The Psalms Of David

The Argument

This book of Psalms is set forth unto us by the holy Ghost, to be esteemed as a most precious treasure, wherein all things are contained that appertain to true felicity, as well in this life present as in the life to come. For the riches of true knowledge and heavenly wisdom, are here set open for us, to take thereof most abundantly. If we would know the great and high majesty of God, here we may see the brightness thereof shine most clearly. If we would seek his incomprehensible wisdom, here is the school of the same profession.

If we would comprehend his inestimable bounty, and approach near thereunto, and fill our hands with that treasure, here we may have a most lively and comfortable taste thereof. If we would know wherein standeth our salvation, and how to attain to life everlasting, here is Christ our only redeemer, and mediator most evidently described. The rich man may learn the true use of his riches. The poor man may find full contention. He that will rejoice, shall know the true joy, and how to keep measure therein. They that are afflicted and oppressed shall see wherein standeth their comfort, and how they ought to praise God when he sendeth them deliverance. The wicked and the persecutors of the children of God shall see how the hand of God is ever against them: and though he suffer them to prosper for awhile, yet he bridleth them, in so much as they cannot touch an hair of ones head except he permit them, and how in the end their destruction is most miserable. Briefly, here we may have most present remedies against all tentations and troubles of mind and conscience, so that being well practiced herein, we may be assured against all dangers in this life, live in the true fear and love of God, and at length attain to that incorruptible crown of glory, which is laid up for all them that love the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the man that doeth not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in ye seat of the scornful:

² But his delight is in the Law of the Lord, and in his Law doeth he meditate day and night.

³ For he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters, that will bring forth her fruit in due season: whose leaf shall not fade: so whatsoever he shall do, shall prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so, but as the chaff, which the wind driveth away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, and the way of the wicked shall perish.

Psalm 2

¹ Why do the heathen rage, and the people murmur in vain?

² The Kings of the earth band themselves, and the princes are assembled together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

³Let us break their bands, and cast their cords from us.

⁴ But he that dwelleth in the heaven, shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

⁵ Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure, saying,

⁶ Even I have set my King upon Zion mine holy mountain.

⁷ I will declare the decree: that is, the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son: this day have I begotten thee.

⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the ends of the earth for thy possession.

⁹ Thou shalt crush them with a scepter of iron, and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

¹⁰ Be wise now therefore, ye Kings: be learned ye Judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord in fear, and rejoice in trembling.

¹² Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way, when his wrath shall suddenly burn. Blessed are all that trust in him.

Psalm 3

¹ A Psalm of David, when he fled from his son Absalom. Lord, how are mine adversaries increased? how many rise against me?

² Many say to my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.

³ But thou Lord art a buckler for me: my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

⁴ I did call unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy mountain. Selah.

⁵ I laid me down and slept, and rose up again: for the Lord sustained me.

⁶ I will not be afraid for ten thousand of the people, that should beset me round about.

⁷ O Lord, arise: help me, my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone: thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Salvation belongeth unto the Lord, and thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

Psalm 4

¹ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalm of David. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast set me at liberty, when I was in distress: have mercy upon me and hearken unto my prayer.

² O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame, loving vanity, and seeking lies? Selah.

³ For be ye sure that the Lord hath chosen to himself a godly man: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

⁴ Tremble, and sin not: examine your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and trust in the Lord.

⁶ Many say, Who will shew us any good? But Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us.

⁷ Thou hast given me more joy of heart, than they have had, when their wheat and their wine did abound.

⁸ I will lay me down, and also sleep in peace: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5

¹ To him that excelleth upon Nehiloth. A Psalm of David. Hear my words, O Lord: understand my meditation.

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

³ Hear my voice in the morning, O Lord: for in the morning will I direct me unto thee, and I will wait.

⁴ For thou art not a God that loveth wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

⁵ The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: for thou hatest all them that work iniquity.

⁶ Thou shalt destroy them that speak lies: the Lord will abhor the bloody man and deceitful.

⁷ But I will come into thine house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thine holy Temple.

⁸Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies: make thy way plain before my face.

⁹ For no constancy is in their mouth: within, they are very corruption: their throat is an open sepulcher, and they flatter with their tongue.

¹⁰ Destroy them, O God: let them fall from their counsels: cast them out for the multitude of their iniquities, because they have rebelled against thee.

¹¹ And let all them that trust in thee, rejoice and triumph forever, and cover thou them: and let them, that love thy Name, rejoice in thee.

¹² For thou Lord wilt bless the righteous, and with favor wilt compass him, as with a shield.

Psalm 6

¹ To him that excelleth on Neginoth upon the eighth tune. A Psalm of David. O lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chastise me in thy wrath.

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

³ My soul is also sore troubled: but Lord how long wilt thou delay?

⁴ Return, O Lord: deliver my soul: save me for thy mercies sake.

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

⁶ I fainted in my mourning: I cause my bed every night to swim, and water my couch with my tears.

⁷ Mine eye is dimmed for despite, and sunk in because of all mine enemies.

⁸ Away from me all ye workers of iniquity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

⁹ The Lord hath heard my petition: the Lord will receive my prayer.

¹⁰ All mine enemies shall be confounded and sore vexed: they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Psalm 7

¹ Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the Lord, concerning the words of Cush the son of Jemini. O Lord my God, in thee I put my trust: save me from all that persecute me, and deliver me,

² Lest he devour my soul like a lion, and tear it in pieces, while there is none to help.

³ O Lord my God, if I have done this thing, if there be any wickedness in mine hands,

⁴ If I have rewarded evil unto him that had peace with me, (yea I have delivered him that vexed me without cause)

⁵ Then let the enemy persecute my soul and take it: yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honor in the dust. Selah.

⁶ Arise, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself against the rage of mine enemies, and awake for me according to the judgment that thou hast appointed.

⁷ So shall the Congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return on high.

⁸ The Lord shall judge the people: Judge thou me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine innocency, that is in me.

⁹Oh let the malice of the wicked come to an end: but guide thou the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

¹⁰ My defense is in God, who preserveth the upright in heart.

¹¹ God judgeth the righteous, and him that contemneth God every day.

¹² Except he turn, he hath whet his sword: he hath bent his bow and made it ready.

¹³ He hath also prepared him deadly weapons: he will ordain his arrows for them that persecute me.

¹⁴ Behold, he shall travail with wickedness: for he hath conceived mischief, but he shall bring forth a lie.

¹⁵ He hath made a pit and dug it, and is fallen into the pit that he made.

¹⁶ His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his cruelty shall fall upon his own pate.

¹⁷ I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness, and will sing praise to the Name of the Lord most high.

Psalm 8

¹ To him that excelleth on Gittith. A Psalm of David. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy Name in all the world! which hast set thy glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I behold thine heavens, even the works of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained,

⁴ What is man, say I, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

⁵ For thou hast made him a little lower than God, and crowned him with glory and worship.

⁶ Thou hast made him to have dominion in the works of thine hands: thou hast put all things under his feet:

⁷ All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field:

⁸ The fowls of the air, and the fish of the sea, and that which passeth through the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

Psalm 9

¹ To him that excelleth upon Muth Labben. A Psalm of David. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart: I will speak of all thy marvelous works.

² I will be glad, and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy Name, O most High,

³ For that mine enemies are turned back: they shall fall, and perish at thy presence.

⁴ For thou hast maintained my right and my cause: thou art set in the throne, and judgest right.

⁵ Thou hast rebuked the heathen: thou hast destroyed the wicked: thou hast put out their name forever and ever.

⁶O enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end, and thou hast destroyed the cities: their memorial is perished with them.

⁷ But the Lord shall sit forever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

⁸ For he shall judge the world in righteousness, and shall judge the people with equity.

⁹ The Lord also will be a refuge for the poor, a refuge in due time, even in affliction.

¹⁰ And they that know thy Name, will trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not failed them that seek thee.

¹¹ Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: shew the people his works.

¹² For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth it, and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

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

¹⁴ That I may shew all thy praises within the gates of the daughter of Zion, and rejoice in thy salvation.

¹⁵ The heathen are sunken down in the pit that they made: in the net that they hid, is their foot taken.

¹⁶ The Lord is known by executing judgment: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

¹⁷ The wicked shall turn into hell, and all nations that forget God.

¹⁸ For the poor shall not be alway forgotten: the hope of the afflicted shall not perish forever.

¹⁹ Up Lord: let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

²⁰ Put them in fear, O Lord, that the heathen may know that they are but men. Selah.

Psalm 10

¹ Why standest thou far off, O Lord, and hidest thee in due time, even in affliction?

² The wicked with pride doeth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the crafts that they have imagined.

³ For the wicked hath made boast of his own heart's desire, and the covetous blesseth himself: he contemneth the Lord.

⁴ The wicked is so proud that he seeketh not for God: he thinketh always, There is no God.

⁵ His ways alway prosper: thy judgments are high above his sight: therefore defieth he all his enemies.

⁶ He saith in his heart, I shall never be moved, nor be in danger.

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

⁸ He lieth in wait in the villages: in the secret places doeth he murder the innocent: his eyes are bent against the poor.

⁹ He lieth in wait secretly, even as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to spoil the poor: he doeth spoil the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

¹⁰ He croucheth and boweth: therefore heaps of the poor do fall by his might.

¹¹ He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten, he hideth away his face, and will never see.

¹² Arise, O Lord God: lift up thine hand: forget not the poor.

¹³Wherefore doeth the wicked contemn God? he saith in his heart, Thou wilt not regard.

¹⁴ Yet thou hast seen it: for thou beholdest mischief and wrong, that thou mayest take it into thine hands: the poor committeh himself unto thee: for thou art the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵ Break thou the arm of the wicked and malicious: search his wickedness, and thou shalt find none.

¹⁶ The Lord is King forever and ever: the heathen are destroyed forth of his land.

¹⁷ Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the poor: thou preparest their heart: thou bendest thine ear to them,

¹⁸ To judge the fatherless and poor, that earthly man cause to fear no more.

Psalm 11

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David. In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye then to my soul, Flee to your mountain as a bird?

² For lo, the wicked bend their bow, and make ready their arrows upon the string, that they may secretly shoot at them, which are upright in heart.

³ For the foundations are cast down: what hath the righteous done?

⁴ The Lord is in his holy palace: the Lord's throne is in the heaven: his eyes will consider: his eye lids will try the children of men.

⁵ The Lord will try the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth iniquity, doeth his soul hate.

⁶ Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire, and brimstone, and stormy tempest: this is the portion of their cup.

⁷ For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his countenance doeth behold the just.

Psalm 12

¹ To him that excelleth upon the eight tune. A Psalm of David. Help Lord, for there is not a godly man left: for the faithful are failed from among the children of men.

² They speak deceitfully every one with his neighbor, flattering with their lips, and speak with a double heart.

³ The Lord cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

⁴ Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail: our lips are our own: who is Lord over us?

⁵ Now for the oppression of the needy, and for the sighs of the poor, I will up, saith the Lord, and will set at liberty him, whom the wicked hath snared.

⁶ The words of the Lord are pure words, as the silver, tried in a furnace of earth, fined sevenfold.

⁷ Thou wilt keep them, O Lord: thou wilt preserve him from this generation forever.

