

# Psalms

## PSALM 1

**1** Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.  
**2** But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.  
**3** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.  
**4** The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.  
**5** Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.  
**6** For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## PSALM 2

**1** Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?  
**2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,  
**3** Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.  
**4** He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.  
**5** Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.  
**6** Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.  
**7** I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.  
**8** Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.  
**9** Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.  
**10** Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.  
**11** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.  
**12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

## PSALM 3

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

**1** LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.  
**2** Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Selah.  
**3** But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.  
**4** I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.  
**5** I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.  
**6** I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.  
**7** Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.  
**8** Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

## PSALM 4

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David.

**1** Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

**2** O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and seek after leasing?* Selah.

**3** But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

**4** Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

**5** Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

**6** *There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

**7** Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.

**8** I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

## PSALM 5

To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David.

**1** Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.

**2** Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

**3** My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

**4** For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

**5** The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

**6** Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

**7** But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

**8** Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

**9** For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

**10** Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

**11** But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

**12** For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

## PSALM 6

To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

**1** O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

**2** Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

**3** My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

**4** Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

**5** For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

**6** I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

**7** Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

**8** Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

**9** The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

**10** Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

## PSALM 7

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

- 1** O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:
- 2** Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.
- 3** O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;
- 4** If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)
- 5** Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.
- 6** Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me *to* the judgment *that thou hast commanded*.
- 7** So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.
- 8** The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.
- 9** Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.
- 10** My defence *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.
- 11** God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.
- 12** If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
- 13** He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
- 14** Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
- 15** He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch *which he made*.
- 16** His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.
- 17** I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

## PSALM 8

To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.

- 1** O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
- 2** Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3** When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- 4** What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5** For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
- 6** Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:
- 7** All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
- 8** The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.
- 9** O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

## PSALM 9

To the chief Musician upon Muth-labben, A Psalm of David.

- 1** I will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
- 2** I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.
- 3** When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.
- 4** For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.
- 5** Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
- 6** O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.
- 7** But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.
- 8** And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.
- 9** The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

**10** And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

**11** Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

**12** When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

**13** Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

**14** That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

**15** The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

**16** The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

**17** The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.

**18** For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

**19** Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

**20** Put them in fear, O LORD: *that* the nations may know themselves *to be* but men. Selah.

## PSALM 10

**1** Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?

**2** The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

**3** For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

**4** The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*. God *is* not in all his thoughts.

**5** His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

**6** He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* never *be* in adversity.

**7** His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.

**8** He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

**9** He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

**10** He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

**11** He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

**12** Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

**13** Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.

**14** Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

**15** Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.

**16** The LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

**17** LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

**18** To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

## PSALM 11

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.

**1** In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

**2** For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

**3** If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

**4** The LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

**5** The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

**6** Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.

**7** For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

## PSALM 12

To the chief Musician upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

- 1** Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.
- 2** They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with flattering lips and with a double heart* do they speak.
- 3** The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and the tongue that speaketh proud things:*
- 4** Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips *are* our own: who *is* lord over us?
- 5** For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety *from him that* puffeth at him.
- 6** The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
- 7** Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
- 8** The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

## PSALM 13

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- 1** How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
- 2** How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having sorrow in my heart daily?* how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
- 3** Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of death*;
- 4** Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
- 5** But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
- 6** I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

## PSALM 14

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.

- 1** The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good.
- 2** The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.
- 3** They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.
- 4** Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.
- 5** There were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.
- 6** Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge.
- 7** Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

## PSALM 15

A Psalm of David.

**1** LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?  
**2** He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.  
**3** *He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.*  
**4** In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. *He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.*  
**5** *He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.*

## PSALM 16

Michtam of David.

**1** Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.  
**2** *O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;*  
**3** *But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.*  
**4** Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.*  
**5** The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.  
**6** The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.  
**7** I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.  
**8** I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  
**9** Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.  
**10** For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.  
**11** Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

## PSALM 17

A Prayer of David.

**1** Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth not out of feigned lips.*  
**2** Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.  
**3** Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed *that my mouth shall not transgress.*  
**4** Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.  
**5** Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that my footsteps slip not.*  
**6** I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.  
**7** Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.  
**8** Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,  
**9** From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.  
**10** They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.  
**11** They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;  
**12** Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.  
**13** Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:  
**14** From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.  
**15** As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

## PSALM 18

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

- 1** I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.
- 2** The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.
- 3** I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
- 4** The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
- 5** The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.
- 6** In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.
- 7** Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.
- 8** There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
- 9** He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.
- 10** And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.
- 11** He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.
- 12** At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.
- 13** The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.
- 14** Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.
- 15** Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
- 16** He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.
- 17** He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.
- 18** They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.
- 19** He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.
- 20** The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
- 21** For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- 22** For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.
- 23** I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.
- 24** Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
- 25** With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;
- 26** With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the foward thou wilt shew thyself foward.
- 27** For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.
- 28** For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.
- 29** For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.
- 30** As for God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.
- 31** For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?
- 32** It *is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.
- 33** He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places.
- 34** He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
- 35** Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.
- 36** Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.
- 37** I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.
- 38** I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.
- 39** For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.
- 40** Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.
- 41** They cried, but *there was* none to save *them*: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.
- 42** Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.
- 43** Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; *and* thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.
- 44** As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.
- 45** The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

