

he shall save the children of the poor: and he shall humble the oppressor.

**5** And he shall continue with the sun and before the moon, throughout all generations.

**6** He shall come down like rain upon the fleece; and as showers falling gently upon the earth.

**7** In his days shall justice spring up, and abundance of peace, till the moon be taken away.

**8** And he shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

**9** Before him the Ethiopians shall fall down: and his enemies shall lick the ground.

**10** The kings of Tharsis and the islands shall offer presents: the kings of the Arabians and of Saba shall bring gifts:

**11** And all kings of the earth shall adore him: all nations shall serve him.

**12** For he shall deliver the poor from the mighty: and the needy that had no helper.

**13** He shall spare the poor and needy: and he shall save the souls of the poor.

**14** He shall redeem their souls from usuries and iniquity: and their names shall be honourable in his sight.

**15** And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Arabia, for him they shall always adore: they shall bless him all the day.

**16** And there shall be a firmament on the earth on the tops of mountains, above Libanus shall the fruit thereof be exalted: and they of the city shall flourish like the grass of the earth.

**17** Let his name be blessed for evermore: his name continueth before the sun. And in him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed: all nations shall magnify him.

**18** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone doth wonderful things.

**19** And blessed be the name of his majesty for ever: and the whole earth shall be filled with his majesty. So be it. So be it.

**20** The praises of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

## Chapter 72

A psalm for Asaph. How good is God to Israel, to them that are of a right heart!

**2** But my feet were almost moved; my steps had well nigh slipped.

**3** Because I had a zeal on occasion of the wicked, seeing the prosperity of sinners.

**4** For there is no regard to their death, nor is there strength in their stripes.

**5** They are not in the labour of men: neither shall they be scourged like other men.

**6** Therefore pride hath held them fast: they are covered with their iniquity and their wickedness.

**7** Their iniquity hath come forth, as it were from fatness: they have passed into the affection of the heart.

**8** They have thought and spoken wickedness: they have spoken iniquity on high.

**9** They have set their mouth against heaven: and their tongue hath passed through the earth.

**10** Therefore will my people return here and full days shall be found in them.

**11** And they said: How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

**12** Behold these are sinners; and yet, abounding in the world they have obtained riches.

**13** And I said: Then have I in vain justified my heart, and washed my hands among the innocent.

**14** And I have been scourged all the day; and my chastisement hath been in the mornings.

**15** If I said: I will speak thus; behold I should condemn the generation of thy children.

**16** I studied that I might know this thing, it is a labour in my sight:

**17** Until I go into the sanctuary of God, and understand concerning their last ends.

**18** But indeed for deceits thou hast put it to them: when they were lifted up thou hast cast them down.

**19** How are they brought to desolation? they have suddenly ceased to be: they have perished by reason of their iniquity.

**20** As the dream of them that awake, O Lord; so in thy city thou shalt bring their image to nothing.

**21** For my heart hath been inflamed, and my reins have been changed:

**22** And I am brought to nothing, and I knew not.

**23** I am become as a beast before thee: and I am always with thee.

**24** Thou hast held me by my right hand; and by thy will thou hast conducted me, and with thy glory thou hast received me.

**25** For what have I in heaven? and besides thee what do I desire upon earth?

**26** For thee my flesh and my heart hath fainted away: thou art the God of my heart, and the God that is my portion for ever.

**27** For behold they that go far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that are disloyal to thee.

**28** But it is good for me to adhere to my God, to put my hope in the Lord God: That I may declare all thy praises, in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

## Chapter 73

Understanding for Asaph. O God, why hast thou cast us off unto the end: why is thy wrath enkin-

dled against the sheep of thy pasture?

**2** Remember thy congregation, which thou hast possessed from the beginning. The sceptre of thy inheritance which thou hast redeemed: mount Sion in which thou hast dwelt.

**3** Lift up thy hands against their pride unto the end; see what things the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

**4** And they that hate thee have made their boasts, in the midst of thy solemnity. They have set up their ensigns for signs,

**5** And they knew not both in the going out and on the highest top. As with axes in a wood of trees,

**6** They have cut down at once the gates thereof, with axe and hatchet they have brought it down.

**7** They have set fire to thy sanctuary: they have defiled the dwelling place of thy name on the earth.

**8** They said in their heart, the whole kindred of them together: Let us abolish all the festival days of God from the land.

**9** Our signs we have not seen, there is now no prophet: and he will know us no more.

**10** How long, O God, shall the enemy reproach: is the adversary to provoke thy name for ever?

**11** Why dost thou turn away thy hand: and thy right hand out of the midst of thy bosom for ever?

**12** But God is our king before ages: he hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

**13** Thou by thy strength didst make the sea firm: thou didst crush the heads of the dragons in the waters.

**14** Thou hast broken the heads of the dragon: thou hast given him to be meat for the people of the Ethiopians.

**15** Thou hast broken up the fountains and the torrents: thou hast dried up the Ethan rivers.

**16** Thine is the day, and thine is the night: thou hast made the morning light and the sun.

**17** Thou hast made all the borders of the earth: the summer and the spring were formed by thee.

**18** Remember this, the enemy hath reproached the Lord: and a foolish people hath provoked thy name.

**19** Deliver not up to beasts the souls that confess to thee: and forget not to the end the souls of thy poor.

**20** Have regard to thy covenant: for they that are the obscure of the earth have been filled with dwellings of iniquity.

**21** Let not the humble be turned away with confusion: the poor and needy shall praise thy name.

**22** Arise, O God, judge thy own cause: remember thy reproaches with which the foolish man hath reproached thee all the day.

**23** Forget not the voices of thy enemies: the pride of them that hate thee ascendeth continually.

## Chapter 74

Unto the end, corrupt not, a psalm of a canticle for Asaph.

**2** We will praise thee, O God: we will praise, and we will call upon thy name. We will relate thy wondrous works:

**3** When I shall take a time, I will judge justices.

**4** The earth is melted, and all that dwell therein: I have established the pillars thereof.

**5** I said to the wicked: Do not act wickedly: and to the sinners: Lift not up the horn.

**6** Lift not up your horn on high: speak not iniquity against God.

**7** For neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the desert hills:

**8** For God is the judge. One he putteth down, and another he lifteth up:

**9** For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup of strong wine full of mixture. And he hath poured it out from this to that: but the dregs thereof are not emptied: all the sinners of the earth shall drink.

**10** But I will declare for ever: I will sing to the God of Jacob.

**11** And I will break all the horns of sinners: but the horns of the just shall be exalted. Psalms Chapter 75

Unto the end, in praises, a psalm for Asaph: a canticle to the Assyrians.

**2** In Judea God is known: his name is great in Israel.

**3** And his place is in peace: and his abode in Sion:

**4** There hath he broken the powers of bows, the shield, the sword, and the battle.

**5** Thou enlightenest wonderfully from the everlasting hills.

**6** All the foolish of heart were troubled. They have slept their sleep; and all the men of riches have found nothing in their hands.

**7** At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, they have all slumbered that mounted on horseback.

**8** Thou art terrible, and who shall resist thee? from that time thy wrath.

**9** Thou hast caused judgment to be heard from heaven: the earth trembled and was still,

**10** When God arose in judgment, to save all the meek of the earth.

**11** For the thought of man shall give praise to thee: and the remainders of the thought shall keep holiday to thee.