⁸ The wicked walk on every side: when they are exalted, it is a shame for the sons of men.

Psalm 13

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, forever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

² How long shall I take counsel within myself, having weariness daily in mine heart? how long shall mine enemy be exalted above me?

³ Behold, and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death:

⁴ Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: and they that afflict me, rejoice when I slide.

⁵ But I trust in thy mercy: mine heart shall rejoice in thy salvation: I will sing to the Lord, because he hath dealt lovingly with me.

Psalm 14

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God: they have corrupted, and done an abominable work: there is none that doeth good.

² The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that would understand, and seek God.

³ All are gone out of the way: they are all corrupt: there is none that doeth good, no not one.

⁴ Do not all the workers of iniquity know that they eat up my people, as they eat bread? they call not upon the Lord.

⁵ There they shall be taken with fear, because God is in the generation of the just.

⁶ You have made a mock at the counsel of the poor, because the Lord is his trust.

⁷ Oh give salvation unto Israel out of Zion: when the Lord turneth the captivity of his people, then Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 15

¹ A Psalm of David. Lord, who shall dwell in thy Tabernacle? who shall rest in thine holy Mountain?

² He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

³ He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor receiveth a false report against his neighbor.

⁴ In whose eyes a vile person is contemned, but he honoreth them that fear the Lord: he that sweareth to his own hindrance and changeth not.

⁵ He that giveth not his money unto usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent: he that doeth these things, shall never be moved.

Psalm 16

¹ Michtam of David. Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I trust.

² O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: my well doing extendeth not to thee,

³ But to the Saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent: all my delight is in them.

⁴ The sorrows of them, that offer to another god, shall be multiplied: their offerings of blood will I not offer, neither make mention of their names with my lips.

⁵ The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou shalt maintain my lot.

⁶ The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: yea, I have a fair heritage.

⁷ I will praise the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also teach me in the nights.

⁸ I have set the Lord always before me: for he is at my right hand: therefore I shall not slide.

⁹ Wherefore mine heart is glad and my tongue rejoiceth: my flesh also doeth rest in hope.

¹⁰ For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave: neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

¹¹ Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is the fullness of joy: and at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 17

¹ The prayer of David. Hear the right, O Lord, consider my cry: hearken unto my prayer of lips unfeigned.

² Let my sentence come forth from thy presence, and let thine eyes behold equity.

³ Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night: thou hast tried me, and foundest nothing: for I was purposed that my mouth should not offend.

⁴ Concerning the works of men, by the words of thy lips I kept me from the paths of the cruel man.

⁵ Stay my steps in thy paths, that my feet do not slide.

⁶ I have called upon thee: surely thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

⁷ Shew thy marvelous mercies, thou that art the Savior of them that trust in thee, from such as resist thy right hand.

⁸ Keep me as the apple of the eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

⁹ From the wicked that oppress me, from mine enemies, which compass me round about for my soul.

¹⁰ They are enclosed in their own fat, and they have spoken proudly with their mouth.

¹¹ They have compassed us now in our steps: they have set their eyes to bring down to the ground:

¹² Like as a lion that is greedy of prey, and as it were a lion's whelp lurking in secret places.

¹³ Up Lord, disappoint him: cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked with thy sword,

¹⁴ From men by thine hand, O Lord, from men of the world, who have their portion in this life, whose bellies thou fillest with thine hid treasure: their children have enough, and leave the rest of their substance for their children.

¹⁵ But I will behold thy face in righteousness, and when I awake, I shall be satisfied with thine image.

Psalm 18

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David the servant of the Lord, which spake unto the Lord the words of this song (in the day that the Lord delivered him for the hand of all this enemies, and form the hand of Saul) and said, I will love thee dearly, O Lord my strength.

² The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and he that delivereth me, my God and my strength: in him will I trust, my shield, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

³ I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised: so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

⁴ The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of wickedness made me afraid.

⁵ The sorrows of the grave have compassed me about: the snares of death overtook me.

⁶ But in my trouble did I call upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his Temple, and my cry did come before him, even into his ears.

⁷ Then the earth trembled, and quaked: the foundations also of the mountains moved and shook, because he was angry.

⁸ Smoke went out at his nostrils, and a consuming fire out of his mouth: coals were kindled thereat.

⁹ He bowed the heavens also and came down, and darkness was under his feet.

¹⁰ And he rode upon Cherub and did fly, and he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

¹¹ He made darkness his secret place, and his pavilion round about him, even darkness of waters, and clouds of the air.

¹² At the brightness of his presence his clouds passed, hailstones and coals of fire.

¹³ The Lord also thundered in the heaven, and the Highest gave his voice, hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴ Then he sent out his arrows and scattered them, and he increased lightnings and destroyed them.

¹⁵ And the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuking, O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of thy nostrils.

¹⁶ He hath sent down from above and taken me: he hath drawn me out of many waters.

¹⁷ He hath delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hate me: for they were too strong for me.

¹⁸ They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay.

¹⁹ He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me because he favored me.

²⁰ The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the pureness of mine hands he recompensed me:

²¹ Because I kept the ways of the Lord, and did not wickedly against my God.

²² For all his Laws were before me, and I did not cast away his commandments from me.

²³ I was upright also with him, and have kept me from my wickedness.

²⁴ Therefore the Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness, and according to the pureness of mine hands in his sight.

²⁵ With the godly thou wilt shew thyself godly: with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.

²⁶ With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure, and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

²⁷ Thus thou wilt save the poor people, and wilt cast down the proud looks.

²⁸ Surely thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will lighten my darkness.

²⁹ For by thee I have broken through an host, and by my God I have leaped over a wall.

³⁰ The way of God is uncorrupt: the word of the Lord is tried in the fire: he is a shield to all that trust in him.

³¹ For who is God besides the Lord? and who is mighty save our God?

³² God girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way upright.

³³ He maketh my feet like hind's feet, and setteth me upon mine high places.

³⁴ He teacheth mine hands to fight: so that a bow of brass is broken with mine arms.

³⁵ Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation, and thy right hand hath stayed me, and thy loving kindness hath caused me to increase.

³⁶ Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, and mine heels have not slid.

³⁷ I have pursued mine enemies, and taken them, and have not turned again till I had consumed them.

 $^{\mbox{\tiny 38}}$ I have wounded them, that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

³⁹ For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them, that rose against me, thou hast subdued under me.

⁴⁰ And thou hast given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

⁴¹ They cried but there was none to save them, even unto the Lord, but he answered them not.

⁴² Then I did beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did tread them flat as the clay in the streets.

⁴³ Thou hast delivered me from the contentions of the people: thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people, whom I have not known, shall serve me.

⁴⁴ As soon as they hear, they shall obey me: the strangers shall be in subjection to me.

⁴⁵ Strangers shall shrink away, and fear in their privy chambers.

⁴⁶Let the Lord live, and blessed be my strength, and the God of my salvation be exalted.

⁴⁷ It is God that giveth me power to avenge me, and subdueth the people under me.

⁴⁸ O my deliverer from mine enemies, even thou hast set me up from them, that rose against me: thou hast delivered me from the cruel man.

⁴⁹ Therefore I will praise thee, O Lord, among the nations, and will sing unto thy Name.

⁵⁰ Great deliverances giveth he unto his King, and sheweth mercy to his anointed, even to David, and to his seed forever.

Psalm 19

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth ye work of his hands.

² Day unto day uttereth the same, and night unto night teacheth knowledge.

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

⁴ Their line is gone forth through all the earth, and their words into the ends of the world: in them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

⁵ Which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth like a mighty man to run his race.

⁶ His going out is from the end of the heaven, and his compass is unto the ends of ye same, and none is hid from the heat thereof.

⁷ The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth forever: the judgments of the Lord are truth: they are righteous altogether,

¹⁰ And more to be desired than gold, yea, then much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honey comb.

¹¹ Moreover by them is thy servant made circumspect, and in keeping of them there is great reward.

¹² Who can understand his faults? cleanse me from secret faults.

¹³ Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins: let them not reign over me: so shall I be upright, and made clean from much wickedness.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of mine heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm 20

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David. The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the name of ye God of Jacob defend thee:

² Send thee help from the Sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion.

³ Let him remember all thine offerings, and turn thy burnt offerings into ashes. Selah:

⁴ And grant thee according to thine heart, and fulfill all thy purpose:

⁵ That we may rejoice in thy salvation, and set up the banner in the Name of our God, when the Lord shall perform all thy petitions.

⁶ Now know I that the Lord will help his anointed, and will hear him from his Sanctuary, by the mighty help of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of ye Lord our God.

⁸ They are brought down and fallen, but we are risen, and stand upright.

⁹ Save Lord: let the King hear us in the day that we call.

Psalm 21

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David. The King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord: yea how greatly shall he rejoice in thy salvation!

² Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not denied him the request of his lips. Selah.

³ For thou didst prevent him with liberal blessings, and didst set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

⁴ He asked life of thee, and thou gavest him a long life forever and ever.

⁵ His glory is great in thy salvation: dignity and honor hast thou laid upon him.

⁶ For thou hast set him as blessings forever: thou hast made him glad with the joy of thy countenance.

⁷ Because the King trusteth in the Lord, and in the mercy of the most High, he shall not slide.

⁸ Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies, and thy right hand shall find out them that hate thee.

⁹ Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time of thine anger: the Lord shall destroy them in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

¹⁰ Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from the children of men.

¹¹ For they intended evil against thee, and imagined mischief, but they shall not prevail.

¹² Therefore shalt thou put them apart, and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make ready against their faces.

¹³ Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thy strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

Psalm 22

¹ To him that excelleth upon Aijeleth Hashahar. A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me, and art so far from mine health, and from the words of my roaring?

² O my God, I cry by day, but thou hearest not, and by night, but have no audience.

³ But thou art holy, and doest inhabit the praises of Israel.

⁴ Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

⁵ They called upon thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

⁶ But I am a worm, and not a man: a shame of men, and the contempt of the people.

⁷ All they that see me, have me in derision: they make a mow and nod the head, saying,

⁸ He trusted in the Lord, let him deliver him: let him save him, seeing he loveth him.

⁹ But thou didst draw me out of ye womb: thou gavest me hope, even at my mother's breasts.

¹⁰ I was cast upon thee, even from ye womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

¹¹ Be not far from me, because trouble is near: for there is none to help me.

¹² Many young bulls have compassed me: mighty bulls of Bashan have closed me about.

¹³ They gape upon me with their mouths, as a ramping and roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am like water poured out, and all my bones are out of joint: mine heart is like wax: it is molten in the midst of my bowels.

¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws, and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs have compassed me, and the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced mine hands and my feet.

¹⁷ I may tell all my bones: yet they behold, and look upon me.

¹⁸ They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

¹⁹ But be thou not far off, O Lord, my strength: hasten to help me.

²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword: my desolate soul from the power of the dog.

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth, and answer me in saving me from the horns of the unicorns.

²² I will declare thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of the Congregation will I praise thee, saying,

²³ Praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify ye him, all the seed of Jacob, and fear ye him, all the seed of Israel.

²⁴ For he hath not despised nor abhorred ye affliction of the poor: neither hath he hid his face from him, but when he called unto him, he heard.

