

LESSON 35
Psalms 102-150

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.

PSALM 102

A prayer of the afflicted—Zion shall be built up when the Lord appears in his glory—Though heaven and earth perish, the Lord who created them shall endure forever.

A PRAYER OF THE AFFLICTED, WHEN HE IS OVERWHELMED, AND POURETH OUT HIS COMPLAINT BEFORE THE LORD.

- 1 HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.
- 2 ^aHide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.
- 3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.
- 4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.
- 6 I am like a ^apelican (Heb vulture, hawk) of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.
- 7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.
- 8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against me.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,
- 10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.
- 11 My days *are* like a ^ashadow that declineth; and I am withered like ^bgrass.
- 12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ^aever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.
- 13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have ^amercy upon ^bZion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.
- 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.
- 15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.
- 16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall ^aappear in his glory.
- 17 He will regard the ^aprayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.
- 18 This shall be ^awritten for the ^bgeneration to come: and the people which shall be ~~created~~ (gathered) shall praise the LORD.
- 19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;
- 20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;
- 21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;
- 22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
- 23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* throughout all generations.

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the ^aearth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

26 They shall ^aperish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou *art* the ^asame, and thy years shall have no ^bend.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their ^aseed shall be established before thee.

PSALM 103

David exhorts the saints to bless the Lord for his mercy—The Lord is merciful unto those who keep his commandments.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

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;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; *so that* thy youth is renewed like the ^aeagle's.

6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

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.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like as a father ^apitieth *his* ^bchildren, *so* the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* ^adust.

15 *As for* man, his days *are* as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

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.

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his ^apleasure.

22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM 104

The Lord is clothed with honor and majesty—He maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flaming fire—His providences provide for all forms of life—His glory endures forever.

1 BLESS the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art ^aclothed with ~~honour~~ **(power)** and majesty.

2 Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment: who ^astretchest out the ^bheavens like a curtain:

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the ^aclouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4 Who maketh ^ahis angels spirits (or the winds his messengers); his ministers a flaming fire:

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.

8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to ^acover the earth.

10 He sendeth the ^asprings into the valleys, *which* run among the hills.

11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

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;

15 And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.

16 The ^atrees of the LORD are full of *sap*; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

17 Where the birds make their nests: *as for* the stork, the fir trees *are* her house.

18 The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats; *and* the rocks for the ^aconies. (or rock-badgers)

19 He appointed the ^amoon ^bfor seasons (ie to indicate the time of month and year): the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep *forth*.

21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy ^ariches. (Heb creations)

25 *So is* this great and wide sea, wherein *are* things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships: ~~there is that leviathan, whom~~ (and) thou hast made (leviathan) (sea monster) to play therein.

27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season.

28 *That* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

29 Thou hidest thy ^aface, they are troubled: thou takest away their ^bbreath, they die, and return to their ^cdust.

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34 My ^ameditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. ^aPraise ye the LORD. (Heb Hallelu-yah (Hallelujah), Praise ye Jehovah!)

PSALM 105

Make the Lord's doings known among all men—Show his covenant with Abraham and his dealings with Israel—Touch not his anointed, and do his prophets no harm—Israel to observe his statutes and keep his laws.

1 O GIVE ^athanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: ^bmake known his deeds among the people.
 2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: ^atalk ye of all his wondrous works.
 3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
 4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.
 5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
 6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.
 7 He *is* the LORD our God: his judgments *are* in all the earth.
 8 He hath remembered his ^acovenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations.
 9 Which ^acovenant he made with Abraham, and his ^boath unto Isaac;
 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an ^aeverlasting covenant:
 11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the ^aland of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:
 12 When they were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.
 13 When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people;
 14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he ^areproved kings for their sakes;
 15 *Saying*, Touch not mine ^aanointed, and do my ^bprophets no harm.
 16 Moreover he called for a ^afamine upon the land: he brake the whole ^bstaff of bread.
 17 He ^asent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was ^bsold for a servant:
 18 Whose feet they hurt with ^afetters: he was laid in iron:
 19 Until the time that his ^aword came: the word of the LORD tried him.
 20 The ^aking sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.
 21 He made him ^alord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:
 22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his ^asenators (Heb elders) wisdom.
 23 Israel also came into ^aEgypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of ^bHam.
 24 And he ^aincreased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.
 25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal ^asubtilly with his servants.
 26 He sent Moses his servant; *and* Aaron whom he had chosen.
 27 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.
 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.
 29 He turned their waters into ^ablood, and slew their fish.
 30 Their land brought forth ^afrogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.
 31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, *and* ^alice in all their ^bcoasts. (Heb lands, territory)
 32 He gave them ^ahail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land.
 33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.
 34 He spake, and the ^alocusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number,
 35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.
 36 He smote also all the ^afirstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.
 37 He brought ^athem (ie Israel) forth also with ^bsilver and gold: and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.
 38 Egypt was ^aglad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.
 39 He spread a ^acloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.
 40 *The people* asked, and he brought ^aquails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
 41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.
 42 For he remembered his holy ^apromise, *and* (unto) Abraham his servant.
 43 And he brought forth his ^apeople with joy, *and* his chosen with gladness:
 44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;
 45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 106

Praise the Lord for his mercy and mighty works—Israel rebelled and did wickedly—Moses mediated between Israel and the Lord—Israel scattered and slain for worshipping false gods.