**46** The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.  
**47** *It is* God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.  
**48** He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.  
**49** Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.  
**50** Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

## PSALM 19

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

**1** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.  
**2** Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.  
**3** *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard.  
**4** Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,  
**5** Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.  
**6** His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.  
**7** The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.  
**8** The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.  
**9** The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.  
**10** More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.  
**11** Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.  
**12** Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.  
**13** Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.  
**14** Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

## PSALM 20

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

**1** The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;  
**2** Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;  
**3** Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.  
**4** Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.  
**5** We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.  
**6** Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.  
**7** Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.  
**8** They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.  
**9** Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

## PSALM 21

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

**1** The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!  
**2** Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.  
**3** For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.  
**4** He asked life of thee, *and thou gavest it* him, *even* length of days for ever and ever.  
**5** His glory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.  
**6** For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.  
**7** For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.  
**8** Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.  
**9** Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.  
**10** Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.  
**11** For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, *which* they are not able *to perform*.  
**12** Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, *when* thou shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them.  
**13** Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and praise thy power.

## PSALM 22

To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.

**1** My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so* far from helping me, *and from* the words of my roaring?  
**2** O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.  
**3** But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.  
**4** Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.  
**5** They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.  
**6** But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.  
**7** All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*,  
**8** He trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.  
**9** But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.  
**10** I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou *art* my God from my mother's belly.  
**11** Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help.  
**12** Many bulls have compassed me: strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round.  
**13** They gaped upon me *with* their mouths, *as* a ravening and a roaring lion.  
**14** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.  
**15** My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.  
**16** For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.  
**17** I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me.  
**18** They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.  
**19** But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.  
**20** Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.  
**21** Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.  
**22** I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.  
**23** Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.  
**24** For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.  
**25** My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.  
**26** The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.  
**27** All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.  
**28** For the kingdom *is* the LORD'S: and he *is* the governor among the nations.  
**29** All *they that be* fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him:

and none can keep alive his own soul.

**30** A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

**31** They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *this*.

## PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

**1** The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

**2** He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

**3** He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**4** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**5** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## PSALM 24

A Psalm of David.

**1** The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

**2** For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

**3** Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

**4** He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

**5** He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**6** This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

**7** Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall 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 ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

**10** Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

## PSALM 25

A Psalm of David.

**1** Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

**2** O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

**3** Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

**4** Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

**5** Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

**6** Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old.

**7** Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

**8** Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

**9** The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

**10** All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**11** For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great.

**12** What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose.

**13** His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

- 14** The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.  
**15** Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.  
**16** Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted.  
**17** The troubles of my heart are enlarged: *O* bring thou me out of my distresses.  
**18** Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.  
**19** Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.  
**20** O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.  
**21** Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.  
**22** Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

## PSALM 26

*A Psalm of David.*

- 1** Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide.  
**2** Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.  
**3** For thy lovingkindness *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.  
**4** I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.  
**5** I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.  
**6** I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:  
**7** That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.  
**8** LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.  
**9** Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:  
**10** In whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.  
**11** But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.  
**12** My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

## PSALM 27

*A Psalm of David.*

- 1** 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?  
**2** When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.  
**3** Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I be confident.  
**4** One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.  
**5** For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.  
**6** And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.  
**7** Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.  
**8** *When thou saidst,* Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.  
**9** Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
**10** When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.  
**11** Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.  
**12** Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.  
**13** *I had fainted,* unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.  
**14** Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

## PSALM 28

A Psalm of David.

**1** Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

**2** Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

**3** Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief *is* in their hearts.

**4** Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

**5** Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

**6** Blessed *be* the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

**7** The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

**8** The LORD *is* their strength, and he *is* the saving strength of his anointed.

**9** Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

## PSALM 29

A Psalm of David.

**1** Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

**2** Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

**3** The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

**4** The voice of the LORD *is* powerful; the voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty.

**5** The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

**6** He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

**7** The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.

**8** The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

**9** The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.

**10** The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

**11** The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

## PSALM 30

A Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house of David.

**1** I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

**2** O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

**3** O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

**4** Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

**5** For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

**6** And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

**7** LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, *and* I was troubled.

**8** I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

**9** What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

**10** Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

**11** Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with

gladness;

**12** To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

## PSALM 31

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

**1** In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

**2** Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

**3** For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

**4** Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.

**5** Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

**6** I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

**7** I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

**8** And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

**9** Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my belly.

**10** For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

**11** I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

**12** I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

**13** For I have heard the slander of many: fear *was* on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

**14** But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.

**15** My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

**16** Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

**17** Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, *and* let them be silent in the grave.

**18** Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

**19** Oh how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

**20** Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

**21** Blessed *be* the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

**22** For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou hearest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

**23** O love the LORD, all ye his saints: *for* the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

**24** Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

## PSALM 32

A Psalm of David, Maschil.