²⁵ My praise shall be of thee in the great Congregation: my vows will I perform before them that fear him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord, shall praise him: your heart shall live forever.

²⁷ All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and turn to the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

²⁸ For the kingdom is the Lords, and he ruleth among the nations.

²⁹ All they that be fat in the earth, shall eat and worship: all they that go down into the dust, shall bow before him, even he that cannot quicken his own soul.

³⁰ Their seed shall serve him: it shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

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

Psalm 23

¹ A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He maketh me to rest in green pasture, and leadeth me by the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul, and leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

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

⁵ Thou doest prepare a table before me in the sight of mine adversaries: thou doest anoint mine head with oil, and my cup runneth over.

⁶ Doubtless kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall remain a long season in the house of the Lord.

Psalm 24

¹ A Psalm of David. The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the world and they that dwell therein.

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

³ Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ Even he that hath innocent hands, and a pure heart: which hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

⁵ He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

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

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

⁸ Who is this King of glory? the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, ye gates, and lift up yourselves, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

Psalm 25

¹ A Psalm of David. Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul.

² My God, I trust in thee: let me not be confounded: let not mine enemies rejoice over me.

³ So all that hope in thee, shall not be ashamed: but let them be confounded, that transgress without cause.

⁴ Shew me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths.

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

⁶ Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindness: for they have been forever.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my rebellions, but according to thy kindness remember thou me, even for thy goodness sake, O Lord.

⁸ Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

⁹ Them that be meek, will he guide in judgment, and teach the humble his way.

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

¹¹ For thy Name's sake, O Lord, be merciful unto mine iniquity, for it is great.

¹² What man is he that feareth the Lord? him will he teach the way that he shall choose.

¹³ His soul shall dwell at ease, and his seed shall inherit the land.

¹⁴ The secret of the Lord is revealed to them, that fear him: and his covenant to give them understanding.

¹⁵ Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord: for he will bring my feet out of the net.

¹⁶ Turn thy face unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and poor.

¹⁷ The sorrows of mine heart are enlarged: draw me out of my troubles.

¹⁸ Look upon mine affliction and my travel, and forgive all my sins.

¹⁹ Behold mine enemies, for they are many, and they hate me with cruel hatred.

²⁰ Keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be confounded, for I trust in thee.

²¹ Let mine uprightness and equity preserve me: for mine hope is in thee.

²² Deliver Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Psalm 26

¹ A Psalm of David. Judge me, O Lord, for I have walked in mine innocency: my trust hath been also in the Lord: therefore shall I not slide.

² Prove me, O Lord, and try me: examine my reins, and mine heart.

³ For thy loving kindness is before mine eyes: therefore have I walked in thy truth.

⁴ I have not haunted with vain persons, neither kept company with the dissemblers.

⁵ I have hated the assembly of the evil, and have not companied with the wicked.

⁶ I will wash mine hands in innocency, O Lord, and compass thine altar,

⁷ That I may declare with the voice of thanksgiving, and set forth all thy wondrous works.

⁸ O Lord, I have loved the habitation of thine house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

⁹ Gather not my soul with the sinners, nor my life with the bloody men:

¹⁰ In whose hands is wickedness, and their right hand is full of bribes.

¹¹ But I will walk in mine innocency: redeem me therefore, and be merciful unto me.

¹² My foot standeth in uprightness: I will praise thee, O Lord, in the Congregations.

Psalm 27

¹ A Psalm of David. The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes came upon me to eat up my flesh; they stumbled and fell.

³ Though an host pitched against me, mine heart should not be afraid: though war be raised against me, I will trust in this.

⁴ One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will require, even 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 visit his Temple.

⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his Tabernacle: in the secret place of his pavilion shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock.

⁶ And now shall he lift up mine head above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his Tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing and praise the Lord.

⁷ Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry: have mercy also upon me and hear me.

⁸ When thou saidest, Seek ye my face, mine heart answered unto thee, O Lord, I will seek thy face.

⁹ Hide not therefore thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure: thou hast been my succor: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰ Though my father and my mother should forsake me, yet the Lord will gather me up.

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a right path, because of mine enemies.

¹² Give me not unto the lust of mine adversaries: for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak cruelly.

¹³ I should have fainted, except I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Hope in the Lord: be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, and trust in the Lord.

Psalm 28

¹ A Psalm of David. Unto thee, O Lord, do I cry: O my strength, be not deaf toward me, lest, if thou answer me not, I be like them that go down into the pit.

² Hear the voice of my petitions, when I cry unto thee, when I hold up mine hands toward thine holy Oracle.

³ Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity: which speak friendly to their neighbors, when malice is in their hearts.

⁴ Reward them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their inventions: recompense them after the work of their hands: render them their reward.

⁵ For they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands: therefore break them down, and build them not up.

⁶ Praised be the Lord, for he hath heard the voice of my petitions.

⁷ The Lord is my strength and my shield: mine heart trusted in him, and I was helped: therefore mine heart shall rejoice, and with my song will I praise him.

⁸ The Lord is their strength, and he is the strength of the deliverances of his anointed.

⁹ Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and exalt them forever.

Psalm 29

¹ A Psalm of David. Give unto the Lord, ye sons of the mighty: give unto the Lord glory and strength.

² Give unto the Lord glory due unto his Name: worship the Lord in the glorious Sanctuary.

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory maketh it to thunder: the Lord is upon the great waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty: the voice of the Lord is glorious.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars: yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He maketh them also to leap like a calf: Lebanon also and Shirion like a young unicorn.

⁷ The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the Lord maketh the wilderness to tremble: the Lord maketh the wilderness of Kadesh to tremble.

⁹ The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: therefore in his Temple doth every man speak of his glory.

¹⁰ The Lord sitteth upon the flood, and the Lord doeth remain King forever.

¹¹ The Lord shall give strength unto his people: the Lord shall bless his people with peace.

Psalm 30

¹ A Psalm or song of the dedication of the house of David. I will magnify thee, O Lord: for thou hast exalted me, and hast not made my foe to rejoice over me.

² O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast restored me.

³ O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul out of the grave: thou hast revived me from them that go down into the pit.

⁴ Sing praises unto the Lord, ye his Saints, and give thanks before the remembrance of his Holiness.

⁵ For he endureth but a while in his anger: but in his favor is life: weeping may abide at evening, but joy cometh in the morning.

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

⁷ For thou Lord of thy goodness hadst made my mountain to stand strong: but thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

⁸ Then cried I unto thee, O Lord, and prayed to my Lord.

⁹ What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? shall the dust give thanks unto thee? or shall it declare thy truth?

¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou mine helper.

¹¹ Thou hast turned my mourning into joy: thou hast loosed my sack and girded me with gladness.

¹² Therefore shall my tongue praise thee and not cease: O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever.

Psalm 31

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be confounded: deliver me in thy righteousness.

² Bow down thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me: be unto me a strong rock, and an house of defense to save me.

³ For thou art my rock and my fortress: therefore for thy Name's sake direct me and guide me.

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

⁵ Into thine hand I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

⁶ I have hated them that give themselves to deceitful vanities: for I trust in the Lord.

⁷ I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast seen my trouble: thou hast known my soul in adversities,

⁸ And thou hast not shut me up in the hand of the enemy, but hast set my feet at large.

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Lord: for I am in trouble: mine eye, my soul and my belly are consumed with grief.

¹⁰ For my life is wasted with heaviness, and my years with mourning: my strength faileth for my pain, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹ I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but specially among my neighbors: and a fear to mine acquaintance, who seeing me in the street, fled from me.

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

¹³ For I have heard the railing of great men: fear was on every side, while they conspired together against me, and consulted to take my life.

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

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

¹⁶ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant, and save me through thy mercy.

¹⁷ Let me not be confounded, O Lord: for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be put to confusion, and to silence in the grave.

¹⁸ Let the lying lips be made dumb, which cruelly, proudly and spitefully speak against the righteous.

¹⁹ How great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them, that fear thee! and done to them, that trust in thee, even before the sons of men!

²⁰ Thou doest hide them privily in thy presence from the pride of men: thou keepest them secretly in thy Tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

²¹ Blessed be the Lord: for he hath shewed his marvelous kindness toward me in a strong city.

²² Though I said in mine haste, I am cast out of thy sight, yet thou heardest the voice of my prayer, when I cried unto thee.

²³ Love ye the Lord all his Saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and rewardeth abundantly the proud doer.

²⁴ All ye that trust in the Lord, be strong, and he shall establish your heart.

Psalm 32

¹ A Psalm of David to give instruction. Blessed is he whose wickedness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

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

³ When I held my tongue, my bones consumed, or when I roared all the day,

⁴ (For thine hand is heavy upon me, day and night: and my moisture is turned into ye drought of summer. Selah)

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin unto thee, neither hid I mine iniquity: for I thought, I will confess against myself my wickedness unto the Lord, and thou forgavest the punishment of my sin. Selah.

⁶ Therefore shall every one, that is godly, make his prayer unto thee in a time, when thou mayest be found: surely in the flood of great waters they shall not come near him.

⁷ Thou art my secret place: thou preservest me from trouble: thou compassest me about with joyful deliverance. Selah.

⁸ I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way that thou shalt go, and I will guide thee with mine eye.

⁹ Be ye not like an horse, or like a mule, which understand not: whose mouths thou doest bind with bit and bridle, lest they come near thee.

¹⁰ Many sorrows shall come to the wicked: but he, that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him.

¹¹ Be glad ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord, and be joyful all ye, that are upright in heart.

Psalm 33

¹ Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh upright men to be thankful.

² Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with viol and instrument of ten strings.

³ Sing unto him a new song: sing cheerfully with a loud voice.

⁴ For the word of the Lord is righteous, and all his works are faithful.

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

⁶ By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

⁷ He gathereth the waters of the sea together as upon an heap, and layeth up the depths in his treasures.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all them that dwell in the world, fear him.

⁹ For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood.

¹⁰ The Lord breaketh the counsel of the heathen, and bringeth to nought the devices of the people.

¹¹ The counsel of the Lord shall stand forever, and the thoughts of his heart throughout all ages.

¹² Blessed is that nation, whose God is the Lord: even the people that he hath chosen for his inheritance.

¹³ The Lord looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all the children of men.

¹⁴ From the habitation of his dwelling he beholdeth all them that dwell in the earth.

¹⁵ He fashioneth their hearts every one, and understandeth all their works.

¹⁶ The King is not saved by the multitude of an host, neither is the mighty man delivered by great strength.

¹⁷ A horse is a vain help, and shall not deliver any by his great strength.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, and upon them, that trust in his mercy,

¹⁹ To deliver their souls from death, and to preserve them in famine.

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

²¹ Surely our heart shall rejoice in him, because we trusted in his holy Name.

²² Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we trust in thee.

Psalm 34

¹ A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed. I will alway give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall be in my mouth continually.

² My soul shall glory in the Lord: the humble shall hear it, and be glad.

³ Praise ye the Lord with me, and let us magnify his Name together.

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

⁵ They shall look unto him, and run to him: and their faces shall not be ashamed, saying,

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

⁷ The Angel of the Lord pitcheth round about them, that fear him, and delivereth them.

