

Psalms

PSALM 1

¹Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

³He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

⁴The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

¹Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?

²The 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 bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."

⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision.

⁵Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

⁶"Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

⁷"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

⁸Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

PSALM 3

¹LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me.

²Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God."Selah

³But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.

⁴I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill.Selah

⁵I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.

⁶I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.

⁸Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people.Selah

PSALM 4

¹Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

²How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood?Selah

³But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him.

⁴Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.Selah

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

⁶There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

⁸I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

¹Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation.

²Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.

³My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.

⁴For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You.

⁵The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.

⁶You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

⁷But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

⁸Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.

⁹For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.

¹⁰Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You.

¹¹But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.

¹²For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

PSALM 6

¹O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.

²Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.

³My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD--how long?

⁴Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!

⁵For in death there is no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks?

⁶I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears.

⁷My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies.

⁸Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.

⁹The LORD has heard my supplication; The LORD will receive my prayer.

¹⁰Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7

¹O LORD my God, in You I put my trust; Save me from all those who persecute me; And deliver me,

²Lest they tear me like a lion, Rending me in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

³O LORD my God, if I have done this: If there is iniquity in my hands,

⁴If I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me, Or have plundered my enemy without cause,

⁵Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me; Yes, let him trample my life to the earth, And lay my honor in the dust.Selah

⁶Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded!

⁷So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You; For their sakes, therefore, return on high.

⁸The LORD shall judge the peoples; Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, And according to my integrity within me.

⁹Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, But establish the just; For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.

¹⁰My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart.

¹¹God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day.

¹²If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready.

¹³He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.

¹⁴Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.

¹⁵He made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch which he made.

¹⁶His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown.

¹⁷I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

PSALM 8

¹O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

²Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

⁴What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

⁵For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

⁷All sheep and oxen-- Even the beasts of the field,

⁸The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

¹I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

²I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

³When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence.

⁴For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.

⁵You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

⁶O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; Even their memory has perished.

⁷But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment.

⁸He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.

⁹The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.

¹⁰And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.

¹²When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble.

¹³Have mercy on me, O LORD! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death,

¹⁴That I may tell of all Your praise In the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will rejoice in Your salvation.

¹⁵The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.

¹⁶The LORD is known by the judgment He executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

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

¹⁸For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall not perish forever.

¹⁹Arise, O LORD, Do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight.

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

PSALM 10

¹Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble?

²The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

³For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces the LORD.

⁴The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.

⁵His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.

⁶He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity."

⁷His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.

⁸He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the secret places he murders the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless.

⁹He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He catches the poor when he draws him into his net.

¹⁰So he crouches, he lies low, That the helpless may fall by his strength.

¹¹He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."

¹²Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble.

¹³Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account."

¹⁴But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief, To repay it by Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

¹⁶The LORD is King forever and ever; The nations have perished out of His land.

¹⁷LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear,

¹⁸To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, That the man of the earth may oppress no more.

PSALM 11

¹In the LORD I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain"?

²For look! The wicked bend their bow,
They make ready their arrow on the
string, That they may shoot secretly at
the upright in heart.

³If the foundations are destroyed, What
can the righteous do?

⁴The LORD is in His holy temple, The
LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes
behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

⁵The LORD tests the righteous, But the
wicked and the one who loves violence
His soul hates.

⁶Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire
and brimstone and a burning wind Shall
be the portion of their cup.

⁷For the LORD is righteous, He loves
righteousness; His countenance
beholds the upright.

PSALM 12

¹Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases!
For the faithful disappear from among
the sons of men.

²They speak idly everyone with his
neighbor; With flattering lips and a
double heart they speak.

³May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
And the tongue that speaks proud things,

⁴Who have said, "With our tongue we
will 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 I will arise,"
says the LORD; "I will set him in the
safety for which he yearns."

⁶The words of the LORD are pure words,
Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times.

⁷You shall keep them, O LORD, You
shall preserve them from this generation
forever.

⁸The wicked prowl on every side, When
vileness is exalted among the sons of
men.

PSALM 13

¹How long, O LORD? Will You forget me
forever? How long will You hide Your
face from me?

²How long shall I take counsel in my
soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily?
How long will my enemy be exalted over
me?

³Consider and hear me, O LORD my
God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the
sleep of death;

⁴Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed
against him"; Lest those who trouble me
rejoice when I am moved.

⁵But I have trusted in Your mercy; My
heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

⁶I will sing to the LORD, Because He
has dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

¹The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.

²The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

³They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.

⁴Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call on the LORD?

⁵There they are in great fear, For God is with the generation of the righteous.

⁶You shame the counsel of the poor, But the LORD is his refuge.

⁷Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

²He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;

³He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

⁴In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

PSALM 16

¹Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

²O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You."

³As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

⁴Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.

⁵O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
Because He is at my right hand I shall
not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my
glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in
hope.

¹⁰For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see
corruption.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; In
Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your
right hand are pleasures forevermore.

PSALM 17

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD, Attend to
my cry; Give ear to my prayer which is
not from deceitful lips.

²Let my vindication come from Your
presence; Let Your eyes look on the
things that are upright.

³You have tested my heart; You have
visited me in the night; You have tried
me and have found nothing; I have
purposed that my mouth shall not
transgress.

⁴Concerning the works of men, By the
word of Your lips, I have kept away from
the paths of the destroyer.

⁵Uphold my steps in Your paths, That
my footsteps may not slip.

⁶I have called upon You, for You will
hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me,
and hear my speech.

⁷Show Your marvelous lovingkindness
by Your right hand, O You who save
those who trust in You From those who
rise up against them.

⁸Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
Hide me under the shadow of Your
wings,

⁹From the wicked who oppress me,
From my deadly enemies who surround
me.

¹⁰They have closed up their fat hearts;
With their mouths they speak proudly.

¹¹They have now surrounded us in our
steps; They have set their eyes,
crouching down to the earth,

¹²As a lion is eager to tear his prey, And
like a young lion lurking in secret places.

¹³Arise, O LORD, Confront him, cast him
down; Deliver my life from the wicked
with Your sword,

¹⁴With Your hand from men, O LORD,
From men of the world who have their
portion in this life, And whose belly You
fill with Your hidden treasure. They are
satisfied with children, And leave the
rest of their possession for their babes.

¹⁵As for me, I will see Your face in
righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I
awake in Your likeness.

PSALM 18

¹I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

²The LORD is my rock and my fortress
and my deliverer; My God, my strength,
in whom I will trust; My shield and the
horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy
to be praised; So shall I be saved from
my enemies.

⁴The pangs of death surrounded me,
And the floods of ungodliness made me
afraid.

⁵The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried out to my God; He heard my
voice from His temple, And my cry came
before Him, even to His ears.

⁷Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations of the hills also quaked
and were shaken, Because He was
angry.

⁸Smoke went up from His nostrils, And
devouring fire from His mouth; Coals
were kindled by it.

⁹He bowed the heavens also, and came
down With darkness under His feet.

¹⁰And He rode upon a cherub, and flew;
He flew upon the wings of the wind.

¹¹He made darkness His secret place;
His canopy around Him was dark waters
And thick clouds of the skies.

¹²From the brightness before Him, His
thick clouds passed with hailstones and
coals of fire.

¹³The LORD thundered from heaven,
And the Most High uttered His voice,
Hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴He sent out His arrows and scattered
the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and
He vanquished them.

¹⁵Then the channels of the sea were
seen, The foundations of the world were
uncovered At Your rebuke, O LORD, At
the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

¹⁶He sent from above, He took me; He
drew me out of many waters.

¹⁷He delivered me from my strong
enemy, From those who hated me, For
they were too strong for me.

¹⁸They confronted me in the day of my
calamity, But the LORD was my support.

¹⁹He also brought me out into a broad
place; He delivered me because He
delighted in me.

²⁰The LORD rewarded me according to
my righteousness; According to the
cleanness of my hands He has
recompensed me.

²¹For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from
my God.

²²For all His judgments were before me,
And I did not put away His statutes from
me.

²³I was also blameless before Him, And
I kept myself from my iniquity.

²⁴Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.

²⁵With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;

²⁶With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.

²⁷For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.

²⁸For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

²⁹For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall.

³⁰As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

³¹For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

³²It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect.

³³He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.

³⁴He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

³⁵You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.

³⁶You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.

³⁷I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.

³⁸I have wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet.

³⁹For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

⁴⁰You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me.

⁴¹They cried out, but there was none to save; Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them.

⁴²Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets.

⁴³You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations; A people I have not known shall serve me.

⁴⁴As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me.

⁴⁵The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts.

⁴⁶The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

⁴⁷It is God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me;

⁴⁸He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man.

⁴⁹Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name.

⁵⁰Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.

PSALM 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

²Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.

³There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.

⁴Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

⁵Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

⁶Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

⁸The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.

¹³Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

PSALM 20

¹May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

²May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion;

³May He remember all your offerings, And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah

⁴May He grant you according to your heart's desire, And fulfill all your purpose.

⁵We will rejoice in your salvation, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

⁶Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.

⁷Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

⁸They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright.

⁹Save, LORD! May the King answer us when we call.

PSALM 21

¹The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

²You have given him his heart's desire, And have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah

³For You meet him with the blessings of goodness; You set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

⁴He asked life from You, and You gave it to him-- Length of days forever and ever.

⁵His glory is great in Your salvation; Honor and majesty You have placed upon him.

⁶For You have made him most blessed forever; You have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence.

⁷For the king trusts in the LORD, And through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

⁸Your hand will find all Your enemies; Your right hand will find those who hate You.

⁹You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger; The LORD shall swallow them up in His wrath, And the fire shall devour them.

¹⁰Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth, And their descendants from among the sons of men.

¹¹For they intended evil against You; They devised a plot which they are not able to perform.

¹²Therefore You will make them turn their back; You will make ready Your arrows on Your string toward their faces.

¹³Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.

PSALM 22

¹My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?

²O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent.

³But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

⁴Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them.

⁵They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

⁶But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.

⁷All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

⁸"He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

⁹But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.

¹⁰I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God.

¹¹Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help.

¹²Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.

¹³They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

¹⁷I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.

¹⁸They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

²⁰Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.

²²I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

²³You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.

²⁵My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.

²⁸For the kingdom is the LORD's, And He rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive.

³⁰A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,

³¹They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this.

PSALM 23

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

²He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

³He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

PSALM 24

¹The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

²For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.

³Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

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

⁶This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face.Selah

⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

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

⁹Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

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

PSALM 25

¹To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.

³Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

⁴Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

⁶Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

⁸Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

⁹The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

¹¹For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

¹²Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

¹³He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth.

¹⁴The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

¹⁶Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted.

¹⁷The troubles of my heart have enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses!

¹⁸Look on my affliction and my pain, And forgive all my sins.

¹⁹Consider my enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred.

²⁰Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.

²¹Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.

²²Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their troubles!

PSALM 26

¹Vindicate me, O LORD, For I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the LORD; I shall not slip.

²Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.

³For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

⁴I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, Nor will I go in with hypocrites.

⁵I have hated the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence; So I will go about Your altar, O LORD,

⁷That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your wondrous works.

⁸LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.

⁹Do not gather my soul with sinners, Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

¹⁰In whose hands is a sinister scheme, And whose right hand is full of bribes.

¹¹But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; Redeem me and be merciful to me.

¹²My foot stands in an even place; In the congregations I will bless the LORD.

PSALM 27

¹The 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?

²When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.

³Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.

⁴One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: 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 inquire in His temple.

⁵For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

⁸When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

⁹Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me.

¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

¹²Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.

¹³I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

¹⁴Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

PSALM 28

¹To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock: Do not be silent to me, Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

²Hear the voice of my supplications When I cry to You, When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

³Do not take me away with the wicked And with the workers of iniquity, Who

Speak peace to their neighbors, But evil is in their hearts.

⁴Give them according to their deeds, And according to the wickedness of their endeavors; Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them what they deserve.

⁵Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, Nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them And not build them up.

⁶Blessed be the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplications!

⁷The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.

⁸The LORD is their strength, And He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

⁹Save Your people, And bless Your inheritance; Shepherd them also, And bear them up forever.

PSALM 29

¹Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

²Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters.

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

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever.

¹¹The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

PSALM 30

¹I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me.

³O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

⁵For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

⁶Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved."

⁷LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.

⁸I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the LORD I made supplication:

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!"

¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

¹²To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

PSALM 31

¹In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness.

²Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me.

³For You are my rock and my fortress;
Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead
me and guide me.

⁴Pull me out of the net which they have
secretly laid for me, For You are my
strength.

⁵Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You
have redeemed me, O LORD God of
truth.

⁶I have hated those who regard useless
idols; But I trust in the LORD.

⁷I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy,
For You have considered my trouble;
You have known my soul in adversities,

⁸And have not shut me up into the hand
of the enemy; You have set my feet in a
wide place.

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am
in trouble; My eye wastes away with
grief, Yes, my soul and my body!

¹⁰For my life is spent with grief, And my
years with sighing; My strength fails
because of my iniquity, And my bones
waste away.

¹¹I am a reproach among all my
enemies, But especially among my
neighbors, And am repulsive to my
acquaintances; Those who see me
outside flee from me.

¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, out of
mind; I am like a broken vessel.

¹³For I hear the slander of many; Fear is
on every side; While they take counsel

together against me, They scheme to
take away my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."

¹⁵My times are in Your hand; Deliver me
from the hand of my enemies, And from
those who persecute me.

¹⁶Make Your face shine upon Your
servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake.

¹⁷Do not let me be ashamed, O LORD,
for I have called upon You; Let the
wicked be ashamed; Let them be silent
in the grave.

¹⁸Let the lying lips be put to silence,
Which speak insolent things proudly and
contemptuously against the righteous.

¹⁹Oh, how great is Your goodness,
Which You have laid up for those who
fear You, Which You have prepared for
those who trust in You In the presence
of the sons of men!

²⁰You shall hide them in the secret place
of Your presence From the plots of man;
You shall keep them secretly in a
pavilion From the strife of tongues.

²¹Blessed be the LORD, For He has
shown me His marvelous kindness in a
strong city!

²²For I said in my haste, "I am cut off
from before Your eyes"; Nevertheless
You heard the voice of my supplications
When I cried out to You.

²³Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints!
For the LORD preserves the faithful,
And fully repays the proud person.

²⁴Be of good courage, And He shall
strengthen your heart, All you who hope
in the LORD.

PSALM 32

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

²Blessed is the man to whom the LORD
does not impute iniquity, And in whose
spirit there is no deceit.

³When I kept silent, my bones grew old
Through my groaning all the day long.

⁴For day and night Your hand was
heavy upon me; My vitality was turned
into the drought of summer.Selah

⁵I acknowledged my sin to You, And my
iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will
confess my transgressions to the
LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of
my sin.Selah

⁶For this cause everyone who is godly
shall pray to You In a time when You
may be found; Surely in a flood of great
waters They shall not come near him.

⁷You are my hiding place; You shall
preserve me from trouble; You shall
surround me with songs of
deliverance.Selah

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the
way you should go; I will guide you with
My eye.

⁹Do not be like the horse or like the mule,
Which have no understanding, Which
must be harnessed with bit and bridle,
Else they will not come near you.

¹⁰Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;
But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy
shall surround him.

¹¹Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you
righteous; And shout for joy, all you
upright in heart!

PSALM 33

¹Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!
For praise from the upright is beautiful.

²Praise the LORD with the harp; Make
melody to Him with an instrument of ten
strings.

³Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully
with a shout of joy.

⁴For the word of the LORD is right, And
all His work is done in truth.

⁵He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the goodness of the
LORD.

⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens
were made, And all the host of them by
the breath of His mouth.

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea
together as a heap; He lays up the deep
in storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

⁹For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.

¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

¹³The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

¹⁴From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth;

¹⁵He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

¹⁶No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

¹⁷A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,

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

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

²¹For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name.

²²Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.

PSALM 34

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

³Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

⁵They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed.

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

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

¹⁰The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.

¹¹Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹²Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

²⁰He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

²¹Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

²²The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

PSALM 35

¹Plead my cause, O LORD, with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me.

²Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help.

³Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

⁴Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life; Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt.

⁵Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the LORD chase them.

⁶Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

⁷For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit, Which they have dug without cause for my life.

⁸Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall.

⁹And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation.

¹⁰All my bones shall say, "LORD, who is like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?"

¹¹Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me things that I do not know.

¹²They reward me evil for good, To the sorrow of my soul.

¹³But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart.

¹⁴I paced about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother.

¹⁵But in my adversity they rejoiced And gathered together; Attackers gathered against me, And I did not know it; They tore at me and did not cease;

¹⁶With ungodly mockers at feasts They gnashed at me with their teeth.

¹⁷Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue me from their destructions, My precious life from the lions.

¹⁸I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people.

¹⁹Let them not rejoice over me who are wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me without a cause.

²⁰For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful matters Against the quiet ones in the land.

²¹They also opened their mouth wide against me, And said, "Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen it."

²²This You have seen, O LORD; Do not keep silence. O Lord, do not be far from me.

²³Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, To my cause, my God and my Lord.

²⁴Vindicate me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me.

²⁵Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah, so we would have it!" Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."

²⁶Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my hurt; Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor Who exalt themselves against me.

²⁷Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

²⁸And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness And of Your praise all the day long.

PSALM 36

¹An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes.

²For he flatters himself in his own eyes, When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates.

³The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit; He has ceased to be wise and to do good.

⁴He devises wickedness on his bed; He sets himself in a way that is not good; He does not abhor evil.

⁵Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

⁷How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

⁸They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

⁹For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

¹⁰Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

¹¹Let not the foot of pride come against me, And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹²There the workers of iniquity have fallen; They have been cast down and are not able to rise.

PSALM 37

¹Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

²For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

³Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

⁴Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

⁶He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

⁷Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

⁸Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret--it only causes harm.

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.

¹⁰For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more.

¹¹But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

¹²The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth.

¹³The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

¹⁴The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct.

¹⁵Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶A little that a righteous man has Is better than the riches of many wicked.

¹⁷For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous.

¹⁸The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.

¹⁹They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

²⁰But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

²¹The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

²²For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But those cursed by Him shall be cut off.

²³The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

²⁴Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand.

²⁵I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

²⁶He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

²⁷Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.

²⁸For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

²⁹The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever.

³⁰The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.

³¹The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.

³²The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him.

³³The LORD will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged.

³⁴Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

³⁵I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.

³⁶Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no more; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.

³⁷Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For the future of that man is peace.

³⁸But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

³⁹But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰And 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

¹O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!