1 ^aPRAISE ye the LORD. (Heb *Hallelu-yah* (Hallelujah)) O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* ^bgood: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty ^aacts of the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou bearest unto* (of) thy people: O(h) visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 We have ^asinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but ^aprovoked *him* (thee) at the sea, ~~even~~ at the ^bRed sea. (Heb *Sea of Reeds*)

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his ^aname's sake, that he might make his mighty ^bpower to be known.

9 He ^arebuked the Red ^bsea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not ^aone of them left.

12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

14 But ^alusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They ^aenvied Moses also in the camp, *and* Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 The earth ^aopened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18 And a ^afire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the ^amolten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, *and* terrible things by the Red sea.

23 Therefore he said that he would ^adestroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.

24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they ^abelieved not his word:

25 But ^amurmured in their tents, *and* hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto ^aBaal-peor, and ^bate the sacrifices ^cof (ie offered to) the dead.

29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their ^ainventions (Heb *doings*): and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up ^aPhinehas, and executed judgment: and *so* the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered *him* also at the waters of ^astrife, so that it went ill with Moses for their ^bsakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he ^aspake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did not ^adestroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

35 But were ^amingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their ^aidols: which were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,
 38 And shed innocent ^ablood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the ^bidols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.
 39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.
 40 Therefore was the ^awrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.
 41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.
 42 Their ^aenemies also ^boppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.
 43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.
 44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:
 45 And he remembered for them his ^acovenant, and ^brepented (*spared his people*) according to the multitude of his mercies.
 46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.
 47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to triumph in thy praise.
 48 ^aBlessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 107

Israel to praise and thank the Lord when they are gathered and redeemed—Oh that men would praise the Lord!—The Lord's providences prevail in the lives of men.

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~~ (works) 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 (Heb food); 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 (or diminished) 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.

PSALM 108

David praises and exalts God—Judah (through Christ) is the Lord's lawgiver.

A SONG OR PSALM OF DAVID.

1 O GOD, my heart is fixed; I will ^asing and give praise, even with my glory.

2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto the clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

6 That thy ^abeloved (ie beloved people) may be ^bdelivered: save *with* thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken ^ain his holiness (or in his sanctuary); I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;

9 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

11 *Wilt* not thou, O God, *who* hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 109

David speaks of the cursings due to the wicked and deceitful—He prays that his adversaries shall be confounded.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 HOLD not thy peace, O God of my praise;

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a ^alying tongue.

3 They compassed me about (~~;~~ they spake against me) also (,) with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

4 ~~For~~ (And, notwithstanding) my love (,) they are my adversaries: ~~but I give myself unto~~ (yet I will continue in) prayer (for them).

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and ^ahatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over ~~him~~ (them): and let ^aSatan (Heb an adversary, accuser) stand at his right hand.

7 When ~~he~~ (they) shall be ^ajudged, let ~~him~~ (them) be condemned: and let ~~his~~ (their) ^bprayer become sin.

8 Let ~~his~~ (their) days be few; ~~and~~ let another take ~~his~~ (their) ^aoffice.

9 Let ~~his~~ (their) children be fatherless, and (let their wives be widows) ~~his wife a widow~~.

10 Let ~~his~~ (their) children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek ~~their bread~~ also out of their desolate places.

11 Let the ^aextortioner (or creditors seize) catch all that ~~he hath~~ (they have); and let the strangers spoil his (their) labour.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto ~~him~~ (them): neither let there be any to favour ~~his~~ (their) fatherless children.

13 Let ~~his~~ (their) ^aposterity be cut off; ~~and~~ in the generation following let their name(s) be ^bblotted out.

14 Let the ^ainiquity of ~~his~~ (their) fathers be remembered ~~with~~ (before) the LORD; and let not the sin of ~~his~~ (their) mother(s) be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

16 Because ~~that he~~ (they) remembered not to ~~she~~(o)w mercy, but persecuted the ^apoor and needy man, that ~~he~~(they) might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As ~~he~~ (they) loved cursing, so let it come unto ~~him~~ (them): as ~~he~~ (they) delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from ~~him~~ (them).

18 As ~~he~~ (they) clothed ~~himself~~ (themselves) with cursing like as with ~~his~~ (their) garment(s), so let it come into ~~his~~ (their) bowels like water, and like oil into ~~his~~ (their) bones.

