

Tsiyon Messianic Scriptures

Tehillim/Psalms 73-89 - Book 3

Psalm 73

A Psalm by Asaph.

- 1 Surely Elohim is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone.
My steps had nearly slipped.
- 3 For I was envious of the arrogant,
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 4 For there are no struggles in their death,
but their strength is firm.
- 5 They are free from burdens of men,
neither are they plagued like other men.
- 6 Therefore pride is like a chain around their neck.
Violence covers them like a garment.
- 7 Their eyes bulge with fat.
Their minds pass the limits of conceit.
- 8 They scoff and speak with malice.
In arrogance, they threaten oppression.
- 9 They have set their mouth in the heavens.
Their tongue walks through the earth.
- 10 Therefore their people return to them,
and they drink up waters of abundance.
- 11 They say, "How does Elohim know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
- 12 Behold, these are the wicked.
Being always at ease, they increase in riches.
- 13 Surely in vain I have cleansed my heart,
and washed my hands in innocence,
- 14 For all day long have I been plagued,
and punished every morning.
- 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus";
behold, I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
- 16 When I tried to understand this,
it was too painful for me;
- 17 Until I entered Elohim's sanctuary,
and considered their latter end.
- 18 Surely you set them in slippery places.
You throw them down to destruction.
- 19 How they are suddenly destroyed!
They are completely swept away with terrors.

20 As a dream when one wakes up,
so, Adonai, when you awake, you will despise their fantasies.

21 For my soul was grieved.

I was embittered in my heart.

22 I was so senseless and ignorant.

I was a brute beast before you.

23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you.

You have held my right hand.

24 You will guide me with your counsel,
and afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom do I have in heaven?

There is no one on earth whom I desire besides you.

26 My flesh and my heart fails,

but Elohim is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

27 For, behold, those who are far from you shall perish.

You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to you.

28 But it is good for me to come close to Elohim.

I have made Adonai YHWH my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

Psalm 74

A contemplation by Asaph.

1 Elohim, why have you rejected us forever?

Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation, which you purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your inheritance;

Mount Tsiyon, in which you have lived.

3 Lift up your feet to the perpetual ruins,
all the evil that the enemy has done in the sanctuary.

4 Your adversaries have roared in the middle of your assembly.

They have set up their standards as signs.

5 They behaved like men wielding axes,
cutting through a thicket of trees.

6 Now they break all its carved work down with hatchet and hammers.

7 They have burned your sanctuary to the ground.

They have profaned the dwelling place of your Name.

8 They said in their heart, "We will crush them completely."

They have burned up all the places in the land where Elohim was worshiped.

9 We see no miraculous signs.

There is no longer any prophet,
neither is there among us anyone who knows how long.

10 How long, Elohim, shall the adversary reproach?

Shall the enemy blaspheme your name forever?

11 Why do you draw back your hand, even your right hand?

Take it out of your pocket and consume them!
12 Yet Elohim is my King of old,
working salvation throughout the earth.
13 You divided the sea by your strength.
You broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.
14 You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces.
You gave him as food to people and desert creatures.
15 You opened up spring and stream.
You dried up mighty rivers.
16 The day is yours, the night is also yours.
You have prepared the light and the sun.
17 You have set all the boundaries of the earth.
You have made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, that the enemy has mocked you, YHWH.
Foolish people have blasphemed your name.
19 Don't deliver the soul of your dove to wild beasts.
Don't forget the life of your poor forever.
20 Honor your covenant,
for haunts of violence fill the dark places of the earth.
21 Don't let the oppressed return ashamed.
Let the poor and needy praise your name.
22 Arise, Elohim! Plead your own cause.
Remember how the foolish man mocks you all day.
23 Don't forget the voice of your adversaries.
The tumult of those who rise up against you ascends continually.

Psalm 75

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A Psalm by Asaph. A song.

1 We give thanks to you, Elohim.
We give thanks, for your Name is near.
Men tell about your wondrous works.

2 When I choose the appointed time,
I will judge blamelessly.
3 The earth and all its inhabitants quake.
I firmly hold its pillars.

Selah.

4 I said to the arrogant, "Don't boast!"
I said to the wicked, "Don't lift up the horn.
5 Don't lift up your horn on high.
Don't speak with a stiff neck."
6 For neither from the east, nor from the west,
nor yet from the south, comes exaltation.