²For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And Your hand presses me down.

³There is no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger, Nor any health in my bones Because of my sin.

⁴For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

⁵My wounds are foul and festering Because of my foolishness.

⁶I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

⁷For my loins are full of inflammation, And there is no soundness in my flesh.

⁸I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.

⁹Lord, all my desire is before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You.

¹⁰My heart pants, my strength fails me; As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me.

¹¹My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off.

¹²Those also who seek my life lay snares for me; Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long.

¹³But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; And I am like a mute who does not open his mouth.

¹⁴Thus I am like a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth is no response.

¹⁵For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God.

¹⁶For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me."

¹⁷For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually before me.

¹⁸For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.

¹⁹But my enemies are vigorous, and they are strong; And those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied.

²⁰Those also who render evil for good, They are my adversaries, because I follow what is good.

²¹Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me!

²²Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

PSALM 39

¹I said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, While the wicked are before me."

²I was mute with silence, I held my peace even from good; And my sorrow was stirred up.

³My heart was hot within me; While I was musing, the fire burned. Then I spoke with my tongue:

⁴"LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am.

⁵Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor.Selah

⁶Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them.

⁷"And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You.

⁸Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.

⁹I was mute, I did not open my mouth, Because it was You who did it.

¹⁰Remove Your plague from me; I am consumed by the blow of Your hand.

¹¹When with rebukes You correct man for iniquity, You make his beauty melt away like a moth; Surely every man is vapor.Selah

¹²"Hear my prayer, O LORD, And give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, A sojourner, as all my fathers were.

¹³Remove Your gaze from me, that I may regain strength, Before I go away and am no more."

PSALM 40

¹I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

²He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.

³He has put a new song in my mouth-- Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.

⁴Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

⁵Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.

⁶Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

⁷Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

⁸I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."

⁹I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know.

¹⁰I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly.

¹¹Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

¹²For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me.

¹³Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me!

¹⁴Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who seek to destroy my life; Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor Who wish me evil.

¹⁵Let them be confounded because of their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

¹⁶Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"

¹⁷But I am poor and needy; Yet the LORD thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.

PSALM 41

¹Blessed is he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

²The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, And he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

³The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed.

⁴I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

⁵My enemies speak evil of me: "When will he die, and his name perish?"

⁶And if he comes to see me, he speaks lies; His heart gathers iniquity to itself; When he goes out, he tells it.

⁷All who hate me whisper together against me; Against me they devise my hurt.

⁸"An evil disease," they say, "clings to him. And now that he lies down, he will rise up no more."

⁹Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

¹⁰But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up, That I may repay them.

¹¹By this I know that You are well pleased with me, Because my enemy does not triumph over me.

¹²As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And set me before Your face forever.

¹³Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

¹As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

³My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where is your God?"

⁴When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance.

⁶O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar.

⁷Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me.

⁸The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me-- A prayer to the God of my life.

⁹I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

PSALM 42

¹⁰As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

¹¹Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

PSALM 43

¹Vindicate me, O God, And plead my cause against an ungodly nation; Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

²For You are the God of my strength; Why do You cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

³Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.

⁴Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

PSALM 44

¹We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, The deeds You did in their days, In days of old:

²You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out.

³For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them.

⁴You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob.

⁵Through You we will push down our enemies; Through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us.

⁶For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me.

⁷But You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us.

⁸In God we boast all day long, And praise Your name forever.Selah

⁹But You have cast us off and put us to shame, And You do not go out with our armies.

¹⁰You make us turn back from the enemy, And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves.

¹¹You have given us up like sheep intended for food, And have scattered us among the nations.

¹²You sell Your people for next to nothing, And are not enriched by selling them.

¹³You make us a reproach to our neighbors, A scorn and a derision to those all around us.

¹⁴You make us a byword among the nations, A shaking of the head among the peoples.

¹⁵My dishonor is continually before me, And the shame of my face has covered me,

¹⁶Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, Because of the enemy and the avenger.

¹⁷All this has come upon us; But we have not forgotten You, Nor have we dealt falsely with Your covenant.

¹⁸Our heart has not turned back, Nor have our steps departed from Your way;

¹⁹But You have severely broken us in the place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death.

²⁰If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god,

²¹Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.

²²Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

²³Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Arise! Do not cast us off forever.

²⁴Why do You hide Your face, And forget our affliction and our oppression?

²⁵For our soul is bowed down to the dust; Our body clings to the ground.

²⁶Arise for our help, And redeem us for Your mercies' sake.

PSALM 45

¹My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

²You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.

³Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty.

⁴And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.

⁵Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; The peoples fall under You.

⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

⁷You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

⁸All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad.

⁹Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

¹⁰Listen, O daughter, Consider and incline your ear; Forget your own people also, and your father's house;

¹¹So the King will greatly desire your beauty; Because He is your Lord, worship Him.

¹²And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor.

¹³The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; Her clothing is woven with gold.

¹⁴She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You.

¹⁵With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought; They shall enter the King's palace.

¹⁶Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, Whom You shall make princes in all the earth.

¹⁷I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

³Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling.Selah

⁴There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

⁶The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.Selah

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.

¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.Selah

PSALM 47

¹Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

²For the LORD Most High is awesome;
He is a great King over all the earth.

³He will subdue the peoples under us,
And the nations under our feet.

⁴He will choose our inheritance for us,
The excellence of Jacob whom He
loves.Selah

⁵God has gone up with a shout, The
LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing
praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing praises with understanding.

⁸God reigns over the nations; God sits
on His holy throne.

⁹The princes of the people have
gathered together, The people of the
God of Abraham. For the shields of the
earth belong to God; He is greatly
exalted.

PSALM 48

¹Great is the LORD, and greatly to be
praised In the city of our God, In His
holy mountain.

²Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the
whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides
of the north, The city of the great King.

³God is in her palaces; He is known as
her refuge.

⁴For behold, the kings assembled, They
passed by together.

⁵They saw it, and so they marveled;
They were troubled, they hastened
away.

⁶Fear took hold of them there, And pain,
as of a woman in birth pangs,

⁷As when You break the ships of
Tarshish With an east wind.

⁸As we have heard, So we have seen In
the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city
of our God: God will establish it
forever.Selah

⁹We have thought, O God, on Your
lovingkindness, In the midst of Your
temple.

¹⁰According to Your name, O God, So is
Your praise to the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is full of righteousness.

¹¹Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the
daughters of Judah be glad, Because of
Your judgments.

¹²Walk about Zion, And go all around
her. Count her towers;

¹³Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her
palaces; That you may tell it to the
generation following.

¹⁴For this is God, Our God forever and
ever; He will be our guide Even to death.

PSALM 49

¹Hear this, all peoples; Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

²Both low and high, Rich and poor together.

³My mouth shall speak wisdom, And the meditation of my heart shall give understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will disclose my dark saying on the harp.

⁵Why should I fear in the days of evil, When the iniquity at my heels surrounds me?

⁶Those who trust in their wealth And boast in the multitude of their riches,

⁷None of them can by any means redeem his brother, Nor give to God a ransom for him--

⁸For the redemption of their souls is costly, And it shall cease forever--

⁹That he should continue to live eternally, And not see the Pit.

¹⁰For he sees wise men die; Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, And leave their wealth to others.

¹¹Their inner thought is that their houses will last forever, Their dwelling places to all generations; They call their lands after their own names.

¹²Nevertheless man, though in honor, does not remain; He is like the beasts that perish.

¹³This is the way of those who are foolish, And of their posterity who approve their sayings.Selah

¹⁴Like sheep they are laid in the grave; Death shall feed on them; The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; And their beauty shall be consumed in the grave, far from their dwelling.

¹⁵But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me.Selah

¹⁶Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, When the glory of his house is increased;

¹⁷For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; His glory shall not descend after him.

¹⁸Though while he lives he blesses himself (For men will praise you when you do well for yourself),

¹⁹He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They shall never see light.

²⁰A man who is in honor, yet does not understand, Is like the beasts that perish.

PSALM 50

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD, Has spoken and called the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God will shine forth.

³Our God shall come, and shall not keep
silent; A fire shall devour before Him,
And it shall be very tempestuous all
around Him.

⁴He shall call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, that He may judge His
people:

⁵"Gather My saints together to Me,
Those who have made a covenant with
Me by sacrifice."

⁶Let the heavens declare His
righteousness, For God Himself is
Judge. Selah

⁷"Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O
Israel, and I will testify against you; I am
God, your God!

⁸I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices
Or your burnt offerings, Which are
continually before Me.

⁹I will not take a bull from your house,
Nor goats out of your folds.

¹⁰For every beast of the forest is Mine,
And the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹I know all the birds of the mountains,
And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.

¹²"If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

¹³Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the
blood of goats?

¹⁴Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay
your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I
will deliver you, and you shall glorify
Me."

¹⁶But to the wicked God says: "What
right have you to declare My statutes,
Or take My covenant in your mouth,

¹⁷Seeing you hate instruction And cast
My words behind you?

¹⁸When you saw a thief, you consented
with him, And have been a partaker with
adulterers.

¹⁹You give your mouth to evil, And your
tongue frames deceit.

²⁰You sit and speak against your
brother; You slander your own mother's
son.

²¹These things you have done, and I
kept silent; You thought that I was
altogether like you; But I will rebuke you,
And set them in order before your eyes.

²²"Now consider this, you who forget
God, Lest I tear you in pieces, And there
be none to deliver:

²³Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;
And to him who orders his conduct
aright I will show the salvation of God."

PSALM 51

¹Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;

According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

³For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

⁴Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight-- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

⁶Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.

⁹Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

¹⁴Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

¹⁶For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart-- These, O God, You will not despise.

¹⁸Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

PSALM 52

¹Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually.

²Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

³You love evil more than good, Lying rather than speaking righteousness. Selah

⁴You love all devouring words, You deceitful tongue.

⁵God shall likewise destroy you forever; He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, And uproot you from the land of the living.Selah

⁶The righteous also shall see and fear, And shall laugh at him, saying,

⁷"Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness."

⁸But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.

⁹I will praise You forever, Because You have done it; And in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, for it is good.

PSALM 53

¹The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none who does good.

²God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

³Every one of them has turned aside; They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.

⁴Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as

they eat bread, And do not call upon God?

⁵There they are in great fear Where no fear was, For God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you; You have put them to shame, Because God has despised them.

⁶Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

PSALM 54

¹Save me, O God, by Your name, And vindicate me by Your strength.

²Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, And oppressors have sought after my life; They have not set God before them.Selah

⁴Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is with those who uphold my life.

⁵He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth.

⁶I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷For He has delivered me out of all trouble; And my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.

PSALM 55

¹Give ear to my prayer, O God, And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

²Attend to me, and hear me; I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily,

³Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me, And in wrath they hate me.

⁴My heart is severely pained within me, And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

⁵Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

⁶So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

⁷Indeed, I would wander far off, And remain in the wilderness.Selah

⁸I would hasten my escape From the windy storm and tempest."

⁹Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

¹⁰Day and night they go around it on its walls; Iniquity and trouble are also in the midst of it.

¹¹Destruction is in its midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets.

¹²For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one

who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him.

¹³But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.

¹⁴We took sweet counsel together, And walked to the house of God in the throng.

¹⁵Let death seize them; Let them go down alive into hell, For wickedness is in their dwellings and among them.

¹⁶As for me, I will call upon God, And the LORD shall save me.

¹⁷Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.

¹⁸He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, For there were many against me.

¹⁹God will hear, and afflict them, Even He who abides from of old.Selah Because they do not change, Therefore they do not fear God.

²⁰He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; He has broken his covenant.

²¹The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, But war was in his heart; His words were softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords.

²²Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

²³But You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction; Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; But I will trust in You.

PSALM 56

¹Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up; Fighting all day he oppresses me.

²My enemies would hound me all day, For there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

³Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

⁴In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?

⁵All day they twist my words; All their thoughts are against me for evil.

⁶They gather together, They hide, they mark my steps, When they lie in wait for my life.

⁷Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, O God!

⁸You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?

⁹When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me.

¹⁰In God (I will praise His word), In the LORD (I will praise His word),

¹¹In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

¹²Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to You,

¹³For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, That I may walk before God In the light of the living?

PSALM 57

¹Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by.

²I will cry out to God Most High, To God who performs all things for me.

³He shall send from heaven and save me; He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.

⁴My soul is among lions; I lie among the sons of men Who are set on fire, Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their tongue a sharp sword.

⁵Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth.

⁶They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down; They have dug a pit before me; Into the midst of it they themselves have fallen. Selah

⁷My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.

⁸Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp!
I will awaken the dawn.

⁹I will praise You, O Lord, among the
peoples; I will sing to You among the
nations.

¹⁰For Your mercy reaches unto the
heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.

¹¹Be exalted, O God, above the
heavens; Let Your glory be above all the
earth.

PSALM 58

¹Do you indeed speak righteousness,
you silent ones? Do you judge uprightly,
you sons of men?

²No, in heart you work wickedness; You
weigh out the violence of your hands in
the earth.

³The wicked are estranged from the
womb; They go astray as soon as they
are born, speaking lies.

⁴Their poison is like the poison of a
serpent; They are like the deaf cobra
that stops its ear,

⁵Which will not heed the voice of
charmners, Charming ever so skillfully.

⁶Break their teeth in their mouth, O God!
Break out the fangs of the young lions,
O LORD!

⁷Let them flow away as waters which
run continually; When he bends his bow,
Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces.

⁸Let them be like a snail which melts
away as it goes, Like a stillborn child of
a woman, that they may not see the sun.

⁹Before your pots can feel the burning
thorns, He shall take them away as with
a whirlwind, As in His living and burning
wrath.

¹⁰The righteous shall rejoice when he
sees the vengeance; He shall wash his
feet in the blood of the wicked,

¹¹So that men will say, "Surely there is a
reward for the righteous; Surely He is
God who judges in the earth."

PSALM 59

¹Deliver me from my enemies, O my
God; Defend me from those who rise up
against me.

²Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from bloodthirsty men.

³For look, they lie in wait for my life; The
mighty gather against me, Not for my
transgression nor for my sin, O LORD.

⁴They run and prepare themselves
through no fault of mine. Awake to help
me, and behold!

⁵You therefore, O LORD God of hosts,
the God of Israel, Awake to punish all
the nations; Do not be merciful to any
wicked transgressors.Selah

⁶At evening they return, They growl like
a dog, And go all around the city.

PSALM 60

⁷Indeed, they belch with their mouth;
Swords are in their lips; For they say,
"Who hears?"

⁸But You, O LORD, shall laugh at them;
You shall have all the nations in derision.

⁹I will wait for You, O You his Strength;
For God is my defense.

¹⁰My God of mercy shall come to meet
me; God shall let me see my desire on
my enemies.

¹¹Do not slay them, lest my people
forget; Scatter them by Your power, And
bring them down, O Lord our shield.

¹²For the sin of their mouth and the
words of their lips, Let them even be
taken in their pride, And for the cursing
and lying which they speak.

¹³Consume them in wrath, consume
them, That they may not be; And let
them know that God rules in Jacob To
the ends of the earth.Selah

¹⁴And at evening they return, They growl
like a dog, And go all around the city.

¹⁵They wander up and down for food,
And howl if they are not satisfied.

¹⁶But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will
sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;
For You have been my defense And
refuge in the day of my trouble.

¹⁷To You, O my Strength, I will sing
praises; For God is my defense, My God
of mercy.

¹O God, You have cast us off; You have
broken us down; You have been
displeased; Oh, restore us again!

²You have made the earth tremble; You
have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it
is shaking.

³You have shown Your people hard
things; You have made us drink the
wine of confusion.

⁴You have given a banner to those who
fear You, That it may be displayed
because of the truth.Selah

⁵That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

⁶God has spoken in His holiness: "I will
rejoice; I will divide Shechem And
measure out the Valley of Succoth.

⁷Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the helmet for My head;
Judah is My lawgiver.

⁸Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will
cast My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph
because of Me."

⁹Who will bring me to the strong city?
Who will lead me to Edom?

¹⁰Is it not You, O God, who cast us off?
And You, O God, who did not go out
with our armies?

¹¹Give us help from trouble, For the help
of man is useless.

¹²Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 61

¹Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer.

²From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

³For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.

⁴I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.Selah

⁵For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.

⁶You will prolong the king's life, His years as many generations.

⁷He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him!

⁸So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM 62

¹Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.

²He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

³How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.

⁴They only consult to cast him down from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly.Selah

⁵My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.

⁶He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.

⁷In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.

⁸Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.Selah

⁹Surely men of low degree are a vapor, Men of high degree are a lie; If they are weighed on the scales, They are altogether lighter than vapor.

¹⁰Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.

¹¹God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.

¹²Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work.

PSALM 63

¹O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

²So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

³Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.

⁴Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

⁵My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

⁶When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.

⁷Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

⁸My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

⁹But those who seek my life, to destroy it, Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

¹⁰They shall fall by the sword; They shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him shall glory; But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64

¹Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation; Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

²Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity,

³Who sharpen their tongue like a sword, And bend their bows to shoot their arrows--bitter words,

⁴That they may shoot in secret at the blameless; Suddenly they shoot at him and do not fear.

⁵They encourage themselves in an evil matter; They talk of laying snares secretly; They say, "Who will see them?"

⁶They devise iniquities: "We have perfected a shrewd scheme." Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep.

⁷But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; Suddenly they shall be wounded.

⁸So He will make them stumble over their own tongue; All who see them shall flee away.

⁹All men shall fear, And shall declare the work of God; For they shall wisely consider His doing.

¹⁰The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust in Him. And all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM 65

¹Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion;
And to You the vow shall be performed.

²O You who hear prayer, To You all
flesh will come.

³Iniquities prevail against me; As for our
transgressions, You will provide
atonement for them.

⁴Blessed is the man You choose, And
cause to approach You, That he may
dwell in Your courts. We shall be
satisfied with the goodness of Your
house, Of Your holy temple.

⁵By awesome deeds in righteousness
You will answer us, O God of our
salvation, You who are the confidence
of all the ends of the earth, And of the
far-off seas;

⁶Who established the mountains by His
strength, Being clothed with power;

⁷You who still the noise of the seas, The
noise of their waves, And the tumult of
the peoples.

⁸They also who dwell in the farthest
parts are afraid of Your signs; You make
the outgoings of the morning and
evening rejoice.

⁹You visit the earth and water it, You
greatly enrich it; The river of God is full
of water; You provide their grain, For so
You have prepared it.

¹⁰You water its ridges abundantly, You
settle its furrows; You make it soft with
showers, You bless its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with Your
goodness, And Your paths drip with
abundance.