**1** Blessed *is he whose* transgression *is* forgiven, *whose* sin *is* covered.

**2** Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no guile.

**3** When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

**4** For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

**5** I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

**6** For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of

great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

**7** Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

**8** I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

**9** Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

**10** Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

**11** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

## PSALM 33

**1** Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright.

**2** Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.

**3** Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

**4** For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.

**5** He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

**6** By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

**7** He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

**8** Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

**9** For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.

**10** The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

**11** The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

**12** Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

**13** The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

**14** From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

**15** He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

**16** There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

**17** An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

**18** Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

**19** To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

**20** Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield.

**21** For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

**22** Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

## PSALM 34

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

**1** I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

**2** My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

**3** O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**4** I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**5** They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

**6** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.

**7** The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

**8** O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

**9** O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

**10** The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.

**11** Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**12** What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

**13** Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

**14** Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

**15** The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

**16** The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

**17** *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.  
**18** The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.  
**19** Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.  
**20** He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.  
**21** Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.  
**22** The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

## PSALM 35

*A Psalm of David.*

**1** Plead *my cause*, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.  
**2** Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.  
**3** Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.  
**4** Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.  
**5** Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase *them*.  
**6** Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.  
**7** For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.  
**8** Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.  
**9** And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.  
**10** All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?  
**11** False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.  
**12** They rewarded me evil for good *to* the spoiling of my soul.  
**13** But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.  
**14** I behaved myself as though *he had been* my friend *or* brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.  
**15** But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea*, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceased not:  
**16** With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.  
**17** Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.  
**18** I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.  
**19** Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.  
**20** For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.  
**21** Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*.  
**22** This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.  
**23** Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.  
**24** Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.  
**25** Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.  
**26** Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me.  
**27** Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.  
**28** And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all the day long.

## PSALM 36

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David the servant of the LORD.

**1** The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* no fear of God before his eyes.  
**2** For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.  
**3** The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.  
**4** He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.  
**5** Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds.  
**6** Thy righteousness *is* like the great mountains; thy judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.  
**7** How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.  
**8** They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.  
**9** For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.  
**10** O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.  
**11** Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.  
**12** There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

## PSALM 37

*A Psalm of David.*

**1** Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.  
**2** For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.  
**3** Trust in the LORD, and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.  
**4** Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.  
**5** Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.  
**6** And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.  
**7** Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.  
**8** Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.  
**9** For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.  
**10** For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall not be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*.  
**11** But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.  
**12** The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.  
**13** The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.  
**14** The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay such as be of upright conversation.  
**15** Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.  
**16** A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.  
**17** For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.  
**18** The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.  
**19** They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.  
**20** But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.  
**21** The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.  
**22** For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and *they that be* cursed of him shall be cut off.  
**23** The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.  
**24** Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.  
**25** I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.  
**26** *He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.  
**27** Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.  
**28** For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.  
**29** The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.  
**30** The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.  
**31** The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

**32** The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.  
**33** The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.  
**34** Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.  
**35** I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.  
**36** Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.  
**37** Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.  
**38** But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.  
**39** But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.  
**40** And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

## PSALM 38

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

**1** O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.  
**2** For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.  
**3** There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.  
**4** For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.  
**5** My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.  
**6** I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.  
**7** For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.  
**8** I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.  
**9** Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.  
**10** My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.  
**11** My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.  
**12** They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.  
**13** But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.  
**14** Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.  
**15** For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.  
**16** For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.  
**17** For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.  
**18** For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.  
**19** But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.  
**20** They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is.  
**21** Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.  
**22** Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

## PSALM 39

To the chief Musician, even to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

**1** I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.  
**2** I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.  
**3** My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue,  
**4** LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.  
**5** Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.  
**6** Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth

not who shall gather them.

**7** And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope *is* in thee.

**8** Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

**9** I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst *it*.

**10** Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

**11** When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man *is* vanity. Selah.

**12** Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I *am* a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.

**13** O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

## PSALM 40

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

**1** I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

**2** He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.

**3** And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

**4** Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

**5** Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.

**6** Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

**7** Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,

**8** I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.

**9** I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

**10** I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

**11** Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

**12** For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

**13** Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

**14** Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

**15** Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

**16** Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

**17** But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

## PSALM 41

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

**1** Blessed *is* he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

**2** The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

**3** The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

**4** I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

**5** Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

**6** And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*:

**7** All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

**8** An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

**9** Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.

**10** But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

**11** By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

**12** And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

**13** Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.