7 But Elohim is the judge.
He puts down one, and lifts up another.
8 For in the hand of YHWH there is a cup,
full of foaming wine mixed with spices.
He pours it out.
Indeed the wicked of the earth drink and drink it to its very dregs.

9 But I will declare this forever:
I will sing praises to the Elohim of Jacob.
10 I will cut off all the horns of the wicked,
but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

Psalm 76

For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm by Asaph. A song.

1 In Judah, Elohim is known.
His name is great in Israel.
2 His tabernacle is also in Salem;
His dwelling place in Tsiyon.
3 There he broke the flaming arrows of the bow,
the shield, and the sword, and the weapons of war.
Selah.
4 Glorious are you, and excellent,
more than mountains of game.
5 Valiant men lie plundered,
they have slept their last sleep.
None of the men of war can lift their hands.
6 At your rebuke, Elohim of Jacob,
both chariot and horse are cast into a deep sleep.
7 You, even you, are to be feared.
Who can stand in your sight when you are angry?
8 You pronounced judgment from heaven.
The earth feared, and was silent,
9 when Elohim arose to judgment,
to save all the afflicted ones of the earth.
Selah.
10 Surely the wrath of man praises you.
The survivors of your wrath are restrained.
11 Make vows to YHWH your Elohim, and fulfill them!
Let all of his neighbors bring presents to him who is to be feared.
12 He will cut off the spirit of princes.
He is feared by the kings of the earth.

Psalm 77

For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm by Asaph.

1 My cry goes to Elohim!

Indeed, I cry to Elohim for help,
and for him to listen to me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought Adonai.

My hand was stretched out in the night, and didn't get tired.

My soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remember Elohim, and I groan.

I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed.

Selah.

4 You hold my eyelids open.

I am so troubled that I can't speak.

5 I have considered the days of old,
the years of ancient times.

6 I remember my song in the night.

I consider in my own heart;
my spirit diligently inquires:

7 "Will Adonai reject us forever?

Will he be favorable no more?

8 Has his loving kindness vanished forever?

Does his promise fail for generations?

9 Has Elohim forgotten to be gracious?

Has he, in anger, withheld his compassion?"

Selah.

10 Then I thought, "I will appeal to this:
the years of the right hand of the Most High."

11 I will remember Yah's deeds;
for I will remember your wonders of old.

12 I will also meditate on all your work,
and consider your doings.

13 Your way, Elohim, is in the sanctuary.

What Elohim is great like Elohim?

14 You are the Elohim who does wonders.

You have made your strength known among the peoples.

15 You have redeemed your people with your arm,
the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Selah.

16 The waters saw you, Elohim.

The waters saw you, and they writhed.

The depths also convulsed.

17 The clouds poured out water.

The skies resounded with thunder.

Your arrows also flashed around.

18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind.

The lightnings lit up the world.
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Your way was through the sea;
your paths through the great waters.
Your footsteps were not known.
20 You led your people like a flock,
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 78

A contemplation by Asaph.

1 Hear my teaching, my people.
Turn your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable.
I will utter dark sayings of old,
3 Which we have heard and known,
and our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children,
telling to the generation to come the praises of YHWH,
his strength, and his wondrous deeds that he has done.
5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
and appointed a teaching in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers,
that they should make them known to their children;
6 that the generation to come might know, even the children who should be born;
who should arise and tell their children,
7 that they might set their hope in Elohim,
and not forget Elohim's deeds,
but keep his commandments,
8 and might not be as their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation that didn't make their hearts loyal,
whose spirit was not steadfast with Elohim.
9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows,
turned back in the day of battle.
10 They didn't keep Elohim's covenant,
and refused to walk in his law.
11 They forgot his doings,
his wondrous deeds that he had shown them.
12 He did marvelous things in the sight of their fathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13 He split the sea, and caused them to pass through.
He made the waters stand as a heap.
14 In the daytime he also led them with a cloud,
and all night with a light of fire.

