

LESSON 33

Psalms 1-48

OVERVIEW:

Prophecies of the life and mission of Jesus Christ. “The Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee” (Psalm 116:7). “What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?” (Psalm 116:12) “Trust in the Lord.” (Psalm 4:5)

The book of Psalms is quoted more often by New Testament writers than any other Old Testament book – over 115 times.

Luke 24:44. And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be ^afulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in the psalms*, concerning me.

BIBLE DICTIONARY

PSALMS

The Psalms collectively are called in Hebrew *Tehillim* or “Praises,” but the word *mizmor*, which denotes a composition set to music, is found in the titles of many of them. The book is the first in order of the “Scriptures” (*Kethubim*) or Hagiographa, which with the Law and the Prophets make up the Hebrew O.T. See *Bible*.

No book of the Old Testament is more Christian in its inner sense or more fully attested as such by the use made of it than the Psalms. Out of a total of 283 direct citations from the Old Testament in the New, 116 have been counted from this one book. Much of Christianity by its preference for the Psalms reverses the custom of the Synagogue, which judged the psalmists’ inspiration inferior to that of the prophets, and set Moses on high above them all, so that no prophet might teach any new thing but only what was implicitly contained in the law.

Titles are added to some of the Psalms, but it is open to question whether these are as old as the words to which they are attached. They mainly refer to the manner in which the words were to be sung or accompanied. Some Psalms were to be accompanied by stringed instruments (*Neginah*, *Neginoth* Pss. 4, 54 - 55, 61, 67, 76, and Hab. 3: 19), others by wind instruments (*Nehiloth* Ps. 5); while such titles as “Set to *Alamoth*” (Ps. 46) = maidens, or “Set to *Sheminith*” (Pss. 6, 12) = the octave, seem to imply that there was singing in parts. Some of the titles appear to be intended to indicate the character of the Psalm, as *Maschil* = giving instruction (Pss. 32, 42, 44-45, 52 - 55, 74, 78, 78, 88 - 89, and 112), *Michtam*, rendered by some *Golden Psalm* (Pss. 16, 56 - 60); while *Shiggaion* (Ps. 7) with *Shigionoith* (Hab. 3: 1) may refer to the irregular erratic style of the compositions, and *Gittith* = belonging to Gath (Pss. 8, 81, 84) may relate either to the melody or to the instrument used in the performance. The other titles are all probably names of tunes, well known at the time, to which the Psalms were appointed to be sung.

Seventy-three of the psalms are ascribed to David, and so it was natural that the whole collection should be referred to as his, and that this convenient way of speaking should give rise in time to the popular belief that “the sweet psalmist of Israel” himself wrote all the so-called Psalms of David. Sacred psalmody is ascribed to him in general terms in 1 and 2 Chr., the accompanying instruments also being called “instruments of David,” as in Neh. 12: 36 and Amos 6: 5. In some cases in which a psalm is

ascribed to David in the Hebrew, it is certain that he could not have written it, and it has been concluded that the Hebrew titles are sometimes inaccurate.

SCRIPTURES:

PSALM 9

A Messianic Psalm of David—He praises the Lord for rebuking the heathen—The Lord shall judge the world in righteousness—He shall dwell in Zion—The wicked shall be turned into hell.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON MUTH-LABBEN, (Muth-labben [Psalm 9] presents a perfect riddle, owing to the various readings of MSS., and the contradictory conjectures of the learned. Besides the common reading upon death to the son, we have the same word that is used in [Psalm 46] (see above Alamo). Some explain it as the subject or occasion of the song, but most refer it to the music (“set to Muthlabben” R.V.). Gesenius, in his last edition, renders it—with virgins’ voice for the boys, i.e., to be sung by a choir of boys in the treble. Institute Manual, 310) *A PSALM OF DAVID*.

1 I WILL praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy ^amarvellous works.

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

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

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast ^aput out their name for ever and ever.

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

7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for ^ajudgment.

8 And he shall ^ajudge the world in ^brighteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be a ^arefuge for the ^boppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy ^aname will put their ^btrust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: ^adeclare among the people his doings.

12 When he ^amaketh ^binquisition (Heb avenges) for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the ^chumble.

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 forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy ^asalvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the ^anet which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is ^asnared in the work of his own hands. *Higgaion*. (*Higgaion* is found over [Psalm 9:16], and probably means either *musical sound*, according to the opinion of most, . . . or *meditation* according to Tholuck and Hengstenberg. Institute Manual, 310) *Selah*.

17 The wicked shall be turned into ^ahell, *and* all the nations that ^bforget God.

18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

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

PSALM 22

A Messianic Psalm of David—He foretells events in Messiah's life—Messiah says: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?—They pierce his hands and feet—He shall yet govern among all nations.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON AIJELETH SHAHAR, A PSALM OF DAVID. (Aijeleth Shahar, Hind of the Morning, i.e. the sun, or the dawn of day. This occurs only in [Psalm 22], where we may best take it to designate a song, perhaps commencing with these words, or bearing this name, to the melody of which the psalm was to be sung. . . . Institute Manual, 310)

1 ^aMY God, ~~my God~~, why hast thou ^bforsaken me? (My God, hear the words of my roaring;) ~~why art thou (art)~~ ~~so~~ far from helping me, ~~and from~~ ^ethe words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou ~~hearest~~ (answerest) not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou *art* holy, ~~O thou~~ that inhabitest (the heavens; thou are worthy of) the praises of Israel.

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

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But I (~~am~~) ~~am~~ a worm, ~~and~~ (am love of) no man; a ^areproach of men, and ^bdespised of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to ^ascorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*,

8 He ^atrusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

9 But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou ~~art~~ (wast) my God from my mother's belly (breasts).

11 Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help.

12 Many ~~bulls~~ (armies) have compassed me: strong ~~bulls~~ (armies) of Bashan have beset me (a)round.

13 They gaped upon me *with* their mouths, ~~as~~ (like) a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my ^aheart is like wax; it is melted 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: the assembly of the ^awicked have inclosed me: they ^bpierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me.

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

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, ^ahaste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword; ^amy darling (ie my life (idiom)) from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me (speak) from the (secret places of the wilderness, through the) horns of the ^aunicorns. (Heb bison, wild ox)

22 I will declare thy ^aname unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 My praise *shall be* of thee in the great ^acongregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the ^aworld shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 For the ^akingdom *is* the LORD's: and he *is* the ^bgovernor among the nations.

29 All *they that be* fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own ^asoul.

30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

31 They shall come, and shall ^adeclare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, ~~that~~ (what) he hath done *this*.

PSALM 31

David trusts in the Lord and rejoices in his mercy—Speaking Messianically he says: Into thine hand I commit my spirit—He counsels: O love the Lord, all ye his saints, for the Lord preserveth the faithful.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 IN thee, O LORD, do I put my ^atrust; let me never be ^bashamed: deliver me in thy ^crighteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

3 For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy ^aname's sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the ^anet that they have laid ^bprivily (or secretly) for me: for thou *art* my strength.

5 Into thine hand I commit my ^aspirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

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

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my ^abelly. (or body)

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without ^afled from me.

12 I am ^aforgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken ^bvessel.

13 For I have heard the ^aslander of many: fear *was* on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

14 But I ^atrusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.

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

16 Make thy face to ^ashine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

17 Let me not be ^aashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, *and* let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the ^alying lips be put to ^bsilence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 *Oh* how great *is* thy ^agoodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a ^apavilion from the ^bstrife of tongues.

21 Blessed *be* the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

22 For I said in my ^ahaste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

23 O ^alove the LORD, all ye his saints: *for* the LORD ^bpreserveth the ^cfaithful, and plentifully ^drewardeth the proud doer.

24 Be of good ^acourage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that ^bhope in (or wait for) the LORD.

PSALM 34

David blesses the Lord at all times—He counsels: Keep thy tongue from evil; do good and seek peace—Speaking Messianically he says: He keepeth all his bones; not one of them is broken.

A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE CHANGED HIS BEHAVIOUR BEFORE ABIMELECH; WHO DROVE HIM AWAY, AND HE DEPARTED.

- 1 I WILL ^abless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.
- 3 O ^amagnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I ^asought the LORD, and he ^bheard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 They looked unto him, and were ^alightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The ^aangel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
- 8 O ^ataste and see that the LORD *is* ^bgood: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.
- 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not ^awant any good *thing*.
- 11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?
- 13 Keep thy ^atongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking ^bguile.
- 14 Depart from evil, and do ^agood; seek ^bpeace, and pursue it.
- 15 The ^aeyes of the LORD *are* upon the ^brighteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and ^adelivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and ^asaveth such as be ^bof a contrite spirit.
(Heb crushed in spirit)
- 19 Many *are* the ^aafflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
- 20 **He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is ^abroken.**
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
- 22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that ^atrust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM 69

A Messianic Psalm of David—The zeal of the Lord's house hath eaten him up—Reproach has broken his heart—He is given gall and vinegar to drink—He is persecuted—He will save Zion.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON SHOSHANNIM, A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 SAVE me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul.
- 2 I sink in deep mire, where *there is* no standing: I am come into ^adeep waters, where the floods overflow me.
- 3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
- 4 They that ^ahate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.
- 5 O God, thou knowest my ^afoolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

9 For the ^azeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the ^breproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with ^afasting, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I become a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I *was* the ^asong of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O LORD, *in* an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the ^apit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender ^amercies.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

18 Draw ^anigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known my ^areproach, and my ^bshame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of ^aheaviness: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me ^avinegar to drink.