¹²They drop on the pastures of the
wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on
every side.

¹³The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM 66

¹Make a joyful shout to God, all the
earth!

²Sing out the honor of His name; Make
His praise glorious.

³Say to God, "How awesome are Your
works! Through the greatness of Your
power Your enemies shall submit
themselves to You.

⁴All the earth shall worship You And sing
praises to You; They shall sing praises
to Your name."Selah

⁵Come and see the works of God; He is
awesome in His doing toward the sons
of men.

⁶He turned the sea into dry land; They
went through the river on foot. There we
will rejoice in Him.

⁷He rules by His power forever; His eyes
observe the nations; Do not let the
rebellious exalt themselves.Selah

⁸Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard,

⁹Who keeps our soul among the living, And does not allow our feet to be moved.

¹⁰For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined.

¹¹You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs.

¹²You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to rich fulfillment.

¹³I will go into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows,

¹⁴Which my lips have uttered And my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals, With the sweet aroma of rams; I will offer bulls with goats.Selah

¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, And I will declare what He has done for my soul.

¹⁷I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue.

¹⁸If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.

¹⁹But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His mercy from me!

PSALM 67

¹God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us,Selah

²That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

⁴Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth.Selah

⁵Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

⁶Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

⁷God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

PSALM 68

¹Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.

²As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him.

⁵A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.

⁶God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

⁷O God, when You went out before Your people, When You marched through the wilderness, Selah

⁸The earth shook; The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, Whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, When it was weary.

¹⁰Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.

¹¹The Lord gave the word; Great was the company of those who proclaimed it:

¹²"Kings of armies flee, they flee, And she who remains at home divides the spoil.

¹³Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, You will be like the wings of

a dove covered with silver, And her feathers with yellow gold."

¹⁴When the Almighty scattered kings in it, It was white as snow in Zalmon.

¹⁵A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan; A mountain of many peaks is the mountain of Bashan.

¹⁶Why do you fume with envy, you mountains of many peaks? This is the mountain which God desires to dwell in; Yes, the LORD will dwell in it forever.

¹⁷The chariots of God are twenty thousand, Even thousands of thousands; The Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place.

¹⁸You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, Even from the rebellious, That the LORD God might dwell there.

¹⁹Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation! Selah

²⁰Our God is the God of salvation; And to GOD the Lord belong escapes from death.

²¹But God will wound the head of His enemies, The hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in his trespasses.

²²The Lord said, "I will bring back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea,

²³That your foot may crush them in blood, And the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies."

²⁴They have seen Your procession, O God, The procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.

²⁵The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; Among them were the maidens playing timbrels.

²⁶Bless God in the congregations, The Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

²⁷There is little Benjamin, their leader, The princes of Judah and their company, The princes of Zebulun and the princes of Naphtali.

²⁸Your God has commanded your strength; Strengthen, O God, what You have done for us.

²⁹Because of Your temple at Jerusalem, Kings will bring presents to You.

³⁰Rebuke the beasts of the reeds, The herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples, Till everyone submits himself with pieces of silver. Scatter the peoples who delight in war.

³¹Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.

³²Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord, Selah

³³To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which were of old! Indeed, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe strength to God; His excellence is over Israel, And His strength is in the clouds.

³⁵O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. Blessed be God!

PSALM 69

¹Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.

²I sink in deep mire, Where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, Where the floods overflow me.

³I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God.

⁴Those who hate me without a cause Are more than the hairs of my head; They are mighty who would destroy me, Being my enemies wrongfully; Though I have stolen nothing, I still must restore it.

⁵O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You.

⁶Let not those who wait for You, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed because of me; Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel.

⁷Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Shame has covered my face.

⁸I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an alien to my mother's children;

⁹Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

¹⁰When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, That became my reproach.

¹¹I also made sackcloth my garment; I became a byword to them.

¹²Those who sit in the gate speak against me, And I am the song of the drunkards.

¹³But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.

¹⁴Deliver me out of the mire, And let me not sink; Let me be delivered from those who hate me, And out of the deep waters.

¹⁵Let not the floodwater overflow me, Nor let the deep swallow me up; And let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

¹⁶Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

¹⁷And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me speedily.

¹⁸Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies.

¹⁹You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; My adversaries are all before You.

²⁰Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none.

²¹They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

²²Let their table become a snare before them, And their well-being a trap.

²³Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see; And make their loins shake continually.

²⁴Pour out Your indignation upon them, And let Your wrathful anger take hold of them.

²⁵Let their dwelling place be desolate; Let no one live in their tents.

²⁶For they persecute the ones You have struck, And talk of the grief of those You have wounded.

²⁷Add iniquity to their iniquity, And let them not come into Your righteousness.

²⁸Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous.

²⁹But I am poor and sorrowful; Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high.

³⁰ I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

³¹ This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull, Which has horns and hooves.

³² The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live.

³³ For the LORD hears the poor, And does not despise His prisoners.

³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them.

³⁵ For God will save Zion And build the cities of Judah, That they may dwell there and possess it.

³⁶ Also, the descendants of His servants shall inherit it, And those who love His name shall dwell in it.

PSALM 70

¹ Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD!

² Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused Who desire my hurt.

³ Let them be turned back because of their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!"

⁴ Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!"

⁵ But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

PSALM 71

¹ In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be put to shame.

² Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape; Incline Your ear to me, and save me.

³ Be my strong refuge, To which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, For You are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

⁵ For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; You are my trust from my youth.

⁶ By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You.

⁷ I have become as a wonder to many, But You are my strong refuge.

⁸ Let my mouth be filled with Your praise And with Your glory all the day.

⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails.

¹⁰For my enemies speak against me;
And those who lie in wait for my life take
counsel together,

¹¹Saying, "God has forsaken him;
Pursue and take him, for there is none
to deliver him."

¹²O God, do not be far from me; O my
God, make haste to help me!

¹³Let them be confounded and
consumed Who are adversaries of my
life; Let them be covered with reproach
and dishonor Who seek my hurt.

¹⁴But I will hope continually, And will
praise You yet more and more.

¹⁵My mouth shall tell of Your
righteousness And Your salvation all the
day, For I do not know their limits.

¹⁶I will go in the strength of the Lord
GOD; I will make mention of Your
righteousness, of Yours only.

¹⁷O God, You have taught me from my
youth; And to this day I declare Your
wondrous works.

¹⁸Now also when I am old and
grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me,
Until I declare Your strength to this
generation, Your power to everyone
who is to come.

¹⁹Also Your righteousness, O God, is
very high, You who have done great
things; O God, who is like You?

²⁰You, who have shown me great and
severe troubles, Shall revive me again,

And bring me up again from the depths
of the earth.

²¹You shall increase my greatness, And
comfort me on every side.

²²Also with the lute I will praise You--
And Your faithfulness, O my God! To
You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One
of Israel.

²³My lips shall greatly rejoice when I
sing to You, And my soul, which You
have redeemed.

²⁴My tongue also shall talk of Your
righteousness all the day long; For they
are confounded, For they are brought to
shame Who seek my hurt.

PSALM 72

¹Give the king Your judgments, O God,
And Your righteousness to the king's
Son.

²He will judge Your people with
righteousness, And Your poor with
justice.

³The mountains will bring peace to the
people, And the little hills, by
righteousness.

⁴He will bring justice to the poor of the
people; He will save the children of the
needy, And will break in pieces the
oppressor.

⁵They shall fear You As long as the sun
and moon endure, Throughout all
generations.

⁶He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers that water the earth.

⁷In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.

⁸He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust.

¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts.

¹¹Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.

¹²For He will deliver the needy when he cries, The poor also, and him who has no helper.

¹³He will spare the poor and needy, And will save the souls of the needy.

¹⁴He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; And precious shall be their blood in His sight.

¹⁵And He shall live; And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also will be made for Him continually, And daily He shall be praised.

¹⁶There will be an abundance of grain in the earth, On the top of the mountains; Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; And

those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

¹⁷His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed.

¹⁸Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things!

¹⁹And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

²⁰The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

PSALM 73

¹Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart.

²But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped.

³For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴For there are no pangs in their death, But their strength is firm.

⁵They are not in trouble as other men, Nor are they plagued like other men.

⁶Therefore pride serves as their necklace; Violence covers them like a garment.

⁷Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish.

⁸They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression; They speak loftily.

⁹They set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth.

¹⁰Therefore his people return here, And waters of a full cup are drained by them.

¹¹And they say, "How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?"

¹²Behold, these are the ungodly, Who are always at ease; They increase in riches.

¹³Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, And washed my hands in innocence.

¹⁴For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning.

¹⁵If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children.

¹⁶When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me--

¹⁷Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end.

¹⁸Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction.

¹⁹Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors.

²⁰As a dream when one awakes, So, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image.

²¹Thus my heart was grieved, And I was vexed in my mind.

²²I was so foolish and ignorant; I was like a beast before You.

²³Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand.

²⁴You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.

²⁵Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

²⁶My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

²⁷For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.

²⁸But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

PSALM 74

¹O God, why have You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

²Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, The tribe of Your inheritance, which You have

redeemed-- This Mount Zion where You have dwelt.

³Lift up Your feet to the perpetual desolations. The enemy has damaged everything in the sanctuary.

⁴Your enemies roar in the midst of Your meeting place; They set up their banners for signs.

⁵They seem like men who lift up Axes among the thick trees.

⁶And now they break down its carved work, all at once, With axes and hammers.

⁷They have set fire to Your sanctuary; They have defiled the dwelling place of Your name to the ground.

⁸They said in their hearts, "Let us destroy them altogether." They have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land.

⁹We do not see our signs; There is no longer any prophet; Nor is there any among us who knows how long.

¹⁰O God, how long will the adversary reproach? Will the enemy blaspheme Your name forever?

¹¹Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? Take it out of Your bosom and destroy them.

¹²For God is my King from of old, Working salvation in the midst of the earth.

¹³You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters.

¹⁴You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, And gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

¹⁵You broke open the fountain and the flood; You dried up mighty rivers.

¹⁶The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun.

¹⁷You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.

¹⁸Remember this, that the enemy has reproached, O LORD, And that a foolish people has blasphemed Your name.

¹⁹Oh, do not deliver the life of Your turtledove to the wild beast! Do not forget the life of Your poor forever.

²⁰Have respect to the covenant; For the dark places of the earth are full of the haunts of cruelty.

²¹Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed! Let the poor and needy praise Your name.

²²Arise, O God, plead Your own cause; Remember how the foolish man reproaches You daily.

²³Do not forget the voice of Your enemies; The tumult of those who rise up against You increases continually.

PSALM 75

¹We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.

²"When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly.

³The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly.Selah

⁴"I said to the boastful, "Do not deal boastfully,' And to the wicked, "Do not lift up the horn.

⁵Do not lift up your horn on high; Do not speak with a stiff neck."

⁶For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south.

⁷But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.

⁸For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth Drain and drink down.

⁹But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰"All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted."

PSALM 76

¹In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

²In Salem also is His tabernacle, And His dwelling place in Zion.

³There He broke the arrows of the bow, The shield and sword of battle.Selah

⁴You are more glorious and excellent Than the mountains of prey.

⁵The stouthearted were plundered; They have sunk into their sleep; And none of the mighty men have found the use of their hands.

⁶At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, Both the chariot and horse were cast into a dead sleep.

⁷You, Yourself, are to be feared; And who may stand in Your presence When once You are angry?

⁸You caused judgment to be heard from heaven; The earth feared and was still,

⁹When God arose to judgment, To deliver all the oppressed of the earth.Selah

¹⁰Surely the wrath of man shall praise You; With the remainder of wrath You shall gird Yourself.

¹¹Make vows to the LORD your God, and pay them; Let all who are around Him bring presents to Him who ought to be feared.

¹²He shall cut off the spirit of princes; He is awesome to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

¹I cried out to God with my voice-- To God with my voice; And He gave ear to me.

²In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted.

³I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.Selah

⁴You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

⁵I have considered the days of old, The years of ancient times.

⁶I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, And my spirit makes diligent search.

⁷Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more?

⁸Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His promise failed forevermore?

⁹Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies?Selah

¹⁰And I said, "This is my anguish; But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."

¹¹I will remember the works of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.

¹²I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.

¹³Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; Who is so great a God as our God?

¹⁴You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples.

¹⁵You have with Your arm redeemed Your people, The sons of Jacob and Joseph.Selah

¹⁶The waters saw You, O God; The waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled.

¹⁷The clouds poured out water; The skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about.

¹⁸The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹Your way was in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known.

²⁰You led Your people like a flock By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM 78

¹Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,

³Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us.

⁴We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

⁵For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children;

⁶That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children,

⁷That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;

⁸And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

⁹The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, Turned back in the day of battle.

¹⁰They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law,

¹¹And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them.

¹²Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers, In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

¹³He divided the sea and caused them to pass through; And He made the waters stand up like a heap.

¹⁴In the daytime also He led them with the cloud, And all the night with a light of fire.

¹⁵He split the rocks in the wilderness, And gave them drink in abundance like the depths.

¹⁶He also brought streams out of the rock, And caused waters to run down like rivers.

¹⁷But they sinned even more against Him By rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.

¹⁸And they tested God in their heart By asking for the food of their fancy.

¹⁹Yes, they spoke against God: They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?

²⁰Behold, He struck the rock, So that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?

²¹Therefore the LORD heard this and was furious; So a fire was kindled against Jacob, And anger also came up against Israel,

²²Because they did not believe in God, And did not trust in His salvation.

²³Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven.

²⁵Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.

²⁶He caused an east wind to blow in the heavens; And by His power He brought in the south wind.

²⁷He also rained meat on them like the dust, Feathered fowl like the sand of the seas;

²⁸And He let them fall in the midst of their camp, All around their dwellings.

²⁹So they ate and were well filled, For He gave them their own desire.

³⁰They were not deprived of their craving; But while their food was still in their mouths,

³¹The wrath of God came against them, And slew the stoutest of them, And struck down the choice men of Israel.

³²In spite of this they still sinned, And did not believe in His wondrous works.

³³Therefore their days He consumed in futility, And their years in fear.

³⁴When He slew them, then they sought Him; And they returned and sought earnestly for God.

³⁵Then they remembered that God was their rock, And the Most High God their Redeemer.

³⁶Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth, And they lied to Him with their tongue;

³⁷For their heart was not steadfast with Him, Nor were they faithful in His covenant.

³⁸But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, And did not destroy them. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, And did not stir up all His wrath;

³⁹For He remembered that they were but flesh, A breath that passes away and does not come again.

⁴⁰How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, And grieved Him in the desert!

⁴¹Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.

⁴²They did not remember His power: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy,

⁴³When He worked His signs in Egypt, And His wonders in the field of Zoan;

⁴⁴Turned their rivers into blood, And their streams, that they could not drink.

⁴⁵He sent swarms of flies among them, which devoured them, And frogs, which destroyed them.

⁴⁶He also gave their crops to the caterpillar, And their labor to the locust.

⁴⁷He destroyed their vines with hail, And their sycamore trees with frost.

⁴⁸He also gave up their cattle to the hail, And their flocks to fiery lightning.

⁴⁹He cast on them the fierceness of His anger, Wrath, indignation, and trouble, By sending angels of destruction among them.

⁵⁰He made a path for His anger; He did not spare their soul from death, But gave their life over to the plague,

⁵¹And destroyed all the firstborn in Egypt, The first of their strength in the tents of Ham.

⁵²But He made His own people go forth like sheep, And guided them in the wilderness like a flock;

⁵³And He led them on safely, so that they did not fear; But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

⁵⁴And He brought them to His holy border, This mountain which His right hand had acquired.

⁵⁵He also drove out the nations before them, Allotted them an inheritance by survey, And made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.

⁵⁶Yet they tested and provoked the Most High God, And did not keep His testimonies,

⁵⁷But turned back and acted unfaithfully like their fathers; They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

⁵⁸For they provoked Him to anger with their high places, And moved Him to jealousy with their carved images.

⁵⁹When God heard this, He was furious, And greatly abhorred Israel,

⁶⁰So that He forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, The tent He had placed among men,

⁶¹And delivered His strength into captivity, And His glory into the enemy's hand.

⁶²He also gave His people over to the sword, And was furious with His inheritance.

⁶³The fire consumed their young men, And their maidens were not given in marriage.

⁶⁴Their priests fell by the sword, And their widows made no lamentation.

⁶⁵Then the Lord awoke as from sleep, Like a mighty man who shouts because of wine.

⁶⁶And He beat back His enemies; He put them to a perpetual reproach.

⁶⁷Moreover He rejected the tent of Joseph, And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,

⁶⁸But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.

⁶⁹And He built His sanctuary like the heights, Like the earth which He has established forever.

⁷⁰He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds;

⁷¹From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance.

⁷²So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

PSALM 79

¹O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance; Your holy temple they have defiled; They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.

²The dead bodies of Your servants They have given as food for the birds of the heavens, The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.

³Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem, And there was no one to bury them.

⁴We have become a reproach to our neighbors, A scorn and derision to those who are around us.

⁵How long, LORD? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire?

⁶Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You, And on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name.

⁷For they have devoured Jacob, And laid waste his dwelling place.

⁸Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us! Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, For we have been brought very low.

⁹Help us, O God of our salvation, For the glory of Your name; And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, For Your name's sake!

¹⁰Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let there be known among the nations in our sight The avenging of the blood of Your servants which has been shed.

¹¹Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; According to the greatness of Your power Preserve those who are appointed to die;

¹²And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom Their reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord.

¹³So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations.

PSALM 80

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

²Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And come and save us!

³Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

⁴O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in great measure.

⁶You have made us a strife to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it.

⁹You prepared room for it, And caused it to take deep root, And it filled the land.

¹⁰The hills were covered with its shadow, And the mighty cedars with its boughs.

¹¹She sent out her boughs to the Sea, And her branches to the River.

¹²Why have You broken down her hedges, So that all who pass by the way pluck her fruit?

¹³The boar out of the woods uproots it, And the wild beast of the field devours it.

¹⁴Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, And visit this vine

¹⁵And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, And the branch that You made strong for Yourself.

¹⁶It is burned with fire, it is cut down; They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.

¹⁷Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.

¹⁸Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

PSALM 81

¹Sing aloud to God our strength; Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.

²Raise a song and strike the timbrel, The pleasant harp with the lute.

³Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.

⁴For this is a statute for Israel, A law of the God of Jacob.

