?  
7 He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;  
8 he seats them with princes,  
with the princes of their people.  
9 He settles the barren woman in her home  
as a happy mother of children.  
Praise the LORD.

### **Psalm 114**

1 When Israel came out of Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,  
 2 Judah became God's sanctuary,  
 Israel his dominion.  
 3 The sea looked and fled,  
 the Jordan turned back;  
 4 the mountains skipped like rams,  
 the hills like lambs.  
 5 Why was it, O sea, that you fled,  
 O Jordan, that you turned back,  
 6 you mountains, that you skipped like rams,  
 you hills, like lambs?  
 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
 8 who turned the rock into a pool,  
 the hard rock into springs of water.

### **Psalm 117**

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations;  
 extol him, all you peoples.  
 2 For great is his love toward us,  
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
 Praise the LORD. [a]

### **Psalm 119**

' Aleph

1[a] Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,  
 who walk according to the law of the LORD.  
 2 Blessed are they who keep his statutes

and seek him with all their heart.

3 They do nothing wrong;

they walk in his ways.

4 You have laid down precepts

that are to be fully obeyed.

5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast

in obeying your decrees

6 Then I would not be put to shame

when I consider all your commands.

7 I will praise you with an upright heart

as I learn your righteous laws.

8 I will obey your decrees;

do not utterly forsake me.

b Beth

9 How can a young man keep his way pure?

By living according to your word.

10 I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

11 I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

12 Praise be to you, O LORD;

teach me your decrees.

13 With my lips I recount

all the laws that come from your mouth.

14 I rejoice in following your statutes

as one rejoices in great riches.

15 I meditate on your precepts

and consider your ways.

16 I delight in your decrees;

I will not neglect your word.

g Gimel

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

I will obey your word.

18 Open my eyes that I may see

wonderful things in your law.

19 I am a stranger on earth;

do not hide your commands from me.

20 My soul is consumed with longing

for your laws at all times.

21 You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed

and who stray from your commands.

22 Remove from me scorn and contempt,

for I keep your statutes.

23 Though rulers sit together and slander me,

your servant will meditate on your decrees.

24 Your statutes are my delight;

they are my counselors.

d Daleth

25 I am laid low in the dust;

preserve my life according to your word.

26 I recounted my ways and you answered me;

teach me your decrees.

27 Let me understand the teaching of your precepts;

then I will meditate on your wonders.

28 My soul is weary with sorrow;

strengthen me according to your word.

29 Keep me from deceitful ways;  
be gracious to me through your law.

30 I have chosen the way of truth;  
I have set my heart on your laws.

31 I hold fast to your statutes, O LORD;  
do not let me be put to shame.

32 I run in the path of your commands,  
for you have set my heart free.

h He

33 Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;  
then I will keep them to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I will keep your law  
and obey it with all my heart.

35 Direct me in the path of your commands,  
for there I find delight.

36 Turn my heart toward your statutes  
and not toward selfish gain.

37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things;  
preserve my life according to your word. [b]

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
so that you may be feared.

39 Take away the disgrace I dread,  
for your laws are good.

40 How I long for your precepts!  
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

w Waw

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

your salvation according to your promise;  
42 then I will answer the one who taunts me,  
for I trust in your word.  
43 Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth,  
for I have put my hope in your laws.  
44 I will always obey your law,  
for ever and ever.  
45 I will walk about in freedom,  
for I have sought out your precepts.  
46 I will speak of your statutes before kings  
and will not be put to shame,  
47 for I delight in your commands  
because I love them.  
48 I lift up my hands to [c] your commands, which I love,  
and I meditate on your decrees.

z Zayin

49 Remember your word to your servant,  
for you have given me hope.  
50 My comfort in my suffering is this:  
Your promise preserves my life.  
51 The arrogant mock me without restraint,  
but I do not turn from your law.  
52 I remember your ancient laws, O LORD,  
and I find comfort in them.  
53 Indignation grips me because of the wicked,  
who have forsaken your law.  
54 Your decrees are the theme of my song  
wherever I lodge.

55 In the night I remember your name, O LORD,  
and I will keep your law.

56 This has been my practice:  
I obey your precepts.

x Heth

57 You are my portion, O LORD;  
I have promised to obey your words.

58 I have sought your face with all my heart;  
be gracious to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways  
and have turned my steps to your statutes.