15 He split rocks in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.
16 He brought streams also out of the rock,
and caused waters to run down like rivers.
17 Yet they still went on to sin against him,
to rebel against the Most High in the desert.
18 They tempted Elohim in their heart
by asking food according to their desire.
19 Yes, they spoke against Elohim.
They said, "Can Elohim prepare a table in the wilderness?
20 Behold, he struck the rock, so that waters gushed out,
and streams overflowed.
Can he give bread also?
Will he provide flesh for his people?"
21 Therefore YHWH heard, and was angry.
A fire was kindled against Jacob,
anger also went up against Israel,
22 because they didn't believe in Elohim,
and didn't trust in his salvation.
23 Yet he commanded the skies above,
and opened the doors of heaven.
24 He rained down manna on them to eat,
and gave them food from the sky.
25 Man ate the bread of angels.
He sent them food to the full.
26 He caused the east wind to blow in the sky.
By his power he guided the south wind.
27 He rained also flesh on them as the dust;
winged birds as the sand of the seas.
28 He let them fall in the middle of their camp,
around their habitations.
29 So they ate, and were well filled.
He gave them their own desire.
30 They didn't turn from their cravings.
Their food was yet in their mouths,
31 when the anger of Elohim went up against them,
killed some of their fattest,
and struck down the young men of Israel.
32 For all this they still sinned,
and didn't believe in his wondrous works.
33 Therefore he consumed their days in vanity,
and their years in terror.
34 When he killed them, then they inquired after him.
They returned and sought Elohim earnestly.
35 They remembered that Elohim was their rock,

the Most High Elohim, their redeemer.
36 But they flattered him with their mouth,
and lied to him with their tongue.
37 For their heart was not right with him,
neither were they faithful in his covenant.
38 But he, being merciful, forgave iniquity, and didn't destroy them.
Yes, many times he turned his anger away,
and didn't stir up all his wrath.
39 He remembered that they were but flesh,
a wind that passes away, and doesn't come again.
40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness,
and grieved him in the desert!
41 They turned again and tempted Elohim,
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.
42 They didn't remember his hand,
nor the day when he redeemed them from the adversary;
43 how he set his signs in Egypt,
his wonders in the field of Zoan,
44 he turned their rivers into blood,
and their streams, so that they could not drink.
45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them;
and frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their increase to the caterpillar,
and their labor to the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
their sycamore fig trees with frost.
48 He gave over their livestock also to the hail,
and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
49 He threw on them the fierceness of his anger,
wrath, indignation, and trouble,
and a band of angels of evil.
50 He made a path for his anger.
He didn't spare their soul from death,
but gave their life over to the pestilence,
51 and struck all the firstborn in Egypt,
the chief of their strength in the tents of Ham.
52 But he led out his own people like sheep,
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53 He led them safely, so that they weren't afraid,
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 He brought them to the border of his sanctuary,
to this mountain, which his right hand had taken.
55 He also drove out the nations before them,
allotted them for an inheritance by line,
and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High Elohim,
and didn't keep his testimonies;
57 but turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers.
They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places,
and moved him to jealousy with their engraved images.
59 When Elohim heard this, he was angry,
and greatly abhorred Israel;
60 So that he abandoned the tent of Shiloh,
the tent which he placed among men;
61 and delivered his strength into captivity,
his glory into the adversary's hand.
62 He also gave his people over to the sword,
and was angry with his inheritance.
63 Fire devoured their young men.
Their virgins had no wedding song.
64 Their priests fell by the sword,
and their widows couldn't weep.
65 Then Adonai awakened as one out of sleep,
like a mighty man who shouts by reason of wine.
66 He struck his adversaries backward.
He put them to a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover he rejected the tent of Joseph,
and didn't choose the tribe of Ephraim,
68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount Tsiyon which he loved.
69 He built his sanctuary like the heights,
like the earth which he has established forever.
70 He also chose David his servant,
and took him from the sheepfolds;
71 from following the ewes that have their young,
he brought him to be the shepherd of Jacob, his people,
and Israel, his inheritance.
72 So he was their shepherd according to the integrity of his heart,
and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

Psalm 79

A Psalm by Asaph.

1 Elohim, the nations have come into your inheritance.
They have defiled your holy temple.
They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.
2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants to be food for the birds of the
sky,
the flesh of your saints to the animals of the earth.