⁸ Taste ye and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

⁹ Fear the Lord, ye his Saints: for nothing wanteth to them that fear him.

¹⁰ The lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they, which seek the Lord, shall want nothing that is good.

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

¹² What man is he, that desireth life, and loveth long days for to see good?

¹³Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

¹⁴ Eschew evil and do good: seek peace and follow after it.

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

¹⁶ But the face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off their remembrance from the earth.

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is near unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be afflicted in Spirit.

¹⁹ Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

²⁰ He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

²¹ But malice shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous, shall perish.

²² The Lord redeemeth the souls of his servants: and none, that trust in him, shall perish.

Psalm 35

¹ A Psalm of David. Plead thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight thou against them, that fight against me.

² Lay hand upon the shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

³ Bring out also the spear and stop the way against them, that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

⁴ Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul: let them be turned back, and brought to confusion, that imagine mine hurt.

⁵ Let them be as chaff before the wind, and let the Angel of the Lord scatter them.

⁶ Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the Angel of the Lord persecute them.

⁷ For without cause they have hid the pit and their net for me: without cause have they dug a pit for my soul.

⁸ Let destruction come upon him at unawares, and let his net, that he hath laid privily, take him: let him fall into the same destruction.

⁹ Then my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

¹⁰ All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him, that is too strong for him! yea, the poor and him that is in misery, from him that spoileth him!

¹¹ Cruel witnesses did rise up: they asked of me things that I knew not.

¹² They rewarded me evil for good, to have spoiled my soul.

¹³ Yet I, when they were sick, I was clothed with a sack: I humbled my soul with fasting: and my prayer was turned upon my bosom.

¹⁴ I behaved myself as to my friend, or as to my brother: I humbled myself, mourning as one that bewaileth his mother.

¹⁵ But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: the abjects assembled themselves against me, and knew not: they tare me and ceased not,

¹⁶ With the false scoffers at banquets, gnashing their teeth against me.

¹⁷ Lord, how long wilt thou behold this? deliver my soul from their tumult, even my desolate soul from the lions.

¹⁸ So will I give thee thanks in a great Congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

¹⁹ Let not them that are mine enemies, unjustly rejoice over me, neither let them wink with the eye, that hate me without a cause.

²⁰ For they speak not as friends: but they imagine deceitful words against the quiet of the land.

²¹ And they gaped on me with their mouths, saying, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen.

²² Thou hast seen it, O Lord: keep not silence: be not far from me, O Lord.

²³ Arise and wake to my judgment, even to my cause, my God, and my Lord.

²⁴ Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness, and let them not rejoice over me.

²⁵ Let them not say in their hearts, O our soul rejoice: neither let them say, We have devoured him.

²⁶ Let them be confounded, and put to shame together, that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with confusion and shame, that lift up themselves against me.

²⁷ But let them be joyful and glad, that love my righteousness: yea, let them say alway, Let the Lord be magnified, which loveth the prosperity of his servant.

²⁸ And my tongue shall utter thy righteousness, and thy praise every day.

Psalm 36

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord. Wickedness saith to the wicked man, even in mine heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

² For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, while his iniquity is found worthy to be hated.

³ The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to understand and to do good.

⁴ He imagineth mischief upon his bed: he setteth himself upon a way, that is not good, and doeth not abhor evil.

⁵ Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens, and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

⁶ Thy righteousness is like the mighty mountains: thy judgments are like a great deep: thou, Lord, doest save man and beast.

⁷ How excellent is thy mercy, O God! therefore the children of men trust under the shadow of thy wings.

⁸ They shall be satisfied with the fatness of thine house, and thou shalt give them drink out of the river of thy pleasures.

⁹ For with thee is the well of life, and in thy light shall we see light.

¹⁰ Extend thy loving kindness unto them that know thee, and thy righteousness unto them that are upright in heart.

¹¹Let not ye foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of ye wicked men move me.

¹² There they are fallen that work iniquity: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm 37

¹ A Psalm of David. Fret not thyself because of the wicked men, neither be envious for the evil doers.

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

³ Trust thou in the Lord and do good: dwell in the land, and thou shalt be fed assuredly.

⁴ And delight thyself in the Lord, and he shall give thee thine heart's desire.

⁵ Commit thy way unto the Lord, and trust in him, and he shall bring it to pass.

⁶ And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon day.

⁷ Wait patiently upon the Lord and hope in him: fret not thyself for him which prospereth in his way: nor for the man that bringeth his enterprises to pass.

⁸ Cease from anger, and leave off wrath: fret not thyself also to do evil.

⁹ For evil doers shall be cut off, and they that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the land.

¹⁰ Therefore yet a little while, and the wicked shall not appear, and thou shalt look after his place, and he shall not be found.

¹¹ But meek men shall possess the earth, and shall have their delight in the multitude of peace.

¹² The wicked practiceth against the just, and gnasheth his teeth against him.

¹³ But the Lord shall laugh him to scorn: for he seeth, that his day is coming.

¹⁴ The wicked have drawn their sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.

¹⁵ But their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶ A small thing unto the just man is better, than great riches to the wicked and mighty.

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the just men.

¹⁸ The Lord knoweth the days of upright men, and their inheritance shall be perpetual.

¹⁹ They shall not be confounded in the perilous time, and in the days of famine they shall have enough.

²⁰ But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be consumed as the fat of lambs: even with the smoke shall they consume away.

²¹ The wicked borroweth and payeth not again. but the righteous is merciful, and giveth.

²² For such as be blessed of God, shall inherit the land, and they that be cursed of him, shall be cut off.

²³ The paths of man are directed by the Lord: for he loveth his way.

²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be cast off: for the Lord putteth under his hand.

²⁵ I have been young, and am old: yet I saw never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

²⁶ But he is ever merciful and lendeth, and his seed enjoyeth the blessing.

²⁷ Flee from evil and do good, and dwell forever.

²⁸ For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his Saints: they shall be preserved for evermore: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

²⁹ The righteous men shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.

³⁰ The mouth of the righteous will speak of wisdom, and his tongue will talk of judgment.

³¹ For the Law of his God is in his heart, and his steps shall not slide.

³² The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

³³ But the Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him, when he is judged.

³⁴ Wait thou on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee, that thou shalt inherit the land: when the wicked men shall perish, thou shalt see.

³⁵ I have seen the wicked strong, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

³⁶ Yet he passed away, and lo, he was gone, and I sought him, but he could not be found.

³⁷ Mark the upright man, and behold the just: for the end of that man is peace.

³⁸ But the transgressors shall be destroyed together, and the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

³⁹ But the salvation of the righteous men shall be of the Lord: he shall be their strength in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰ For the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and shall save them, because they trust in him.

Psalm 38

¹ A Psalm of David for remembrance. O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chastise me in thy wrath.

² For thine arrows have light upon me, and thine hand lieth upon me.

³ There is nothing sound in my flesh, because of thine anger: neither is there rest in my bones because of my sin.

⁴ For mine iniquities are gone over mine head, and as a weighty burden they are too heavy for me.

⁵ My wounds are putrefied, and corrupt because of my foolishness.

⁶ I am bowed, and crooked very sore: I go mourning all the day.

⁷ For my reins are full of burning, and there is nothing sound in my flesh.

⁸ I am weakened and sore broken: I roar for the very grief of mine heart.

⁹ Lord, I pour my whole desire before thee, and my sighing is not hid from thee.

¹⁰ Mine heart panteth: my strength faileth me, and the light of mine eyes, even they are not mine own.

¹¹ My lovers and my friends stand aside from my plague, and my kinsmen stand afar off.

¹² They also, that seek after my life, lay snares, and they that go about to do me evil, talk wicked things and imagine deceit continually.

¹³ But I as a deaf man heard not, and am as a dumb man, which openeth not his mouth.

¹⁴ Thus am I as a man, that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

¹⁵ For on thee, O Lord, do I wait: thou wilt hear me, my Lord, my God.

¹⁶ For I said, Hear me, lest they rejoice over me: for when my foot slippeth, they extol themselves against me.

¹⁷ Surely I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is ever before me.

¹⁸ When I declare my pain, and am sorry for my sin,

¹⁹ Then mine enemies are alive and are mighty, and they that hate me wrongfully are many.

²⁰ They also, that reward evil for good, are mine adversaries, because I follow goodness.

²¹ Forsake me not, O Lord: be not thou far from me, my God.

²² Haste thee to help me, O my Lord, my salvation.

Psalm 39

¹ To the excellent musician Jeduthun. I thought, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth bridled, while the wicked is in my sight.

² I was dumb and spake nothing: I kept silence even from good, and my sorrow was more stirred.

³ Mine heart was hot within me, and while I was musing, the fire kindled, and I spake with my tongue, saying,

⁴ Lord, let me know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: let me know how long I have to live.

⁵ Behold, thou hast made my days as an hand breadth, and mine age as nothing in respect of thee: surely every man in his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.

⁶ Doubtless man walketh in a shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

⁷ And now Lord, what wait I for? mine hope is even in thee.

⁸ Deliver me from all my transgressions, and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

⁹ I should have been dumb, and not have opened my mouth, because thou didst it.

¹⁰ Take thy plague away from me: for I am consumed by the stroke of thine hand.

¹¹When thou with rebukes doest chastise man for iniquity, thou as a moth makest his beauty to consume: surely every man is vanity. Selah.

¹² Hear my prayer, O Lord, and hearken unto my cry: keep not silence at my tears, for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner as all my fathers.

¹³ Stay thine anger from me, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence and be not.

Psalm 40

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David. I Waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

² He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

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

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

⁵ O Lord my God, thou hast made thy wonderful works so many, that none can count in order to thee thy thoughts toward us: I would declare, and speak of them, but they are more than I am able to express.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire: (for mine ears hast thou prepared) burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

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

⁸ I desired to do thy good will, O my God: yea, thy Law is within mine heart.

⁹ I have declared thy righteousness in the great Congregation: lo, I will not refrain my lips: O Lord, thou knowest.

¹⁰ I have not hid thy righteousness within mine heart, but I have declared thy truth and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy mercy and thy truth from the great Congregation.

¹¹ Withdraw not thou thy tender mercy from me, O Lord: let thy mercy and thy truth alway preserve me.

¹² For innumerable troubles have compassed me: my sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up: yea, they are more in number than the hairs of mine head: therefore mine heart hath failed me.

¹³Let it please thee, O Lord, to deliver me: make haste, O Lord, to help me.

¹⁴ Let them be confounded and put to shame together, that seek my soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward and put to rebuke, that desire mine hurt.

¹⁵ Let them be destroyed for a reward of their shame, which say unto me, Aha, aha.

¹⁶ Let all them, that seek thee, rejoice and be glad in thee: and let them, that love thy salvation, say alway, The Lord be praised.

¹⁷ Though I be poor and needy, the Lord thinketh on me: thou art mine helper and my deliverer: my God, make no tarrying.

Psalm 41

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David. Blessed is he that judgeth wisely of the poor: the Lord shall deliver him in ye time of trouble.

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

³ The Lord will strengthen him upon ye bed of sorrow: thou hast turned all his bed in his sickness.