22 Let their table become a ^asnare before them: and *that which should have been* for their welfare, *let it become* a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they ^asee not; and make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their habitation be ^adesolate; *and* let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

27 Add ^ainiquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of the ^abook of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with ^athanksgiving.

31 *This* also shall ^aplease the LORD better than an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 The humble shall see *this*, *and* be glad: and your heart shall live that ^aseek God.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not ^ahis prisoners. (or those that are in bonds for his sake)

34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

35 For God will save ^aZion, and will ^bbuild (or rebuild) the cities of Judah: that they 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.

Prophecies of the life and mission of Jesus Christ:

Prophecy	Fulfillment	
107:23-30: 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in	Matthew: 8:23-27: 23 ¶ And when he was entered into a ship, his	Jesus calmed the winds and the waves.

<p>great waters; 24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. 25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. 26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. 28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. 29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. 30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.</p>	<p>disciples followed (came unto) him. 24 And, behold, there arose a great ^atempest^r in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. 25 And his disciples came (un)to <i>him</i>, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: (else) we perish. 26 And he sai(d)th unto them, Why are ye ^afearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and ^brebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the ^asea obey him!</p>	
<p>69:8: I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.</p>	<p>John 1:11; He came unto his own, and his own ^areceived him not.; 7:5: For neither did his brethren believe in him.</p>	<p>Jesus was not received by his own people.</p>
<p>41:9: Yea, mine own familiar ^afriend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up <i>his</i> ^bheel against me. (Judas Iscariot) 55:12-14: 12 For <i>it was</i> not an enemy <i>that</i> reproached me(, neither he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; if so,) then I could have borne <i>it</i>: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: 13 But <i>it was thou</i>, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. 14 We took sweet counsel together, <i>and</i> walked unto the house of God in ^acompany. (or fellowship)</p>	<p>John 13:18, 21:18 ¶ I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. 21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall ^abetray me.</p>	<p>Jesus was betrayed by a friend.</p>
<p>69:20: Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of ^aheaviness: and I looked <i>for some</i> to take pity, but <i>there was</i> none; and for comforters, but I found none.</p>	<p>Mark 14:32-41: 32 ^aAnd they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith (which was a garden; and the disciples began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy, and to complain in their hearts, wondering if this be the Messiah. And Jesus knowing their hearts, said) to his disciples, Sit ye</p>	<p>Jesus suffered alone in Gethsemane.</p>

	<p>here, while I shall pray. 33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and (rebuked them) began to be asore amazed, and to be bvery cheavy; 34 And sai(d)th unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful (even) unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. 35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things <i>are</i> possible unto thee; ^atake away this ^bcup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt (my will, but thine be done). 37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and sai(d)th unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one ^ahour? 38 ^aWatch ye and pray, lest ye enter into ^btemptation. (And they said unto him,) The spirit truly <i>is</i> ready, but the flesh <i>is</i> weak. 39 And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. 40 And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist (knew) they what to answer him. 41 And he cometh (to them) the third time, and sai(d)th unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.</p>	
<p>22:7-8: 7 All they that see me laugh me to ^ascorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, <i>saying</i>, 8 He ^atrusted on the LORD <i>that</i> he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.</p>	<p>Matthew 27:39-43: 39 ¶ And they that passed by ^areviled him, wagging their heads, 40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the ^atemple, and buildest <i>it</i> (again) in three days, save thyself. If thou be the ^bSon of God, come down from the cross. 41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, 42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. 43 He ^atrusted in</p>	<p>Jesus was mocked.</p>

	God; let him ^b deliver him now, if he will have (save) him: for he said, I am the ^c Son of God.	
22:16: For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the ^a wicked have inclosed me: they ^b pierced my hands and my feet.	Mark 15:25: And it was the third hour, and (when) they crucified him.	Jesus was crucified.
22:18: They part my ^a garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.	Matthew 27:35: And they ^a crucified him, and ^b parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my ^c garments among them, and upon (for) my vesture did they (did) cast lots.	The soldiers cast lots for Christ's clothes.
22:1: ^a MY God, my God, why hast thou ^b forsaken me? (My God, hear the words of my roaring; (my cry of distress)) why art thou so (art) far from helping me(,) and from the words of my roaring?	Matthew 27:46: And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, ^a My God, my God, why hast thou ^b forsaken me?	Jesus asked the Father why he had forsaken him.
69:21: They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me ^a vinegar to drink.	John 19:28-30: 28 ¶ After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. 29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar (mingled with gall): and they filled a sponge with avinegar (it), and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is ^a finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.	Jesus was given vinegar for his thirst.
34:20: He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is ^a broken.	John 19:33-36: 33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they ^a brake not his legs: 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. 35 And he that ^a saw it bare ^b record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. 36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A ^a bone of him shall not be broken.	None of Jesus' bones was broken.
31:5: Into thine hand I commit my ^a spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.	Luke 23:46:¶ And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I ^a commend	Jesus commended his spirit to the Father and died.

	my ^b spirit: and having said thus, he ^c gave up the ^d ghost.	
16:10: For thou wilt not ^a leave my ^b soul in ^c hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine ^d Holy One to see corruption.	Acts 2:31-32: 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God ^a raised up, whereof we all are ^b witnesses. 13:34-35:34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, <i>now</i> no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the ^a sure mercies of David. 35 Wherefore he saith also in another <i>psalm</i> , Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.	The Savior's flesh did not see corruption, being raised up in the resurrection.

The Creation of Heaven and Earth

Psalm 19:1: THE ^aheavens ^bdeclare the ^cglory of God; and the firmament sheweth his ^dhandywork.

Psalm 104:5-7. 5 *Who* laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever. 6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the ^awaters stood above the mountains. 7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. 14. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; 24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy ^ariches.

Psalm 136:3-9: 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. 4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. 5 To him that by ^awisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. 6 To him that stretched out the ^aearth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. 7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: 8 The ^asun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: 9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

The Savior's Mercy, Forgiveness, and Love:

Psalm 23: 1 THE LORD *is* my ^ashepherd; I shall not ^bwant. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he ^aleadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of ^arighteousness for his ^bname's sake. 4 Yea, though I ^awalk through the ^bvalley of the ^cshadow of ^ddeath, I will fear no ^eevil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they ^fcomfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou ^aanointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely ^agoodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalm 51: 1 HAVE ^amercy upon me, O God, according to thy ^blovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy **tender mercies** ^cblot out my ^dtransgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and ^acleanse me from my sin. 3 For I ^aacknowledge my transgressions: and my ^bsin *is* ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I ^asinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be ^bjustified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest. 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother ^aconceive me. 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom. 7 **Purge me with ^ahyssop, 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 blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a ^aclean

heart, O God; and ^brenew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy ^apresence; and take not thy ^bholy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit. 13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be ^aconverted unto thee. 14 ^aDeliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. 15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. 16 For thou desirest not ^asacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering. 17 **The ^asacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a ^bcontrite heart,** O God, thou wilt not despise. 18 Do good in thy good ^apleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Psalm 59:16: But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my ^atrouble.

Psalm 78:38: But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

Psalm 86: 5, 13: 5 For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to ^aforgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. 13 For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and thou hast ^adelivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Psalm 100:4-5: 4 Enter into his gates with ^athanksgiving, *and* into his ^bcourts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. 5 For the LORD *is* good; **his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.**

Psalm 103:2-4, 8-11, 17-18: 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who ^aforgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy ^bdiseases; 4 Who ^aredeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and **tender mercies;** 8 **The ^aLORD *is* ^bmerciful and gracious, slow to ^canger, and plenteous in mercy.** 9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep *his* ^aanger for ever. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, **so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.** 17 But the ^amercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; 18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Scriptures:

Psalm 19:7-11: 7 The ^alaw of the LORD *is* ^bperfect, ^cconverting the soul: the ^dtestimony of the LORD *is* ^esure, making ^fwise the ^gsimple. 8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, ^arejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* ^bpure, ^cenlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the ^ajudgments of the LORD *are* ^btrue *and* righteous altogether. 10 More to be ^adesired *are they* than ^bgold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is thy servant ^awarned: *and* in ^bkeeping of them *there is* great reward.