19 Let it be unto ~~him~~ (them) as ~~the~~ (a) garment *which* covereth ~~him~~ (them), and for a girdle wherewith ~~he is~~ (they are) girded continually.

20 ~~Let~~ This (shall) *be* the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them ~~that~~ (who) speak evil against my soul.

21 But do thou (deliver) ~~for~~ me, O ~~GOD~~ the Lord (my God), for thy ^aname's sake: because thy mercy *is* good, (therefore) deliver thou me.

22 For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I became also a reproach unto them: *when* they looked upon me they shaked their heads.

26 Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this *is* thy hand; *that* thou, LORD, hast done it.

28 Let them ^acurse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.
29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with ^ashame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.
30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
31 For he shall stand at the ^aright hand of the ^bpoor, to save *him* from those that condemn his soul.

PSALM 110

A Messianic Psalm of David—Christ shall sit on the Lord's right hand—He shall be a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 THE ^aLORD said unto my ^bLord, Sit thou at my ^cright ^dhand, until I make thine ^eenemies thy footstool.
2 The LORD shall send the ^arod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
4 The LORD hath ^asworn, and will not ^brepent, Thou *art* a ^cpriest for ever after the order of ^dMelchizedek.
5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill ~~the places~~ (their streets) with the (ir) dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM 111

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion—Holy and reverend is his name—The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the ^aassembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.
2 The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
3 His ^awork is ^bhonourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.
5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.
6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the ^aheathen.
7 The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his commandments *are* sure.
8 They ^astand fast for ever and ever, *and are* done in truth and uprightness.
9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and ^areverend *is* his name.
10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of ^awisdom: a good ^bunderstanding have all they that do *his* commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM 112

Blessed is the man who feareth the Lord—The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the man ~~that~~ (who) ^afeareth the LORD, ~~that~~ (and) ^bdelighteth greatly in his ^ccommandments.

2 His ^aseed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.
 3 Wealth and ^ariches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
 4 Unto the upright there ariseth ^alight in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
 5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.
 6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
 7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his ^aheart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
 8 His heart *is* established, he shall not be afraid, until he see *his desire* (judgment executed) upon his enemies.
 9 He hath dispersed, he hath ^agiven to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
 10 The wicked shall see *it*, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113

Blessed be the name of the Lord—Who is like unto the Lord!

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.
 2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.
 3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name *is* to be praised.
 4 The LORD *is* high above all nations, *and* his glory above the heavens.
 5 Who *is* like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,
 6 Who ^ahumbleth *himself* to behold *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth!
 7 He ^araiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;
 8 That he may set *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of his people.
 9 He maketh the ^abarren woman to keep house, *and to be* a joyful ^bmother of ^cchildren. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 114

The Lord governs the sea and the land for the blessing of his people.

1 WHEN Israel went out of ^aEgypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
 2 Judah was his sanctuary, *and* Israel his dominion.
 3 The sea saw *it*, and ^afled: Jordan was driven back.
 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.
 5 What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou wast driven back?
 6 Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills, like lambs?
 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;
 8 Which turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into a fountain of ^awaters.

PSALM 115

Our God is in the heavens—Idols are false gods—Trust in the Lord.

1 NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy ^aname give (be) glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake.
 2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* now their God?

3 But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.
 4 Their ^aidols *are* silver and gold, the ^bwork of men's hands.
 5 They have mouths, but they ^aspeak not: eyes have they, but they ^bsee not:
 6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:
 7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.
 8 They that make them are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.
 9 O Israel, ^atrust thou in the LORD: he *is* ~~their~~ (thy) help and ~~their~~ (thy) shield.
 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he *is* ~~their~~ (thy) help and ~~their~~ (thy) shield.
 11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he *is* ~~their~~ (your) help and ~~their~~ (your) shield.
 12 The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless *us*; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.
 13 He will bless them that fear the LORD, *both* small and great.
 14 The LORD shall ^aincrease you more and more, you and your children.
 15 Ye *are* ^ablessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.
 16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.
 17 The ^adead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.
 18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

PSALM 116

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous—Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

1 I ^aLOVE the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.
 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.
 3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the ^apains of ^bhell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.
 4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
 5 Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God *is* ^amerciful.
 6 The LORD preserveth the ^asimple: I was brought low, and he helped me.
 7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.
 8 For thou hast ^adelivered my ^bsoul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.
 9 I will walk before the LORD in the ^aland of the living.
 10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:
 11 I said in my ^ahaste, All men *are* liars.
 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.
 14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.
 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the ^adeath of his saints.
 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.

PSALM 117

Praise the Lord for his mercy and truth.

1 O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the ^atruth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 118

A Messianic Psalm—Let all Israel say of the Lord: His mercy endureth forever—The Stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner—Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

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

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

5 I called upon the LORD in ^adistress: the LORD answered me, *and set me* in a ^blarge place.

6 The LORD *is* on my side; I will not ^afear: what can man do unto me?

7 The ^aLORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see *my* ^bdesire upon them that hate me.

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.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

12 They compassed me about like ^abees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

14 The LORD *is* my ^astrength and song, and is become my ^bsalvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the ^atabernacles (Heb tents, dwellings) of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

16 The right ^ahand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

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

18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD:

20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 The ^astone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the ^bcorner.