⁴ Therefore I said, Lord have mercy upon me: heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

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

⁶ And if he come to see me, he speaketh lies, but his heart heapeth iniquity within him, and when he cometh forth, he telleth it.

⁷ All they that hate me, whisper together against me: even against me do they imagine mine hurt.

⁸ A mischief is light upon him, and he that lieth, shall no more rise.

⁹Yea, my familiar friend, whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up the heel against me.

¹⁰ Therefore, O Lord, have mercy upon me, and raise me up: so I shall reward them.

¹¹ By this I know that thou favorest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph against me.

¹² And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and doest set me before thy face forever.

¹³ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel world without end. So be it, even so be it.

Psalm 42

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm to give instruction, committed to the sons of Korah. As the hart brayeth for the rivers of water, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

² My soul thirsteth for God, even for the living God: when shall I come and appear before the presence of God?

³ My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is thy God?

⁴ When I remembered these things, I poured out my very heart, because I had gone with the multitude, and led them into the House of God with the voice of singing, and praise, as a multitude that keepeth a feast.

⁵ Why art thou cast down, my soul, and unquiet within me? wait on God: for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his presence.

⁶ My God, my soul is cast down within me, because I remember thee, from the land of Jordan, and Hermonim, and from the mount Mizar.

⁷ One deep calleth another deep by the noise of thy water spouts: all thy waves and thy floods are gone over me.

⁸ The Lord will grant his loving kindness in the day, and in the night shall I sing of him, even a prayer unto the God of my life.

⁹ I will say unto God, which is my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning, when the enemy oppresseth me?

¹⁰ My bones are cut asunder, while mine enemies reproach me, saying daily unto me, Where is thy God?

¹¹Why art thou cast down, my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? wait on God: for I will yet give him thanks: he is my present help, and my God.

Psalm 43

¹ Judge me, O God, and defend my cause against the unmerciful people: deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

² For thou art the God of my strength: why hast thou put me away? why go I so mourning, when the enemy oppresseth me?

³ Send thy light and thy truth: let them lead me: let them bring me unto thine holy Mountain and to thy Tabernacles.

⁴ Then will I go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

⁵ Why art thou cast down, my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? wait on God: for I will yet give him thanks, he is my present help, and my God.

Psalm 44

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm to give instruction, committed to the sons of Korah. We have heard with our ears, O God: our fathers have told us the works, that thou hast done in their days, in the old time:

² How thou hast driven out the heathen with thine hand, and planted them: how thou hast destroyed the people, and caused them to grow.

³ For they inherited not the land by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm and the light of thy countenance, because thou didst favor them.

⁴ Thou art my King, O God: send help unto Jacob.

⁵ Through thee have we thrust back our adversaries: by thy Name have we trodden down them that rose up against us.

⁶ For I do not trust in my bow, neither can my sword save me.

⁷ But thou hast saved us from our adversaries, and hast put them to confusion that hate us.

⁸ Therefore will we praise God continually, and will confess thy Name forever. Selah.

⁹ But now thou art far off, and puttest us to confusion, and goest not forth with our armies.

¹⁰ Thou makest us to turn back from the adversary, and they, which hate us, spoil for themselves.

¹¹ Thou givest us as sheep to be eaten, and doest scatter us among the nations.

¹² Thou sellest thy people without gain, and doest not increase their price.

¹³ Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors, a jest and a laughing stock to them that are round about us.

¹⁴ Thou makest us a proverb among the nations, and a nodding of the head among the people.

¹⁵ My confusion is daily before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

¹⁶ For the voice of the slanderer and rebuker, for the enemy and avenger.

¹⁷ All this is come upon us, yet do we not forget thee, neither deal we falsely concerning thy covenant.

¹⁸ Our heart is not turned back: neither our steps gone out of thy paths,

¹⁹ Albeit thou hast smitten us down into the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

²⁰ If we have forgotten the Name of our God, and holden up our hands to a strange god,

²¹ Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

²² Surely for thy sake are we slain continually, and are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

²³ Up, why sleepest thou, O Lord? awake, be not far off forever.

²⁴ Wherefore hidest thou thy face? and forgettest our misery and our affliction?

²⁵ For our soul is beaten down unto the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the ground.

²⁶ Rise up for our succor, and redeem us for thy mercies sake.

Psalm 45

¹ To him that excelleth on Shoshannim a song of love to give instruction, committed to the sons of Korah. Mine heart will utter forth a good matter: I will entreat in my works of the King: my tongue is as the pen of a swift writer.

² Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured in thy lips, because God hath blessed thee forever.

³ Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, to wit, thy worship and thy glory,

⁴ And prosper with thy glory: ride upon the word of truth and of meekness and of righteousness: so thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

⁵ Thine arrows are sharp to pierce the heart of the King's enemies: therefore the people shall fall under thee.

⁶ Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the scepter of thy kingdom is a scepter of righteousness.

⁷ Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness, because God, even thy God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

⁸ All thy garments smell of myrrh and aloes, and cassia, when thou comest out of the ivory palaces, where they have made thee glad.

⁹ King's daughters were among thine honorable wives: upon thy right hand did stand the Queen in a vesture of gold of Ophir.

¹⁰ Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear: forget also thine own people and thy father's house.

¹¹ So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty: for he is thy Lord, and reverence thou him.

¹² And the daughter of Tyre with the rich of the people shall do homage before thy face with presents.

¹³ The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of broidered gold.

¹⁴ She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle work: the virgins that follow after her, and her companions shall be brought unto thee.

¹⁵ With joy and gladness shall they be brought, and shall enter into the King's palace.

¹⁶ Instead of thy fathers shall thy children be: thou shalt make them princes through all the earth.

¹⁷ I will make thy Name to be remembered through all generations: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee world without end.

Psalm 46

¹ To him that excelleth upon Alamoth a song committed to the sons of Korah. God is our hope and strength, and help in troubles, ready to be found.

² Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains fall into the midst of the sea.

³ Though the waters thereof rage and be troubled, and the mountains shake at the surges of the same. Selah,

⁴ Yet there is a River, whose streams shall make glad the city of God: even the Sanctuary of the Tabernacles of the most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of it: therefore shall it not be moved: God shall help it very early.

⁶ When the nations raged, and the kingdoms were moved, God thundered, and the earth melted.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

⁸ Come, and behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

⁹ He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the world: he breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear, and burneth the chariots with fire.

¹⁰ Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Psalm 47

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm committed to the sons of Korah. All people clap your hands: sing loud unto God with a joyful voice.

² For the Lord is high, and terrible: a great King over all the earth.

³ He hath subdued the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

⁴ He hath chosen our inheritance for us: even the glory of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

⁵ God is gone up with triumph, even the Lord, with the sound of the trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth: sing praises every one that hath understanding.

⁸ God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the people are gathered unto the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the world belong to God: he is greatly to be exalted.

Psalm 48

¹ A song or Psalm committed to the sons of Korah. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the City of our God, even upon his holy Mountain.

² Mount Zion, lying Northward, is fair in situation: it is the joy of the whole earth, and the City of the great King.

³ In the palaces thereof God is known for a refuge.

⁴ For lo, the Kings were gathered, and went together.

⁵ When they saw it, they marveled: they were astonied, and suddenly driven back.

⁶ Fear came there upon them, and sorrow, as upon a woman in travail.

⁷ As with an East wind thou breakest the ships of Tarshish, so were they destroyed.

⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the City of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah.

⁹ We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy Temple.

¹⁰ O God, according unto thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

¹¹ Let mount Zion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

¹² Compass about Zion, and go round about it, and tell the towers thereof.

¹³ Mark well the wall thereof: behold her towers, that ye may tell your posterity.

¹⁴ For this God is our God forever and ever: he shall be our guide unto the death.

Psalm 49

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm committed to the sons of Korah. Hear this, all ye people: give ear, all ye that dwell in the world,

² As well low as high, both rich and poor.

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and the meditation of mine heart is of knowledge.

⁴ I will incline mine ear to a parable, and utter my grave matter upon the harp.

⁵ Wherefore should I fear in the evil days, when iniquity shall compass me about, as at mine heels?

⁶ They trust in their goods, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.

⁷ Yet a man can by no means redeem his brother: he cannot give his ransom to God,

⁸ (So precious is the redemption of their souls, and the continuance forever)

⁹ That he may live still forever, and not see the grave.

¹⁰ For he seeth that wise men die, and also that the ignorant and foolish perish, and leave their riches for others.

¹¹ Yet they think, their houses, and their habitations shall continue forever, even from generation to generation, and call their lands by their names.

¹² But man shall not continue in honor: he is like the beasts that die.

¹³ This their way uttereth their foolishness: yet their posterity delight in their talk. Selah.

¹⁴ Like sheep they lie in grave: death devoureth them, and the righteous shall have domination over them in the morning: for their beauty shall consume, when they shall go from their house to grave.

¹⁵ But God shall deliver my soul from the power of the grave: for he will receive me. Selah.

¹⁶ Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, and when the glory of his house is increased.

¹⁷ For he shall take nothing away when he dieth, neither shall his pomp descend after him.

¹⁸ For while he lived, he rejoiced himself: and men will praise thee, when thou makest much of thyself.

¹⁹ He shall enter into the generation of his fathers, and they shall not live forever.

²⁰ Man is in honor, and understandeth not: he is like to beasts that perish.

Psalm 50

¹ A Psalm of Asaph. The God of Gods, even the Lord hath spoken and called the earth from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

² Out of Zion, which is the perfection of beauty, hath God shined.

³ Our God shall come and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and a mighty tempest shall be moved round about him.

⁴ He shall call the heaven above, and the earth to judge his people.

⁵ Gather my Saints together unto me, those that make a covenant with me with sacrifice.

⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

⁷ Hear, O my people, and I will speak: hear, O Israel, and I will testify unto thee: for I am God, even thy God.

⁸ I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices, or thy burnt offerings, that have not been continually before me.

⁹ I will take no bullock out of thine house, nor goats out of thy folds.

¹⁰ For all the beasts of the forest are mine, and the beasts on a thousand mountains.

¹¹ I know all the fowls on the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

¹² If I be hungry, I will not tell thee: for the world is mine, and all that therein is.

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

¹⁴ Offer unto God praise, and pay thy vows unto the most High,

¹⁵ And call upon me in the day of trouble: so will I deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

¹⁶ But unto the wicked said God, What hast thou to do to declare mine ordinances, that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth,

¹⁷ Seeing thou hatest to be reformed, and hast cast my words behind thee?

¹⁸ For when thou seest a thief, thou runnest with him, and thou art partaker with the adulterers.

¹⁹ Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and with thy tongue thou forgest deceit.

²⁰ Thou sittest, and speakest against thy brother, and slanderest thy mother's son.

²¹ These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue: therefore thou thoughtest that I was like thee: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thee.

²² Oh consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none that can deliver you.

²³ He that offereth praise, shall glorify me: and to him, that disposeth his way aright, will I shew the salvation of God.

Psalm 51

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David, when the Prophet Nathan came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according to the multitude of thy compassions put away mine iniquities.

² Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know mine iniquities, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against thee, against thee only have I sinned, and done evil in thy sight, that thou mayest be just when thou speakest, and pure when thou judgest.

