

**12** Vow ye, and pay to the Lord your God: all you that are round about him bring presents. To him that is terrible,

**13** Even to him who taketh away the spirit of princes: to the terrible with the kings of the earth.

## Chapter 76

Unto the end, for Idithun, a psalm of Asaph.

**2** I cried to the Lord with my voice; to God with my voice, and he gave ear to me.

**3** In the days of my trouble I sought God, with my hands lifted up to him in the night, and I was not deceived. My soul refused to be comforted:

**4** I remembered God, and was delighted, and was exercised, and my spirit swooned away.

**5** My eyes prevented the watches: I was troubled, and I spoke not.

**6** I thought upon the days of old: and I had in my mind the eternal years.

**7** And I meditated in the night with my own heart: and I was exercised and I swept my spirit.

**8** Will God then cast off for ever? or will he never be more favourable again?

**9** Or will he cut off his mercy for ever, from generation to generation?

**10** Or will God forget to shew mercy? or will he in his anger shut up his mercies?

**11** And I said, Now have I begun: this is the change of the right hand of the most High.

**12** I remembered the works of the Lord: for I will be mindful of thy wonders from the beginning.

**13** And I will meditate on all thy works: and will be employed in thy inventions.

**14** Thy way, O God, is in the holy place: who is the great God like our God?

**15** Thou art the God that dost wonders. Thou hast made thy power known among the nations:

**16** With thy arm thou hast redeemed thy people the children of Jacob and of Joseph.

**17** The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee: and they were afraid, and the depths were troubled.

**18** Great was the noise of the waters: the clouds sent out a sound. For thy arrows pass:

**19** The voice of thy thunder in a wheel. Thy lightnings enlightened the world: the earth shook and trembled.

**20** Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in many waters: and thy footsteps shall not be known.

**21** Thou hast conducted thy people like sheep, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## Chapter 77

Understanding for Asaph. Attend, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**2** I will open my mouth in parables: I will utter propositions from the beginning.

**3** How great things have we heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

**4** They have not been hidden from their children, in another generation. Declaring the praises of the Lord, and his powers, and his wonders which he hath done.

**5** And he set up a testimony in Jacob: and made a law in Israel. How great things he commanded our fathers, that they should make the same known to their children:

**6** That another generation might know them. The children that should be born and should rise up, and declare them to their children.

**7** That they may put their hope in God and

may not forget the works of God: and may seek his commandments.

**8** That they may not become like their fathers, a perverse and exasperating generation. A generation that set not their heart aright: and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

**9** The sons of Ephraim who bend and shoot with the bow: they have turned back in the day of battle.

**10** They kept not the covenant of God: and in his law they would not walk.

**11** And they forgot his benefits, and his wonders that he had shewn them.

**12** Wonderful things did he do in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Tanis.

**13** He divided the sea and brought them through: and he made the waters to stand as in a vessel.

**14** And he conducted them with a cloud by day: and all the night with a light of fire.

**15** He struck the rock in the wilderness: and gave them to drink, as out of the great deep.

**16** He brought forth water out of the rock: and made streams run down as rivers.

**17** And they added yet more sin against him: they provoked the most High to wrath in the place without water.

**18** And they tempted God in their hearts, by asking meat for their desires.

**19** And they spoke ill of God: they said: Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

**20** Because he struck the rock, and the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed. Can he also give bread, or provide a table for his people?

**21** Therefore the Lord heard, and was angry: and a fire was kindled against Jacob, and wrath came up against Israel.

**22** Because they believed not in God: and trusted not in his salvation.

**23** And he had commanded the clouds from above, and had opened the doors of heaven.

**24** And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them the bread of heaven.

**25** Man ate the bread of angels: he sent them provisions in abundance.

**26** He removed the south wind from heaven: and by his power brought in the southwest wind.

**27** And he rained upon them flesh as dust: and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.

**28** And they fell in the midst of their camp, round about their pavilions.

**29** So they did eat, and were filled exceedingly, and he gave them their desire:

**30** they were not defrauded of that which they craved. As yet their meat was in their mouth:

**31** And the wrath of God came upon them. And he slew the fat ones amongst them, and brought down the chosen men of Israel.

**32** In all these things they sinned still: and they behaved not for his wondrous works.

**33** And their days were consumed in vanity, and their years in haste.

**34** When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned, and came to him early in the morning.

**35** And they remembered that God was their helper: and the most high God their redeemer.

**36** And they loved him with their mouth: and with their tongue they lied unto him:

**37** But their heart was not right with him: nor were they counted faithful in his covenant.

**38** But he is merciful, and will forgive their sins: and will not destroy them. And many a time did he turn away his anger: and did not kindle all his wrath.

**39** And he remembered that they are flesh: a wind that goeth and returneth not.

**40** How often did they provoke him in the

desert: and move him to wrath in the place without water?

**41** And they turned back and tempted God: and grieved the holy one of Israel.

**42** They remembered not his hand, in the day that he redeemed them from the hand of him that afflicted them:

**43** How he wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Tanis.

**44** And he turned their rivers into blood, and their showers that they might not drink.

**45** He sent amongst them divers sorts of flies, which devoured them: and frogs which destroyed them.

**46** And he gave up their fruits to the blast, and their labours to the locust.

**47** And he destroyed their vineyards with hail, and their mulberry trees with hoarfrost.

**48** And he gave up their cattle to the hail, and their stock to the fire.

**49** And he sent upon them the wrath of his indignation: indignation and wrath and trouble, which he sent by evil angels.

**50** He made a way for a path to his anger: he spared not their souls from death, and their cattle he shut up in death.

**51** And he killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt: the firstfruits of all their labour in the tabernacles of Cham.

**52** And he took away his own people as sheep: and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

**53** And he brought them out in hope and they feared not: and the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

**54** And he brought them into the mountain of his sanctuary: the mountain which his right hand had purchased. And he cast out the Gentiles before them: and by lot divided to them their land by a line of distribution.

**55** And he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tabernacles.

**56** Yet they tempted, and provoked the most high God: and they kept not his testimonies.

**57** And they turned away, and kept not the covenant: even like their fathers they were turned aside as a crooked bow.

**58** They provoked him to anger on their hills: and moved him to jealousy with their graven things.

**59** God heard, and despised them, and he reduced Israel exceedingly as it were to nothing.

**60** And he put away the tabernacle of Silo, his tabernacle where he dwelt among men.

**61** And he delivered their strength into captivity: and their beauty into the hands of the enemy.

**62** And he shut up his people under the sword: and he despised his inheritance.

**63** Fire consumed their young men: and their maidens were not lamented.

**64** Their priests fell by the sword: and their widows did not mourn.

**65** And the Lord was awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that hath been surfeited with wine.

**66** And he smote his enemies on the hinder parts: he put them to an everlasting reproach.

**67** And he rejected the tabernacle of Joseph: and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

**68** But he chose the tribe of Juda, mount Sion which he loved.

**69** And he built his sanctuary as of unicorns, in the land which he founded for ever.

**70** And he chose his servant David, and took him from the flocks of sheep: he brought him from following the ewes great with young,

**71** To feed Jacob his servant and Israel his inheritance.