The Temple:

Psalm 5:7: But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in ^athy fear (or reverence) will I worship toward thy holy ^btemple.

Psalm 15:1-3: 1 LORD, who shall ^aabide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy ^bhill (of Zion)? 2 He that ^awalketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. 3 *He that* ^abackbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his ^bneighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

Psalm 24:1 THE ^aearth *is* the ^bLORD's, and the fulness thereof; 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 ^aascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his ^bholy place?** 4 He that hath ^aclean ^bhands, and a ^cpure ^dheart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto ^evanity, nor ^fsworn ^gdeceitfully. 5 He shall receive the

blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, ^aO Jacob. (or even Jacob) Selah. 7 ^aLift up your heads, O ye ~~gates~~ (generations of Jacob); and be ye lift(ed) up, ye ~~everlasting doors~~; and the King of glory shall beome ~~in~~. 8 Who is this a King of glory? (And) the LORD strong and mighty; the LORD mighty in battle, who is the king of glory, shall establish you for ever. And he will roll away the heavens; and will come down to redeem his people; to make you an everlasting name; to establish you upon his everlasting rock). 9 Lift up your heads, O ye ~~gates~~ (generations of Jacob); ~~even lift them up~~ (your heads), ye everlasting ~~doors~~ (generations); and the (Lord of hosts, the king of kings;) ~~King of glory shall come in~~. 10 Who is this a King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. (Even the king of glory shall come unto you; and shall redeem his people, and shall establish them in righteousness.) Selah. (Probably *selah* was used to direct the singer to be silent, or to pause a little, while the instruments played an interlude or symphony. Old Testament Student Manual, p. 311)

Psalm 27:4: One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may ^adwell in the ^bhouse of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the ^cbeauty of the LORD, and to ^denquire (or contemplate) in his temple.

Psalm 65:4: Blessed *is the man whom* thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee, that* he may dwell in thy ^acourts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.

Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 10-12: 1 HOW ^aamiable *are* thy tabernacles (Heb lovely is thy dwelling place), O LORD of hosts! 2 My soul longeth, yea, even ^afainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. 4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. 10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than ^aa thousand (ie a thousand elsewhere). I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. 11 For the LORD God *is* a ^asun and ^bshield: the LORD will give ^cgrace and glory: no good *thing* will he ^dwithhold from them that ^ewalk uprightly. 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

Gratitude:

Psalm 116:12 What shall I ^arender unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me? 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. 16 O LORD, truly I *am* thy ^aservant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will ^acall upon the name of the LORD. 18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people, 19 In the ^acourts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

Trust in the Lord:

Psalm 4:5: Offer the ^asacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

Psalm 5:11: But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever ^ashout (Heb sing) for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psalm 9:10: And they that know thy ^aname will put their ^btrust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Psalm 18:2: The LORD *is* my ^arock, and my ^bfortress, and my deliverer; my God, my ^cstrength, in whom I will ^dtrust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

Psalm 56:11: In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Psalm 62:8: ^aTrust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

Psalm 118:8-9: 8 *It is* better to ^atrust in the LORD than to put ^bconfidence in man. 9 *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

(Joseph Smith was still in his teens when he learned of the prophetic significance of the book of Psalms. We can virtually identify the very moment—it was during the night and early morning hours of the 21 and 22 September 1823, when Moroni first visited him. It was Oliver Cowdery who, after a lengthy conversation with the Prophet, preserved this knowledge for us. In the Pearl of Great Price account, Joseph Smith only tells us of a few of the passages of scripture quoted and explained by Moroni, adding that "he quoted many other passages of scripture, and offered many explanations which cannot be mentioned here" (JS-H 1:36-41). In his account of what the Prophet told him, Oliver lists more than two dozen such passages, among which are five of the Psalms. We will briefly examine each. They are Psalms 91:6; 100; 107; 144; and 146:10. Though Moroni's explanation of these passages has not been preserved for us, their interpretation in the context of Moroni's instruction to Joseph Smith will be obvious. [Psalm 91:6](#). This is a messianic psalm, the introductory verses of which are refrains of praise and rejoicing in the protection afforded Israel through faith in God. The sixth verse speaks of pestilence and of a "destruction that wasteth at noonday." Moroni placed the passage in the same context as Joel's prophecy that the moon would turn to blood and the stars fall from heaven (see [Joel 2:31](#)), and Isaiah's prophecy of the earth reeling to and fro as a drunken man (see [Isaiah 24:20](#)). Oliver's account records, "The Lord will bring to the knowledge of his people his commandments and statutes, that they may be prepared to stand when the . . . nations tremble, and the destroying angel goes forth to waste the inhabitants at noon-day: for so great are to be the calamities which are to come upon the inhabitants of the earth, before the coming of the Son of Man the second time, that whoso is not prepared cannot abide; but such as are found faithful, and remain, shall be gathered with his people and caught up to meet the Lord in the cloud, and so shall they inherit eternal life." Moroni would obviously have emphasized to Joseph Smith his role in restoring the "commandments and statutes" of the Lord that a people might be prepared to stand when the Lord comes. [Psalm 100](#). 1 MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. 2 Serve the LORD with ^agladness: come before his presence with ^bsinging. 3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath ^amade us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the ^bsheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with ^athanksgiving, *and* into his ^bcourts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name. 5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations. This Psalm begins with the announcement that all the earth must declare the Lord and serve him joyfully. It is an invitation for the worthy of all nations to "come before his presence," which is an Old Testament phrase meaning "to come to the temple." The witness of the Psalmist is that the truths taught therein endure from generation to generation, unchanged. This, we learn from Moroni, was the day for which David longed and often prayed. Further, we are told that David knew that such a day could not come "until the knowledge of the glory of God covered all lands, or all the earth." [Psalm 107](#). 1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom he hath ^aredeemed from the hand of the enemy; 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. 4 They ^awandered in the ^bwilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. 6 Then they ^acried unto the LORD in their ^btrouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses. 7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. 8 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! 9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. 10 Such as sit in ^adarkness and in the shadow of death, *being* bound in affliction and iron; 11 Because they ^arebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High: 12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and *there was* none to help. 13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses. 14 He brought them out of darkness and the ^ashadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. 15 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! 16 For he hath ^abroken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder. 17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of ^ameat; and they draw near unto the gates

of death. 19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saveth them out of their distresses. 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions. 21 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! 22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of ^athanksgiving, and declare his works with ^brejoicing. 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; 24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. 25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. 26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken ^aman, and are at their wits' end. 28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. 29 He ^amaketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. 30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. 31 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! 32 Let them exalt him also in the ^acongregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. 33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground; 34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the ^awickedness of them that dwell therein. 35 He turneth the ^awilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings. 36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation; 37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase. 38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease. 39 Again, they are ^aminished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow. 40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, *where there is no way*. 41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh *him* families like a flock. 42 The righteous shall see *it*, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth. 43 Whoso *is* ^awise, and will observe these *things*, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD. This Psalm speaks of affliction and distress which would come upon Israel because they "rebelled against the words of God." It promised a day when they would be freed from their bondage of "darkness" and gathered from the lands of the "east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south," a time when the Lord would "send his word" and heal them, after which they would be expected to "declare" or testify of "his works with rejoicing." The Psalm also promises that for those so gathered the Lord would turn the "desert into pools of water, and parched earth into springs of water." Here the hungry, it was prophesied, would settle and establish a city to dwell in and be blessed with abundant harvests. Here they were to multiply "greatly," for the promise was that the Lord would make "him families like a flock." Commenting on this, Oliver wrote: "Most clearly was it shown to the prophet, that the righteous should be gathered from all the earth: He knew that the children of Israel were led from Egypt, by the right hand of the Lord, and permitted to possess the land of Canaan, though they were rebellious in the desert, but he further knew that they were not gathered from the east, the west, the north and the south, at that time; for it was clearly manifested that the Lord himself would prepare a habitation, even as he said, when he would lead them to a city of refuge." Psalms [144:11-12](#) 11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh ^avanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood: 12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the similitude of a palace: and 146:10 The LORD shall reign for ^aever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD. Here we again find David praying for that day when Israel will be freed from the hand of foreigners that her sons might be "as plants grown up in their youth" and their daughters "as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." Only then, according to the Cowdery account of Moroni's discourse, will their sons and daughters prophesy, their old men dream dreams, and young men see visions. This was then given as the context of [Psalm 146:10](#), which announces a day when the Lord would reign forever in Zion. Joseph F. McConkie, Joseph Smith Translation: The Restoration of Plain and Precious Things, Chapter 6.)

PSALM 1

Blessed are the righteous—The ungodly shall perish.