⁵This He established in Joseph as a testimony, When He went throughout the land of Egypt, Where I heard a language I did not understand.

⁶"I removed his shoulder from the burden; His hands were freed from the baskets.

⁷You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place

of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.Selah

⁸"Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen to Me!

⁹There shall be no foreign god among you; Nor shall you worship any foreign god.

¹⁰I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

¹¹"But My people would not heed My voice, And Israel would have none of Me.

¹²So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, To walk in their own counsels.

¹³"Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!

¹⁴I would soon subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries.

¹⁵The haters of the LORD would pretend submission to Him, But their fate would endure forever.

¹⁶He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat; And with honey from the rock I would have satisfied you."

PSALM 82

¹God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.

²How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked?Selah

³Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

⁴Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked.

⁵They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable.

⁶I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.

⁷But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes."

⁸Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.

PSALM 83

¹Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God!

²For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head.

³They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.

⁴They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

⁵For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You:

⁶The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites;

⁷Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

⁸Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot.Selah

⁹Deal with them as with Midian, As with Sisera, As with Jabin at the Brook Kishon,

¹⁰Who perished at En Dor, Who became as refuse on the earth.

¹¹Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb, Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,

¹²Who said, "Let us take for ourselves The pastures of God for a possession."

¹³O my God, make them like the whirling dust, Like the chaff before the wind!

¹⁴As the fire burns the woods, And as the flame sets the mountains on fire,

¹⁵So pursue them with Your tempest, And frighten them with Your storm.

¹⁶Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O LORD.

¹⁷Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put to shame and perish,

¹⁸That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD, Are the Most High over all the earth.

PSALM 84

¹How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young-- Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God.

⁴Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You.Selah

⁵Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

⁶As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob!Selah

⁹O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed.

¹⁰For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a

doorkeeper in the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
The LORD will give grace and glory; No
good thing will He withhold From those
who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man
who trusts in You!

PSALM 85

¹LORD, You have been favorable to
Your land; You have brought back the
captivity of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity of Your
people; You have covered all their
sin. Selah

³You have taken away all Your wrath;
You have turned from the fierceness of
Your anger.

⁴Restore us, O God of our salvation,
And cause Your anger toward us to
cease.

⁵Will You be angry with us forever? Will
You prolong Your anger to all
generations?

⁶Will You not revive us again, That Your
people may rejoice in You?

⁷Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant
us Your salvation.

⁸I will hear what God the LORD will
speak, For He will speak peace To His

people and to His saints; But let them
not turn back to folly.

⁹Surely His salvation is near to those
who fear Him, That glory may dwell in
our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed.

¹¹Truth shall spring out of the earth, And
righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good;
And our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will go before Him, And
shall make His footsteps our pathway.

PSALM 86

¹Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me;
For I am poor and needy.

²Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are
my God; Save Your servant who trusts
in You!

³Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to
You all day long.

⁴Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to
You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵For You, Lord, are good, and ready to
forgive, And abundant in mercy to all
those who call upon You.

⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And
attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me.

⁸Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works.

⁹All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name.

¹⁰For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

¹²I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore.

¹³For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴O God, the proud have risen against me, And a mob of violent men have sought my life, And have not set You before them.

¹⁵But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

¹⁶Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of Your maidservant.

¹⁷Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it and be

ashamed, Because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

PSALM 87

¹His foundation is in the holy mountains.

²The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

³Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God!Selah

⁴"I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: "This one was born there."

⁵And of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one were born in her; And the Most High Himself shall establish her."

⁶The LORD will record, When He registers the peoples: "This one was born there."Selah

⁷Both the singers and the players on instruments say, "All my springs are in you."

PSALM 88

¹O LORD, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You.

²Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry.

³For my soul is full of troubles, And my life draws near to the grave.

⁴I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like a man who has no strength,

⁵Adrift among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom You remember no more, And who are cut off from Your hand.

⁶You have laid me in the lowest pit, In darkness, in the depths.

⁷Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your waves.Selah

⁸You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; I am shut up, and I cannot get out;

⁹My eye wastes away because of affliction. LORD, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You.

¹⁰Will You work wonders for the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise You?Selah

¹¹Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the place of destruction?

¹²Shall Your wonders be known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³But to You I have cried out, O LORD, And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

¹⁴LORD, why do You cast off my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me?

¹⁵I have been afflicted and ready to die from my youth; I suffer Your terrors; I am distraught.

¹⁶Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your terrors have cut me off.

¹⁷They came around me all day long like water; They engulfed me altogether.

¹⁸Loved one and friend You have put far from me, And my acquaintances into darkness.

PSALM 89

¹I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

²For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

³"I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David:

⁴"Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations."Selah

⁵And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.

⁶For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? Who among

the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD?

⁷God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

⁹You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

¹⁰You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

¹¹The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

¹²The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.

¹³You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.

¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

¹⁵Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.

¹⁶In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your righteousness they are exalted.

¹⁷For You are the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD, And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁹Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, And said: "I have given help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people.

²⁰I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him,

²¹With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him.

²²The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

²³I will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him.

²⁴"But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted.

²⁵Also I will set his hand over the sea, And his right hand over the rivers.

²⁶He shall cry to Me, "You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation."

²⁷Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.

²⁸My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him.

²⁹His seed also I will make to endure forever, And his throne as the days of heaven.

³⁰"If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments,

³¹If they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments,

³²Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes.

³³Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail.

³⁴My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

³⁵Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David:

³⁶His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me;

³⁷It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky."Selah

³⁸But You have cast off and abhorred, You have been furious with Your anointed.

³⁹You have renounced the covenant of Your servant; You have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

⁴⁰You have broken down all his hedges; You have brought his strongholds to ruin.

⁴¹All who pass by the way plunder him; He is a reproach to his neighbors.

⁴²You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries; You have made all his enemies rejoice.

⁴³You have also turned back the edge of his sword, And have not sustained him in the battle.

⁴⁴You have made his glory cease, And cast his throne down to the ground.

⁴⁵The days of his youth You have shortened; You have covered him with shame.Selah

⁴⁶How long, LORD? Will You hide Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn like fire?

⁴⁷Remember how short my time is; For what futility have You created all the children of men?

⁴⁸What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?Selah

⁴⁹Lord, where are Your former lovingkindnesses, Which You swore to David in Your truth?

⁵⁰Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants-- How I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples,

⁵¹With which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD, With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

⁵²Blessed be the LORD forevermore! Amen and Amen.

PSALM 90

¹Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

³You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men."

⁴For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night.

⁵You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up:

⁶In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers.

⁷For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified.

⁸You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.

⁹For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh.

¹⁰The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

¹¹Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

¹²So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants.

¹⁴Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

¹⁵Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil.

¹⁶Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children.

¹⁷And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

PSALM 91

¹He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

³Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.

⁴He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take

refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

⁵You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

⁶Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.

⁸Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.

⁹Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

¹⁰No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

¹¹For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

¹²In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

¹³You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

¹⁴"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

¹⁵He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

PSALM 92

¹It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

²To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,

³On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute, And on the harp, With harmonious sound.

⁴For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands.

⁵O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep.

⁶A senseless man does not know, Nor does a fool understand this.

⁷When the wicked spring up like grass, And when all the workers of iniquity flourish, It is that they may be destroyed forever.

⁸But You, LORD, are on high forevermore.

⁹For behold, Your enemies, O LORD, For behold, Your enemies shall perish; All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

¹⁰But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.

¹¹My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies; My ears hear my desire on the wicked Who rise up against me.

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

¹⁵To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

PSALM 93

¹The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

²Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves.

⁴The LORD on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters, Than the mighty waves of the sea.

⁵Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.

PSALM 94

¹O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs-- O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!

²Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud.

³LORD, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph?

⁴They utter speech, and speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.

⁵They break in pieces Your people, O LORD, And afflict Your heritage.

⁶They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless.

⁷Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand."

⁸Understand, you senseless among the people; And you fools, when will you be wise?

⁹He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?

¹⁰He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge?

¹¹The LORD knows the thoughts of man,
That they are futile.

¹²Blessed is the man whom You instruct,
O LORD, And teach out of Your law,

¹³That You may give him rest from the
days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for
the wicked.

¹⁴For the LORD will not cast off His
people, Nor will He forsake His
inheritance.

¹⁵But judgment will return to
righteousness, And all the upright in
heart will follow it.

¹⁶Who will rise up for me against the
evildoers? Who will stand up for me
against the workers of iniquity?

¹⁷Unless the LORD had been my help,
My soul would soon have settled in
silence.

¹⁸If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O
LORD, will hold me up.

¹⁹In the multitude of my anxieties within
me, Your comforts delight my soul.

²⁰Shall the throne of iniquity, which
devises evil by law, Have fellowship with
You?

²¹They gather together against the life of
the righteous, And condemn innocent
blood.

²²But the LORD has been my defense,
And my God the rock of my refuge.

²³He has brought on them their own
iniquity, And shall cut them off in their
own wickedness; The LORD our God
shall cut them off.

PSALM 95

¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let
us shout joyfully to the Rock of our
salvation.

²Let us come before His presence with
thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to
Him with psalms.

³For the LORD is the great God, And the
great King above all gods.

⁴In His hand are the deep places of the
earth; The heights of the hills are His
also.

⁵The sea is His, for He made it; And His
hands formed the dry land.

⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow
down; Let us kneel before the LORD our
Maker.

⁷For He is our God, And we are the
people of His pasture, And the sheep of
His hand. Today, if you will hear His
voice:

⁸"Do not harden your hearts, as in the
rebellion, As in the day of trial in the
wilderness,

⁹When your fathers tested Me; They
tried Me, though they saw My work.

¹⁰For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, "It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways."

¹¹So I swore in My wrath, "They shall not enter My rest."

PSALM 96

¹Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

³Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

⁴For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

⁶Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

⁷Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

⁹Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

¹²Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

¹³For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

PSALM 97

¹The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!

²Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

³A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about.

⁴His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles.

⁵The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

⁶The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory.

⁷Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods.

⁸Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O LORD.

⁹For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.

¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

PSALM 98

¹Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

²The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

⁶With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it;

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,

⁹For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

PSALM 99

¹The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

²The LORD is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples.

³Let them praise Your great and awesome name-- He is holy.

⁴The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His footstool-- He is holy.

⁶Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who called upon His name; They called upon the LORD, and He answered them.

⁷He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar;
They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.

⁸You answered them, O LORD our God;
You were to them God-Who-Forgives,
Though You took vengeance on their deeds.

⁹Exalt the LORD our God, And worship
at His holy hill; For the LORD our God is holy.

PSALM 100

¹Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all
you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; Come
before His presence with singing.

³Know that the LORD, He is God; It is
He who has made us, and not we
ourselves; We are His people and the
sheep of His pasture.

⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise. Be
thankful to Him, and bless His name.

⁵For the LORD is good; His mercy is
everlasting, And His truth endures to all
generations.

PSALM 101

¹I will sing of mercy and justice; To You,
O LORD, I will sing praises.

²I will behave wisely in a perfect way.
Oh, when will You come to me? I will

walk within my house with a perfect
heart.

³I will set nothing wicked before my
eyes; I hate the work of those who fall
away; It shall not cling to me.

⁴A perverse heart shall depart from me; I
will not know wickedness.

⁵Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor,
Him I will destroy; The one who has a
haughty look and a proud heart, Him I
will not endure.

⁶My eyes shall be on the faithful of the
land, That they may dwell with me; He
who walks in a perfect way, He shall
serve me.

⁷He who works deceit shall not dwell
within my house; He who tells lies shall
not continue in my presence.

⁸Early I will destroy all the wicked of the
land, That I may cut off all the evildoers
from the city of the LORD.

PSALM 102

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD, And let my
cry come to You.

²Do not hide Your face from me in the
day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to
me; In the day that I call, answer me
speedily.

³For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are burned like a hearth.

⁴My heart is stricken and withered like grass, So that I forget to eat my bread.

⁵Because of the sound of my groaning My bones cling to my skin.

⁶I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert.

⁷I lie awake, And am like a sparrow alone on the housetop.

⁸My enemies reproach me all day long; Those who deride me swear an oath against me.

⁹For I have eaten ashes like bread, And mingled my drink with weeping,

¹⁰Because of Your indignation and Your wrath; For You have lifted me up and cast me away.

¹¹My days are like a shadow that lengthens, And I wither away like grass.

¹²But You, O LORD, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations.

¹³You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

¹⁴For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust.

¹⁵So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, And all the kings of the earth Your glory.

¹⁶For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.

¹⁷He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, And shall not despise their prayer.

¹⁸This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.

¹⁹For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD viewed the earth,

²⁰To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To release those appointed to death,

²¹To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem,

²²When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

²³He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days.

²⁴I said, "O my God, Do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations.

²⁵Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

²⁶They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed.

²⁷But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.

²⁸The children of Your servants will continue, And their descendants will be established before You."

PSALM 103

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

³Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

⁴Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

⁵Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

⁹He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever.

¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

¹²As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

¹⁴For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

¹⁶For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more.

¹⁷But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

¹⁹The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.

²⁰Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.

²¹Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

²²Bless the LORD, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

PSALM 104

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty,

²Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

³He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,

⁴Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

⁵You who laid the foundations of the earth, So that it should not be moved forever,

⁶You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters stood above the mountains.

⁷At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.

⁸They went up over the mountains; They went down into the valleys, To the place which You founded for them.

⁹You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, That they may not return to cover the earth.

¹⁰He sends the springs into the valleys; They flow among the hills.

¹¹They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹²By them the birds of the heavens have their home; They sing among the branches.

¹³He waters the hills from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.

¹⁴He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the service of man, That he may bring forth food from the earth,

¹⁵And wine that makes glad the heart of man, Oil to make his face shine, And bread which strengthens man's heart.

¹⁶The trees of the LORD are full of sap, The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,

¹⁷Where the birds make their nests; The stork has her home in the fir trees.

¹⁸The high hills are for the wild goats; The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.

¹⁹He appointed the moon for seasons; The sun knows its going down.

²⁰You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.

²¹The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their food from God.

²²When the sun rises, they gather together And lie down in their dens.

²³Man goes out to his work And to his labor until the evening.

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions--

²⁵This great and wide sea, In which are innumerable teeming things, Living things both small and great.

²⁶There the ships sail about; There is that Leviathan Which You have made to play there.

²⁷These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season.

²⁸What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good.

²⁹You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works.

³²He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

³⁴May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the LORD.

³⁵May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

PSALM 105

¹Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

²Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

³Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

⁴Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!

⁵Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

⁶O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

⁷He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

⁸He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

⁹The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac,

¹⁰And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

¹¹Saying, "To you I will give the land of
Canaan As the allotment of your
inheritance,"

¹²When they were few in number,
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

¹³When they went from one nation to
another, From one kingdom to another
people,

¹⁴He permitted no one to do them
wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their
sakes,

¹⁵Saying, "Do not touch My anointed
ones, And do My prophets no harm."

¹⁶Moreover He called for a famine in the
land; He destroyed all the provision of
bread.

¹⁷He sent a man before them-- Joseph--
who was sold as a slave.

¹⁸They hurt his feet with fetters, He was
laid in irons.

¹⁹Until the time that his word came to
pass, The word of the LORD tested him.

²⁰The king sent and released him, The
ruler of the people let him go free.

²¹He made him lord of his house, And
ruler of all his possessions,

²²To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his elders wisdom.

²³Israel also came into Egypt, And
Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.

²⁴He increased His people greatly, And
made them stronger than their enemies.

²⁵He turned their heart to hate His
people, To deal craftily with His servants.

²⁶He sent Moses His servant, And Aaron
whom He had chosen.

²⁷They performed His signs among them,
And wonders in the land of Ham.

²⁸He sent darkness, and made it dark;
And they did not rebel against His word.

²⁹He turned their waters into blood, And
killed their fish.

³⁰Their land abounded with frogs, Even
in the chambers of their kings.

³¹He spoke, and there came swarms of
flies, And lice in all their territory.

³²He gave them hail for rain, And
flaming fire in their land.

³³He struck their vines also, and their fig
trees, And splintered the trees of their
territory.

³⁴He spoke, and locusts came, Young
locusts without number,

³⁵And ate up all the vegetation in their
land, And devoured the fruit of their
ground.

³⁶He also destroyed all the firstborn in their land, The first of all their strength.

³⁷He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes.

³⁸Egypt was glad when they departed, For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

³⁹He spread a cloud for a covering, And fire to give light in the night.

⁴⁰The people asked, and He brought quail, And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

⁴¹He opened the rock, and water gushed out; It ran in the dry places like a river.

⁴²For He remembered His holy promise, And Abraham His servant.

⁴³He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness.

⁴⁴He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of the nations,

⁴⁵That they might observe His statutes And keep His laws. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 106

¹Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

²Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Who can declare all His praise?

³Blessed are those who keep justice, And he who does righteousness at all times!

⁴Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation,

⁵That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance.

⁶We have sinned with our fathers, We have committed iniquity, We have done wickedly.

⁷Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, But rebelled by the sea--the Red Sea.

⁸Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, That He might make His mighty power known.

⁹He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; So He led them through the depths, As through the wilderness.

¹⁰He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

¹¹The waters covered their enemies; There was not one of them left.

¹²Then they believed His words; They sang His praise.

¹³They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,

¹⁴But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tested God in the desert.

¹⁵And He gave them their request, But sent leanness into their soul.

¹⁶When they envied Moses in the camp, And Aaron the saint of the LORD,

¹⁷The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, And covered the faction of Abiram.

¹⁸A fire was kindled in their company; The flame burned up the wicked.

¹⁹They made a calf in Horeb, And worshiped the molded image.

²⁰Thus they changed their glory Into the image of an ox that eats grass.

²¹They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,

²²Wondrous works in the land of Ham, Awesome things by the Red Sea.

²³Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy them.

²⁴Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe His word,

²⁵But complained in their tents, And did not heed the voice of the LORD.

²⁶Therefore He raised His hand in an oath against them, To overthrow them in the wilderness,

²⁷To overthrow their descendants among the nations, And to scatter them in the lands.

²⁸They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor, And ate sacrifices made to the dead.

²⁹Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds, And the plague broke out among them.

³⁰Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, And the plague was stopped.

³¹And that was accounted to him for righteousness To all generations forevermore.

³²They angered Him also at the waters of strife, So that it went ill with Moses on account of them;

³³Because they rebelled against His Spirit, So that he spoke rashly with his lips.

³⁴They did not destroy the peoples, Concerning whom the LORD had commanded them,

³⁵But they mingled with the Gentiles And learned their works;

³⁶They served their idols, Which became a snare to them.