23 This is the LORD's doing; *it is* marvellous in our eyes.

24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will ^arejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 ^aBlessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

27 God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSALM 119

(Psalm 119 is divided into twenty-two sections corresponding to the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Each section is titled with the corresponding name of the Hebrew letter and its English transliteration. This designation shows that in the Hebrew the psalm forms an acrostic (a poem or work of prose in which the initial letter of each line forms its own word or a peculiar pattern). In Psalm 119 each of the twenty-two sections has eight lines. Every line in each section begins with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet. In other words, verses 1-8 all start in the original with *aleph*, verses 9-16 with *beth*, and so on. In an age when literature was often memorized and transmitted orally such devices were a valuable aid to memory. Old Testament Student Manual, p. 311)

אALEPH

Blessed are they who keep the commandments.

Psalm 119: 1 ^aBLESSED *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* ^aseek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts ^adiligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

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

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

בBETH

Ponder the precepts and ways of the Lord.

9 Wherewithal shall a young man ^acleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

10 With my whole ^aheart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy ^aword have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.

15 I will ^ameditate ~~in~~ (upon) thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

גGIMEL

O Lord, open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

19 I *am* a ^astranger (Heb sojourner; ie not of this world) in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul (heart) breaketh for ~~the longing that it hath unto~~ (my soul longeth after) thy judgments at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud (; they) ~~that~~ *are* cursed, ~~which~~ (who) do err from thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

24 Thy ^atestimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.

דDALETH

O Lord, grant us thy law, and make us to understand thy precepts.

25 My soul cleaveth unto the ^adust: ^bquicken thou me according to thy word.

26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to ^aunderstand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy ^aword.
29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.
31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.
32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt ^aenlarge my ^bheart. (ie understanding)

THE

O Lord, teach us thy statutes, thy law, and thy commandments.

33 ^aTeach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it ~~unto~~ to the end.
34 Give me ^aunderstanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I ^adelight.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to ^acovetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding ^avanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.
38 ^aStablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.
39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy ^ajudgments *are* good.
40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

VAU

O Lord, give us mercy, truth, and salvation.

41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.
44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at ^aliberty: for I seek thy precepts.
46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before ^akings, and will not be ^bashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.
48 My ^ahands also will I ^blift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate ~~in~~
(upon) thy statutes.

ZAIN

The Lord's statutes and judgments comfort us during our pilgrimage.

49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
50 This *is* my ^acomfort in my ^baffliction: for thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: *yet* have I not declined from thy law.
52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.
53 ^aHorror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my ^apilgrimage.
55 I have ^aremembered thy name, O LORD, in the ^bnight, and have kept thy law.
56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

CHETH

Make faithful people thy companions.

57 *Thou art* my ^aportion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.
58 I intreated thy favour with *my* whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.
59 I ^athought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste, and ^adelayed not to keep thy commandments.
61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law.
62 At ^amidnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

63 I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.
64 The earth, O LORD, is ^afull of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

⚔TETH

O Lord, teach us thy statutes.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.
67 ^aBefore^{*} I was ^bafflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.
68 Thou *art* ^agood, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law.
71 *It is* good for me that I have been ^aafflicted; that I might ^blearn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than ^athousands of ^bgold and silver. (ie thousands of pieces)

⚔JOD

O Lord, let thy tender mercies come upon us.

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy **tender mercies** come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is* my delight.
78 Let the proud be ^aashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate **in** **(upon)** thy precepts.
79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.
80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

⚔CAPH

All the Lord's commandments are faithful.

81 My soul ^afainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a ^abottle (or waterskin) in the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy statutes.
84 How ^amany *are* ^bthe days (ie of affliction) of thy servant? when wilt thou execute ^cjudgment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have ^adigged pits for me, which *are* not after thy law.
86 All thy commandments *are* faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.
88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

⚔LAMED

O Lord, save us, for we have sought thy precepts.

89 For ever, O LORD, thy ^aword is settled in heaven.
90 Thy ^afaithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.
92 Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.
93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.
94 I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.
95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection: *but thy commandment is exceeding broad.*

MEM

The Lord's law and his testimonies should be our meditation all the day.

97 O how love I thy law! *it is my meditation all the day.*

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.

99 I have more ^aunderstanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my ^bmeditation.

100 I understand more than the ^aancients, because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have ^arefrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

NUN

The Lord's word is a lamp unto our feet.

105 Thy ^aword *is* a ^blamp unto my feet, and a ^clight unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep thy righteous ^ajudgments.