⁵ Behold, I was born in iniquity, and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

⁶ Behold, thou lovest truth in the inward affections: therefore hast thou taught me wisdom in the secret of mine heart.

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones, which thou hast broken, may rejoice.

⁹ Hide thy face from my sins, and put away all mine iniquities.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thine holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and establish me with thy free Spirit.

¹³ Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

¹⁴ Deliver me from blood, O God, which art the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing joyfully of thy righteousness.

¹⁵ Open thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¹⁶ For thou desirest no sacrifice, though I would give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a contrite spirit: a contrite and a broken heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

¹⁸ Be favorable unto Zion for thy good pleasure: build the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹ Then shalt thou accept ye sacrifices of righteousness, even the burnt offering and oblation: then shall they offer calves upon thine altar.

Psalm 52

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David to give instruction. When Doeg the Edomite came and shewed Saul, and said to him, David is come to the house of

Ahimelech. Why boastest thou thyself in thy wickedness, O man of power? The loving kindness of God endureth daily.

² Thy tongue imagineth mischief, and is like a sharp razor, that cutteth deceitfully.

³ Thou doest love evil more than good, and lies more than to speak the truth. Selah.

⁴ Thou lovest all words that may destroy, O deceitful tongue!

⁵ So shall God destroy thee forever: he shall take thee and pluck thee out of thy tabernacle, and root thee out of ye land of the living. Selah.

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

⁷ Behold the man that took not God for his strength, but trusted unto the multitude of his riches, and put his strength in his malice.

⁸ But I shall be like a green olive tree in the house of God: for I trusted in the mercy of God forever and ever.

⁹ I will alway praise thee, for that thou hast done this, and I will hope in thy Name, because it is good before thy Saints.

Psalm 53

¹ To him that excelleth on Mahalath. A Psalm of David to give instruction. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. they have corrupted and done abominable wickedness: there is none that doeth good.

² God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that would understand, and seek God.

³ Every one is gone back: they are altogether corrupt: there is none that doth good, no not one.

⁴ Do not the workers of iniquity know that they eat up my people as they eat bread? they call not upon God.

⁵ There they were afraid for fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that besieged thee: thou hast put them to confusion, because God hath cast them off.

⁶ Oh give salvation unto Israel out of Zion: when God turneth the captivity of his people, then Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 54

¹ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalm of David, to give instruction. When the Ziphims came and said unto Saul, Is not David hid among us? Save me, O God, by thy Name, and by thy power judge me.

²O God, hear my prayer: hearken unto the words of my mouth.

³ For strangers are risen up against me, and tyrants seek my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

⁴ Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

⁵ He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: Oh cut them off in thy truth!

⁶ Then I will sacrifice freely unto thee: I will praise thy Name, O Lord, because it is good.

⁷ For he hath delivered me out of all trouble, and mine eye hath seen my desire upon mine enemies.

Psalm 55

¹ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalm of David to give instruction. Hear my prayer, O God, and hide not thyself from my supplication.

² Hearken unto me, and answer me: I mourn in my prayer, and make a noise,

³ For the voice of the enemy, and for the vexation of ye wicked, because they have brought iniquity upon me, and furiously hate me.

⁴ Mine heart trembleth within me, and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

⁵ Fear and trembling are come upon me, and an horrible fear hath covered me.

⁶ And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove: then would I fly away and rest.

⁷ Behold, I would take my flight far off, and lodge in the wilderness. Selah.

⁸ He would make haste for my deliverance from the stormy wind and tempest.

⁹ Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen cruelty and strife in the city.

¹⁰ Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: both iniquity and mischief are in the midst of it.

¹¹ Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

¹² Surely mine enemy did not defame me: for I could have born it: neither did mine adversary exalt himself against me: for I would have hid me from him.

¹³ But it was thou, O man, even my companion, my guide and my familiar:

¹⁴ Which delighted in consulting together, and went into the House of God as companions.

¹⁵ Let death sense upon them: let them go down quick into the grave: for wickedness is in their dwellings, even in the midst of them.

¹⁶ But I will call unto God, and the Lord will save me.

¹⁷ Evening and morning, and at noon will I pray, and make a noise, and he will hear my voice.

¹⁸ He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle, that was against me: for many were with me.

¹⁹ God shall hear and afflict them, even he that reigneth of old, Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

²⁰ He laid his hand upon such, as be at peace with him, and he broke his covenant.

²¹ The words of his mouth were softer than butter, yet war was in his heart: his words were more gentle than oil, yet they were swords.

²² Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee: he will not suffer the righteous to fall forever.

²³ And thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of corruption: the bloody, and deceitful men shall not live half their days: but I will trust in thee.

Psalm 56

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David on Michtam, concerning the dumb dove in a far country, when the Philistines took him in Gath. Be merciful unto me, O God, for man would swallow me up: he fighteth continually and vexeth me.

² Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for many fight against me, O thou most High.

³ When I was afraid, I trusted in thee.

⁴ I will rejoice in God, because of his word, I trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

⁵ Mine own words grieve me daily: all their thoughts are against me to do me hurt.

⁶ They gather together, and keep themselves close: they mark my steps, because they wait for my soul.

⁷ They think they shall escape by iniquity: O God, cast these people down in thine anger.

⁸ Thou hast counted my wanderings: put my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy register?

⁹ When I cry, then mine enemies shall turn back: this I know, for God is with me.

¹⁰ I will rejoice in God because of his word: in the Lord will I rejoice because of his word.

¹¹ In God do I trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

¹² Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

¹³ For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and also my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Psalm 57

¹ To him that excelleth. Destroy not. A Psalm of David on Michtam. When he fled from Saul in the cave. Have mercy upon me, O God, have mercy upon me: for my soul trusteth in thee, and in the shadow of thy wings will I trust, till these afflictions overpass.

² I will call unto the most high God, even to the God, that performeth his promise toward me.

³ He will send from heaven, and save me from the reproof of him that would swallow me. Selah. God will send his mercy, and his truth.

⁴ My soul is among lions: I lie among the children of men, that are set on fire: whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

⁵ Exalt thyself, O God, above the heaven, and let thy glory be upon all the earth.

⁶ They have laid a net for my steps: my soul is pressed down: they have dug a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it. Selah.

⁷ Mine heart is prepared, O God, mine heart is prepared: I will sing and give praise.

⁸ Awake my tongue, awake viol and harp: I will awake early.

⁹ I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people, and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

¹⁰ For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

¹¹ Exalt thyself, O God, above the heavens, and let thy glory be upon all the earth.

Psalm 58

¹ To him that excelleth. Destroy not. A Psalm of David on Michtam. Is it true? O Congregation, speak ye justly? O sons of men, judge ye uprightly?

²Yea, rather ye imagine mischief in your heart: your hands execute cruelty upon the earth.

³ The wicked are strangers from ye womb: even from the belly have they erred, and speak lies.

⁴ Their poison is even like the poison of a serpent: like ye deaf adder that stoppeth his ear.

⁵ Which heareth not the voice of the enchanter, though he be most expert in charming.

⁶ Break their teeth, O God, in their mouths: break the jaws of the young lions, O Lord.

⁷ Let them melt like the waters, let them pass away: when he shooteth his arrows, let them be as broken.

⁸ Let them consume like a snail that melteth, and like the untimely fruit of a woman, that hath not seen the sun.

⁹ As raw flesh before your pots feel the fire of thorns: so let him carry them away as with a whirlwind in his wrath.

¹⁰ The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

¹¹ And men shall say, Verily there is fruit for the righteous: doubtless there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Psalm 59

¹ To him that excelleth. Destroy not. A Psalm of David on Michtam. When Saul sent and they did watch the house to kill him. O my God, deliver me from mine enemies: defend me from them that rise up against me.

² Deliver me from the wicked doers, and save me from the bloody men.

³ For lo, they have laid wait for my soul: the mighty men are gathered against me, not for mine offence, nor for my sin, O Lord.

⁴ They run and prepare themselves without a fault on my part: arise therefore to assist me, and behold.

⁵ Even thou, O Lord God of hosts, O God of Israel awake to visit all the heathen, and be not merciful unto all that transgress maliciously. Selah.

⁶ They go to and fro in the evening: they bark like dogs, and go about the city.

⁷ Behold, they brag in their talk, and swords are in their lips: for, Who, say they, doeth hear?

⁸ But thou, O Lord, shalt have them in derision, and thou shalt laugh at all the heathen.

⁹ He is strong: but I will wait upon thee: for God is my defense.

¹⁰ My merciful God will prevent me: God will let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

¹¹ Slay them not, lest my people forget it: but scatter them abroad by thy power, and put them down, O Lord our shield,

¹² For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips: and let them be taken in their pride, even for their perjury and lies, that they speak.

¹³ Consume them in thy wrath: consume them that they be no more: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob, even unto the ends of the world. Selah.

¹⁴ And in the evening they shall go to and fro, and bark like dogs, and go about the city.

¹⁵ They shall run here and there for meat: and surely they shall not be satisfied, though they tarry all night.

¹⁶ But I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.

¹⁷ Unto thee, O my Strength, will I sing: for God is my defense, and my merciful God.

Psalm 60

¹ To him that excelleth upon Shushan Eduth, or Michtam. A Psalm of David to teach. When he fought against Aram Naharaim, and against Aram Zobah, when Joab returned and slew twelve thousand Edomites in the salt valley. O God, thou hast cast us out, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been angry, turn again unto us.

² Thou hast made the land to tremble, and hast made it to gape: heal the breaches thereof, for it is shaken.

³ Thou hast shewed thy people heavy things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of giddiness.

⁴ But now thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of thy truth. Selah.

⁵ That thy beloved may be delivered, help with thy right hand and hear me.

⁶ God hath spoken in his holiness: therefore I will rejoice: I shall divide Shechem, and measure the valley of Succoth.

⁷ Gilead shall be mine, and Manasseh shall be mine: Ephraim also shall be the strength of mine head: Judah is my lawgiver.

⁸ Moab shall be my washpot: over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Palestina shew thyself joyful for me.

⁹ Who will lead me into the strong city? who will bring me unto Edom?

¹⁰ Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off, and didst not go forth, O God, with our armies?

¹¹ Give us help against trouble: for vain is the help of man.

¹² Through God we shall do valiantly: for he shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 61

¹ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalm of David. Hear my cry, O God: give ear unto my prayer.

² From the ends of the earth will I cry unto thee: when mine heart is oppressed, bring me upon the rock that is higher than I.

³ For thou hast been mine hope, and a strong tower against the enemy.

⁴ I will dwell in thy Tabernacle forever, and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings. Selah.

⁵ For thou, O God, hast heard my desires: thou hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.

⁶ Thou shalt give the King a long life: his years shall be as many ages.

⁷ He shall dwell before God forever: prepare mercy and faithfulness that they may preserve him.

⁸ So will I alway sing praise unto thy Name in performing daily my vows.

Psalm 62

¹ To the excellent musician Jeduthun. A Psalm of David. Yet my soul keepeth silence unto God: of him cometh my salvation.

² Yet he is my strength and my salvation, and my defense: therefore I shall not much be moved.

³ How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be all slain: ye shall be as a bowed wall, or as a wall shaken.

