

5 Acceptable is the man that sheweth mercy and lendeth: he shall order his words with judgment:

6 Because he shall not be moved for ever.

7 The just shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing. His heart is ready to hope in the Lord:

8 His heart is strengthened, he shall not be moved until he look over his enemies.

9 He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor: his justice remaineth for ever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

10 The wicked shall see, and shall be angry, he shall gnash with his teeth and pine away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Chapter 112

Praise the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth now and for ever.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

4 The Lord is high above all nations; and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high: **6** and looketh down on the low things in heaven and in earth?

7 Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill:

8 That he may place him with princes, with the princes of his people.

9 Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.

Chapter 113

When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a barbarous people:

2 Judea was made his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw and fled: Jordan was turned back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills like the lambs of the flock.

5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou didst flee: and thou, O Jordan, that thou wast turned back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams, and ye hills, like lambs of the flock?

7 At the presence of the Lord the earth was moved, at the presence of the God of Jacob:

8 Who turned the rock into pools of water, and the stony hill into fountains of waters.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us; but to thy name give glory.

2 For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake: lest the Gentiles should say: Where is their God?

3 But our God is in heaven: he hath done all things whatsoever he would.

4 The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold, the works of the hands of men.

5 They have mouths and speak not: they have eyes and see not.

6 They have ears and hear not: they have noses and smell not.

7 They have hands and feel not: they have feet and walk not: neither shall they cry out through their throat.

8 Let them that make them become like unto them: and all such as trust in them.

9 The house of Israel hath hoped in the Lord: he is their helper and their protector.

10 The house of Aaron hath hoped in the Lord: he is their helper and their protector.

11 They that fear the Lord have hoped in the Lord: he is their helper and their protector.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and hath blessed us. He hath blessed the house of Israel: he hath blessed the house of Aaron.

13 He hath blessed all that fear the Lord, both little and great.

14 May the Lord add blessings upon you: upon you, and upon your children.

15 Blessed be you of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heaven is the Lord's: but the earth he has given to the children of men.

17 The dead shall not praise thee, O Lord: nor any of them that go down to hell.

18 But we that live bless the Lord: from this time now and for ever.

Chapter 114

I have loved, because the Lord will hear the voice of my prayer.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me: and in my days I will call upon him.

3 The sorrows of death have compassed me: and the perils of hell have found me. I met with trouble and sorrow:

4 And I called upon the name of the Lord. O Lord, deliver my soul.

5 The Lord is merciful and just, and our God sheweth mercy.

6 The Lord is the keeper of little ones: I was humbled, and he delivered me.

7 Turn, O my soul, into thy rest: for the Lord hath been bountiful to thee.

8 For he hath delivered my soul from death: my eyes from tears, my feet from falling.

9 I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Chapter 115

11 I said in my excess: Every man is a liar.

12 What shall I render to the Lord, for all the things that he hath rendered to me?

13 I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

14 I will pay my vows to the Lord before all his people:

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

16 O Lord, for I am thy servant: I am thy servant, and the son of thy handmaid. Thou hast broken my bonds:

17 I will sacrifice to thee the sacrifice of praise, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

18 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the sight of all his people:

19 In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Chapter 116

O Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.

Chapter 117

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now say, that he is good: that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Let them that fear the Lord now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 In my trouble I called upon the Lord: and the Lord heard me, and enlarged me.

6 The Lord is my helper: I will not fear what man can do unto me.

7 The Lord is my helper: and I will look over my enemies.

8 It is good to confide in the Lord, rather than to have confidence in man.

9 It is good to trust in the Lord, rather than to trust in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about; and, in the name of the Lord I have been revenged on them.

11 Surrounding me they compassed me about: and in the name of the Lord I have been revenged on them.

12 They surrounded me like bees, and they burned like fire among thorns: and in the name of the Lord I was revenged on them.

13 Being pushed I was overturned that I might fall: but the Lord supported me.

14 The Lord is my strength and my praise: and he is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and of salvation is in the tabernacles of the just.

16 The right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength: the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me: the right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength.

17 I shall not die, but live: and shall declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord chastising hath chastised me: but he hath not delivered me over to death.

19 Open ye to me the gates of justice: I will go in to them, and give praise to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord, the just shall enter into it.

21 I will give glory to thee because thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected; the same is become the head of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us be glad and rejoice therein.

25 O Lord, save me: O Lord, give good success.

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord. We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God, and he hath shone upon us. Appoint a solemn day, with shady boughs, even to the horn of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, and I will exalt thee. I will praise thee, because thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

29 O praise ye the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Chapter 118

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that search his testimonies: that seek him with their whole heart.

3 For they that work iniquity, have not walked in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded thy commandments to be kept most diligently.

5 O! that my ways may be directed to keep thy justifications.

6 Then shall I not be confounded, when I shall look into all thy commandments.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned the judgments of thy justice.