- 1 ^aBLESSED *is* the man that ^bwalketh not in the ^ccounsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the ^dscornful.
- 2 But his ^adelight *is* in the ^blaw (Heb teaching, direction, doctrine) of the LORD; and in his law doth he ^cmeditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a ^atree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall ^bprosper.
- 4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the ^achaff which the wind driveth away.
- 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the ^arighteous: but the way of the ^bungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

A Messianic Psalm—The heathen shall rage against the Lord's anointed—The Lord speaks of his Son whom he has begotten.

- 1 WHY do the ^aheathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
- 2 The ^akings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take ^bcounsel together, against the LORD, and against his ^canointed, *saying*,
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall ^alaugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
- 6 Yet have I ^aset my king upon my ^bholy hill of Zion. (Heb anointed my king)
- 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my ^aSon; this day have I begotten thee.
- 8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.
- 9 Thou shalt ^abreak them with a ^brod of iron; thou shalt ^cdash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
- 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with ^afear, and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.
- ^aBlessed *are* all they that put their ^btrust in him.

PSALM 3

David cries unto the Lord and is heard—Salvation is of the Lord.

A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM ABSALOM HIS SON.

- 1 LORD, how are they increased that ^atrouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.
- 2 Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Selah.
- 3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a ^ashield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
- 4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.
- 5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.
- 7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
- 8 ^aSalvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

PSALM 4

David pleads for mercy—He counsels: Put your trust in the Lord.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN ON NEGINOTH, (Neginoth [Psalm 4; 61]. . . . This name, from the Hebrew word meaning to strike a chord, . . . clearly denotes that the Psalm was to be sung to the accompaniment of stringed instruments. Institute Manual, 310) A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 ^aHEAR me when I call, O God of my ^bbrighteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in ^cdistress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into ^ashame? *how long* will ye love ^bvanity, *and* seek after leasing? Selah.

3 But know that the LORD hath ^aset apart him that is ^bgodly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

5 Offer the ^asacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

6 *There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy ^acountenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their ^acorn (Heb grain) and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in ^apeace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

David asks the Lord to hear his voice—The Lord hates workers of iniquity—He blesses and shields the righteous.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON NEHILOTH, (Nehiloth [Psalm 5], comes most likely from the Hebrew word meaning to perforate, and denotes pipes or flutes. Institute Manual, 310) A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 GIVE ear to my words, O LORD, consider my ^ameditation.

2 Harken unto the voice of my cry, my ^aKing, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the ^amorning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in ^awickedness: neither shall ^bevil dwell with thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all ^aworkers of iniquity.

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

7 But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in ^athy fear (or reverence) will I worship toward thy holy ^btemple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine ^aenemies; make thy way straight before my face.

9 For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; their ^ainward part *is* very wickedness; their ^bthroat *is* an open sepulchre; they ^cflatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have ^arebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever ^ashout (Heb sing) for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the ^arighteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

PSALM 6

David cries unto the Lord for mercy—He asks to be healed and saved.

*TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN ON NEGINOTH UPON SHEMINITH, (Sheminith [Psalms 6 and 7] means properly *eight*, and denotes either, as some think, an instrument with *eight* chords, or, more likely, music in the lower notes, or *bass*. This is strongly favored by [1 Chronicles 15:20–21], where the terms *alamoth* and *sheminith* clearly denote different *parts* of music: the former answering to our *treble*, and the latter to the *bass*, an *octave* below. Institute Manual, 310) A PSALM OF DAVID.*

1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* ^aweak: (Heb wretched, in misery) O LORD, ^bheal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the ^agrave who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my ^atears.

7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of ^ainiquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7

David trusts in the Lord who shall judge the people—God is angry with the wicked.

SHIGGAION OF DAVID, WHICH HE SANG UNTO THE LORD, CONCERNING THE WORDS OF CUSH THE BENJAMITE.

1 O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.

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

8 The LORD shall ^ajudge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God ^atrieth the hearts and reins.

10 My defence *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is ^aangry *with the wicked* every day.

12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived ^amischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is ^afallen into the ditch *which* he made.

16 His mischief shall ^areturn upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down 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

A Messianic Psalm of David—He says that babes and sucklings praise the Lord—He asks: What is man, that thou art mindful of him?

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON GITTITH, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

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

3 When I ^aconsider thy ^bheavens, the ^cwork of thy fingers, the ^dmoon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is ^aman, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou ^bvisitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little ^alower (Heb less than the gods) than the ^bangels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have ^adominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

7 All ^asheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

A Messianic Psalm of David—He praises the Lord for rebuking the heathen—The Lord shall judge the world in righteousness—He shall dwell in Zion—The wicked shall be turned into hell.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON MUTH-LABBEN, (Muth-labben [Psalm 9] presents a perfect riddle, owing to the various readings of MSS., and the contradictory conjectures of the learned. Besides the common reading upon death to the son, we have the same word that is used in [Psalm 46] (see above Alamo). Some explain it as the subject or occasion of the song, but most refer it to the music (“set to Muthlabben” R.V.). Gesenius, in his last edition, renders it—with virgins’ voice for the boys, i.e., to be sung by a choir of boys in the treble. Institute Manual, 310) A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 I WILL praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy ^amarvellous works.

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

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

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast ^aput out their name for ever and ever.

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

7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for ^ajudgment.

8 And he shall ^ajudge the world in ^brighteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be a ^arefuge for the ^boppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy ^aname will put their ^btrust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: ^adeclare among the people his doings.

12 When he ^amaketh ^binquisition (Heb avenges) for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the ^chumble.

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 forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy ^asalvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the ^anet which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is ^asnared in the work of his own hands. Higgsion. (*Higgsion* is found over [Psalm 9:16], and probably means either *musical sound*, according to the opinion of most, . . . or *meditation* according to Tholuck and Hengstenberg. Institute Manual, 310) Selah.

17 The wicked shall be turned into ^ahell, *and* all the nations that ^bforget God.

18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

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

PSALM 10

David speaks of divers acts of the wicked—God is not in their thoughts—But the Lord is King forever and ever—He will judge the fatherless and oppressed.

1 WHY standest thou ^aafar off, O LORD? *why* ^bhidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble? (D&C 121:1 O God, where art thou? And where is the pavilion that covereth thy hiding place?)

2 The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked ^aboasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after* God: ^aGod is ^bnot in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: ~~for I shall~~ never *be* in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of ^acursing and deceit and (his heart is full of) ^bfraud: (and) under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

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

10 He croucheth (to the strong ones), *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his ~~strong ones~~ (devices).

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the ^ahumble. (Heb afflicted, humbled)

13 ~~Wherefore doth~~ the wicked cont(d)emn God(;)? (Wherefore) he hath said (doth say) in his heart, Thou wilt not require ~~#~~ (iniquity at my hand).

14 (O Lord,) Thou hast seen ~~#~~ (all this); for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the ^afatherless.

15 (O Lord, thou wilt) Break ~~thou~~ the ^aarm of the wicked and (of) the evil ~~man~~: (and) seek out his wickedness ~~##~~(until) thou find none (that remaineth).

16 The LORD ~~is~~ (shall be) ^aKing for ever and ever (over his people): ~~the heathen are perished~~ (for the wicked shall perish) out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM 11

David rejoices that the Lord is in his holy temple—The Lord tests the righteous and hates the wicked.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 ~~IN the LORD~~ put I my trust: How say ye to my soul, Flee ~~as a bird to your mountain?~~ (In that day thou shalt come, O Lord; and I will put my trust in thee. Thou shalt say unto thy people, for mine ear hath heard thy voice; thou shalt say unto every soul, Flee unto my mountain; and the righteous shall flee like a bird that is let go from the snare of the fowler.)

2 For, ~~lo~~, the wicked bend *their* bow, (lo) they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily ^ashoot at the upright in heart (to destroy ~~their~~ foundation).

3 ~~If~~(But) the ^afoundations (of the wicked shall) be destroyed, (and) what can the righteous (they) do?

4 (For) The LORD (when he shall come into) ~~is~~ in(to) his holy temple (sitting upon), ~~the LORD's~~ (God's) ^athrone ~~is~~ in ^bheaven: his eyes (shall pierce the wicked.) Behold, his eyelids try, the children of men, and he shall redeem the righteous, and they shall be tried).

5 The LORD ~~trieth~~ (loveth) the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the ^awicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and ~~an~~ horrible tempest: ~~this shall be~~ the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth ^arighteousness; ^bhis countenance doth behold the upright. (or the upright shall behold his face)

PSALM 12

David decries flattering lips and proud tongues—He says: The words of the Lord are pure words.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON SHEMINITH, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 (In that day thou shalt) HELP, (O) LORD~~;~~(, the poor and the meek of the earth.) For the godly man (shall) ~~ceaseth~~ (cease to be found); ~~for~~ (and) the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They (shall) speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips ~~and~~ with a ^adouble heart do they speak.

3 (But) The LORD shall cut off all ^aflattering lips, ~~and~~ the tongue that speaketh proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips *are* our own: who ~~is~~ (shall be) lord over us?

