### Psalms

## Chapter 66

To the [music] director:  
  
An ode. A Psalm of awakening.  
  
  
  
  
1Shout to Jehovah, all you on the earth,  
 2And then play music to His Name!  
 Shout in praise of His Glory!  
  
3Tell Him:  
  
 ‘We fear the things that You do;  
 So may Your enemies submit to Your power.  
 4May the whole earth bow down before You,  
 And may they strum to You in the heights.’  
  
5Come witness the works of our God,  
 For they’re more to be feared than men realize…  
 6He changed the sea to dry ground,  
 And He did the same to the river!  
 For they walked across both on their feet.  
  
So in Him, we all should find joy,  
 7For, He’s the master of His domain.  
 And throughout the age, He’s been watching the nations;  
 So, may those who enrage Him not think themselves great.  
  
8O nations,  
  
Give praise to our God…  
 May we hear the sounds of your voices!  
 9For, He’s the One who gave life to my inner person,  
 And let nothing stumble my feet.  
  
10Yes, You’ve tried us, O God,  
 For, You’ve refined us like silver.  
 11First, You led us into a snare,  
 And upon our backs, laid oppression.  
 12Then, You assigned men to be over our heads…  
 But through fire and water, You led us to rest.  
  
13So, with my offerings, I’ll go to Your House  
 And render to You all my vows…  
 14Those things that my lips have opened to say…  
 The words my mouth spoke in my distress.  
  
15I’ll bring burnt offerings before You,  
 As well as incense and marrow…  
 My rams, winter yearlings, and bulls.  
  
16Come listen to me and I’ll tell you  
 About my fear of my God,  
 And of the things He’s done for my soul.  
  
17To Him, my mouth has cried out,  
 And with my tongue, I then shouted this:  
  
 18‘If in my heart, You’ve found injustice;  
 O Jehovah, please overlook me.’  
  
19However, He listened to all that I said…  
 He heard the sounds of my prayers!  
 20So, may our God forever be praised,  
 Since He didn’t overlook what I said,  
 Nor did He remove His mercy from me.