107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill ^aofferings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

109 My ^asoul *is* continually in ~~my~~ (thy) hand: ~~yet do I~~ (and I do) not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the ^arejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes *alway, even unto the end.*

SAMECH

Depart from evildoers and keep the commandments of God.

113 I hate *vain* thoughts: but thy law do I love.

114 Thou *art* my ^ahiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

115 ^aDepart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my ^ahope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be ^asafe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit *is* falsehood.

119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* ^adross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

AIN

O Lord, we are thy servants; give us understanding.

121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

125 I *am* thy ^aservant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

126 ~~It is~~ (And the) time ~~for thee,~~ (O) LORD, (for me) to work (:): *for* they have made void thy law.

127 Therefore I ^alove thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; *and* I hate every false way.

P

The Lord's testimonies are wonderful.

129 Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; ~~it giveth~~ (they give) ^aunderstanding unto the simple.
131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.
132 Look thou upon me, and be ^amerciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.
133 ^aOrder my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have ^bdominion over me.
134 Deliver me from the ^aoppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.
135 Make thy face to ^ashine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.
136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

⚔TZADDI

The Lord's law is the truth.

137 ^aRighteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgments.
138 Thy testimonies *that* thou hast commanded *are* ^arighteous and very faithful.
139 My ^azeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
140 Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.
141 I *am* small and despised: *yet* do not I forget thy precepts.
142 Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* the ^atruth.
143 Trouble and ^aanguish have taken hold on me: *yet* thy commandments *are* my delights.
144 The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

⚔KOPH

O Lord, hear the voice of thy servants according to thy lovingkindness.

145 I cried with *my* whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.
146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.
147 ^aI prevented the dawning of the morning, (Heb I arose before the dawning) and cried: I hoped in thy word.
148 ^aMine eyes prevent the *night* watches, (Heb mine eyes were awake before the night watch) that I might meditate in thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.
150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.
151 Thou *art* ^anear, O LORD; and all thy commandments *are* truth.
152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

⚔RESH

Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord.

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.
154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.
155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.
156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.
157 Many *are* my persecutors and mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the transgressors, and was ^agrieved; because they kept not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.
160 Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

⚔SCHIN

Those who love the Lord's law have peace.

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
162 I ^arejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love.
 164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.
 165 Great ^apeace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.
 166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.
 167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.
 168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ^aways *are* before thee.

ⲚⲦⲀⲤ

All the Lord's commandments are righteousness.

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me ^aunderstanding according to thy word.
 170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.
 171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.
 172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.
 173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.
 174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight.
 175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.
 176 I have gone astray like a lost ^asheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM 120

Call upon the Lord when in distress.

A SONG OF DEGREES. (*Degrees* appears over fifteen Psalms [120–34], called *Songs of Degrees*, and has been explained in various ways, of which the following are the chief. (a) The ancients understood by it *stairs* or *steps*, . . . and in accordance with this, Jewish writers relate . . . that these Psalms were *sung on fifteen steps*, leading from the court of Israel to the court of the women. This explanation is now exploded. . . . (b) Luther, whom Tholuck is inclined to follow, renders the title *a song in the higher choir*, supposing the Psalms to have been sung from an elevated place or ascent, or with elevated voice. (c) Gesenius, Delitzsch and De Wette think the name refers to a peculiar rhythm in these songs, by which the sense advances by *degrees*, and so *ascends* from clause to clause. (d) According to the most prevalent and probable opinion, the title signifies *song of the ascents*, or *pilgrim song*, meaning a song composed for, or sung during the journeying of the people up to Jerusalem, whether as they returned from Babylon, or as they stately repaired to the national solemnities. . . . Journeys to Jerusalem are generally spoken of as *ascents*, on account of the elevated situation of the city and temple [see Ezra 7:9; Psalm 122:4]. This explanation of the name is favored by the brevity and the contents of these songs. Institute Manual, 310)

1 IN my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.
 2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, *and* from a ^adeceitful tongue.
 3 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?
 4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.
 5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in ^aMesech, *that* I dwell in the ^btents of ^cKedar!
 6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.
 7 I *am for* peace: but when I speak, they *are* for ^awar.

PSALM 121

Help cometh from the Lord—He keepeth Israel.

A SONG OF DEGREES.

1 I WILL ^alift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
2 My ^ahelp *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
3 He will not suffer thy ^afoot to be moved: he that ^bkeepeth thee will not slumber.
5 The LORD *is* thy ^akeeper (or watchman): the LORD *is* thy ^bshade upon thy right hand.
6 The ^asun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall ^apreserve thy soul.
8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy ^acoming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 122

David says: Go into the house of the Lord—Give thanks unto him.

A SONG OF DEGREES OF DAVID.

1 I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the ^ahouse of the LORD.
2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:
4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, ^aunto the testimony of (or as a testimony for) Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the ^apeace of Jerusalem: they shall ^bprosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, ^aPeace *be* within thee.
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

PSALM 123

Lift up thine eyes unto the Lord and plead with him for mercy.

A SONG OF DEGREES.

1 UNTO thee ^alift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the ^ascorning of those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM 124

David says: Israel's help is in the name of the Lord.

A SONG OF DEGREES OF DAVID.

1 ~~If it had not been the LORD who was on our side,~~ Now may Israel say;
2 ~~If it had not been the LORD who was~~ (not) on our side, when men rose up against us:
3 Then they had ^aswallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:
4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:
5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
6 Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the ^asnare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.
8 Our ^ahelp *is* in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

Blessed are they that trust in the Lord—Peace shall be upon Israel.

A SONG OF DEGREES.

1 THEY that ^atrust in the LORD ~~shall be~~ as mount Zion, ~~which~~ cannot be removed, but ^babideth (abide) for ever.

2 As the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

3 For the rod of the ^awicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4 Do good, O LORD, unto ~~those that be~~ (the) good, and ~~to them that are~~ (unto the) upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but ^apeace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM 126

The Lord hath done great things for his people Israel.

A SONG OF DEGREES.

1 WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath ^adone great ^bthings for them.

3 The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

4 ^aTurn again (or restore us from) our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in ^ajoy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious ^aseed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his ^bsheaves *with him*.

PSALM 127

Children are an heritage from the Lord.

A SONG OF DEGREES FOR SOLOMON.

1 EXCEPT the LORD build the house, they ^alabour in vain that build it: except the LORD ^bkeep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

2 *It is* vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved ^asleep.

3 Lo, ^achildren *are* an ^bheritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is* his ^creward.

4 As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.

5 ^aHappy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

A SONG OF DEGREES.

- 1 BLESSED *is* every one that feareth the LORD; that ^awalketh in his ways.
- 2 For thou shalt ^aeat the ^blabour of thine hands: ^chappy *shalt* thou *be*, and *it shall be* ^dwell with thee.
- 3 Thy ^awife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.
- 4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.
- 5 The LORD shall ^abless thee out of ^bZion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
- 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* ^apeace upon Israel.

PSALM 129

The Lord is righteous—Let those be confounded who hate Zion.

A SONG OF DEGREES.

- 1 MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:
- 2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not ^aprevailed against me.
- 3 The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.
- 4 The LORD *is* righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
- 5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.
- 6 Let them be as the ^agrass *upon* the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:
- 7 Wherewith the ^amower (Heb reaper) filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
- 8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSALM 130

O Lord, hear our prayers, forgive iniquity, and redeem Israel.

A SONG OF DEGREES.

- 1 OUT of the ^adepths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.
- 2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
- 3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark ^ainiquities, O Lord, who shall ^bstand?
- 4 But *there is* ^aforgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be ^bfeared.
- 5 I ^await for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.
- 6 My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than* they that watch for the morning.
- 7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous ^aredemption.
- 8 And he shall ^aredeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PSALM 131

David says: Let Israel hope in the Lord forever.

A SONG OF DEGREES OF DAVID.

1 LORD, my heart is not ^ahaughty, nor mine ^beyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul *is* even as a weaned child.

3 Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

PSALM 132

A Messianic Psalm—Of the fruit of David's loins will the Lord set One upon his throne—The Lord will bless Zion, and her saints shall shout for joy.

A SONG OF DEGREES.

1 LORD, ^aremember David, *and* all his afflictions:

2 How he swore unto the LORD, *and* ^avowed unto the ^bmighty *God* of Jacob;

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eyelids,

5 Until I find out a place for the LORD, an ^ahabitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of ^athe wood. (Heb Ya'ar (a place))

7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy ^apriests be clothed with ^brighteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

10 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath sworn *in* truth unto ^aDavid; he will not turn from it; Of the ^bfruit of thy body will I set upon thy ^cthrone.

12 If thy ^achildren will keep my ^bcovenant and my ^ctestimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy ^dthrone for evermore.

13 For the LORD hath chosen ^aZion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation.

14 This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her ^apoor with bread.

16 I will also ^aclothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall ^bshout aloud for joy.

17 There will I make the ^ahorn of ^bDavid to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with ^ashame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM 133

David says: It is pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity!

A SONG OF DEGREES OF DAVID.

1 BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant *it is* for ^abrethren to dwell together in ^bunity!

2 *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the ^askirts (or collar) of his garments;

3 As the dew of ^aHermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD ^bcommanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore.

PSALM 134

Bless the Lord and he will bless thee.

A SONG OF DEGREES.

1 BEHOLD, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by ^anight stand in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your ^ahands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

3 The LORD that made heaven and earth ^abless thee out of Zion.

PSALM 135

Praise and bless the Lord—Our Lord is above all gods; and idols can neither see, nor hear, nor speak.

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise *him*, O ye servants of the LORD.