60 I will hasten and not delay  
to obey your commands.

61 Though the wicked bind me with ropes,  
I will not forget your law.

62 At midnight I rise to give you thanks  
for your righteous laws.

63 I am a friend to all who fear you,  
to all who follow your precepts.

64 The earth is filled with your love, O LORD;  
teach me your decrees.

X Teth

65 Do good to your servant  
according to your word, O LORD.

66 Teach me knowledge and good judgment,  
for I believe in your commands.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,

but now I obey your word.

68 You are good, and what you do is good;  
teach me your decrees.

69 Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,  
I keep your precepts with all my heart.

70 Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,  
but I delight in your law.

71 It was good for me to be afflicted  
so that I might learn your decrees.

72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me  
than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

y Yodh

73 Your hands made me and formed me;  
give me understanding to learn your commands.

74 May those who fear you rejoice when they see me,  
for I have put my hope in your word.

75 I know, O LORD, that your laws are righteous,  
and in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

76 May your unfailing love be my comfort,  
according to your promise to your servant.

77 Let your compassion come to me that I may live,  
for your law is my delight.

78 May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause;  
but I will meditate on your precepts.

79 May those who fear you turn to me,  
those who understand your statutes.

80 May my heart be blameless toward your decrees,  
that I may not be put to shame.

## k Kaph

81 My soul faints with longing for your salvation,

but I have put my hope in your word.

82 My eyes fail, looking for your promise;

I say, "When will you comfort me?"

83 Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke,

I do not forget your decrees.

84 How long must your servant wait?

When will you punish my persecutors?

85 The arrogant dig pitfalls for me,

contrary to your law.

86 All your commands are trustworthy;

help me, for men persecute me without cause.

87 They almost wiped me from the earth,

but I have not forsaken your precepts.

88 Preserve my life according to your love,

and I will obey the statutes of your mouth.

## l Lamedh

89 Your word, O LORD, is eternal;

it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness continues through all generations;

you established the earth, and it endures.

91 Your laws endure to this day,

for all things serve you.

92 If your law had not been my delight,

I would have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your precepts,  
for by them you have preserved my life.

94 Save me, for I am yours;  
I have sought out your precepts.

95 The wicked are waiting to destroy me,  
but I will ponder your statutes.

96 To all perfection I see a limit;  
but your commands are boundless.

m Mem

97 Oh, how I love your law!  
I meditate on it all day long.

98 Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,  
for they are ever with me.

99 I have more insight than all my teachers,  
for I meditate on your statutes.

100 I have more understanding than the elders,  
for I obey your precepts.

101 I have kept my feet from every evil path  
so that I might obey your word.

102 I have not departed from your laws,  
for you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 I gain understanding from your precepts;  
therefore I hate every wrong path.

n Nun

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light for my path.

106 I have taken an oath and confirmed it,  
that I will follow your righteous laws.

107 I have suffered much;  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing praise of my mouth,  
and teach me your laws.

109 Though I constantly take my life in my hands,  
I will not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a snare for me,  
but I have not strayed from your precepts.

111 Your statutes are my heritage forever;  
they are the joy of my heart.

112 My heart is set on keeping your decrees  
to the very end.

s Samekh

113 I hate double-minded men,  
but I love your law.

114 You are my refuge and my shield;  
I have put my hope in your word.

115 Away from me, you evildoers,  
that I may keep the commands of my God!

116 Sustain me according to your promise, and I will live;  
do not let my hopes be dashed.

117 Uphold me, and I will be delivered;  
I will always have regard for your decrees.

118 You reject all who stray from your decrees,  
for their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross;  
therefore I love your statutes.

120 My flesh trembles in fear of you;  
I stand in awe of your laws.

v Ayin

121 I have done what is righteous and just;  
do not leave me to my oppressors.

122 Ensure your servant's well-being;  
let not the arrogant oppress me.

123 My eyes fail, looking for your salvation,  
looking for your righteous promise.

124 Deal with your servant according to your love  
and teach me your decrees.

125 I am your servant; give me discernment  
that I may understand your statutes.

126 It is time for you to act, O LORD;  
your law is being broken.

127 Because I love your commands  
more than gold, more than pure gold,

128 and because I consider all your precepts right,  
I hate every wrong path.

p Pe

129 Your statutes are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them.

130 The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.

- 131 I open my mouth and pant,  
longing for your commands.
- 132 Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.
- 133 Direct my footsteps according to your word;  
let no sin rule over me.
- 134 Redeem me from the oppression of men,  
that I may obey your precepts.
- 135 Make your face shine upon your servant  
and teach me your decrees.
- 136 Streams of tears flow from my eyes,  
for your law is not obeyed.

c Tsadhe

- 137 Righteous are you, O LORD,  
and your laws are right.
- 138 The statutes you have laid down are righteous;  
they are fully trustworthy.
- 139 My zeal wears me out,  
for my enemies ignore your words.
- 140 Your promises have been thoroughly tested,  
and your servant loves them.
- 141 Though I am lowly and despised,  
I do not forget your precepts.
- 142 Your righteousness is everlasting  
and your law is true.
- 143 Trouble and distress have come upon me,  
but your commands are my delight.