3 Their blood they have shed like water around Jerusalem.
There was no one to bury them.
4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors,
a scoffing and derision to those who are around us.
5 How long, YHWH?
Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealousy burn like fire?
6 Pour out your wrath on the nations that don't know you;
on the kingdoms that don't call on your name;
7 For they have devoured Jacob,
and destroyed his homeland.
8 Don't hold the iniquities of our forefathers against us.
Let your tender mercies speedily meet us,
for we are in desperate need.
9 Help us, Elohim of our salvation, for the glory of your name.
Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.
10 Why should the nations say, "Where is their Elohim?"
Let it be known among the nations, before our eyes,
that vengeance for your servants' blood is being poured out.
11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before you.
According to the greatness of your power, preserve those who are sentenced to death.
12 Pay back to our neighbors seven times into their bosom
their reproach with which they have reproached you, Adonai.
13 So we, your people and sheep of your pasture,
will give you thanks forever.
We will praise you forever, to all generations.

Psalm 80

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Lilies of the Covenant." A Psalm by Asaph.

1 Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock,
you who sit above the cherubim, shine out.
2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might!
Come to save us!
3 Turn us again, Elohim.
Cause your face to shine,
and we will be saved.

4 YHWH Elohim of Armies,
How long will you be angry against the prayer of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in large measure.
6 You make us a source of contention to our neighbors.

Our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 Turn us again, Elohim of Armies.
Cause your face to shine,
and we will be saved.
8 You brought a vine out of Egypt.
You drove out the nations, and planted it.
9 You cleared the ground for it.
It took deep root, and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered with its shadow.
Its boughs were like Elohim's cedars.
11 It sent out its branches to the sea,
Its shoots to the River.
12 Why have you broken down its walls,
so that all those who pass by the way pluck it?
13 The boar out of the wood ravages it.
The wild animals of the field feed on it.
14 Turn again, we beg you, Elohim of Armies.
Look down from heaven, and see, and visit this vine,
15 the stock which your right hand planted,
the branch that you made strong for yourself.
16 It's burned with fire.
It's cut down.
They perish at your rebuke.
17 Let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
on the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.
18 So we will not turn away from you.
Revive us, and we will call on your name.
19 Turn us again, YHWH Elohim of Armies.
Cause your face to shine, and we will be saved.

Psalm 81

For the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath. By Asaph.

1 Sing aloud to Elohim, our strength!
Make a joyful shout to the Elohim of Jacob!
2 Raise a song, and bring here the tambourine,
the pleasant lyre with the harp.
3 Blow the trumpet at the New Moon,
at the full moon, on our feast day.
4 For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the Elohim of Jacob.
5 He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony,
when he went out over the land of Egypt,
I heard a language that I didn't know.
6 "I removed his shoulder from the burden.

His hands were freed from the basket.

7 You called in trouble, and I delivered you.
I answered you in the secret place of thunder.
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.”

Selah.

8 “Hear, my people, and I will testify to you,
Israel, if you would listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange Elohim in you,
neither shall you worship any foreign Elohim.

10 I am YHWH, your Elohim,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people didn’t listen to my voice.
Israel desired none of me.

12 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their hearts,
that they might walk in their own counsels.

13 Oh that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I would soon subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of YHWH would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last forever.

16 But he would have also fed them with the finest of the wheat.
I will satisfy you with honey out of the rock.”

Psalm 82

A Psalm by Asaph.

1 Elohim presides in the great assembly.
He judges among the gods.

2 “How long will you judge unjustly,
and show partiality to the wicked?”

Selah.

3 “Defend the weak, the poor, and the fatherless.
Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.

4 Rescue the weak and needy.
Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.”

5 They don’t know, neither do they understand.
They walk back and forth in darkness.

All the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 I said, “You are gods,
all of you are sons of the Most High.

7 Nevertheless you shall die like men,
and fall like one of the rulers.”

8 Arise, Elohim, judge the earth,
for you inherit all of the nations.

Psalm 83

A song. A Psalm by Asaph.

1 Elohim, don't keep silent.

Don't keep silent,
and don't be still, Elohim.

2 For, behold, your enemies are stirred up.

Those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

3 They conspire with cunning against your people.

They plot against your cherished ones.

4 "Come," they say, "let's destroy them as a nation,
that the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

5 For they have conspired together with one mind.

They form an alliance against you.

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;

Moab, and the Hagrites;

7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek;

Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assyria also is joined with them.

They have helped the children of Lot.

Selah.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian,

as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon;

10 who perished at Endor,

who became as dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb;

yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna;

12 who said, "Let us take possession of Elohim's pasture lands."

13 My Elohim, make them like tumbleweed;

like chaff before the wind.