⁴ Yet they consult to cast him down from his dignity: their delight is in lies, they bless with their mouths, but curse with their hearts. Selah.

⁵ Yet my soul keep thou silence unto God: for mine hope is in him.

⁶ Yet is he my strength, and my salvation, and my defense: therefore I shall not be moved.

⁷ In God is my salvation and my glory, the rock of my strength: in God is my trust.

⁸ Trust in him alway, ye people: pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope. Selah.

⁹ Yet the children of men are vanity, the chief men are lies: to lay them upon a balance they are altogether lighter than vanity.

¹⁰ Trust not in oppression nor in robbery: be not vain: if riches increase, set not your heart thereon.

¹¹ God spake once or twice, I have heard it, that power belongeth unto God,

¹² And to thee, O Lord, mercy: for thou rewardest every one according to his work.

Psalm 63

¹ A Psalm of David. When he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee: my flesh longeth greatly after thee in a barren and dry land without water.

² Thus I behold thee as in the Sanctuary, when I behold thy power and thy glory.

³ For thy loving kindness is better than life: therefore my lips shall praise thee.

⁴ Thus will I magnify thee all my life, and lift up mine hands in thy name.

⁵ My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips,

⁶ When I remember thee on my bed, and when I think upon thee in the night watches.

⁷ Because thou hast been mine helper, therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

⁸ My soul cleaveth unto thee: for thy right hand upholdeth me.

⁹ Therefore they that seek my soul to destroy it, they shall go into the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁰ They shall cast him down with the edge of the sword, and they shall be a portion for foxes.

¹¹ But the King shall rejoice in God, and all that swear by him shall rejoice in him: for the mouth of them that speak lies, shall be stopped.

Psalm 64

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm of David. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

² Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, and from the rage of the workers of iniquity.

³ Which have whet their tongue like a sword, and shot for their arrows bitter words.

⁴ To shoot at the upright in secret: they shoot at him suddenly, and fear not.

⁵ They encourage themselves in a wicked purpose: they commune together to lay snares privily, and say, Who shall see them?

⁶ They have sought out iniquities, and have accomplished that which they sought out, even every one his secret thoughts, and the depth of his heart.

⁷ But God will shoot an arrow at them suddenly: their strokes shall be at once.

⁸ They shall cause their own tongue to fall upon them: and whosoever shall see them, shall flee away.

⁹ And all men shall see it, and declare the work of God, and they shall understand, what he hath wrought.

¹⁰ But the righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and trust in him: and all that are upright of heart, shall rejoice.

Psalm 65

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm or song of David. O God, praise waiteth for thee in Zion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

² Because thou hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

³ Wicked deeds have prevailed against me: but thou wilt be merciful unto our transgressions.

⁴ Blessed is he, whom thou choosest and causest to come to thee: he shall dwell in thy courts, and we shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thine House, even of thine holy Temple.

⁵ O God of our salvation, thou wilt answer us with fearful signs in thy righteousness, O thou the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are far off in the sea.

⁶ He establisheth the mountains by his power: and is girded about with strength.

⁷ He appeaseth the noise of the seas and the noise of the waves thereof, and the tumults of the people.

⁸ They also, that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth, shall be afraid of thy signs: thou shalt make the East and the West to rejoice.

⁹ Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou makest it very rich: the River of God is full of water: thou preparest them corn: for so thou appointest it.

¹⁰ Thou waterest abundantly the furrows thereof: thou causest the rain to descend into the valleys thereof: thou makest it soft with showers, and blessest the bud thereof.

¹¹ Thou crownest ye year with thy goodness, and thy steps drop fatness.

¹² They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the hills shall be compassed with gladness.

¹³ The pastures are clad with sheep: the valleys also shall be covered with corn: therefore they shout for joy, and sing.

Psalm 66

¹ To him that excelleth. A song or Psalm. Rejoice in God, all ye inhabitants of the earth.

² Sing forth the glory of his name: make his praise glorious.

³ Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be in subjection unto thee.

⁴ All the world shall worship thee, and sing unto thee, even sing of thy Name. Selah.

⁵ Come and behold the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the sons of men.

⁶ He hath turned the Sea into dry land: they pass through the river on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

⁷ He ruleth the world with his power: his eyes behold the nations: the rebellious shall not exalt themselves. Selah.

⁸ Praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

⁹ Which holdeth our souls in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip.

¹⁰ For thou, O God, hast proved us, thou hast tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹ Thou hast brought us into the snare, and laid a strait chain upon our loins.

¹² Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads: we went into fire and into water, but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

¹³ I will go into thine House with burnt offerings, and will pay thee my vows,

¹⁴ Which my lips have promised, and my mouth hath spoken in mine affliction.

¹⁵ I will offer unto thee the burnt offerings of fat rams with incense: I will prepare bullocks and goats. Selah.

¹⁶ Come and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what he hath done to my soul.

¹⁷ I called unto him with my mouth, and he was exalted with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I regard wickedness in mine heart, the Lord will not hear me.

¹⁹ But God hath heard me, and considered the voice of my prayer.

²⁰ Praised be God, which hath not put back my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Psalm 67

¹ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalm or song. God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine among us. Selah.

² That they may know thy way upon earth, and thy saving health among all nations.

³ Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

⁴ Let the people be glad and rejoice: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon the earth. Selah.

⁵ Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

⁶ Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our God shall bless us.

⁷ God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 68

¹ To him that excelleth. A Psalm or song of David. God will arise, and his enemies shall be scattered: they also that hate him, shall flee before him.

² As the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: and as wax melteth before the fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³ But the righteous shall be glad, and rejoice before God: yea, they shall leap for joy.

⁴ Sing unto God, and sing praises unto his name: exalt him that rideth upon the heavens, in his Name Jah, and rejoice before him.

⁵ He is a Father of the fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, even God in his holy habitation.

⁶ God maketh the solitary to dwell in families, and delivereth them that were prisoners in stocks: but the rebellious shall dwell in a dry land.

⁷ O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people: when thou wentest through the wilderness, (Selah)

⁸ The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of this God: even Sinai was moved at the presence of God, even the God of Israel.

⁹ Thou, O God, sendest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance, and thou didst refresh it when it was weary.

¹⁰ Thy Congregation dwelled therein: for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared it for the poor.

¹¹ The Lord gave matter to the women to tell of the great army.

¹² Kings of the armies did flee: they did flee, and she that remained in the house, divided the spoil.

¹³ Though ye have lien among pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove that is covered with silver, and whose feathers are like yellow gold.

¹⁴ When the Almighty scattered Kings in it, it was white as the snow in Zalmon.

¹⁵ The mountain of God is like the mountain of Bashan: it is an high Mountain, as mount Bashan.

¹⁶ Why leap ye, ye high mountains? as for this Mountain, God delighteth to dwell in it: yea, the Lord will dwell in it forever.

¹⁷ The chariots of God are twenty thousand thousand Angels, and the Lord is among them, as in the Sanctuary of Sinai.

¹⁸ Thou art gone up on high: thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men: yea, even the rebellious hast thou led, that the Lord God might dwell there.

¹⁹ Praised be the Lord, even the God of our salvation, which loadeth us daily with benefits. Selah.

²⁰ This is our God, even the God that saveth us: and to the Lord God belong the issues of death.

²¹ Surely God will wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy pate of him that walketh in his sins.

²² The Lord hath said, I will bring my people again from Bashan: I will bring them again from the depths of the Sea:

²³ That thy foot may be dipped in blood, and the tongue of thy dogs in the blood of the enemies, even in it.

²⁴ They have seen, O God, thy goings, the goings of my God, and my King, which art in the Sanctuary.

²⁵ The singers went before, the players of instruments after: in the midst were the maids playing with timbrels.

²⁶ Praise ye God in the assemblies, and the Lord, ye that are of the fountain of Israel.

²⁷ There was little Benjamin with their ruler, and the princes of Judah with their assembly, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

²⁸ Thy God hath appointed thy strength: establish, O God, that, which thou hast wrought in us,

²⁹ Out of thy Temple upon Jerusalem: and Kings shall bring presents unto thee.

³⁰ Destroy the company of the spearmen, and multitude of the mighty bulls with the calves of the people, that tread under feet pieces of silver: scatter the people that delight in war.

³¹ Then shall the princes come out of Egypt: Ethiopia shall haste to stretch her hands unto God.

³² Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth: sing praise unto the Lord, (Selah)

³³ To him that rideth upon ye most high heavens, which were from the beginning: behold, he will send out by his voice a mighty sound.

³⁴ Ascribe the power to God: for his majesty is upon Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

³⁵ O God, thou art terrible out of thine holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto the people: praised be God.

Psalm 69

¹ To him that excelleth upon Shoshannim. A Psalm of David. Save me, O God: for the waters are entered even to my soul.

² I stick fast in the deep mire, where no stay is: I am come into deep waters, and the streams run over me.

³ I am weary of crying: my throat is dry: mine eyes fail, while I wait for my God.

⁴ They that hate me without a cause, are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, and are mine enemies falsely, are mighty, so that I restored that which I took not.

⁵ O God, thou knowest my foolishness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

⁶ Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for me: let not those that seek thee, be confounded through me, O God of Israel.

⁷ For thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face.

⁸ I am become a stranger unto my brethren, even an alien unto my mother's sons.

⁹ For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me, and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee, are fallen upon me.

¹⁰ I wept and my soul fasted, but that was to my reproof.

¹¹ I put on a sack also: and I became a proverb unto them.

¹² They that sat in the gate, spake of me, and the drunkards sang of me.

¹³ But Lord, I make my prayer unto thee in an acceptable time, even in the multitude of thy mercy: O God, hear me in the truth of thy salvation.

¹⁴ Deliver me out of the mire, that I sink not: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

¹⁵ Let not the water flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

¹⁶ Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving kindness is good: turn unto me according to ye multitude of thy tender mercies.

¹⁷ And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: make haste and hear me.

¹⁸ Draw near unto my soul and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

¹⁹ Thou hast known my reproof and my shame, and my dishonor: all mine adversaries are before thee.

²⁰ Rebuke hath broken mine heart, and I am full of heaviness, and I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was none: and for comforters, but I found none.

²¹ For they gave me gall in my meat, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

²² Let their table be a snare before them, and their prosperity their ruin.

²³ Let their eyes be blinded that they see not: and make their loins alway to tremble.

²⁴ Pour out thine anger upon them, and let thy wrathful displeasure take them.

²⁵ Let their habitation be void, and let none dwell in their tents.

²⁶ For they persecute him, whom thou hast smitten: and they add unto the sorrow of them, whom thou hast wounded.

²⁷ Lay iniquity upon their iniquity, and let them not come into thy righteousness.

²⁸Let them be put out of the book of life, neither let them be written with the righteous.

²⁹ When I am poor and in heaviness, thine help, O God, shall exalt me.

³⁰ I will praise the Name of God with a song, and magnify him with thanksgiving.

³¹ This also shall please the Lord better than a young bullock, that hath horns and hoofs.

³² The humble shall see this, and they that seek God, shall be glad, and your heart shall live.

³³ For the Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise him: the seas and all that moveth in them.

³⁵ For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah, that men may dwell there and have it in possession.