144 Your statutes are forever right;  
give me understanding that I may live.

q Qoph

145 I call with all my heart; answer me, O LORD,  
and I will obey your decrees.

146 I call out to you; save me  
and I will keep your statutes.

147 I rise before dawn and cry for help;  
I have put my hope in your word.

148 My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,  
that I may meditate on your promises.

149 Hear my voice in accordance with your love;  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your laws.

150 Those who devise wicked schemes are near,  
but they are far from your law.

151 Yet you are near, O LORD,  
and all your commands are true.

152 Long ago I learned from your statutes  
that you established them to last forever.

r Resh

153 Look upon my suffering and deliver me,  
for I have not forgotten your law.

154 Defend my cause and redeem me;  
preserve my life according to your promise.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked,  
for they do not seek out your decrees.

156 Your compassion is great, O LORD;  
    preserve my life according to your laws.  
157 Many are the foes who persecute me,  
    but I have not turned from your statutes.  
158 I look on the faithless with loathing,  
    for they do not obey your word.  
159 See how I love your precepts;  
    preserve my life, O LORD, according to your love.  
160 All your words are true;  
    all your righteous laws are eternal.

#### S Sin and Shin

161 Rulers persecute me without cause,  
    but my heart trembles at your word.  
162 I rejoice in your promise  
    like one who finds great spoil.  
163 I hate and abhor falsehood  
    but I love your law.  
164 Seven times a day I praise you  
    for your righteous laws.  
165 Great peace have they who love your law,  
    and nothing can make them stumble.  
166 I wait for your salvation, O LORD,  
    and I follow your commands.  
167 I obey your statutes,  
    for I love them greatly.  
168 I obey your precepts and your statutes,  
    for all my ways are known to you.

#### t Taw

- 169 May my cry come before you, O LORD;  
give me understanding according to your word.
- 170 May my supplication come before you;  
deliver me according to your promise.
- 171 May my lips overflow with praise,  
for you teach me your decrees.
- 172 May my tongue sing of your word,  
for all your commands are righteous.
- 173 May your hand be ready to help me,  
for I have chosen your precepts.
- 174 I long for your salvation, O LORD,  
and your law is my delight.
- 175 Let me live that I may praise you,  
and may your laws sustain me.
- 176 I have strayed like a lost sheep.  
Seek your servant,  
for I have not forgotten your commands.

## Psalm 122

A song of ascents. Of David.

- 1 I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Our feet are standing  
in your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built like a city  
that is closely compacted together.
- 4 That is where the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
to praise the name of the LORD

according to the statute given to Israel.

5 There the thrones for judgment stand,

the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May those who love you be secure.

7 May there be peace within your walls

and security within your citadels."

8 For the sake of my brothers and friends,

I will say, "Peace be within you."

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

I will seek your prosperity.

### **Psalm 124**

A song of ascents. Of David.

1 If the LORD had not been on our side—

let Israel say-

2 if the LORD had not been on our side

when men attacked us,

3 when their anger flared against us,

they would have swallowed us alive;

4 the flood would have engulfed us,

the torrent would have swept over us,

5 the raging waters

would have swept us away.

6 Praise be to the LORD,

who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird

out of the fowler's snare;

the snare has been broken,

and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

### **Psalm 133**

A song of ascents. Of David.

1 How good and pleasant it is  
when brothers live together in unity!

2 It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard,  
down upon the collar of his robes.

3 It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore.

### **Psalm 134**

A song of ascents.

1 Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD  
who minister by night in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary  
and praise the LORD.