³⁷They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons,

³⁸And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.

³⁹Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds.

⁴⁰Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against His people, So that He abhorred His own inheritance.

⁴¹And He gave them into the hand of the Gentiles, And those who hated them ruled over them.

⁴²Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were brought into subjection under their hand.

⁴³Many times He delivered them; But they rebelled in their counsel, And were brought low for their iniquity.

⁴⁴Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, When He heard their cry;

⁴⁵And for their sake He remembered His covenant, And relented according to the multitude of His mercies.

⁴⁶He also made them to be pitied By all those who carried them away captive.

⁴⁷Save us, O LORD our God, And gather us from among the Gentiles, To give thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in Your praise.

⁴⁸Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And let

all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!

PSALM 107

¹Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

³And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

⁴They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in.

⁵Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them.

⁶Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He delivered them out of their distresses.

⁷And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.

⁸Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

⁹For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

¹⁰Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, Bound in affliction and irons--

¹¹Because they rebelled against the words of God, And despised the counsel of the Most High,

¹²Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and there was none to help.

¹³Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.

¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces.

¹⁵Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

¹⁶For He has broken the gates of bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two.

¹⁷Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

¹⁸Their soul abhorred all manner of food, And they drew near to the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.

²⁰He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

²¹Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

²²Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

²³Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters,

²⁴They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep.

²⁵For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble.

²⁷They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.

²⁹He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.

³⁰Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

³¹Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

³²Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the company of the elders.

³³He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground;

³⁴A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

³⁵He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings.

³⁶There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,

³⁷And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest.

³⁸He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease.

³⁹When they are diminished and brought low Through oppression, affliction and sorrow,

⁴⁰He pours contempt on princes, And causes them to wander in the wilderness where there is no way;

⁴¹Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, And makes their families like a flock.

⁴²The righteous see it and rejoice, And all iniquity stops its mouth.

⁴³Whoever is wise will observe these things, And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

PSALM 108

¹O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

²Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.

³I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations.

⁴For Your mercy is great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the clouds.

⁵Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth;

⁶That Your beloved may be delivered, Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

⁷God has spoken in His holiness: "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem And measure out the Valley of Succoth.

⁸Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet for My head; Judah is My lawgiver.

⁹Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will cast My shoe; Over Philistia I will triumph."

¹⁰Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?

¹¹Is it not You, O God, who cast us off? And You, O God, who did not go out with our armies?

¹²Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless.

¹³Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 109

¹Do not keep silent, O God of my praise!

²For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

³They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause.

⁴In return for my love they are my accusers, But I give myself to prayer.

⁵Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love.

⁶Set a wicked man over him, And let an accuser stand at his right hand.

⁷When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin.

⁸Let his days be few, And let another take his office.

⁹Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

¹⁰Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek their bread also from their desolate places.

¹¹Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labor.

¹²Let there be none to extend mercy to him, Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children.

¹³Let his posterity be cut off, And in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

¹⁴Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

¹⁵Let them be continually before the LORD, That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth;

¹⁶Because he did not remember to show mercy, But persecuted the poor and needy man, That he might even slay the broken in heart.

¹⁷As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.

¹⁸As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, So let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones.

¹⁹Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, And for a belt with which he girds himself continually.

²⁰Let this be the LORD's reward to my accusers, And to those who speak evil against my person.

²¹But You, O GOD the Lord, Deal with me for Your name's sake; Because Your mercy is good, deliver me.

²²For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.

²³I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust.

²⁴My knees are weak through fasting,
And my flesh is feeble from lack of
fatness.

²⁵I also have become a reproach to
them; When they look at me, they shake
their heads.

²⁶Help me, O LORD my God! Oh, save
me according to Your mercy,

²⁷That they may know that this is Your
hand-- That You, LORD, have done it!

²⁸Let them curse, but You bless; When
they arise, let them be ashamed, But let
Your servant rejoice.

²⁹Let my accusers be clothed with
shame, And let them cover themselves
with their own disgrace as with a mantle.

³⁰I will greatly praise the LORD with my
mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the
multitude.

³¹For He shall stand at the right hand of
the poor, To save him from those who
condemn him.

PSALM 110

¹The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My
right hand, Till I make Your enemies
Your footstool."

²The LORD shall send the rod of Your
strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of
Your enemies!

³Your people shall be volunteers In the
day of Your power; In the beauties of

holiness, from the womb of the morning,
You have the dew of Your youth.

⁴The LORD has sworn And will not
relent, "You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek."

⁵The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall
execute kings in the day of His wrath.

⁶He shall judge among the nations, He
shall fill the places with dead bodies, He
shall execute the heads of many
countries.

⁷He shall drink of the brook by the
wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the
head.

PSALM 111

¹Praise the LORD! I will praise the
LORD with my whole heart, In the
assembly of the upright and in the
congregation.

²The works of the LORD are great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in
them.

³His work is honorable and glorious, And
His righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has made His wonderful works to
be remembered; The LORD is gracious
and full of compassion.

⁵He has given food to those who fear
Him; He will ever be mindful of His
covenant.

⁶He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷The works of His hands are verity and justice; All His precepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forever and ever, And are done in truth and uprightness.

⁹He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

PSALM 112

¹Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments.

²His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.

⁴Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

⁵A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion.

⁶Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

⁷He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies.

⁹He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113

¹Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD!

²Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore!

³From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD's name is to be praised.

⁴The LORD is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high,

⁶Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

⁷He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

⁸That He may seat him with princes-- With the princes of His people.

⁹He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 114

¹When Israel went out of Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

²Judah became His sanctuary, And Israel His dominion.

³The sea saw it and fled; Jordan turned back.

⁴The mountains skipped like rams, The little hills like lambs.

⁵What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

⁶O mountains, that you skipped like rams? O little hills, like lambs?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM 115

¹Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

²Why should the Gentiles say, "So where is their God?"

³But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.

⁴Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands.

⁵They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see;

⁶They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell;

⁷They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat.

⁸Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.

⁹O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.

¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.

¹¹You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.

¹²The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

¹³He will bless those who fear the LORD,
Both small and great.

¹⁴May the LORD give you increase more
and more, You and your children.

¹⁵May you be blessed by the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

¹⁶The heaven, even the heavens, are
the LORD's; But the earth He has given
to the children of men.

¹⁷The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor
any who go down into silence.

¹⁸But we will bless the LORD From this
time forth and forevermore. Praise the
LORD!

PSALM 116

¹I love the LORD, because He has
heard My voice and my supplications.

²Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as
I live.

³The pains of death surrounded me, And
the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I
found trouble and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the
LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver
my soul!"

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
Yes, our God is merciful.

⁶The LORD preserves the simple; I was
brought low, and He saved me.

⁷Return to your rest, O my soul, For the
LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸For You have delivered my soul from
death, My eyes from tears, And my feet
from falling.

⁹I will walk before the LORD In the land
of the living.

¹⁰I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am
greatly afflicted."

¹¹I said in my haste, "All men are liars."

¹²What shall I render to the LORD For
all His benefits toward me?

¹³I will take up the cup of salvation, And
call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in
the presence of all His people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD Is
the death of His saints.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am
Your servant, the son of Your
maidservant; You have loosed my
bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to You the sacrifice of
thanksgiving, And will call upon the
name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in
the presence of all His people,

¹⁹In the courts of the LORD's house, In
the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise
the LORD!

PSALM 117

¹Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!

²For His merciful kindness is great
toward us, And the truth of the LORD
endures forever. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 118

¹Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is
good! For His mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures
forever."

³Let the house of Aaron now say, "His
mercy endures forever."

⁴Let those who fear the LORD now say,
"His mercy endures forever."

⁵I called on the LORD in distress; The
LORD answered me and set me in a
broad place.

⁶The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

⁷The LORD is for me among those who
help me; Therefore I shall see my desire
on those who hate me.

⁸It is better to trust in the LORD Than to
put confidence in man.

⁹It is better to trust in the LORD Than to
put confidence in princes.

¹⁰All nations surrounded me, But in the
name of the LORD I will destroy them.

¹¹They surrounded me, Yes, they
surrounded me; But in the name of the
LORD I will destroy them.

¹²They surrounded me like bees; They
were quenched like a fire of thorns; For
in the name of the LORD I will destroy
them.

¹³You pushed me violently, that I might
fall, But the LORD helped me.

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation.

¹⁵The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is
in the tents of the righteous; The right
hand of the LORD does valiantly.

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted;
The right hand of the LORD does
valiantly.

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, And declare the
works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has chastened me severely,
But He has not given me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of
righteousness; I will go through them,
And I will praise the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD, Through
which the righteous shall enter.

²¹I will praise You, For You have
answered me, And have become my
salvation.

²²The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This was the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.

²⁹Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

PSALM 119

¹Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD!

²Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!

³They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.

⁴You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently.

⁵Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes!

⁶Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments.

⁷I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.

⁸I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

⁹How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

¹⁰With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

¹¹Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

¹²Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.

¹³With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.

¹⁴I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.

¹⁶I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

¹⁷Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.

¹⁸Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

¹⁹I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.

²⁰My soul breaks with longing For Your judgments at all times.

²¹You rebuke the proud--the cursed, Who stray from Your commandments.

²²Remove from me reproach and contempt, For I have kept Your testimonies.

²³Princes also sit and speak against me, But Your servant meditates on Your statutes.

²⁴Your testimonies also are my delight And my counselors.

²⁵My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.

²⁶I have declared my ways, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes.

²⁷Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.

²⁸My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.

²⁹Remove from me the way of lying, And grant me Your law graciously.

³⁰I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid before me.

³¹I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!

³²I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart.

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.

³⁶Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness.

³⁷Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.

³⁸Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You.

³⁹Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness.

⁴¹Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD-- Your salvation according to Your word.

⁴²So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.

⁴³And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I have hoped in Your ordinances.

⁴⁴ So shall I keep Your law continually,
Forever and ever.

⁴⁵ And I will walk at liberty, For I seek
Your precepts.

⁴⁶ I will speak of Your testimonies also
before kings, And will not be ashamed.

⁴⁷ And I will delight myself in Your
commandments, Which I love.

⁴⁸ My hands also I will lift up to Your
commandments, Which I love, And I will
meditate on Your statutes.

⁴⁹ Remember the word to Your servant,
Upon which You have caused me to
hope.

⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction, For
Your word has given me life.

⁵¹ The proud have me in great derision,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.

⁵² I remembered Your judgments of old,
O LORD, And have comforted myself.

⁵³ Indignation has taken hold of me
Because of the wicked, who forsake
Your law.

⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs In
the house of my pilgrimage.

⁵⁵ I remember Your name in the night, O
LORD, And I keep Your law.

⁵⁶ This has become mine, Because I kept
Your precepts.

⁵⁷ You are my portion, O LORD; I have
said that I would keep Your words.

⁵⁸ I entreated Your favor with my whole
heart; Be merciful to me according to
Your word.

⁵⁹ I thought about my ways, And turned
my feet to Your testimonies.

⁶⁰ I made haste, and did not delay To
keep Your commandments.

⁶¹ The cords of the wicked have bound
me, But I have not forgotten Your law.

⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks to
You, Because of Your righteous
judgments.

⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear You,
And of those who keep Your precepts.

⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of Your
mercy; Teach me Your statutes.

⁶⁵ You have dealt well with Your servant,
O LORD, according to Your word.

⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and
knowledge, For I believe Your
commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.

⁶⁸ You are good, and do good; Teach me
Your statutes.

⁶⁹ The proud have forged a lie against
me, But I will keep Your precepts with
my whole heart.

⁷⁰Their heart is as fat as grease, But I delight in Your law.

⁷¹It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.

⁷²The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.

⁷³Your hands have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

⁷⁴Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, Because I have hoped in Your word.

⁷⁵I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

⁷⁶Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.

⁷⁷Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; For Your law is my delight.

⁷⁸Let the proud be ashamed, For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood; But I will meditate on Your precepts.

⁷⁹Let those who fear You turn to me, Those who know Your testimonies.

⁸⁰Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes, That I may not be ashamed.

⁸¹My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word.

⁸²My eyes fail from searching Your word, Saying, "When will You comfort me?"

⁸³For I have become like a wineskin in smoke, Yet I do not forget Your statutes.

⁸⁴How many are the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?

⁸⁵The proud have dug pits for me, Which is not according to Your law.

⁸⁶All Your commandments are faithful; They persecute me wrongfully; Help me!

⁸⁷They almost made an end of me on earth, But I did not forsake Your precepts.

⁸⁸Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

⁸⁹Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

⁹⁰Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.

⁹¹They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all are Your servants.

⁹²Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.

⁹³I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life.

⁹⁴I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts.

⁹⁵The wicked wait for me to destroy me, But I will consider Your testimonies.

⁹⁶I have seen the consummation of all perfection, But Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

⁹⁷Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.

¹⁰¹I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.

¹⁰²I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

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

¹⁰⁶I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷I am afflicted very much; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

¹⁰⁸Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your judgments.

¹⁰⁹My life is continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law.

¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me, Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.

¹¹¹Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

¹¹²I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, to the very end.

¹¹³I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law.

¹¹⁴You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.

¹¹⁵Depart from me, you evildoers, For I will keep the commandments of my God!

¹¹⁶Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

¹¹⁷Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.

¹¹⁸You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceit is falsehood.

¹¹⁹You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies.

¹²⁰My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments.

¹²¹I have done justice and righteousness; Do not leave me to my oppressors.

¹²²Be surety for Your servant for good; Do not let the proud oppress me.

¹²³My eyes fail from seeking Your salvation And Your righteous word.

¹²⁴Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, And teach me Your statutes.

¹²⁵I am Your servant; Give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies.

¹²⁶It is time for You to act, O LORD, For they have regarded Your law as void.

¹²⁷Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold!

¹²⁸Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way.

¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹I opened my mouth and panted, For I longed for Your commandments.

¹³²Look upon me and be merciful to me, As Your custom is toward those who love Your name.

¹³³Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴Redeem me from the oppression of man, That I may keep Your precepts.

¹³⁵Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.

¹³⁶Rivers of water run down from my eyes, Because men do not keep Your law.

¹³⁷Righteous are You, O LORD, And upright are Your judgments.

¹³⁸Your testimonies, which You have commanded, Are righteous and very faithful.

¹³⁹My zeal has consumed me, Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.

¹⁴⁰Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.

¹⁴¹I am small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts.

¹⁴²Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.

¹⁴³Trouble and anguish have overtaken me, Yet Your commandments are my delights.

¹⁴⁴The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting; Give me understanding, and I shall live.

¹⁴⁵I cry out with my whole heart; Hear me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.

¹⁴⁶I cry out to You; Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.

¹⁴⁷I rise before the dawning of the morning, And cry for help; I hope in Your word.

¹⁴⁸My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word.

¹⁴⁹Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness; O LORD, revive me according to Your justice.

¹⁵⁰They draw near who follow after wickedness; They are far from Your law.

¹⁵¹You are near, O LORD, And all Your commandments are truth.

¹⁵²Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that You have founded them forever.

¹⁵³Consider my affliction and deliver me, For I do not forget Your law.

¹⁵⁴Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.

¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.

¹⁵⁶Great are Your tender mercies, O LORD; Revive me according to Your judgments.

¹⁵⁷Many are my persecutors and my enemies, Yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.

¹⁵⁸I see the treacherous, and am disgusted, Because they do not keep Your word.

¹⁵⁹Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.

¹⁶⁰The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

¹⁶¹Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word.

¹⁶²I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.

¹⁶³I hate and abhor lying, But I love Your law.

¹⁶⁴Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous judgments.

¹⁶⁵Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.

¹⁶⁶LORD, I hope for Your salvation, And I do Your commandments.

¹⁶⁷My soul keeps Your testimonies, And I love them exceedingly.

¹⁶⁸I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You.

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before You, O LORD; Give me understanding according to Your word.

¹⁷⁰Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your word.

¹⁷¹My lips shall utter praise, For You teach me Your statutes.

¹⁷²My tongue shall speak of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteousness.

¹⁷³Let Your hand become my help, For I have chosen Your precepts.

¹⁷⁴I long for Your salvation, O LORD, And Your law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵Let my soul live, and it shall praise You; And let Your judgments help me.

¹⁷⁶I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.

PSALM 120

¹In my distress I cried to the LORD, And He heard me.

²Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips And from a deceitful tongue.

³What shall be given to you, Or what shall be done to you, You false tongue?

⁴Sharp arrows of the warrior, With coals of the broom tree!

⁵Woe is me, that I dwell in Meshech, That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!

⁶My soul has dwelt too long With one who hates peace.

⁷I am for peace; But when I speak, they are for war.

PSALM 121

¹I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From whence comes my help?

²My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

³He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

⁸The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

PSALM 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

²Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem!

³Jerusalem is built As a city that is compact together,

⁴Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel, To give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces."

⁸For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you."

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

PSALM 123

¹Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens.

²Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until He has mercy on us.

³Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

⁴Our soul is exceedingly filled With the scorn of those who are at ease, With the contempt of the proud.

PSALM 124

¹"If it had not been the LORD who was on our side," Let Israel now say--

²"If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, When men rose up against us,

³Then they would have swallowed us alive, When their wrath was kindled against us;

⁴Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, The stream would have gone over our soul;

⁵Then the swollen waters Would have gone over our soul."

⁶Blessed be the LORD, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

⁷Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped.

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

PSALM 125

¹Those who trust in the LORD Are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest On the land allotted to the righteous, Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, And to those who are upright in their hearts.

⁵As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, The LORD shall lead them away With the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel!

PSALM 126

¹When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, We were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, And we are glad.

⁴Bring back our captivity, O LORD, As the streams in the South.

⁵Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.

⁶He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM 127

¹Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

²It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.

³Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.

⁵Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128

¹Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways.

²When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

³Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table.

⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
Who fears the LORD.

⁵The LORD bless you out of Zion, And
may you see the good of Jerusalem All
the days of your life.

⁶Yes, may you see your children's
children. Peace be upon Israel!

PSALM 129

¹"Many a time they have afflicted me
from my youth," Let Israel now say--

²"Many a time they have afflicted me
from my youth; Yet they have not
prevailed against me.

³The plowers plowed on my back; They
made their furrows long."

⁴The LORD is righteous; He has cut in
pieces the cords of the wicked.

⁵Let all those who hate Zion Be put to
shame and turned back.

⁶Let them be as the grass on the
housetops, Which withers before it
grows up,

⁷With which the reaper does not fill his
hand, Nor he who binds sheaves, his
arms.