³⁶ The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name, shall dwell therein.

Psalm 70

¹ To him excelleth. A Psalm of David to put in remembrance. O God, haste thee to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord.

² Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek my soul: let them be turned backward and put to rebuke, that desire mine hurt.

³ Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame, which said, Aha, aha.

⁴ But let all those that seek thee, be joyful and glad in thee, and let all that love thy salvation, say always, God be praised.

⁵ Now I am poor and needy: O God, make haste to me: thou art mine helper, and my deliverer: O Lord, make no tarrying.

Psalm 71

¹ In thee, O Lord, I trust: let me never be ashamed.

² Rescue me and deliver me in thy righteousness: incline thine ear unto me and save me.

³Be thou my strong rock, whereunto I may alway resort: thou hast given commandment to save me: for thou art my rock, and my fortress.

⁴ Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked: out of the hand of the evil and cruel man.

⁵ For thou art mine hope, O Lord God, even my trust from my youth.

⁶ Upon thee have I been stayed from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be always of thee.

⁷ I am become as it were a monster unto many: but thou art my sure trust.

⁸ Let my mouth be filled with thy praise, and with thy glory every day.

⁹ Cast me not off in the time of age: forsake me not when my strength faileth.

¹⁰ For mine enemies speak of me, and they that lay wait for my soul, take their counsel together,

¹¹ Saying, God hath forsaken him: pursue and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

¹² Go not far from me, O God: my God, haste thee to help me.

¹³ Let them be confounded and consumed that are against my soul: let them be covered with reproof and confusion, that seek mine hurt.

¹⁴ But I will wait continually, and will praise thee more and more.

¹⁵ My mouth shall daily rehearse thy righteousness, and thy salvation: for I know not the number.

¹⁶ I will go forward in the strength of the Lord God, and will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

¹⁷ O God, thou hast taught me from my youth even until now: therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works,

¹⁸ Yea, even unto mine old age and gray head, O God: forsake me not, until I have declared thine arm unto this generation, and thy power to all them, that shall come.

¹⁹ And thy righteousness, O God, I will exalt on high: for thou hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

²⁰ Which hast shewed me great troubles and adversities, but thou wilt return, and revive me, and wilt come again, and take me up from the depth of the earth.

²¹ Thou wilt increase mine honor, and return and comfort me.

²² Therefore will I praise thee for thy faithfulness, O God, upon instrument and viol: unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O Holy one of Israel.

²³ My lips will rejoice when I sing unto thee, and my soul, which thou hast delivered.

²⁴ My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness daily: for they are confounded and brought unto shame, that seek mine hurt.

Psalm 72

¹ A Psalm of Solomon. Give thy judgments to the King, O God, and thy righteousness to the King's son.

² Then shall he judge thy people in righteousness, and thy poor with equity.

³ The mountains and the hills shall bring peace to the people by justice.

⁴ He shall judge the poor of the people: he shall save the children of the needy, and shall subdue the oppressor.

⁵ They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endureth, from generation to generation.

⁶ He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, and as the showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his days shall the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace shall be so long as the moon endureth.

⁸ His dominion shall be also from sea to sea, and from the River unto the ends of the land.

⁹ They that dwell in ye wilderness, shall kneel before him, and his enemies shall lick the dust.

¹⁰ The Kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the Kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

¹¹ Yea, all Kings shall worship him: all nations shall serve him.

¹² For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth: the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

¹³ He shall be merciful to the poor and needy, and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

¹⁴ He shall redeem their souls from deceit and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

¹⁵ Yea, he shall live, and unto him shall they give of the gold of Sheba: they shall also pray for him continually, and daily bless him.

¹⁶ An handful of corn shall be sown in the earth, even in the top of the mountains, and the fruit thereof shall shake like the trees of Lebanon: and the children shall flourish out of the city like the grass of the earth.

¹⁷ His name shall be forever: his name shall endure as long as the sun: all nations shall bless him, and be blessed in him.

¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel, which only doeth wondrous things.

¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious Name forever: and let all the earth be filled with his glory. So be it, even so be it. HERE END THE prayers of David, the son of Ishai.

Psalm 73

¹ A Psalm committed to Asaph. Yet God is good to Israel: even, to the pure in heart.

² As for me, my feet were almost gone: my steps had well near slipped.

³ For I feared at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴ For there are no bands in their death, but they are lusty and strong.

⁵ They are not in trouble as other men, neither are they plagued with other men.

⁶ Therefore pride is as a chain unto them, and cruelty covereth them as a garment.

⁷ Their eyes stand out for fatness: they have more than heart can wish.

⁸ They are licentious, and speak wickedly of their oppression: they talk presumptuously.

⁹ They set their mouth against heaven, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

¹⁰ Therefore his people turn hither: for waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

¹¹ And they say, How doeth God know it? or is there knowledge in the most High?

¹²Lo, these are the wicked, yet prosper they alway, and increase in riches.

¹³ Certainly I have cleansed mine heart in vain, and washed mine hands in innocency.

¹⁴ For daily have I been punished, and chastened every morning.

¹⁵ If I say, I will judge thus, behold the generation of thy children: I have trespassed.

¹⁶ Then thought I to know this, but it was too painful for me,

¹⁷ Until I went into the Sanctuary of God: then understood I their end.

¹⁸ Surely thou hast set them in slippery places, and castest them down into desolation.

¹⁹ How suddenly are they destroyed, perished and horribly consumed,

²⁰ As a dream when one awaketh! O Lord, when thou raisest us up, thou shalt make their image despised.

²¹ Certainly mine heart was vexed, and I was pricked in my reins:

²² So foolish was I and ignorant: I was a beast before thee.

²³ Yet I was alway with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

²⁴ Thou wilt guide me by thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but thee? and I have desired none in the earth with thee.

²⁶ My flesh faileth and mine heart also: but God is the strength of mine heart, and my portion forever.

²⁷ For lo, they that withdraw themselves from thee, shall perish: thou destroyest all them that go a whoring from thee.

²⁸ As for me, it is good for me to draw near to God: therefore I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

Psalm 74

¹ A Psalm to give instruction, committed to Asaph. O God, why hast thou put us away forever? why is thy wrath kindled against the sheep of thy pasture?

² Think upon thy Congregation, which thou hast possessed of old, and on the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed, and on this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

³ Lift up thy strokes, that thou mayest forever destroy every enemy that doeth evil to the Sanctuary.

⁴ Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy Congregation, and set up their banners for signs.

⁵ He that lifted the axes upon the thick trees, was renowned, as one, that brought a thing to perfection:

⁶ But now they break down the carved work thereof with axes and hammers.

⁷ They have cast thy Sanctuary into the fire, and raised it to the ground, and have defiled the dwelling place of thy Name.

⁸ They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them altogether: they have burnt all the Synagogues of God in the land.

⁹ We see not our signs: there is not one Prophet more, nor any with us that knoweth how long.

¹⁰ O God, how long shall the adversary reproach thee? shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name forever?

¹¹Why withdrawest thou thine hand, even thy right hand? draw it out of thy bosom, and consume them.

¹² Even God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

¹³ Thou didst divide the sea by thy power: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

¹⁴ Thou brakest the head of Leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat for the people in wilderness.

¹⁵ Thou brakest up the fountain and river: thou driest up mighty rivers.

¹⁶ The day is thine, and the night is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

¹⁷ Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

¹⁸ Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached the Lord, and the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.

¹⁹ Give not the soul of thy turtle dove unto the beast, and forget not the Congregation of thy poor forever.

²⁰ Consider thy covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of the cruel.

²¹ Oh let not the oppressed return ashamed, but let the poor and needy praise thy Name.

²² Arise, O God: maintain thine own cause: remember thy daily reproach by the foolish man.

²³ Forget not the voice of thine enemies: for the tumult of them, that rise against thee, ascendeth continually.

Psalm 75

¹ To him that excelleth. Destroy not. A Psalm or song committed to Asaph. We will praise thee, O God, we will praise thee, for thy Name is near: therefore they will declare thy wondrous works.

² When I shall take a convenient time, I will judge righteously.

³ The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: but I will establish the pillars of it. Selah.

⁴ I said unto the foolish, Be not so foolish, and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn.

⁵ Lift not up your horn on high, neither speak with a stiff neck.

⁶ For to come to preferment is neither from the East, nor from the West, nor from the South,

⁷ But God is the judge: he maketh low and he maketh high.

⁸ For in the hand of the Lord is a cup, and the wine is red: it is full mixed, and he poureth out of the same: surely all the wicked of the earth shall wring out and drink the dregs thereof.

⁹ But I will declare forever, and sing praises unto the God of Jacob.

¹⁰ All the horns of the wicked also will I break: but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Psalm 76

¹ To him that excelleth on Neginoth. A Psalm or song committed to Asaph. God is known in Judah: his Name is great in Israel.

² For in Shalem is his Tabernacle, and his dwelling in Zion.

³ There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield and the sword and the battle. Selah.

⁴ Thou art more bright and puissant, than the mountains of prey.

⁵ The stouthearted are spoiled: they have slept their sleep, and all the men of strength have not found their hands.

⁶ At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast asleep.

⁷ Thou, even thou art to be feared: and who shall stand in thy sight, when thou art angry!

⁸ Thou didst cause thy judgment to be heard from heaven: therefore the earth feared and was still,

⁹ When thou, O God, arose to judgment, to help all the meek of the earth. Selah.

¹⁰ Surely the rage of man shall turn to thy praise: the remnant of the rage shalt thou restrain.

¹¹ Vow and perform unto the Lord your God, all ye that be round about him: let them bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

¹² He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the Kings of the earth.

Psalm 77

¹ For the excellent musician Jeduthun. A Psalm committed to Asaph. My voice came to God, when I cried: my voice came to God, and he heard me.

² In the day of my trouble I sought ye Lord: my sore ran and ceased not in the night: my soul refused comfort.

³ I did think upon God, and was troubled: I prayed, and my spirit was full of anguish. Selah.

⁴ Thou keepest mine eyes waking: I was astonied and could not speak.

⁵ Then I considered the days of old, and the years of ancient time.

⁶ I called to remembrance my song in the night: I communed with mine own heart, and my spirit searched diligently.

⁷ Will the Lord absent himself forever? And will he shew no more favor?

⁸ Is his mercy clean gone forever? doeth his promise fail for evermore?

⁹ Hath God forgotten to be merciful? hath he shut up his tender mercies in displeasure? Selah.

¹⁰ And I said, This is my death: yet I remembered the years of the right hand of the most High.

¹¹ I remembered the works of the Lord: certainly I remembered thy wonders of old.

¹² I did also meditate all thy works, and did devise of thine acts, saying,

¹³ Thy way, O God, is in the Sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God!

¹⁴ Thou art ye God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy power among the people.

¹⁵ Thou hast redeemed thy people with thine arm, even the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

¹⁶ The waters saw thee, O God: the waters saw thee, and were afraid: yea, the depths trembled.

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water: the heavens gave a sound: yea, thine arrows went abroad.

¹⁸ The voice of thy thunder was round about: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹ Thy way is in the Sea, and thy paths in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

²⁰ Thou didst lead thy people like sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron.