### Psalms

## Chapter 68

To the [music] director:  
  
A Psalm by David.  
  
  
  
  
1May God chase away those who hate Him,  
 And may those who detest Him, flee far from His face.  
 2Like smoke, may they just blow away,  
 And melt like beeswax in fire.  
 Yes, that’s how the sinners will all be destroyed  
 Before the face of our God.  
  
3But the righteous have reasons for joy;  
 So, may they happily shout in His presence…  
 May they all be joyful and may they be blest!  
  
4So, sing to God… Yes, strum to His Name!  
 Open the way to the One riding west…  
 The One whose Name is Jehovah!  
  
May they all shout before Him in joy,  
 And before His face, may they all be concerned.  
 5For, He’s a Father to orphans,  
 And the One who gives justice to widows…  
 He’s the God who dwells within our Most Holy.  
  
6He settles common people in homes,  
 And releases all those bound in shackles.  
 He [provides] for even the bitter,  
 And for those who dwell among tombs.  
  
7O God,  
  
As You passed by Your people,  
 And as You were crossing the desert,  
 8The land was shaken and the skies dripped with dew,  
 Before the face of our God upon SinAi…  
 Before the face of IsraEl’s God.  
  
9O God,  
  
You sent rain to Your people,  
 And then, You set us apart.  
 10You also gave life to the beasts [in the fields],  
 And Your kindness provides for the poor.  
  
11So, the Great God Jehovah will speak  
 And announce the good news to our army,  
 12That the king and his armies of loved ones  
 Will divide up the spoils in his palace.  
  
13Then, if you must sleep among sheep folds;  
 You’ll also sleep amidst doves…  
 The types that have silver wings,  
 With the colors of green and gold on their backs.  
  
14The Heavenly One scatters kings  
 Like snow when it falls on Mount SelMon  
 15(The mountain of God and the Hill of BaShan…  
 The fourth great mountain of provision).  
  
16So mountains:  
  
Why does God dwell upon you?  
 For Jehovah camps at the extremes,  
 17And His chariots number into the millions.  
 Yet, from His Holy Place on Mount SinAi,  
 The Lord still sends His provisions.  
  
18To the highest places, he’s stepped up,  
 And he’s taken captives into captivity;  
 Then, he gave gifts to the people,  
 As he camps among those who resist Him!  
  
19So, praise Jehovah our God…  
 Yes, praise Jehovah each day!  
 For, He is the One who’s blest us…  
 Our God is the One who’s saved us!  
  
20Yes, our God is the God of salvation…  
 For, from the brink of death, He’s saved [us]!  
 21So our God will shatter our enemies’ heads…  
 The tops of hairy heads of those walking in sin.  
  
22For Jehovah spoke and said this:  
  
 ‘I’ll bring them back from the depths of the seas…  
 From BaShan, I will return them.  
 23Then I’ll dip their feet in their enemy’s blood,  
 And it will stain the tongues of their dogs.’  
  
24O God,  
  
Your travels are seen from Your Holy Place…  
 The comings and goings of my God the King.  
 25Rulers have traveled before You,  
 As women played harps and [shook] tambourines.  
  
26May God be praised in the gathering  
 All the way to IsraEl’s springs.  
 27It’s the place where (to our surprise),  
 Young BenJamin was appointed the ruler  
 Of the governors and princes of Judah,  
 And the leaders of ZebuLun and NaphTali.  
  
28Give orders, O God, and send us Your power…  
 Give us the strength to accomplish  
 All the things that You want us to do!  
 29Then the kings [of the earth] will bring gifts  
 To Your Holy Place in JeruSalem.  
  
30Scold those ‘wild beasts’ who live in the reeds,  
 And the ‘bulls’ who are mixed among heifers.  
 Lock away those putting trust in their silver,  
 And scatter the nations… All those who want war.  
  
31Yes, send ambassadors from Egypt,  
 With Ethiopians in front and their hands stretched towards God.  
  
32O you kingdoms throughout the whole earth:  
  
Sing before God and play music!  
 33Yes, strum to Jehovah who lives in the skies…  
 In the heavens above, towards the east!  
  
{Look} Let them shout in a powerful voice  
 34And give glory to IsraEl’s God,  
 Whose majesty and power [is seen] in the clouds.  
  
35God’s wonders are in His Most Holy Place.  
 And from there, IsraEl’s God sends the power  
 That He uses to strengthen His people.  
 So, all should give praise to [Jehovah]!