3 May the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth,  
bless you from Zion.

### **Psalm 135**

1 Praise the LORD. [a]

- Praise the name of the LORD;  
praise him, you servants of the LORD,  
2 you who minister in the house of the LORD,  
in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.
- 4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob to be his own,  
Israel to be his treasured possession.
- 5 I know that the LORD is great,  
that our Lord is greater than all gods.
- 6 The LORD does whatever pleases him,  
in the heavens and on the earth,  
in the seas and all their depths.
- 7 He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth;  
he sends lightning with the rain  
and brings out the wind from his storehouses.
- 8 He struck down the firstborn of Egypt,  
the firstborn of men and animals.
- 9 He sent his signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt,  
against Pharaoh and all his servants.
- 10 He struck down many nations  
and killed mighty kings-
- 11 Sihon king of the Amorites,  
Og king of Bashan  
and all the kings of Canaan-
- 12 and he gave their land as an inheritance,  
an inheritance to his people Israel.
- 13 Your name, O LORD, endures forever,  
your renown, O LORD, through all generations.
- 14 For the LORD will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants.

- 15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold,  
made by the hands of men.
- 16 They have mouths, but cannot speak,  
eyes, but they cannot see;
- 17 they have ears, but cannot hear,  
nor is there breath in their mouths.
- 18 Those who make them will be like them,  
and so will all who trust in them.
- 19 O house of Israel, praise the LORD;  
O house of Aaron, praise the LORD;
- 20 O house of Levi, praise the LORD;  
you who fear him, praise the LORD.
- 21 Praise be to the LORD from Zion,  
to him who dwells in Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD.

### Psalm 136

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods.  
His love endures forever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords:  
His love endures forever.
- 4 to him who alone does great wonders,  
His love endures forever.
- 5 who by his understanding made the heavens,  
His love endures forever.
- 6 who spread out the earth upon the waters,  
His love endures forever.

7 who made the great lights—

His love endures forever.

8 the sun to govern the day,

His love endures forever.

9 the moon and stars to govern the night;

His love endures forever.

10 to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt

His love endures forever.

11 and brought Israel out from among them

His love endures forever.

12 with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;

His love endures forever.

13 to him who divided the Red Sea [a] asunder

His love endures forever.

14 and brought Israel through the midst of it,

His love endures forever.

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

His love endures forever.

16 to him who led his people through the desert,

His love endures forever.

17 who struck down great kings,

His love endures forever.

18 and killed mighty kings—

His love endures forever.

19 Sihon king of the Amorites

His love endures forever.

20 and Og king of Bashan—

His love endures forever.

21 and gave their land as an inheritance,

His love endures forever.

22 an inheritance to his servant Israel;

His love endures forever.

23 to the One who remembered us in our low estate

His love endures forever.

24 and freed us from our enemies,

His love endures forever.

25 and who gives food to every creature.

His love endures forever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven.

His love endures forever.

### **Psalm 138**

Of David.

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

before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple

and will praise your name

for your love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted above all things

your name and your word.

3 When I called, you answered me;

you made me bold and stouthearted.

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

when they hear the words of your mouth.

5 May they sing of the ways of the LORD,

for the glory of the LORD is great.

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

but the proud he knows from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve my life;

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

with your right hand you save me.

8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your love, O LORD, endures forever—  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

### **Psalm 139**

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

1 O LORD, you have searched me  
and you know me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

4 Before a word is on my tongue  
you know it completely, O LORD.

5 You hem me in—behind and before;  
you have laid your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.

7 Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, [a] you are there.

9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

10 even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"

- 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.
- 13 For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place.  
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
- 16 your eyes saw my unformed body.  
All the days ordained for me  
were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.
- 17 How precious to [b] me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand.  
When I awake,  
I am still with you.
- 19 If only you would slay the wicked, O God!  
Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!
- 20 They speak of you with evil intent;  
your adversaries misuse your name.
- 21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD,  
and abhor those who rise up against you?
- 22 I have nothing but hatred for them;  
I count them my enemies.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

### **Psalm 145**

A psalm of praise. Of David.

1\_[a] I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.

4 One generation will commend your works to another;  
they will tell of your mighty acts.

5 They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works. [b]

6 They will tell of the power of your awesome works,  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

7 They will celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

8 The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

9 The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.

10 All you have made will praise you, O LORD;  
your saints will extol you.

11 They will tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,

12 so that all men may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is faithful to all his promises  
and loving toward all [he](#) has made. [c]

14 The LORD upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.

16 You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and loving toward all he has made.

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

19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.

20 The LORD watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

21 My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.  
Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.

## **Psalm 150**

1 Praise the LORD. [a]

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

2 Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

4 praise him with tambourine and dancing,

praise him with the strings and flute,

5 praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.