2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God,

3 Praise the LORD; for the LORD *is* good: sing praises unto his name; for *it is* pleasant.

4 For the LORD hath chosen ^aJacob unto himself, *and* Israel for his ^bpeculiar ^ctreasure.

5 For I know that the LORD *is* great, and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7 He causeth the ^avapours (*ie clouds to ascend*) to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.

8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9 *Who* sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;

11 ^aSihon king of the Amorites, and ^bOg king of Bashan, and all the ^ckingdoms of Canaan:

12 And gave their land *for* an ^aheritage, an heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy ^aname, O LORD, *endureth* for ever; *and* thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.

14 For the LORD will judge his people, and he will (*not*) ^arepent himself concerning his servants.

15 The ^aidols of the ^bheathen *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;

17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them: *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron:

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, ~~which dwelleth at~~ (*Blessed be the Lord out of*) Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 136

Give thanks unto God for all things, for his mercy endureth forever.

1 O GIVE ^athanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the ^aGod of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

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.

10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

11 And brought out ^aIsrael from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
 12 With a ^astrong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
 15 But ^aoverthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 17 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
 18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
 19 ^aSihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
 20 And ^aOg the king of Bashan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
 21 And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
 22 *Even* an ^aheritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
 24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 25 Who giveth ^afood to all ^bflesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
 26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSALM 137

While in captivity, the Jews wept by the rivers of Babylon—Because of sorrow, they could not bear to sing the songs of Zion.

1 BY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
 2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.
 3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.
 4 How shall we ^asing the LORD's song in a strange land?
 5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget ~~her~~ ^(its) *cunning*.
 6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.
 7 Remember, O LORD, the children of ^aEdom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, ^bRase it, ~~rase it~~, *even* to the foundation thereof.
 8 O daughter of ^aBabylon, who art to be destroyed; happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.
 9 Happy *shall he be*, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

PSALM 138

David praises the Lord for his lovingkindness and truth—He worships toward the holy temple.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
 2 I will ^aworship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
 3 In the day when I ^acried thou answeredst me, *and* strengthenedst me *with* strength in my soul.
 4 All the ^akings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.
 5 Yea, they shall ^asing in the ways of the LORD: for great *is* the glory of the LORD.
 6 Though the LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of ^atrouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 ^aThe LORD will perfect ~~that which concerneth me: thy mercy,~~ (me in knowledge, concerning his kingdom. I will praise thee) O LORD, ~~endureth~~ for ever: (for thou art merciful, and wilt not) forsake ~~not~~ the ^bworks of thine own hands.

PSALM 139

David says the Lord knows all man's thoughts and doings—He asks: Whither shall man go to escape from the spirit and presence of the Lord?—Man is fearfully and wonderfully made.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 O LORD, thou hast ^asearched me, and ^bknown *me*.
- 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my ^athought afar off.
- 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art ^aacquainted *with* all my ways.
- 4 For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
- 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
- 6 *Such* ^aknowledge *is* too ^bwonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.
- 7 Whither shall I go from thy ^aspirit? or whither shall I flee from thy ^bpresence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in ^ahell, behold, thou *art there*.
- 9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
- 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to thee*.
- 13 For thou hast ^apossessed my reins (Heb created my inward parts): thou hast ^bcovered (or formed) me in my mother's womb.
- 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.
- 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy ^abook all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* (I knew) none of them.
- 17 How precious also are thy ^athoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!
- 18 *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.
- 19 Surely thou wilt ^aslay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.
- 20 For they ^aspeak against thee wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in ^bvain.
- 21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
- 22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: ^atry me, and know my thoughts:
- 24 And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140

David prays for deliverance from his enemies—The Lord maintains the cause of the poor and afflicted.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 ^aDELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

2 Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together *for* war.
 3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' ^apoison *is* under their lips. Selah.
 4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.
 5 The proud have hid a ^asnare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set ^bgins for me. Selah.
 6 I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
 7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
 8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; *lest* they exalt themselves. Selah.
 9 *As for* the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
 10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
 11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*.
 12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.
 13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy ^apresence.

PSALM 141

David pleads with the Lord to hear his prayers—The reproof of the righteous is a kindness.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 LORD, I cry unto thee: make ^ahaste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
 2 Let my ^aprayer be set forth before thee *as* ^bincense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the ^cevening sacrifice.
 3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my ^amouth; keep the door of my lips.
 4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.
 5 ^aLet (When) the righteous ^bsmite me (with the word of the Lord); *it shall be* a ^ckindness: and ~~let him~~ (when they) reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, ~~which~~ (and) shall not break (destroy) my head (faith): for yet my prayer also *shall be* (for them. I delight not) in their calamities.
 6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, ^athey (ie the righteous) shall hear my words; for they are sweet.
 7 Our ^abones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.
 8 But mine ^aeyes *are* unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.
 9 Keep me from the snares *which* they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.
 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

PSALM 142

David prays for preservation from his persecutors.