5 (Therefore, thus saith the Lord, I will arise in that day, I will stand upon the earth, and I will judge the earth) for the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, (and their cry hath entered into mine ear.) ~~now will I arise, saith the LORD;~~ (Therefore the Lord will sit in judgment upon all those who say in their hearts) I will set *him* in safety ~~from him that~~ (We all sit in safety; and) puffeth at him.

6 The(se) are the) ^awords of the LORD(; yea,) ~~are~~^bpure words: ~~as~~ (like) silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 (Thou shalt save thy people, O Lord;) Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from (the wickedness of) ~~this~~ (their) generation(s) for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, ~~when~~ (and) the vilest men are exalted(; but in the day of their pride thou shalt visit them).

PSALM 13

David trusts in the Lord's mercy and rejoices in his salvation.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 How long(, O Lord,) wilt thou ^aforget (withdraw thyself from) me, O LORD? for ever? How long wilt thou ^bhide thy face from me(, that I may not see thee)? (Wilt thou forget me, and cast me off from thy presence for ever?)

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* ^asorrow in my heart daily? How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider ~~and~~ ^ahear me, O LORD(; and hear my cry, O) my God: (and) lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of death* (of the ungodly);

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; ~~and~~ Those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy ^asalvation.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

David acclaims: The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God—Israel shall rejoice in the day of restoration.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 ^aTHE ^bfool hath said in his heart (there is no man that hath seen God because he showeth himself not unto us, therefore), *There is* ^cno ^dGod. (Behold) They are ^ecorrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* (and) ^fnone ~~that~~ (of them) doeth good.

2 (For) The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, (and by his voice said unto his servant, Seek ye among the children of men,) to see if there ~~were~~ (are) any that ~~did~~ (do) understand, ~~and~~ seek God. (And he opened his mouth unto the Lord, and said, Behold, all these who say they are thine.)

3 (The Lord answered, and said,) They are all gone aside, they are ~~all~~ together become ^afilthy: (thou canst behold) *there is* ^bnone (of them) that ~~doeth~~ (are doing) good, no, not one.

4 ~~Have all the~~ (All they have for their teachers are) workers of iniquity (and there is) no knowledge (in them. They are they)? who eat up my people(.) ~~as~~ They eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

5 ~~There were~~ they (are) in great fear: for God *is* (dwells) in the generation of the righteous. (He is the counsel of the poor, because they are ashamed of the wicked, and flee unto the Lord, for their refuge.)

6 ~~Ye have~~ ^ashamed (They are ashamed of) the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge.

7 Oh that (Zion were established out of heaven,) the salvation of Israel. ~~were come out of Zion!~~ (O Lord, when wilt thou establish Zion?) When the LORD bringeth back the ^acaptivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, ~~and~~ Israel shall be glad.

PSALM 15

David asks: Who shall dwell in the Lord's holy hill?—He answers: The righteous, the upright, those having integrity.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 LORD, who shall ^aabide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy ^bhill (of Zion)?
 2 He that ^awalketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
 3 *He that* ^abackbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his ^bneighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
 4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. ~~He that sweareth to his own hurt~~ (sweareth not falsely to hurt any man), and changeth not.
 5 *He that* putteth not out his money to ^ausury, nor taketh ^breward (or a bribe) against the innocent. He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

PSALM 16

A Messianic Psalm of David—He rejoices in the saints that are in the earth; in his own future redemption from hell; in the fact that God will not suffer his Holy One (Christ) to see corruption; and that fulness of joy is found in the Lord's presence.

MICHTAM OF DAVID. (Michtam is prefixed to [Psalms 16, 56–60], and is subject to many conjectures. Many, after Aben Ezra, derive it from the Hebrew word meaning gold, and understand a golden psalm, so called probably on account of its excellence. . . . Institute Manual, 310)

1 PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my ^atrust.
 2 ~~O my soul,~~ Thou hast said unto the LORD; (me that) Thou art my (the) Lord (my God, and,) : ^amy goodness (is) extendeth ~~not~~ (un)to thee;
 3 ~~But~~ (And) to (all) the saints that ~~are~~ (dwell) in the earth, and ~~is~~ the excellent, in whom *is* all my delight.
 4 (And the wicked, there is not delight in them;) Their sorrows shall be multiplied (upon all those who) ~~that~~ hasten ~~after~~ (for to seek) another ^agod: their drink offerings of blood will I not ~~offer~~ (accept), nor take up their names into my lips.
 5 The LORD is (Therefore thou, Lord, art) the ^aportion of mine ^binheritance and of my cup: thou ^cmaintainest my lot. (Heb holdest my fate)
 6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage.
 7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.
 8 I have set the ^aLORD always before me: because *he is* at my ^bright hand, I shall not be moved.
 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my ^aflesh also shall rest in hope.
 10 For thou wilt not ^aleave my ^bsoul in ^chell; neither wilt thou suffer thine ^dHoly One to see corruption.
 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy ^apresence *is* ^bfulness of ^cjoy; at thy right hand *there are* ^dpleasures for evermore.

PSALM 17

David pleads with the Lord to hear his voice, and to preserve him from men of the world—The righteous shall see the Lord's face and awake with his righteousness.

A PRAYER OF DAVID.

1 HEAR the (Give me) right (words), O LORD, (speak, and thy servant shall hear thee;) attend unto my cry, (and) give ear unto my prayer, ~~that goeth~~ (I come) not (unto thee) out of feigned lips.
 2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.
 3 Thou hast ^aproved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, ~~and~~ (thou) shalt find nothing (evil in me); (for) I am purposed ~~that~~ my mouth shall not transgress.
 4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept ~~me from~~ (out of) the paths of the destroyer.

5 ^aHold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps slip not.
6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear ~~me~~, O God: ~~(my speech, and)~~ incline thine ear unto me, ~~and~~
^a~~hear my speech.~~ (or answer)
7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest ~~by thy right hand~~ them which put their trust *in*
~~thee~~, ~~(, by thy right hand)~~ from those that rise up ~~against them~~.
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~~ my deadly enemies, ~~who~~ compass me about.
10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.
11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes ^abowing down to the earth; (or to
cast us to earth)
12 Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, ^a~~which is~~ (by) thy
sword:
14 From men ^a~~which are~~ (by) thy (strong) hand, (Yea) O LORD, from men of the world, ~~which have~~ (for)
their ^bportion (is) *in this* (their) life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy ~~hid treasure~~ (good things):
they are full of children, (and they die) and leave the rest of their ~~substance~~ (inheritance) to their babes.
15 As for me, I will behold thy face in ^arighteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I ^bawake, with thy
likeness.

PSALM 18

David praises the Lord for his greatness and preserving care—The Lord's way is perfect—He has given marvelous blessings—David testifies: The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID, THE SERVANT OF THE LORD THE WORDS OF THIS SONG IN THE DAY THAT THE LORD DELIVERED HIM FROM THE HAND OF ALL HIS ENEMIES, AND FROM THE HAND OF SAUL: AND HE SAID,

1 I WILL ^alove thee, O LORD, my strength.
2 The LORD *is* my ^arock, and my ^bfortress, and my deliverer; my God, my ^cstrength, in whom I will
^dtrust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.
3 I will call upon the LORD, ~~who~~ (for he) *is* ^aworthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death ^aprevented me.
6 In my ^adistress (Heb confronted) I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice
out of his ^btemple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.
7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because
he was wroth.
8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by
it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.
10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds
of the skies.
12 At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.
13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.
14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.
15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy
rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated 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 delighted in me.

20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

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

22 For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the ^acleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and ^awith the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward. (or with the twisted thou wilt be subtle)

27 For thou wilt save the ^aafflicted people; but wilt bring down ^bhigh looks.

28 For thou wilt light my ^acandle (or lamp): the LORD my God will ^benlighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 *As for* (O) God, *his way is* (thy ways are) ^aperfect: the ^bword of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler to all those ~~that~~ (who) trust in him.

31 For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a ^arock save our God?

32 *It is* (Our) ^aGod that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect (?)

33 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places.

34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

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 unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

41 They ^acried, but ~~there was~~ (found) none to save ~~them~~: ~~even~~ unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; *and* thou hast made me the head of the ^aheathen (Heb nations): a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

46 The LORD ^aliveth; and blessed *be* my ^brock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 *It is* God that avengeth me, and ^asubdueth the people under me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the ^aheathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

PSALM 19

David testifies: The heavens declare the glory of God—Also: the law of the Lord is perfect—And: The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 THE ^aheavens ^bdeclare the ^cglory of God; and the firmament sheweth his ^dhandywork.
- 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
- 3 *There is* No speech nor ^alanguage (can be), *where* (if) their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their ^awords to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
- 5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
- 6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- 7 The ^alaw of the LORD *is* ^bperfect, ^cconverting the soul: the ^dtestimony of the LORD *is* ^esure, making ^fwise the ^gsimple.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, ^arejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* ^bpure, ^cenlightening the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the ^ajudgments of the LORD *are* ^btrue *and* righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be ^adesired *are they* than ^bgold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover by them is thy servant ^awarned: *and* in ^bkeeping of them *there is* great reward.
- 12 Who can understand *his* errors? ^acleanse thou me from ^bsecret faults.
- 13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous ^asins (acts); let them not have ^bdominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great ^ctransgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the ^ameditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my ^bstrength, and my redeemer.