⁸Neither let those who pass by them say,
"The blessing of the LORD be upon you;
We bless you in the name of the LORD!"

PSALM 130

¹Out of the depths I have cried to You, O
LORD;

²Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be
attentive To the voice of my
supplications.

³If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O
Lord, who could stand?

⁴But there is forgiveness with You, That
You may be feared.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And
in His word I do hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord More than
those who watch for the morning-- Yes,
more than those who watch for the
morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with
the LORD there is mercy, And with Him
is abundant redemption.

⁸And He shall redeem Israel From all his
iniquities.

PSALM 131

¹LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my
eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself
with great matters, Nor with things too
profound for me.

²Surely I have calmed and quieted my
soul, Like a weaned child with his
mother; Like a weaned child is my soul
within me.

³O Israel, hope in the LORD From this
time forth and forever.

PSALM 132

¹LORD, remember David And all his afflictions;

²How he swore to the LORD, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:

³"Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed;

⁴I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids,

⁵Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

⁶Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; We found it in the fields of the woods.

⁷Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool.

⁸Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength.

⁹Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your saints shout for joy.

¹⁰For Your servant David's sake, Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.

¹¹The LORD has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.

¹²If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach

them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore."

¹³For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:

¹⁴"This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

¹⁵I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

¹⁶I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

¹⁷There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.

¹⁸His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish."

PSALM 133

¹Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

³It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing-- Life forevermore.

PSALM 134

¹Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

²Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the LORD.

³The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion!

PSALM 135

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD!

²You who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God,

³Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

⁴For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His special treasure.

⁵For I know that the LORD is great, And our Lord is above all gods.

⁶Whatever the LORD pleases He does, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places.

⁷He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasures.

⁸He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt, Both of man and beast.

⁹He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

¹⁰He defeated many nations And slew mighty kings--

¹¹Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, And all the kingdoms of Canaan--

¹²And gave their land as a heritage, A heritage to Israel His people.

¹³Your name, O LORD, endures forever, Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.

¹⁴For the LORD will judge His people, And He will have compassion on His servants.

¹⁵The idols of the nations are silver and gold, The work of men's hands.

¹⁶They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see;

¹⁷They have ears, but they do not hear; Nor is there any breath in their mouths.

¹⁸Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.

¹⁹Bless the LORD, O house of Israel! Bless the LORD, O house of Aaron!

²⁰Bless the LORD, O house of Levi! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!

²¹Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the
LORD!

PSALM 136

¹Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is
good! For His mercy endures forever.

²Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For
His mercy endures forever.

³Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For
His mercy endures forever:

⁴To Him who alone does great wonders,
For His mercy endures forever;

⁵To Him who by wisdom made the
heavens, For His mercy endures
forever;

⁶To Him who laid out the earth above
the waters, For His mercy endures
forever;

⁷To Him who made great lights, For His
mercy endures forever--

⁸The sun to rule by day, For His mercy
endures forever;

⁹The moon and stars to rule by night,
For His mercy endures forever.

¹⁰To Him who struck Egypt in their
firstborn, For His mercy endures forever;

¹¹And brought out Israel from among
them, For His mercy endures forever;

¹²With a strong hand, and with an
outstretched arm, For His mercy
endures forever;

¹³To Him who divided the Red Sea in
two, For His mercy endures forever;

¹⁴And made Israel pass through the
midst of it, For His mercy endures
forever;

¹⁵But overthrew Pharaoh and his army
in the Red Sea, For His mercy endures
forever;

¹⁶To Him who led His people through
the wilderness, For His mercy endures
forever;

¹⁷To Him who struck down great kings,
For His mercy endures forever;

¹⁸And slew famous kings, For His mercy
endures forever--

¹⁹Sihon king of the Amorites, For His
mercy endures forever;

²⁰And Og king of Bashan, For His mercy
endures forever--

²¹And gave their land as a heritage, For
His mercy endures forever;

²²A heritage to Israel His servant, For
His mercy endures forever.

²³Who remembered us in our lowly state,
For His mercy endures forever;

²⁴And rescued us from our enemies, For
His mercy endures forever;

²⁵Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever.

²⁶Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.

PSALM 137

¹By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept When we remembered Zion.

²We hung our harps Upon the willows in the midst of it.

³For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, And those who plundered us requested mirth, Saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

⁴How shall we sing the LORD's song In a foreign land?

⁵If I forget you, O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget its skill!

⁶If I do not remember you, Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth-- If I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief joy.

⁷Remember, O LORD, against the sons of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who said, "Raze it, raze it, To its very foundation!"

⁸O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed, Happy the one who repays you as you have served us!

⁹Happy the one who takes and dashes Your little ones against the rock!

PSALM 138

¹I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You.

²I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

³In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, When they hear the words of Your mouth.

⁵Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, For great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶Though the LORD is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.

⁸The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

PSALM 139

¹O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

³You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

⁵You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

⁷Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

⁸If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me;

¹²Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the

day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

¹³For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

¹⁷How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

¹⁹Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.

²⁰For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.

²¹Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

²²I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;

²⁴And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140

¹Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men,

²Who plan evil things in their hearts; They continually gather together for war.

³They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps is under their lips.Selah

⁴Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.

⁵The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set traps for me.Selah

⁶I said to the LORD: "You are my God; Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

⁷O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.

⁸Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; Do not further his wicked scheme, Lest they be exalted.Selah

⁹"As for the head of those who surround me, Let the evil of their lips cover them;

¹⁰Let burning coals fall upon them; Let them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

¹¹Let not a slanderer be established in the earth; Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him."

¹²I know that the LORD will maintain The cause of the afflicted, And justice for the poor.

¹³Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence.

PSALM 141

¹LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.

²Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

³Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

⁴Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, To practice wicked works With men who work iniquity; And do not let me eat of their delicacies.

⁵Let the righteous strike me; It shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall be as excellent oil; Let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.

⁶Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff, And they hear my words, for they are sweet.

⁷Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, As when one plows and breaks up the earth.

⁸But my eyes are upon You, O GOD the Lord; In You I take refuge; Do not leave my soul destitute.

⁹Keep me from the snares they have laid for me, And from the traps of the workers of iniquity.

¹⁰Let the wicked fall into their own nets, While I escape safely.

PSALM 142

¹I cry out to the LORD with my voice; With my voice to the LORD I make my supplication.

²I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble.

³When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, Then You knew my path. In the way in which I walk They have secretly set a snare for me.

⁴Look on my right hand and see, For there is no one who acknowledges me; Refuge has failed me; No one cares for my soul.

⁵I cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living.

⁶Attend to my cry, For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my persecutors, For they are stronger than I.

⁷Bring my soul out of prison, That I may praise Your name; The righteous shall surround me, For You shall deal bountifully with me."

PSALM 143

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness.

²Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

³For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead.

⁴Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.

⁵I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.

⁶I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Selah

⁷Answer me speedily, O LORD; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

⁸Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

⁹Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; In You I take shelter.

¹⁰Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

¹¹Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

¹²In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.

PSALM 144

¹Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle--

²My lovingkindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.

³LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?

⁴Man is like a breath; His days are like a passing shadow.

⁵Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down; Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

⁶Flash forth lightning and scatter them; Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.

⁷Stretch out Your hand from above; Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, From the hand of foreigners,

⁸Whose mouth speaks lying words, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

⁹I will sing a new song to You, O God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,

¹⁰The One who gives salvation to kings, Who delivers David His servant From the deadly sword.

¹¹Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, Whose mouth speaks lying words, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood--

¹²That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; That our daughters may be as pillars, Sculptured in palace style;

¹³That our barns may be full, Supplying all kinds of produce; That our sheep may bring forth thousands And ten thousands in our fields;

¹⁴That our oxen may be well laden; That there be no breaking in or going out; That there be no outcry in our streets.

¹⁵Happy are the people who are in such a state; Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

PSALM 145

¹I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.

⁵I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works.

⁶Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness.

⁷They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

⁹The LORD is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

¹⁰All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power,

¹²To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

¹⁹He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

²⁰The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.

PSALM 146

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

⁴His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.

⁵Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶Who made heaven and earth, The sea,
and all that is in them; Who keeps truth
forever,

⁷Who executes justice for the oppressed,
Who gives food to the hungry. The
LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
The LORD raises those who are bowed
down; The LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers;
He relieves the fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked He turns
upside down.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever-- Your
God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise
the LORD!

PSALM 147

¹Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing
praises to our God; For it is pleasant,
and praise is beautiful.

²The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He
gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted And binds
up their wounds.

⁴He counts the number of the stars; He
calls them all by name.

⁵Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
His understanding is infinite.

⁶The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts
the wicked down to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
Sing praises on the harp to our God,

⁸Who covers the heavens with clouds,
Who prepares rain for the earth, Who
makes grass to grow on the mountains.

⁹He gives to the beast its food, And to
the young ravens that cry.

¹⁰He does not delight in the strength of
the horse; He takes no pleasure in the
legs of a man.

¹¹The LORD takes pleasure in those
who fear Him, In those who hope in His
mercy.

¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise
your God, O Zion!

¹³For He has strengthened the bars of
your gates; He has blessed your
children within you.

¹⁴He makes peace in your borders, And
fills you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵He sends out His command to the
earth; His word runs very swiftly.

¹⁶He gives snow like wool; He scatters
the frost like ashes;

¹⁷He casts out His hail like morsels;
Who can stand before His cold?

¹⁸He sends out His word and melts
them; He causes His wind to blow, and
the waters flow.

¹⁹He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel.

²⁰He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 148

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

²Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

³Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!

⁴Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

⁶He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths;

⁸Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

⁹Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars;

¹⁰Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl;

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth;

¹²Both young men and maidens; Old men and children.

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

¹⁴And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints-- Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 149

¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints.

²Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.

⁵Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds.

⁶Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,

⁷To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;

⁸To bind their kings with chains, And
their nobles with fetters of iron;

⁹To execute on them the written
judgment-- This honor have all His
saints. Praise the LORD!

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¹Praise the LORD! Praise God in His
sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty
firmament!

²Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise
Him according to His excellent
greatness!

³Praise Him with the sound of the
trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and
harp!

⁴Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments
and flutes!

⁵Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise
Him with clashing cymbals!

⁶Let everything that has breath praise
the LORD. Praise the LORD!

Proverbs

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

²To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding,

³To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity;

⁴To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion--

⁵A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

⁶To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

⁸My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;

⁹For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.

¹⁰My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.

¹¹If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait to shed blood; Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;

¹²Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, And whole, like those who go down to the Pit;

¹³We shall find all kinds of precious possessions, We shall fill our houses with spoil;

¹⁴Cast in your lot among us, Let us all have one purse"--

¹⁵My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path;

¹⁶For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood.

¹⁷Surely, in vain the net is spread In the sight of any bird;

¹⁸But they lie in wait for their own blood, They lurk secretly for their own lives.

¹⁹So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners.

²⁰Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares.

²¹She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words:

²²"How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorers delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

²³Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.

²⁴Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

²⁵Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,

²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,

²⁷When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.

²⁸"Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

²⁹Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD,

³⁰They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke.

³¹Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

³²For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

³³But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

2 My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,

²So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding;

³Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding,

⁴If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures;

⁵Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

⁶For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

⁷He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;

⁸He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.

⁹Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path.

¹⁰When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

¹¹Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you,

¹²To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things,

¹³From those who leave the paths of
uprightness To walk in the ways of
darkness;

¹⁴Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight
in the perversity of the wicked;

¹⁵Whose ways are crooked, And who
are devious in their paths;

¹⁶To deliver you from the immoral
woman, From the seductress who
flatters with her words,

¹⁷Who forsakes the companion of her
youth, And forgets the covenant of her
God.

¹⁸For her house leads down to death,
And her paths to the dead;

¹⁹None who go to her return, Nor do
they regain the paths of life--

²⁰So you may walk in the way of
goodness, And keep to the paths of
righteousness.

²¹For the upright will dwell in the land,
And the blameless will remain in it;

²²But the wicked will be cut off from the
earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted
from it.

3 My son, do not forget my law, But let
your heart keep my commands;

²For length of days and long life And
peace they will add to you.

³Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck, Write them
on the tablet of your heart,

⁴And so find favor and high esteem In
the sight of God and man.

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own
understanding;

⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, And
He shall direct your paths.

⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear
the LORD and depart from evil.

⁸It will be health to your flesh, And
strength to your bones.

⁹Honor the LORD with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your
increase;

¹⁰So your barns will be filled with plenty,
And your vats will overflow with new
wine.

¹¹My son, do not despise the chastening
of the LORD, Nor detest His correction;

¹²For whom the LORD loves He corrects,
Just as a father the son in whom he
delights.

¹³Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
And the man who gains understanding;

¹⁴For her proceeds are better than the
profits of silver, And her gain than fine
gold.

¹⁵She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.

¹⁶Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.

¹⁷Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.

¹⁸She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.

¹⁹The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;

²⁰By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.

²¹My son, let them not depart from your eyes-- Keep sound wisdom and discretion;

²²So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck.

²³Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble.

²⁴When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.

²⁵Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;

²⁶For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.

²⁷Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.

²⁸Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you.

²⁹Do not devise evil against your neighbor, For he dwells by you for safety's sake.

³⁰Do not strive with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm.

³¹Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways;

³²For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright.

³³The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the home of the just.

³⁴Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.

³⁵The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools.

4Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding;

²For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law.

³When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,

⁴He also taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live.

⁵Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

⁶Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you.

⁷Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

⁸Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.

⁹She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you."

¹⁰Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many.

¹¹I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

¹²When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble.

¹³Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she is your life.

¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil.

¹⁵Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.

¹⁶For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; And their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall.

¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

¹⁹The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.

²⁰My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

²²For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

²³Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

²⁴Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you.

²⁵Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you.

²⁶Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.

²⁷Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

5 My son, pay attention to my wisdom;
Lend your ear to my understanding,

² That you may preserve discretion, And
your lips may keep knowledge.

³ For the lips of an immoral woman drip
honey, And her mouth is smoother than
oil;

⁴ But in the end she is bitter as
wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged
sword.

⁵ Her feet go down to death, Her steps
lay hold of hell.

⁶ Lest you ponder her path of life-- Her
ways are unstable; You do not know
them.

⁷ Therefore hear me now, my children,
And do not depart from the words of my
mouth.

⁸ Remove your way far from her, And do
not go near the door of her house,

⁹ Lest you give your honor to others, And
your years to the cruel one;

¹⁰ Lest aliens be filled with your wealth,
And your labors go to the house of a
foreigner;

¹¹ And you mourn at last, When your
flesh and your body are consumed,

¹² And say: "How I have hated instruction,
And my heart despised correction!"

¹³ I have not obeyed the voice of my
teachers, Nor inclined my ear to those
who instructed me!

¹⁴ I was on the verge of total ruin, In the
midst of the assembly and
congregation."

¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern, And
running water from your own well.

¹⁶ Should your fountains be dispersed
abroad, Streams of water in the streets?

¹⁷ Let them be only your own, And not for
strangers with you.

¹⁸ Let your fountain be blessed, And
rejoice with the wife of your youth.

¹⁹ As a loving deer and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
And always be enraptured with her love.

²⁰ For why should you, my son, be
enraptured by an immoral woman, And
be embraced in the arms of a
seductress?

²¹ For the ways of man are before the
eyes of the LORD, And He ponders all
his paths.

²² His own iniquities entrap the wicked
man, And he is caught in the cords of
his sin.

²³ He shall die for lack of instruction, And
in the greatness of his folly he shall go
astray.

6 My son, if you become surety for your friend, If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,

² You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.

³ So do this, my son, and deliver yourself; For you have come into the hand of your friend: Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend.

⁴ Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids.

⁵ Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

⁶ Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise,

⁷ Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler,

⁸ Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest.

⁹ How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep?

¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep--

¹¹ So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

¹² A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth;

¹³ He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers;

¹⁴ Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord.

¹⁵ Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

¹⁶ These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,

¹⁹ A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

²⁰ My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother.

²¹ Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck.

²² When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you.

²³ For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

²⁴ To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.

²⁵Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.

²⁶For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.

²⁷Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?

²⁸Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?

²⁹So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

³⁰People do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.

³¹Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house.

³²Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul.

³³Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away.

³⁴For jealousy is a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

³⁵He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

7 My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you.

²Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye.

³Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding your nearest kin,

⁵That they may keep you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words.

⁶For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice,

⁷And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of understanding,

⁸Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house

⁹In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night.

¹⁰And there a woman met him, With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.

¹¹She was loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home.

¹²At times she was outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner.

¹³So she caught him and kissed him;
With an impudent face she said to him:

¹⁴"I have peace offerings with me; Today
I have paid my vows.

¹⁵So I came out to meet you, Diligently
to seek your face, And I have found you.

¹⁶I have spread my bed with tapestry,
Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.

¹⁷I have perfumed my bed With myrrh,
aloes, and cinnamon.

¹⁸Come, let us take our fill of love until
morning; Let us delight ourselves with
love.

¹⁹For my husband is not at home; He
has gone on a long journey;

²⁰He has taken a bag of money with him,
And will come home on the appointed
day."

²¹With her enticing speech she caused
him to yield, With her flattering lips she
seduced him.

²²Immediately he went after her, as an
ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to
the correction of the stocks,

²³Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird
hastens to the snare, He did not know it
would cost his life.

²⁴Now therefore, listen to me, my
children; Pay attention to the words of
my mouth:

²⁵Do not let your heart turn aside to her
ways, Do not stray into her paths;

²⁶For she has cast down many wounded,
And all who were slain by her were
strong men.

²⁷Her house is the way to hell,
Descending to the chambers of death.

8 Does not wisdom cry out, And
understanding lift up her voice?

²She takes her stand on the top of the
high hill, Beside the way, where the
paths meet.

³She cries out by the gates, at the entry
of the city, At the entrance of the doors:

⁴"To you, O men, I call, And my voice is
to the sons of men.

⁵O you simple ones, understand
prudence, And you fools, be of an
understanding heart.

⁶Listen, for I will speak of excellent
things, And from the opening of my lips
will come right things;

⁷For my mouth will speak truth;
Wickedness is an abomination to my
lips.

⁸All the words of my mouth are with
righteousness; Nothing crooked or
perverse is in them.

⁹They are all plain to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge.

¹⁰Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold;

¹¹For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

¹²"I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion.

¹³The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

¹⁴Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength.

¹⁵By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice.

¹⁶By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth.

¹⁷I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.

¹⁸Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness.

¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, And my revenue than choice silver.

²⁰I traverse the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice,

²¹That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, That I may fill their treasuries.

²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.

²³I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was brought forth;

²⁶While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, Or the primal dust of the world.

²⁷When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep,

²⁹When He assigned to the sea its limit, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him,

³¹Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men.

³²"Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways.

³³Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it.

³⁴Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.

³⁵For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD;

³⁶But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death."

9 Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;

²She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also furnished her table.

³She has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city,

⁴"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

⁵"Come, eat of my bread And drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Forsake foolishness and live, And go in the way of understanding.

⁷"He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.

⁸Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

¹¹For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you.

¹²If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, And if you scoff, you will bear it alone."

¹³A foolish woman is clamorous; She is simple, and knows nothing.

¹⁴For she sits at the door of her house, On a seat by the highest places of the city,

¹⁵To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on their way:

¹⁶"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here"; And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

¹⁷"Stolen water is sweet, And bread eaten in secret is pleasant."

¹⁸But he does not know that the dead are there, That her guests are in the depths of hell.

10 The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a glad father, But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

²Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.

³The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

⁴He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.

⁵He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.

⁶Blessings are on the head of the righteous, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

⁷The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot.

⁸The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall.

⁹He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will become known.

¹⁰He who winks with the eye causes trouble, But a prating fool will fall.

¹¹The mouth of the righteous is a well of life, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

¹²Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

¹³Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, But a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.

¹⁴Wise people store up knowledge, But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

¹⁵The rich man's wealth is his strong city; The destruction of the poor is their poverty.

¹⁶The labor of the righteous leads to life, The wages of the wicked to sin.

¹⁷He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray.

¹⁸Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool.

¹⁹In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

²⁰The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

²¹The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.

²²The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

²³To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a man of understanding has wisdom.

²⁴The fear of the wicked will come upon him, And the desire of the righteous will be granted.

²⁵When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.

²⁶As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him.

²⁷The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

²⁸The hope of the righteous will be gladness, But the expectation of the wicked will perish.

²⁹The way of the LORD is strength for the upright, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.

³⁰The righteous will never be removed, But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

³¹The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out.

³²The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.

11 Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.

²When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.

³The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.

⁴Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.

⁵The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright, But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.

⁶The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the unfaithful will be caught by their lust.

⁷When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, And the hope of the unjust perishes.

⁸The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead.

⁹The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.

¹⁰When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And when the wicked perish, there is jubilation.

¹¹By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

¹²He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace.

¹³A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

¹⁴Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

¹⁵He who is surety for a stranger will suffer, But one who hates being surety is secure.

¹⁶A gracious woman retains honor, But ruthless men retain riches.

¹⁷The merciful man does good for his own soul, But he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

¹⁸The wicked man does deceptive work, But he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward.

¹⁹As righteousness leads to life, So he who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.

²⁰Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, But the blameless in their ways are His delight.

²¹Though they join forces, the wicked will not go unpunished; But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered.

²²As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

²³The desire of the righteous is only good, But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

²⁴There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty.

²⁵The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.

²⁶The people will curse him who withholds grain, But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

²⁷He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, But trouble will come to him who seeks evil.

²⁸He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.

²⁹He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.

³⁰The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.

³¹If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, How much more the ungodly and the sinner.

12 Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction is stupid.

²A good man obtains favor from the LORD, But a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.

³A man is not established by wickedness, But the root of the righteous cannot be moved.

⁴An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.

⁵The thoughts of the righteous are right,
But the counsels of the wicked are
deceitful.

⁶The words of the wicked are, "Lie in
wait for blood," But the mouth of the
upright will deliver them.

⁷The wicked are overthrown and are no
more, But the house of the righteous will
stand.

⁸A man will be commended according to
his wisdom, But he who is of a perverse
heart will be despised.

⁹Better is the one who is slighted but
has a servant, Than he who honors
himself but lacks bread.

¹⁰A righteous man regards the life of his
animal, But the tender mercies of the
wicked are cruel.

¹¹He who tills his land will be satisfied
with bread, But he who follows frivolity is
devoid of understanding.

¹²The wicked covet the catch of evil men,
But the root of the righteous yields fruit.

¹³The wicked is ensnared by the
transgression of his lips, But the
righteous will come through trouble.

¹⁴A man will be satisfied with good by
the fruit of his mouth, And the
recompense of a man's hands will be
rendered to him.

¹⁵The way of a fool is right in his own
eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

¹⁶A fool's wrath is known at once, But a
prudent man covers shame.

¹⁷He who speaks truth declares
righteousness, But a false witness,
deceit.

¹⁸There is one who speaks like the
piercings of a sword, But the tongue of
the wise promotes health.

¹⁹The truthful lip shall be established
forever, But a lying tongue is but for a
moment.

²⁰Deceit is in the heart of those who
devise evil, But counselors of peace
have joy.

²¹No grave trouble will overtake the
righteous, But the wicked shall be filled
with evil.

²²Lying lips are an abomination to the
LORD, But those who deal truthfully are
His delight.

²³A prudent man conceals knowledge,
But the heart of fools proclaims
foolishness.

²⁴The hand of the diligent will rule, But
the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

²⁵Anxiety in the heart of man causes
depression, But a good word makes it
glad.

²⁶The righteous should choose his
friends carefully, For the way of the
wicked leads them astray.

²⁷The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence is man's precious possession.

²⁸In the way of righteousness is life, And in its pathway there is no death.

13 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

²A man shall eat well by the fruit of his mouth, But the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence.

³He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

⁴The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

⁵A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.

⁶Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless, But wickedness overthrows the sinner.

⁷There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

⁸The ransom of a man's life is his riches, But the poor does not hear rebuke.

⁹The light of the righteous rejoices, But the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

¹⁰By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.

¹¹Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.

¹²Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

¹³He who despises the word will be destroyed, But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

¹⁴The law of the wise is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

¹⁵Good understanding gains favor, But the way of the unfaithful is hard.

¹⁶Every prudent man acts with knowledge, But a fool lays open his folly.

¹⁷A wicked messenger falls into trouble, But a faithful ambassador brings health.

¹⁸Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.

¹⁹A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul, But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.

²⁰He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

²¹Evil pursues sinners, But to the righteous, good shall be repaid.

²²A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

²³Much food is in the fallow ground of the poor, And for lack of justice there is waste.

²⁴He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

²⁵The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul, But the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.

14The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

²He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, But he who is perverse in his ways despises Him.

³In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.

⁴Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; But much increase comes by the strength of an ox.

⁵A faithful witness does not lie, But a false witness will utter lies.

⁶A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, But knowledge is easy to him who understands.

⁷Go from the presence of a foolish man, When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.

⁸The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit.

⁹Fools mock at sin, But among the upright there is favor.

¹⁰The heart knows its own bitterness, And a stranger does not share its joy.

¹¹The house of the wicked will be overthrown, But the tent of the upright will flourish.

¹²There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

¹³Even in laughter the heart may sorrow, And the end of mirth may be grief.

¹⁴The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, But a good man will be satisfied from above.

¹⁵The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps.

¹⁶A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.

¹⁷A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of wicked intentions is hated.

¹⁸The simple inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

¹⁹The evil will bow before the good, And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

²⁰The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor, But the rich has many friends.

²¹He who despises his neighbor sins; But he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.

²²Do they not go astray who devise evil? But mercy and truth belong to those who devise good.

²³In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty.

²⁴The crown of the wise is their riches, But the foolishness of fools is folly.

²⁵A true witness delivers souls, But a deceitful witness speaks lies.

²⁶In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.

²⁷The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

²⁸In a multitude of people is a king's honor, But in the lack of people is the downfall of a prince.

²⁹He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, But he who is impulsive exalts folly.

³⁰A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones.

³¹He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.

³²The wicked is banished in his wickedness, But the righteous has a refuge in his death.

³³Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, But what is in the heart of fools is made known.

³⁴Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.

³⁵The king's favor is toward a wise servant, But his wrath is against him who causes shame.

15 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

²The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

³The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

⁴A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

⁵A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent.

⁶In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, But in the revenue of the wicked is trouble.

⁷The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool does not do so.

⁸The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

⁹The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But He loves him who follows righteousness.

¹⁰Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes the way, And he who hates correction will die.

¹¹Hell and Destruction are before the LORD; So how much more the hearts of the sons of men.

¹²A scoffer does not love one who corrects him, Nor will he go to the wise.

¹³A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

¹⁴The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

¹⁵All the days of the afflicted are evil, But he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast.

¹⁶Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure with trouble.

¹⁷Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, Than a fatted calf with hatred.

¹⁸A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays contention.

¹⁹The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns, But the way of the upright is a highway.

²⁰A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother.

²¹Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment, But a man of understanding walks uprightly.

²²Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.

²³A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

²⁴The way of life winds upward for the wise, That he may turn away from hell below.

²⁵The LORD will destroy the house of the proud, But He will establish the boundary of the widow.

²⁶The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, But the words of the pure are pleasant.

²⁷He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, But he who hates bribes will live.

²⁸The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

²⁹The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

³⁰The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
And a good report makes the bones
healthy.

³¹The ear that hears the rebukes of life
Will abide among the wise.

³²He who disdains instruction despises
his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke
gets understanding.

³³The fear of the LORD is the instruction
of wisdom, And before honor is humility.

16The preparations of the heart
belong to man, But the answer of the
tongue is from the LORD.

²All the ways of a man are pure in his
own eyes, But the LORD weighs the
spirits.

³Commit your works to the LORD, And
your thoughts will be established.

⁴The LORD has made all for Himself,
Yes, even the wicked for the day of
doom.

⁵Everyone proud in heart is an
abomination to the LORD; Though they
join forces, none will go unpunished.

⁶In mercy and truth Atonement is
provided for iniquity; And by the fear of
the LORD one departs from evil.

⁷When a man's ways please the LORD,
He makes even his enemies to be at
peace with him.

⁸Better is a little with righteousness,
Than vast revenues without justice.

⁹A man's heart plans his way, But the
LORD directs his steps.

¹⁰Divination is on the lips of the king; His
mouth must not transgress in judgment.

¹¹Honest weights and scales are the
LORD's; All the weights in the bag are
His work.

¹²It is an abomination for kings to
commit wickedness, For a throne is
established by righteousness.

¹³Righteous lips are the delight of kings,
And they love him who speaks what is
right.

¹⁴As messengers of death is the king's
wrath, But a wise man will appease it.

¹⁵In the light of the king's face is life, And
his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.

¹⁶How much better to get wisdom than
gold! And to get understanding is to be
chosen rather than silver.

¹⁷The highway of the upright is to depart
from evil; He who keeps his way
preserves his soul.

¹⁸Pride goes before destruction, And a
haughty spirit before a fall.

¹⁹Better to be of a humble spirit with the
lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the
proud.

²⁰He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.

²¹The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning.

²²Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it. But the correction of fools is folly.

²³The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips.

²⁴Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

²⁵There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

²⁶The person who labors, labors for himself, For his hungry mouth drives him on.

²⁷An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire.

²⁸A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.

²⁹A violent man entices his neighbor, And leads him in a way that is not good.

³⁰He winks his eye to devise perverse things; He purses his lips and brings about evil.

³¹The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.

³²He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

³³The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.

17 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting with strife.

²A wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame, And will share an inheritance among the brothers.

³The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests the hearts.

⁴An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

⁵He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.

⁶Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.

⁷Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool, Much less lying lips to a prince.

⁸A present is a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor; Wherever he turns, he prospers.

⁹He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.

¹⁰ Rebuke is more effective for a wise man
Than a hundred blows on a fool.

¹¹ An evil man seeks only rebellion;
Therefore a cruel messenger will be
sent against him.

¹² Let a man meet a bear robbed of her
cubs, Rather than a fool in his folly.

¹³ Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil
will not depart from his house.

¹⁴ The beginning of strife is like releasing
water; Therefore stop contention before
a quarrel starts.

¹⁵ He who justifies the wicked, and he
who condemns the just, Both of them
alike are an abomination to the LORD.

¹⁶ Why is there in the hand of a fool the
purchase price of wisdom, Since he has
no heart for it?

¹⁷ A friend loves at all times, And a
brother is born for adversity.

¹⁸ A man devoid of understanding
shakes hands in a pledge, And
becomes surety for his friend.

¹⁹ He who loves transgression loves
strife, And he who exalts his gate seeks
destruction.

²⁰ He who has a deceitful heart finds no
good, And he who has a perverse
tongue falls into evil.

²¹ He who begets a scoffer does so to his
sorrow, And the father of a fool has no
joy.

²² A merry heart does good, like
medicine, But a broken spirit dries the
bones.

²³ A wicked man accepts a bribe behind
the back To pervert the ways of justice.

²⁴ Wisdom is in the sight of him who has
understanding, But the eyes of a fool
are on the ends of the earth.

²⁵ A foolish son is a grief to his father,
And bitterness to her who bore him.

²⁶ Also, to punish the righteous is not
good, Nor to strike princes for their
uprightness.

²⁷ He who has knowledge spares his
words, And a man of understanding is of
a calm spirit.

²⁸ Even a fool is counted wise when he
holds his peace; When he shuts his lips,
he is considered perceptive.

18 A man who isolates himself seeks
his own desire; He rages against all
wise judgment.

² A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in expressing his own heart.

³ When the wicked comes, contempt
comes also; And with dishonor comes
reproach.

⁴ The words of a man's mouth are deep
waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a
flowing brook.

⁵It is not good to show partiality to the wicked, Or to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

⁶A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calls for blows.

⁷A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul.

⁸The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.

⁹He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

¹⁰The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

¹¹The rich man's wealth is his strong city, And like a high wall in his own esteem.

¹²Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility.

¹³He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.

¹⁴The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, But who can bear a broken spirit?

¹⁵The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

¹⁶A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.

¹⁷The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

¹⁸Casting lots causes contentions to cease, And keeps the mighty apart.

¹⁹A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, And contentions are like the bars of a castle.

²⁰A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

²²He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.

²³The poor man uses entreaties, But the rich answers roughly.

²⁴A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

19 Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

²Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with his feet.

³The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the LORD.

⁴Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.

⁵A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies will not escape.

⁶Many entreat the favor of the nobility, And every man is a friend to one who gives gifts.

⁷All the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more do his friends go far from him! He may pursue them with words, yet they abandon him.

⁸He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.

⁹A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies shall perish.

¹⁰Luxury is not fitting for a fool, Much less for a servant to rule over princes.

¹¹The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.

¹²The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, But his favor is like dew on the grass.

¹³A foolish son is the ruin of his father, And the contentions of a wife are a continual dripping.

¹⁴Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.

¹⁵Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger.

¹⁶He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, But he who is careless of his ways will die.

¹⁷He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.

¹⁸Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction.

¹⁹A man of great wrath will suffer punishment; For if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

²⁰Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.

²¹There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel--that will stand.

²²What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.

²³The fear of the LORD leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.

²⁴A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

²⁵Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary; Rebuke one who has understanding, and he will discern knowledge.

²⁶He who mistreats his father and chases away his mother Is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

²⁷Cease listening to instruction, my son,
And you will stray from the words of
knowledge.

²⁸A disreputable witness scorns justice,
And the mouth of the wicked devours
iniquity.

²⁹Judgments are prepared for scoffers,
And beatings for the backs of fools.

20Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is
a brawler, And whoever is led astray by
it is not wise.

²The wrath of a king is like the roaring of
a lion; Whoever provokes him to anger
sins against his own life.

³It is honorable for a man to stop striving,
Since any fool can start a quarrel.

⁴The lazy man will not plow because of
winter; He will beg during harvest and
have nothing.

⁵Counsel in the heart of man is like deep
water, But a man of understanding will
draw it out.

⁶Most men will proclaim each his own
goodness, But who can find a faithful
man?

⁷The righteous man walks in his
integrity; His children are blessed after
him.

⁸A king who sits on the throne of
judgment Scatters all evil with his eyes.

⁹Who can say, "I have made my heart
clean, I am pure from my sin"?

¹⁰Diverse weights and diverse measures,
They are both alike, an abomination to
the LORD.

¹¹Even a child is known by his deeds,
Whether what he does is pure and right.

¹²The hearing ear and the seeing eye,
The LORD has made them both.

¹³Do not love sleep, lest you come to
poverty; Open your eyes, and you will
be satisfied with bread.

¹⁴"It is good for nothing," cries the buyer;
But when he has gone his way, then he
boasts.

¹⁵There is gold and a multitude of rubies,
But the lips of knowledge are a precious
jewel.

¹⁶Take the garment of one who is surety
for a stranger, And hold it as a pledge
when it is for a seductress.

¹⁷Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a
man, But afterward his mouth will be
filled with gravel.

¹⁸Plans are established by counsel; By
wise counsel wage war.

¹⁹He who goes about as a talebearer
reveals secrets; Therefore do not
associate with one who flatters with his
lips.

²⁰Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

²¹An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning Will not be blessed at the end.

²²Do not say, "I will recompense evil"; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.

²³Diverse weights are an abomination to the LORD, And dishonest scales are not good.

²⁴A man's steps are of the LORD; How then can a man understand his own way?

²⁵It is a snare for a man to devote rashly something as holy, And afterward to reconsider his vows.

²⁶A wise king sifts out the wicked, And brings the threshing wheel over them.

²⁷The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

²⁸Mercy and truth preserve the king, And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

²⁹The glory of young men is their strength, And the splendor of old men is their gray head.

³⁰Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, As do stripes the inner depths of the heart.

21 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

²Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.

³To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

⁴A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin.

⁵The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.

⁶Getting treasures by a lying tongue Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.

⁷The violence of the wicked will destroy them, Because they refuse to do justice.

⁸The way of a guilty man is perverse; But as for the pure, his work is right.

⁹Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

¹⁰The soul of the wicked desires evil; His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

¹¹When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise; But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

¹²The righteous God wisely considers
the house of the wicked, Overthrowing
the wicked for their wickedness.

¹³Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of
the poor Will also cry himself and not be
heard.

¹⁴A gift in secret pacifies anger, And a
bribe behind the back, strong wrath.

¹⁵It is a joy for the just to do justice, But
destruction will come to the workers of
iniquity.

¹⁶A man who wanders from the way of
understanding Will rest in the assembly
of the dead.

¹⁷He who loves pleasure will be a poor
man; He who loves wine and oil will not
be rich.

¹⁸The wicked shall be a ransom for the
righteous, And the unfaithful for the
upright.

¹⁹Better to dwell in the wilderness, Than
with a contentious and angry woman.

²⁰There is desirable treasure, And oil in
the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish
man squanders it.

²¹He who follows righteousness and
mercy Finds life, righteousness and
honor.

²²A wise man scales the city of the
mighty, And brings down the trusted
stronghold.

²³Whoever guards his mouth and tongue
Keeps his soul from troubles.

²⁴A proud and haughty man--"Scoffer" is
his name; He acts with arrogant pride.

²⁵The desire of the lazy man kills him,
For his hands refuse to labor.

²⁶He covets greedily all day long, But
the righteous gives and does not spare.

²⁷The sacrifice of the wicked is an
abomination; How much more when he
brings it with wicked intent!

²⁸A false witness shall perish, But the
man who hears him will speak endlessly.

²⁹A wicked man hardens his face, But as
for the upright, he establishes his way.

³⁰There is no wisdom or understanding
Or counsel against the LORD.

³¹The horse is prepared for the day of
battle, But deliverance is of the LORD.

22 A good name is to be chosen
rather than great riches, Loving favor
rather than silver and gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in
common, The LORD is the maker of
them all.

³A prudent man foresees evil and hides
himself, But the simple pass on and are
punished.

⁴By humility and the fear of the LORD
Are riches and honor and life.

⁵Thorns and snares are in the way of the
perverse; He who guards his soul will be
far from them.

⁶Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart
from it.

⁷The rich rules over the poor, And the
borrower is servant to the lender.

⁸He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail.

⁹He who has a generous eye will be
blessed, For he gives of his bread to the
poor.

¹⁰Cast out the scoffer, and contention
will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will
cease.

¹¹He who loves purity of heart And has
grace on his lips, The king will be his
friend.

¹²The eyes of the LORD preserve
knowledge, But He overthrows the
words of the faithless.

¹³The lazy man says, "There is a lion
outside! I shall be slain in the streets!"

¹⁴The mouth of an immoral woman is a
deep pit; He who is abhorred by the
LORD will fall there.

¹⁵Foolishness is bound up in the heart of
a child; The rod of correction will drive it
far from him.

¹⁶He who oppresses the poor to
increase his riches, And he who gives to
the rich, will surely come to poverty.

¹⁷Incline your ear and hear the words of
the wise, And apply your heart to my
knowledge;

¹⁸For it is a pleasant thing if you keep
them within you; Let them all be fixed
upon your lips,

¹⁹So that your trust may be in the LORD;
I have instructed you today, even you.

²⁰Have I not written to you excellent
things Of counsels and knowledge,

²¹That I may make you know the
certainty of the words of truth, That you
may answer words of truth To those
who send to you?

²²Do not rob the poor because he is
poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the
gate;

²³For the LORD will plead their cause,
And plunder the soul of those who
plunder them.

²⁴Make no friendship with an angry man,
And with a furious man do not go,

²⁵Lest you learn his ways And set a
snare for your soul.

²⁶Do not be one of those who shakes
hands in a pledge, One of those who is
surety for debts;

²⁷If you have nothing with which to pay,
Why should he take away your bed from
under you?

²⁸Do not remove the ancient landmark
Which your fathers have set.

²⁹Do you see a man who excels in his
work? He will stand before kings; He will
not stand before unknown men.

23 When you sit down to eat with a
ruler, Consider carefully what is before
you;

²And put a knife to your throat If you are
a man given to appetite.

³Do not desire his delicacies, For they
are deceptive food.

⁴Do not overwork to be rich; Because of
your own understanding, cease!

⁵Will you set your eyes on that which is
not? For riches certainly make
themselves wings; They fly away like an
eagle toward heaven.

⁶Do not eat the bread of a miser, Nor
desire his delicacies;

⁷For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.
"Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his
heart is not with you.

⁸The morsel you have eaten, you will
vomit up, And waste your pleasant
words.

⁹Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
For he will despise the wisdom of your
words.

¹⁰Do not remove the ancient landmark,
Nor enter the fields of the fatherless;

¹¹For their Redeemer is mighty; He will
plead their cause against you.

¹²Apply your heart to instruction, And
your ears to words of knowledge.

¹³Do not withhold correction from a child,
For if you beat him with a rod, he will not
die.

¹⁴You shall beat him with a rod, And
deliver his soul from hell.

¹⁵My son, if your heart is wise, My heart
will rejoice--indeed, I myself;

¹⁶Yes, my inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak right things.

¹⁷Do not let your heart envy sinners, But
be zealous for the fear of the LORD all
the day;

¹⁸For surely there is a hereafter, And
your hope will not be cut off.

¹⁹Hear, my son, and be wise; And guide
your heart in the way.

²⁰Do not mix with winebibbers, Or with
gluttonous eaters of meat;

²¹For the drunkard and the glutton will
come to poverty, And drowsiness will
clothe a man with rags.

²²Listen to your father who begot you,
And do not despise your mother when
she is old.

²³Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also
wisdom and instruction and
understanding.

²⁴The father of the righteous will greatly
rejoice, And he who begets a wise child
will delight in him.

²⁵Let your father and your mother be
glad, And let her who bore you rejoice.

²⁶My son, give me your heart, And let
your eyes observe my ways.

²⁷For a harlot is a deep pit, And a
seductress is a narrow well.

²⁸She also lies in wait as for a victim,
And increases the unfaithful among men.

²⁹Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who
has contentions? Who has complaints?
Who has wounds without cause? Who
has redness of eyes?

³⁰Those who linger long at the wine,
Those who go in search of mixed wine.

³¹Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it sparkles in the cup, When it
swirls around smoothly;

³²At the last it bites like a serpent, And
stings like a viper.

³³Your eyes will see strange things, And
your heart will utter perverse things.

³⁴Yes, you will be like one who lies down
in the midst of the sea, Or like one who
lies at the top of the mast, saying:

³⁵"They have struck me, but I was not
hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not
feel it. When shall I awake, that I may
seek another drink?

24 Do not be envious of evil men,
Nor desire to be with them;

²For their heart devises violence, And
their lips talk of troublemaking.

³Through wisdom a house is built, And
by understanding it is established;

⁴By knowledge the rooms are filled With
all precious and pleasant riches.

⁵A wise man is strong, Yes, a man of
knowledge increases strength;

⁶For by wise counsel you will wage your
own war, And in a multitude of
counselors there is safety.

⁷Wisdom is too lofty for a fool; He does
not open his mouth in the gate.

⁸He who plots to do evil Will be called a
schemer.

⁹The devising of foolishness is sin, And
the scoffer is an abomination to men.

¹⁰If you faint in the day of adversity,
Your strength is small.

¹¹ Deliver those who are drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter.

¹² If you say, "Surely we did not know this," Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?

¹³ My son, eat honey because it is good, And the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste;

¹⁴ So shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul; If you have found it, there is a prospect, And your hope will not be cut off.

¹⁵ Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; Do not plunder his resting place;

¹⁶ For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

¹⁷ Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;

¹⁸ Lest the LORD see it, and it displease Him, And He turn away His wrath from him.

¹⁹ Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the wicked;

²⁰ For there will be no prospect for the evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

²¹ My son, fear the LORD and the king; Do not associate with those given to change;

²² For their calamity will rise suddenly, And who knows the ruin those two can bring?

²³ These things also belong to the wise: It is not good to show partiality in judgment.

²⁴ He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," Him the people will curse; Nations will abhor him.

²⁵ But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, And a good blessing will come upon them.

²⁶ He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.

²⁷ Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.

²⁸ Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, For would you deceive with your lips?

²⁹ Do not say, "I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."

³⁰ I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;

³¹ And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down.

³²When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction:

³³A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest;

³⁴So shall your poverty come like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

25 These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied:

²It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

³As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable.

⁴Take away the dross from silver, And it will go to the silversmith for jewelry.

⁵Take away the wicked from before the king, And his throne will be established in righteousness.

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of the great;

⁷For it is better that he say to you, "Come up here," Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.

⁸Do not go hastily to court; For what will you do in the end, When your neighbor has put you to shame?

⁹Debate your case with your neighbor, And do not disclose the secret to another;

¹⁰Lest he who hears it expose your shame, And your reputation be ruined.

¹¹A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.

¹²Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold Is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

¹³Like the cold of snow in time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴Whoever falsely boasts of giving Is like clouds and wind without rain.

¹⁵By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.

¹⁶Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, Lest you be filled with it and vomit.

¹⁷Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you.

¹⁸A man who bears false witness against his neighbor Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

¹⁹Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

²⁰Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather, And like vinegar on soda, Is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

²¹If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

²²For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

²³The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

²⁴It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

²⁵As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.

²⁶A righteous man who falters before the wicked Is like a murky spring and a polluted well.

²⁷It is not good to eat much honey; So to seek one's own glory is not glory.

²⁸Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls.

26 As snow in summer and rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool.

²Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.

³A whip for the horse, A bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the fool's back.

⁴Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him.

⁵Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

⁶He who sends a message by the hand of a fool Cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.

⁷Like the legs of the lame that hang limp Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

⁸Like one who binds a stone in a sling Is he who gives honor to a fool.

⁹Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

¹⁰The great God who formed everything Gives the fool his hire and the transgressor his wages.

¹¹As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.

¹²Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

¹³The lazy man says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion is in the streets!"

¹⁴As a door turns on its hinges, So does the lazy man on his bed.

¹⁵The lazy man buries his hand in the bowl; It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.

¹⁶The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can answer sensibly.

¹⁷He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own Is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

¹⁸Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,

¹⁹Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "I was only joking!"

²⁰Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.

²¹As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife.

²²The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.

²³Fervent lips with a wicked heart Are like earthenware covered with silver dross.

²⁴He who hates, disguises it with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself;

²⁵When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart;

²⁶Though his hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.

²⁷Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him.

²⁸A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

27 Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

²Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.

³A stone is heavy and sand is weighty, But a fool's wrath is heavier than both of them.

⁴Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But who is able to stand before jealousy?

⁵Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed.

⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

⁷A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, But to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

⁸Like a bird that wanders from its nest Is a man who wanders from his place.

⁹Ointment and perfume delight the heart,
And the sweetness of a man's friend
gives delight by hearty counsel.

¹⁰Do not forsake your own friend or your
father's friend, Nor go to your brother's
house in the day of your calamity; Better
is a neighbor nearby than a brother far
away.

¹¹My son, be wise, and make my heart
glad, That I may answer him who
reproaches me.

¹²A prudent man foresees evil and hides
himself; The simple pass on and are
punished.

¹³Take the garment of him who is surety
for a stranger, And hold it in pledge
when he is surety for a seductress.

¹⁴He who blesses his friend with a loud
voice, rising early in the morning, It will
be counted a curse to him.

¹⁵A continual dripping on a very rainy
day And a contentious woman are alike;

¹⁶Whoever restrains her restrains the
wind, And grasps oil with his right hand.

¹⁷As iron sharpens iron, So a man
sharpens the countenance of his friend.

¹⁸Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its
fruit; So he who waits on his master will
be honored.

¹⁹As in water face reflects face, So a
man's heart reveals the man.

²⁰Hell and Destruction are never full; So
the eyes of man are never satisfied.

²¹The refining pot is for silver and the
furnace for gold, And a man is valued by
what others say of him.

²²Though you grind a fool in a mortar
with a pestle along with crushed grain,
Yet his foolishness will not depart from
him.

²³Be diligent to know the state of your
flocks, And attend to your herds;

²⁴For riches are not forever, Nor does a
crown endure to all generations.

²⁵When the hay is removed, and the
tender grass shows itself, And the herbs
of the mountains are gathered in,

²⁶The lambs will provide your clothing,
And the goats the price of a field;

²⁷You shall have enough goats' milk for
your food, For the food of your
household, And the nourishment of your
maidservants.

28The wicked flee when no one
pursues, But the righteous are bold as a
lion.

²Because of the transgression of a land,
many are its princes; But by a man of
understanding and knowledge Right will
be prolonged.

³A poor man who oppresses the poor Is
like a driving rain which leaves no food.

⁴Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, But such as keep the law contend with them.

⁵Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all.

⁶Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

⁷Whoever keeps the law is a discerning son, But a companion of gluttons shames his father.

⁸One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion Gathers it for him who will pity the poor.

⁹One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

¹⁰Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, He himself will fall into his own pit; But the blameless will inherit good.

¹¹The rich man is wise in his own eyes, But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

¹²When the righteous rejoice, there is great glory; But when the wicked arise, men hide themselves.

¹³He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

¹⁴Happy is the man who is always reverent, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

¹⁵Like a roaring lion and a charging bear Is a wicked ruler over poor people.

¹⁶A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, But he who hates covetousness will prolong his days.

¹⁷A man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit; Let no one help him.

¹⁸Whoever walks blamelessly will be saved, But he who is perverse in his ways will suddenly fall.

¹⁹He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!

²⁰A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

²¹To show partiality is not good, Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

²²A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

²³He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward Than he who flatters with the tongue.

²⁴Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, "It is no transgression," The same is companion to a destroyer.

²⁵He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered.

²⁶He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

²⁷He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.

²⁸When the wicked arise, men hide themselves; But when they perish, the righteous increase.

29 He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

²When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

³Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, But a companion of harlots wastes his wealth.

⁴The king establishes the land by justice, But he who receives bribes overthrows it.

⁵A man who flatters his neighbor Spreads a net for his feet.

⁶By transgression an evil man is snared, But the righteous sings and rejoices.

⁷The righteous considers the cause of the poor, But the wicked does not understand such knowledge.

⁸Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise men turn away wrath.

⁹If a wise man contends with a foolish man, Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.

¹⁰The bloodthirsty hate the blameless, But the upright seek his well-being.

¹¹A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back.

¹²If a ruler pays attention to lies, All his servants become wicked.

¹³The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

¹⁴The king who judges the poor with truth, His throne will be established forever.

¹⁵The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

¹⁶When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases; But the righteous will see their fall.

¹⁷Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

¹⁸Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.

¹⁹A servant will not be corrected by mere words; For though he understands, he will not respond.

²⁰Do you see a man hasty in his words?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.

²¹He who pampers his servant from
childhood Will have him as a son in the
end.

²²An angry man stirs up strife, And a
furious man abounds in transgression.

²³A man's pride will bring him low, But
the humble in spirit will retain honor.

²⁴Whoever is a partner with a thief hates
his own life; He swears to tell the truth,
but reveals nothing.

²⁵The fear of man brings a snare, But
whoever trusts in the LORD shall be
safe.

²⁶Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice
for man comes from the LORD.

²⁷An unjust man is an abomination to
the righteous, And he who is upright in
the way is an abomination to the wicked.

30 The words of Agur the son of
Jakeh, his utterance. This man declared
to Ithiel--to Ithiel and Ucal:

²Surely I am more stupid than any man,
And do not have the understanding of a
man.

³I neither learned wisdom Nor have
knowledge of the Holy One.

⁴Who has ascended into heaven, or
descended? Who has gathered the wind
in His fists? Who has bound the waters
in a garment? Who has established all
the ends of the earth? What is His name,
and what is His Son's name, If you
know?

⁵Every word of God is pure; He is a
shield to those who put their trust in Him.

⁶Do not add to His words, Lest He
rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

⁷Two things I request of You (Deprive
me not before I die):

⁸Remove falsehood and lies far from
me; Give me neither poverty nor riches--
Feed me with the food allotted to me;

⁹Lest I be full and deny You, And say,
"Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor
and steal, And profane the name of my
God.

¹⁰Do not malign a servant to his master,
Lest he curse you, and you be found
guilty.

¹¹There is a generation that curses its
father, And does not bless its mother.

¹²There is a generation that is pure in its
own eyes, Yet is not washed from its
filthiness.

¹³There is a generation-- oh, how lofty
are their eyes! And their eyelids are
lifted up.

¹⁴There is a generation whose teeth are
like swords, And whose fangs are like

knives, To devour the poor from off the earth, And the needy from among men.

¹⁵The leech has two daughters-- Give and Give! There are three things that are never satisfied, Four never say, "Enough!":

¹⁶The grave, The barren womb, The earth that is not satisfied with water-- And the fire never says, "Enough!"

¹⁷The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

¹⁸There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do not understand:

¹⁹The way of an eagle in the air, The way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a ship in the midst of the sea, And the way of a man with a virgin.

²⁰This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wickedness."

²¹For three things the earth is perturbed, Yes, for four it cannot bear up:

²²For a servant when he reigns, A fool when he is filled with food,

²³A hateful woman when she is married, And a maidservant who succeeds her mistress.

²⁴There are four things which are little on the earth, But they are exceedingly wise:

²⁵The ants are a people not strong, Yet they prepare their food in the summer;

²⁶The rock badgers are a feeble folk, Yet they make their homes in the crags;

²⁷The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance in ranks;

²⁸The spider skillfully grasps with its hands, And it is in kings' palaces.

²⁹There are three things which are majestic in pace, Yes, four which are stately in walk:

³⁰A lion, which is mighty among beasts And does not turn away from any;

³¹A greyhound, A male goat also, And a king whose troops are with him.

³²If you have been foolish in exalting yourself, Or if you have devised evil, put your hand on your mouth.

³³For as the churning of milk produces butter, And wringing the nose produces blood, So the forcing of wrath produces strife.

31 The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him:

²What, my son? And what, son of my womb? And what, son of my vows?

³Do not give your strength to women, Nor your ways to that which destroys kings.

⁴It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink;

⁵Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted.

⁶Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to those who are bitter of heart.

⁷Let him drink and forget his poverty, And remember his misery no more.

⁸Open your mouth for the speechless, In the cause of all who are appointed to die.

⁹Open your mouth, judge righteously, And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

¹⁰Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

¹¹The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.

¹²She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

¹³She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands.

¹⁴She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar.

¹⁵She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants.

¹⁶She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms.

¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night.

¹⁹She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle.

²⁰She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

²¹She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet.

²²She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants.

²⁵Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.

²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness.

²⁷She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:

²⁹"Many daughters have done well, But
you excel them all."

³⁰Charm is deceitful and beauty is
passing, But a woman who fears the
LORD, she shall be praised.

³¹Give her of the fruit of her hands, And
let her own works praise her in the gates.

Ecclesiastes

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

3 What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun?

4 One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever.

5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, And hastens to the place where it arose.

6 The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit.

7 All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again.

8 All things are full of labor; Man cannot express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun.

10 Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us.

11 There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after.

12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

15 What is crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot be numbered.

16 I communed with my heart, saying, "Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and knowledge."

17 And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind.

18 For in much wisdom is much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.