MASCHIL OF DAVID; A PRAYER WHEN HE WAS IN THE CAVE.

1 I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.
 2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.
 3 When my spirit was ^aoverwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a ^bsnare for me.
 4 I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld (o)ld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man ^acared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living.
6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.
7 Bring my ^asoul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSALM 143

David prays for favor in judgment—He meditates on the Lord's works and trusts in him.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy ^afaithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.
2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be ^ajustified.
3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have ~~been~~ long **(been)** dead.
4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.
5 I remember the days of old; I ^ameditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.
6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul ^athirsteth after thee, as a ^bthirsty land. Selah.
7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the ^apit.
8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the ^away wherein I should walk; for I ^blift up my soul unto thee.
9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.
10 Teach me to do thy ^awill; for thou *art* my God: thy ^bspirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I *am* thy servant.

PSALM 144

David blesses the Lord for deliverance and temporal prosperity—Happy is that people whose God is the Lord.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 BLESSED *be* the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to ^awar, *and* my fingers to fight:
2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.
3 LORD, what *is* ^aman, that thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the son of man, that thou makest account of him!
4 Man is like to ^avanity: his days *are* as a ^bshadow that passeth away.
5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.
7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of ^astrange **(Heb alien)** children;
8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of ^afalsehood.
9 I will ^asing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 *It is he* that giveth ^asalvation (or victory) unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

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:

13 *That* our garners *may be* full, affording all manner of store: *that* our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 *That* our oxen *may be* strong to labour; *that there be* no breaking in, nor going out; *that there be* no complaining in our streets.

15 ^aHappy *is that* people, that is in such a case: *yea*, happy *is that* people, whose God *is* the LORD.

PSALM 145

David extols the greatness and majesty of God—The Lord is good to all—His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom—He is nigh unto all who call upon him, and preserves those who love him.

DAVID'S PSALM OF PRAISE.

1 I WILL extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness *is* unsearchable.

4 One ^ageneration shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

6 And *men* shall speak of the might of thy ^aterrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The LORD *is* ^agracious, and full of ^bcompassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The LORD *is* good to all: and his **tender mercies** *are* over all his works.

10 All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy ^asaints shall bless thee.

11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty ^aacts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom *is* an ^aeverlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that be* bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17 The LORD *is* ^arighteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18 The LORD *is* ^anigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in ^btruth.

19 He will fulfil the ^adesire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The LORD ^apreserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM 146

Happy are they whose hope is in the Lord—The Lord looseth the prisoners, loveth the righteous, and reigneth forever.

1 ^aPRAISE ye the LORD (HEB HALLELU-YAH). Praise the LORD, O my soul.

2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 Put not your ^atrust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

4 His ^abreath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5 ^aHappy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:
 6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever:
 7 Which executeth judgment for the ^aoppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:
 8 The LORD openeth *the* ^aeyes of the ^bblind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:
 9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the ^afatherless and ^bwidow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
 10 The LORD shall reign for ^aever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 147

Praise the Lord for his power—His understanding is infinite—He sends his commandments, his word, his statutes, and his judgments unto Israel.

1 ^aPRAISE ye the LORD: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is comely.
 2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he ^agathereth together the ^boutcasts of Israel.
 3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.
 4 He telleth the number of the ^astars; he calleth them all by *their* ^bnames.
 5 Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his ^aunderstanding *is* infinite.
 6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.
 7 Sing unto the LORD with ^athanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:
 8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh ^agrass to grow upon the mountains.
 9 He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.
 10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.
 11 The LORD taketh ^apleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.
 12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.
 13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.
 14 He maketh peace *in* thy borders, *and* filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
 15 He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly.
 16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.
 17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?
 18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.
 19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not ^aknown them. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 148

Let all things praise the Lord: men and angels, the heavenly bodies, the elements and the earth, and all things thereon.

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
 2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.
 3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
 4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye ^awaters that *be* above the heavens.
 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he ^acommanded, and they were ^bcreated.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a ^adecree which shall not pass.
 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye ^adragons (Heb sea-monsters), and all deeps:
 8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy ^awind fulfilling his word:
 9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
 10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:
 11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all ^ajudges (or rulers) of the earth:
 12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his ^aglory *is* above the earth and heaven.
 14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 149

Praise the Lord in the congregation of the saints—He will beautify the meek with salvation.

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of ^asaints.
 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that ^amade him: let the children of ^bZion be joyful in their ^cKing.
 3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
 4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will ^abeautify the meek with salvation.
 5 Let the saints be joyful in ^aglory: let them ^bsing aloud upon their ^cbeds.
 6 *Let* the high *praises* of God *be* in their mouth, and a ^atwoedged sword in their hand;
 7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people;
 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
 9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 150

Praise God in his sanctuary—Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise God in his ^asanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
 2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
 3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
 4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and ^aorgans. (Heb pipes, flutes)
 5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
 6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.