PSALM 20

David prays that the Lord will hear in time of trouble—The Lord saves his anointed.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
- 2 Send thee help from the ^asanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.
- 4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.
- 5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.
- 6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his ^aanointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some ^atrust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the 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 when we call.

PSALM 21

A Messianic Psalm of David—He tells of the glory of the great King—He shall triumph over all his enemies—Their evil designs shall fail.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
- 2 Thou hast given him his heart's ^adesire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

3 For ^athou preventest him (**Heb thou wilt meet him**) with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a ^bcrown of pure gold on his head.
 4 He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest *it* him, *even* length of days for ever and ever.
 5 His ^aglory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.
 6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.
 7 For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.
 8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.
 9 Thou shalt make them as a ^afiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.
 10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their ^aseed from among the children of men.
 11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, *which* they are not able *to perform*.
 12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, *when* thou shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them.
 13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and praise thy power.

PSALM 22

A Messianic Psalm of David—He foretells events in Messiah's life—Messiah says: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?—They pierce his hands and feet—He shall yet govern among all nations.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON AIJELETH SHAHAR, A PSALM OF DAVID. (Aijeleth Shahar, Hind of the Morning, i.e. the sun, or the dawn of day. This occurs only in [Psalm 22], where we may best take it to designate a song, perhaps commencing with these words, or bearing this name, to the melody of which the psalm was to be sung. . . . Institute Manual, 310)

1 ^aMY God, ~~my God~~, why hast thou ^bforsaken me? (My God, hear the words of my roaring;) ~~why art thou (art) so~~ far from helping me, ~~and from~~ ^cthe words of my roaring?
 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou ~~hearest~~ (answerest) not; and in the night season, and am not silent.
 3 But thou *art* holy, ~~Θ-thou~~ that inhabitest (the heavens; thou are worthy of) the praises of Israel.
 4 Our fathers ^atrusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
 6 But I (~~am~~) ~~am~~ a worm, ~~and~~ (am love of) no man; a ^areproach of men, and ^bdespised of the people.
 7 All they that see me laugh me to ^ascorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*,
 8 He ^atrusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.
 9 But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.
 10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou ~~art~~ (wast) my God from my mother's belly (breasts).
 11 Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help.
 12 Many ~~bulls~~ (armies) have compassed me: strong ~~bulls~~ (armies) of Bashan have beset me (a)round.
 13 They gaped upon me *with* their mouths, ~~as~~ (like) a ravening and a roaring lion.
 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my ^aheart is like wax; it is melted 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: the assembly of the ^awicked have inclosed me: they ^bpierced my hands and my feet.
 17 I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me.

18 They part my ^agarments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
 19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, ^ahaste thee to help me.
 20 Deliver my soul from the sword; ^amy darling (ie my life (idiom)) from the power of the dog.
 21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me (speak) from the (secret places of the wilderness, through the) horns of the ^aunicorns. (Heb bison, wild ox)
 22 I will declare thy ^aname unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
 23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.
 25 My praise *shall be* of thee in the great ^acongregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
 27 All the ends of the ^aworld shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
 28 For the ^akingdom *is* the LORD's: and he *is* the ^bgovernor among the nations.
 29 All *they that be* fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own ^asoul.
 30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
 31 They shall come, and shall ^adeclare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, ~~that~~ (what) he hath done *this*.

PSALM 23

David acclaim: The Lord is my shepherd.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 THE LORD *is* my ^ashepherd; I shall not ^bwant.
 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he ^aleadeth me beside the still waters.
 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of ^arighteousness for his ^bname's sake.
 4 Yea, though I ^awalk through the ^bvalley of the ^cshadow of ^ddeath, I will fear no ^eevil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they ^fcomfort me.
 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou ^aanointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 6 Surely ^agoodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

PSALM 24

David testifies: The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof—He that hath clean hands and a pure heart shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord—The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 THE ^aearth *is* the ^bLORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

SCRIPTURE MASTERY: 3 Who shall ^aascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his ^bholy place?
 4 He that hath ^aclean ^bhands, and a ^cpure ^dheart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto ^evanity, nor ^fsworn ^gdeceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
 6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, ^aO Jacob. (or even Jacob) Selah.
 7 ^aLift up your heads, O ye gates (generations of Jacob); and be ye lift(ed) up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall ^bcome in.
 8 ~~Who is this ^aKing of ^bglory?~~ (And) The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle, (who is the king of glory, shall establish you for ever. And he will roll away the heavens; and will come down to redeem his people; to make you an everlasting name; to establish you upon his everlasting rock.)
 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates (generations of Jacob); ~~even~~ lift ~~them~~ up (your heads), ye everlasting doors (generations); and the (Lord of hosts, the king of kings;) King of glory shall come in.
 10 ~~Who is this ^aKing of glory?~~ The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. (Even the king of glory shall come unto you; and shall redeem his people, and shall establish them in righteousness.) Selah.

PSALM 25

David pleads for truth and asks for pardon—Mercy and truth are for those who keep the commandments.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 UNTO thee, O LORD, do I ^alift up my soul.
 2 O my God, I ^atrust in thee: let me not be ^bashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
 3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ^aashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
 4 Shew me thy ^aways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.
 5 ^aLead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I ^bwait all the day.
 6 Remember, O LORD, thy ^atender ^amercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old.
 7 Remember not the ^asins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy ^bmercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
 8 Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he ^ateach sinners in the way.
 9 The meek will he ^aguide in judgment: and the meek will he teach 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 ^aname's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great.
 12 What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose.
 13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the ^aearth.
 14 The ^asecret of the LORD *is* with them that ^bfear him; and he will shew them his covenant.
 15 Mine ^aeyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the ^bnet.
 16 Turn thee unto me, and have ^amercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted.
 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: *O* bring thou me out of my distresses.
 18 Look upon mine affliction and my ^apain; and forgive all my sins.
 19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with ^acruel hatred.
 20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ^aashamed; for I put my ^btrust in thee.
 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.
 22 ^aRedeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM 26

David says he has walked in integrity and obedience—He loves the Lord's house.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 JUDGE me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have ^atrusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide.

2 Examine me, O LORD, and ^aprove me; try my reins and my heart.

3 For thy lovingkindness *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

4 I have not sat with ^avain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5 I have ^ahated the congregation of ^bevil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will ^awash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy ^awondrous works.

8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine ^ahonour (or glory, presence) dwelleth.

9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with ^abloody (ie bloodguilty) men:

10 In whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is full of ^abribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the ^acongregations will I bless the LORD.

PSALM 27

David says: The Lord is my light and my salvation—He desires to dwell in the house of the Lord forever—He counsels: Wait on the Lord and be of good courage.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 THE LORD *is* my ^alight and my ^bsalvation; whom shall I ^cfear? the LORD *is* the ^dstrength 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 should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this ~~will I be~~ (I am) confident.

4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may ^adwell (or contemplate) in the ^bhouse of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the ^cbeauty of the LORD, and to ^denquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his ^apavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a ^brock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 *When thou saidst*, ^aSeek ye my ^bface; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

11 ^aTeach me thy way, O LORD, and ^blead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for ^afalse witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out ^bcruelty.

13 ~~I had fainted~~, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the ^aland of the living (, thou wouldst deliver my soul into hell).

14 (Thou didst say unto me,) ^aWait on the LORD: be of good ^bcourage, and he shall strengthen ~~thine~~ (thy) heart: ^cwait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM 28

David pleads with the Lord to hear his voice and grant his petitions—He prays: Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, *if* thou be ^asilent to me, I become like them that go down into the ^bpit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy ^aoracle.

3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which ^aspeak ^bpeace to their neighbours, but ^cmischief *is* in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their ^adeeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their ^bdesert. (or due reward)

5 Because they regard not the ^aworks of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6 Blessed *be* the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart ^atrusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

8 The LORD *is* their strength, and he *is* the saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

PSALM 29

David counsels: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness—He sets forth the wonder and power of the voice of the Lord.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 GIVE unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the ^abeauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the ^awaters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

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

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young ^aunicorn. (Heb bison, buffalo)

7 The voice of the LORD ^adivideth (or speaks in) the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.

10 The LORD sitteth upon the ^aflood; yea, the LORD sitteth ^bKing for ever.

11 The LORD will give ^astrength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with ^bpeace.

PSALM 30

David sings praises and gives thanks to the Lord—He pleads for mercy.

A PSALM AND SONG AT THE DEDICATION OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID.

1 I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast ^ahealed me.

3 O LORD, thou hast ^abrought up my ^bsoul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 ^aFor his anger (kindleth) ~~endureth but~~ (against the wicked; they repent, and in) a moment (it is turned away, and they are in his favor, and he) ~~in his favour is~~ (giveth them) life: (therefore,) weeping may endure for a night, but ^bjoy cometh in the morning.

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

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy ^aface, and I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

9 ^aWhat profit is there in my ^bblood, when I go down to the pit(, my blood shall return to the dust)? Shall the ^cdust (I will) praise thee; (my soul) shall it declare thy truth(; for what profit am I, if I do it not)?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned for me my ^amourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with ^bgladness;

12 To the end that my glory may (give glory to thy name, and) sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM 31

David trusts in the Lord and rejoices in his mercy—Speaking Messianically he says: Into thine hand I commit my spirit—He counsels: O love the Lord, all ye his saints, for the Lord preserveth the faithful.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 IN thee, O LORD, do I put my ^atrust; let me never be ^bashamed: deliver me in thy ^crighteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

3 For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy ^aname's sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the ^anet that they have laid ^bprivily (or secretly) for me: for thou *art* my strength.

5 Into thine hand I commit my ^aspirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

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

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my ^abelly. (or body)

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without ^afled from me.

12 I am ^aforgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken ^bvessel.

13 For I have heard the ^aslander of many: fear *was* on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

14 But I ^atrusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.

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

16 Make thy face to ^ashine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

17 Let me not be ^aashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, *and* let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the ^alying lips be put to ^bsilence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 *Oh* how great *is* thy ^agoodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a ^apavilion from the ^bstrife of tongues.

21 Blessed *be* the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

22 For I said in my ^ahaste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

23 O ^alove the LORD, all ye his saints: *for* the LORD ^bpreserveth the ^cfaithful, and plentifully ^drewardeth the proud doer.

24 Be of good ^acourage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that ^bhope in (or wait for) the LORD.

PSALM 32

David says: Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity—He acknowledges his sin—He recommends that the righteous be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

A PSALM OF DAVID, MASCHIL.

1 ^aBLESSED ~~is he~~ (are they) whose ^btransgression(s) ~~is~~ (are) ^cforgiven, ~~whose sin is~~ (and who have no sins to be) covered.

2 Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no ^aguile.

3 When I kept silence, (my spirit failed within me; when I opened my mouth,) my bones waxed old through my ~~roaring~~ (speaking) all the day long.

4 For day and night thy ~~hand~~ (Spirit) was heavy upon me: my ^amoisture (ie strength dried up as) is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will ^aconfess my ^btransgressions unto the LORD; and thou ^cforgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6 For this shall every one that is ^agodly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou *art* my ^ahiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 (Thou hast said,) I will instruct thee and ^ateach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many ^asorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but he that ^btrusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

PSALM 33

Rejoice in the Lord—Sing unto him a new song—He loveth righteousness and judgment—Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

1 REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous: ~~for~~ (to) ^apraise (the Lord) is comely for the upright (in heart).

2 Praise the LORD with ~~harp~~ (thy voice): sing unto him with the psaltery *and* (harp,) an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a ^anew song (ie raise also fresh, new praises and thanks to God for his ever-new blessings); play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the ^aword of the LORD *is* right (given to the upright); and all his works *are done* in truth.

5 He loveth ^arighteousness and ^bjudgment (Heb justice): the earth is ^cfull of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the ^aword of the LORD were the ^bheavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he ^aspake, and it was ~~done~~ (finished); he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the ^acounsel of the ^bheathen (Heb nations, gentiles) to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The ^acounsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed ~~is~~ (are) the nation(s) whose God ~~is~~ the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he (the Lord God) hath ^achosen for his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he ^alooketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their ^aworks.

16 There is no king ^asaved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An ^ahorse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he ^bdeliver *any* by his great strength.

18 Behold, the ^aeye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in (a time of) ^afamine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our ^ashield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we ^ahope in thee.

PSALM 34

David blesses the Lord at all times—He counsels: Keep thy tongue from evil; do good and seek peace—Speaking Messianically he says: He keepeth all his bones; not one of them is broken.

A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE CHANGED HIS BEHAVIOUR BEFORE ABIMELECH; WHO DROVE HIM AWAY, AND HE DEPARTED.

1 I WILL ^abless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

3 O ^amagnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I ^asought the LORD, and he ^bheard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were ^alightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

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

7 The ^aangel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O ^ataste and see that the LORD *is* ^bgood: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not ^awant any good *thing*.

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

12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy ^atongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking ^bguile.

14 Depart from evil, and do ^agood; seek ^bpeace, and pursue it.

- 15 The ^aeyes of the LORD *are* upon the ^brighteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.
 16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
 17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and ^adelivereth them out of all their troubles.
 18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and ^asaveth such as be ^bof a contrite spirit.
 (Heb crushed in spirit)
 19 Many *are* the ^aafflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
 20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is ^abroken.
 21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
 22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that ^atrust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM 35

David complains of his enemies and their wrong dealings—He asks the Lord to judge him according to his righteousness.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 ^aPLEAD *my cause*, O LORD, with them that strive with me: ^bfight against them that fight against me.
 2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.
 3 Draw 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 devise my hurt.
 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase *them*.
 6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD ^apersecute (Heb pursue) them.
 7 For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.
 8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.
 9 And my soul shall be ^ajoyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his ^bsalvation.
 10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which ^adeliverest the ^bpoor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?
 11 ^aFalse witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.
 12 They ^arewarded me evil for good ~~to the~~ (for the purpose of) spoiling of my soul.
 13 But as for me, when they were ^asick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with ^bfasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.
 14 I behaved myself as though *he had been* my friend or ^abrother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.
 15 But in mine ^aadversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea*, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceased not:
 16 With hypocritical ^amockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.
 17 Lord, how ^along wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my ^bdarling (Heb only life) from the lions.
 18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.
 19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that ^ahate me without a cause.
 20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.
 21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*.
 22 *This* thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and ^aawake to my judgment, *even* unto 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, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.
 26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me.
 27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath ^apleasure in the prosperity of his servant.
 28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all the day long.

PSALM 36

David praises the Lord for his mercy, his righteousness, and his lovingkindness—The fountain of life is with the Lord.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID THE SERVANT OF THE LORD.

1 THE ~~transgression of the~~ wicked (who live in transgression,) saith ~~within my~~ (in their) heart(s), (There is no condemnation; for) ~~that there is~~ no ^afear of God before his (their) eyes.
 2 For ~~he flattereth himself in his~~ (they flatter themselves in their) own eyes, until his iniquity be (their iniquities are) found to be hateful.
 3 The words of his-(their) mouth *are* (full of) iniquity and ^adeceit: ~~he-~~(The wicked man) hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.
 4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; ~~he abhorreth not evil.~~
 5 Thy ^amercy, O LORD, *is-*(thou art) in the ^bheavens; (they are full of thy mercy,) *and thy faithfulness reacheth unto* (And the thoughts of a righteous man ascendeth up unto thee whose throne is far above) the clouds.
 6 (He is filled with) Thy ^arighteousness *is-*like the great mountains; (and with) thy judgments ~~are-~~(like) a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.
 7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their ^atrust under the shadow of thy wings.
 8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy ^apleasures.
 9 For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see ^alight.
 10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
 11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.
 12 ~~There~~ (They) are the workers of ^ainiquity ~~fallen~~ (and shall fall): they ~~are~~ (shall be) cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM 37

David counsels: Trust in the Lord and do good—Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him—Cease from anger and forsake wrath—The meek shall inherit the earth—The Lord loves judgment and forsakes not his saints.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 FRET not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou ^aenvious against the workers of iniquity.
 2 For they shall soon be ^acut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
 3 ^aTrust in the LORD, and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the ^adesires of thine heart.

5 ^aCommit thy ^bway unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.

6 And he shall ^abring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait ^apatiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 ^aCease from ^banger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be ^acut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the ^bearth.

10 For yet a ^alittle while, and the wicked *shall not be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*.

11 But the ^ameek shall inherit the ^bearth; and shall ^cdelight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The Lord shall ^alaugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

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

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

16 A ^alittle that a ^brighteous man hath *is* better than the ^criches of many wicked.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their ^ainheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of ^afamine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked ^aborroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

22 For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the ^aearth; and *they that be* ^bcursed of him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.

25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the ^arighteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 *He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth ^ajudgment (Heb justice), and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the ^bseed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30 The mouth of the ^arighteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 The ^alaw of his God *is* in his ^bheart; none of his steps shall slide.

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

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

34 ^aWait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.

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

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

37 Mark the ^aperfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that man is* ^bpeace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the ^aend (Heb future) of the wicked shall (come, and they shall) be cut off.

39 But the ^asalvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.

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

PSALM 38

David sorrows for his sins—They rest as a disease upon him—He asks the Lord to be compassionate.

A PSALM OF DAVID, TO BRING TO REMEMBRANCE.

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
- 2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.
- 3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there any* rest in my bones because of my sin.
- 4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
- 5 My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.
- 6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.
- 7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease* (distress): and ~~there is~~ no soundness (is found) in my flesh.
- 8 I am feeble and sore broken (, and very sore): I ^ahave roared (wept) by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
- 9 Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.
- 10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine ^aeyes, it also is gone from me.
- 11 My ^alovers (Heb friends and neighbors) and my friends stand aloof from (because of) my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.
- 12 They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me*: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine ^adeceits all the day long.
- 13 But I, as a deaf *man*, heard not; and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.
- 14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.
- 15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me.
- 17 For I *am* ready to halt, and my sorrow *is* continually before me.
- 18 For I will ^adeclare mine iniquity; I will be ^bsorry for my sin.
- 19 But mine enemies *are* lively, *and* they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.
- 20 They also that ^arender evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow *the thing that good is*.
- 21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.
- 22 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

PSALM 39

David seeks to control his tongue—Man is altogether vanity—He is a stranger and a sojourner on earth.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, EVEN TO JEDUTHUN, A PSALM OF DAVID. (Jeduthun is found over [Psalms 39, 62, 67], and is generally taken for the name of choristers descended from Jeduthun, of whom we read in [1 Chronicles 25:1, 3], as one of David's three chief musicians or leaders of the Temple music. This use of the name Jeduthun for Jeduthunites is perhaps like the well-known use of Israel for the Israelites. It is most probable that in [Psalm 39] Jeduthun himself is meant, and not his family. The Psalm may have been set to music by Jeduthun or set to a theme named for him. . . . Institute Manual, 310)

- 1 I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my ^atongue: I will keep my ^bmouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.
- 2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was stirred.
- 3 My heart was ^ahot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: *then* spake I with my tongue,

4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the ^ameasure of my days, what it *is; that* I may know how frail I *am*.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* an handbreadth; and mine age *is* as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state *is* altogether ^avanity. Selah.

6 Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up ^ariches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope *is* in thee.

8 ^aDeliver me from all my ^btransgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I ~~(and)~~ opened not my mouth; because thou didst ~~(chasten me.)~~ ~~#~~

10 Remove thy stroke away from me: ~~(or)~~ I ~~am~~ ~~(shall be)~~ consumed by the blow of ~~thine~~ ~~(thy)~~ hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost ^acorrect ~~(or chasten)~~ man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man *is* ^bvanity. Selah.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I *am* a ^astranger with thee, *and* a ^bsojourner, as all my fathers *were*.

13 O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

PSALM 40

A Messianic Psalm of David—The Messiah shall come and preach righteousness—He shall declare salvation—The righteous shall say: The Lord be magnified.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 I ^AWAITED patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a ^arock, *and* established my ~~goings~~ ~~(doings)~~.

3 And he hath put a ^anew ^bsong in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

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

5 Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful ^aworks *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not ^adesire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

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

8 I delight to ^ado thy ^bwill, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy ~~tender~~ ~~a~~mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart ^afaileth me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their ^ashame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; ^amake no tarrying (or do not delay), O my God.

PSALM 41

David saith: Blessed is he that considereth the poor—Treachery of Judas foretold.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 BLESSED *is* he that considereth the ^apoor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

2 The LORD will ^apreserve him, and keep him alive; *and* 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 the bed of languishing: thou wilt ^amake all (his pains to cease, when he is laid in) his bed ~~in his~~ (of) ^bsickness. (ie heal all his infirmities when he is sick)

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: ^aheal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

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

6 And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*.

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

8 An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, mine own familiar ^afriend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* ^bheel against me.

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

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

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

13 ^aBlessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 42

Souls of the righteous thirst for God—The wicked say: Where is thy God?

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, MASCHIL, FOR THE SONS OF KORAH.

1 AS the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul ^athirsteth for (to see) God, for (to see) the ^bliving God: when shall I come and appear before (thee, O) God?

3 My tears have been ~~my meat~~ (poured out unto thee) day and night, while ~~they~~ (mine enemies) continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?

4 When I remember ~~these things~~ (mine enemies), I pour out my soul ~~in me~~ (to thee): for I had gone with the multitude, I (also) went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a (the) multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 *Yet* the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the ^anight his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where *is* thy God?

11 Why art thou ^acast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? ^bhope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 43

The righteous praise God and cry: Send out thy light and thy truth.

1 ^aJUDGE (or vindicate) me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the ^bdeceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I ^amourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy ^alight and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy ^btabernacles. (or dwelling places)

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 44

Saints praise the Lord and boast in his name forever—They are persecuted, maligned, counted as sheep for the slaughter.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, FOR THE SONS OF KORAH, MASCHIL.

1 WE have heard with our ears, O God, our ^afathers have ^btold us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 *How* thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For they got not the ^aland in possession by their own ^bsword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 Thou art my ^aKing, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not ^atrust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we ^aboast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

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

11 Thou hast given us like sheep *appointed* for meat; and hast ^ascattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price.

13 Thou makest us a ^areproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a ^bderision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

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

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of ^adragons, (or jackals) and covered us with the ^bshadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

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

22 Yea, for thy sake are we ^akilled all the day long; we are counted as ^bsheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast *us* not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, *and* forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the ^adust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM 45

A Messianic Psalm—Messiah is fairer than the children of men—He is anointed with the oil of gladness above his fellows—His name shall be remembered in all generations.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON SHOSHANNIM, FOR THE SONS OF KORAH, MASCHIL, A SONG OF LOVES.

1 MY heart is ^ainditing a good matter (Heb stirred over): I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: ^agrace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy ^aglory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* ^arighteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee.

6 Thy ^athrone, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of ^agladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments *smell* of ^amyrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in 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 greatly desire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift; *even* the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

13 The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her ^aclothing *is* of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength—He dwells in his city, doeth marvelous things, and saith: Be still and know that I am God.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN FOR THE SONS OF KORAH, A SONG UPON ALAMOTH. (Alamoth [Psalm 46], probably signifies virgins, and hence denotes music for female voices, or the treble. . . . InSTITUTE Manual, 310)

- 1 GOD is our ^arefuge and strength, a ~~very~~ present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth (shall) be removed, and though the mountains (shall) be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 ~~Though~~ (And) the waters thereof roar ~~and~~ be (ing) troubled, ~~though~~ (and) the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.
- 4 (Yet) ~~There is~~ (shall be) a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the Most High.
- 5 (For Zion shall come, and) God ~~is~~ (shall be) in the ^amidst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, ~~and that~~ right early.
- 6 The heathen (shall be en)raged, (and) the (ir) kingdoms ~~were~~ (shall be) moved: ~~he~~ uttered (and the Lord shall utter) his voice, (and) the earth (shall be) melted.
- 7 The ^aLORD of hosts ~~is~~ (who shall be) with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he ~~hath made~~ (shall make) in the earth (in the latter days).
- 9 He maketh ^awars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire, (and saith unto the nations,)
- 10 Be ^astill, and ^bknow that I *am* God: I will be ^cexalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
- 11 The LORD of hosts ~~is~~ (shall be) with us; the God of Jacob ~~is~~ our refuge. Selah.

PSALM 47

The Lord is King over all the earth—Sing praises to his name, for he reigneth over all.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM FOR THE SONS OF KORAH.

- 1 O CLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
- 2 For the LORD most high *is* ^aterrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth.
- 3 He shall ^asubdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.
- 5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God *is* the ^aKing of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.
- 8 God reigneth over the ^aheathen (Heb nations, gentiles): God ^bsitteth upon the ^cthrone of his holiness.
- 9 The princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people of the God of Abraham: for the ^ashields of the earth *belong* unto God: he is greatly exalted.

PSALM 48

Zion, the city of God, the joy of the whole earth, shall be established forever.

A SONG AND PSALM FOR THE SONS OF KORAH.

1 GREAT *is* the LORD, and greatly *to* be praised in the city of our God, *in* ^athe ^bmountain of his holiness. (or his holy mountain)

2 ^aBeautiful for situation, the ^bjoy of the whole earth, *is* mount ^cZion, *on* the sides of the ^dnorth, the ^ecity of the great King. (There was in various lands a concept that the dwelling place of Deity was in the north.)

3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

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

6 Fear took hold upon them there, *and* pain, as of a ^awoman in travail.

7 Thou breakest the ^aships of Tarshish with an east wind.

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 for ever. Selah.

9 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

10 According to thy ^aname, O God, so *is* thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the ^adaughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell *it* to the ^ageneration following.

14 For this God *is* our God for ^aever and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.