14 As the fire that burns the forest,

as the flame that sets the mountains on fire,

15 so pursue them with your tempest,

and terrify them with your storm.

16 Fill their faces with confusion,

that they may seek your name, YHWH.

17 Let them be disappointed and dismayed forever.

Yes, let them be confounded and perish;

18 that they may know that you alone, whose name is YHWH,

are the Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 84

For the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.

1 How lovely are your dwellings,
YHWH of Armies!

2 My soul longs, and even faints for the courts of YHWH.
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living Elohim.

3 Yes, the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young,
near your altars, YHWH of Armies, my King, and my Elohim.

4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house.
They are always praising you.

Selah.

5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you;
who have set their hearts on a pilgrimage.

6 Passing through the valley of Weeping, they make it a place of springs.
Yes, the autumn rain covers it with blessings.

7 They go from strength to strength.
Everyone of them appears before Elohim in Tsiyon.

8 YHWH, Elohim of Armies, hear my prayer.
Listen, Elohim of Jacob.

Selah.

9 Behold, Elohim our shield,
look at the face of your anointed.

10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my Elohim,
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For YHWH Elohim is a sun and a shield.
YHWH will give grace and glory.
He withholds no good thing from those who walk blamelessly.

12 YHWH of Armies,
blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Psalm 85

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.

1 YHWH, you have been favorable to your land.
You have restored the fortunes of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people.
You have covered all their sin.

Selah.

3 You have taken away all your wrath.
You have turned from the fierceness of your anger.

4 Turn us, Elohim of our salvation,
and cause your indignation toward us to cease.

5 Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you draw out your anger to all generations?
6 Won't you revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
7 Show us your loving kindness, YHWH.
Grant us your salvation.
8 I will hear what Elohim, YHWH, will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, his saints;
but let them not turn again to folly.
9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth meet together.
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth springs out of the earth.
Righteousness has looked down from heaven.
12 Yes, YHWH will give that which is good.
Our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness goes before him,
And prepares the way for his steps.

Psalm 86

A Prayer by David.

1 Hear, YHWH, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
2 Preserve my soul, for I am Elohimly.
You, my Elohim, save your servant who trusts in you.
3 Be merciful to me, Adonai,
for I call to you all day long.
4 Bring joy to the soul of your servant,
for to you, Adonai, do I lift up my soul.
5 For you, Adonai, are good, and ready to forgive;
abundant in loving kindness to all those who call on you.
6 Hear, YHWH, my prayer.
Listen to the voice of my petitions.
7 In the day of my trouble I will call on you,
for you will answer me.
8 There is no one like you among the gods, Adonai,
nor any deeds like your deeds.
9 All nations you have made will come and worship before you, Adonai.
They shall glorify your name.
10 For you are great, and do wondrous things.
You are Elohim alone.
11 Teach me your way, YHWH.
I will walk in your truth.

Make my heart undivided to fear your name.
12 I will praise you, Adonai my Elohim, with my whole heart.
I will glorify your name forever more.
13 For your loving kindness is great toward me.
You have delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.
14 Elohim, the proud have risen up against me.
A company of violent men have sought after my soul,
and they don't hold regard for you before them.
15 But you, Adonai, are a merciful and gracious Elohim,
slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth.
16 Turn to me, and have mercy on me!
Give your strength to your servant.
Save the son of your servant.
17 Show me a sign of your goodness,
that those who hate me may see it, and be shamed,
because you, YHWH, have helped me, and comforted me.

Psalm 87

A Psalm by the sons of Korah; a Song.

1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.
2 YHWH loves the gates of Tsiyon more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken about you, city of Elohim.
Selah.
4 I will record Rahab [*Egypt*] and Babylon among those who acknowledge me.
Behold, Philistia, Tyre, and also Ethiopia:
"This one was born there."
5 Yes, of Tsiyon it will be said, "This one and that one was born in her";
the Most High himself will establish her.
6 YHWH will count, when he writes up the peoples,
"This one was born there."
Selah.
7 Those who sing as well as those who dance say,
"All my springs are in you."

Psalm 88

A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Suffering of Affliction." A contemplation by Heman, the Ezrahite.

1 YHWH, the Elohim of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before you.
2 Let my prayer enter into your presence.
Turn your ear to my cry.
3 For my soul is full of troubles.
My life draws near to Sheol.
4 I am counted among those who go down into the pit.

I am like a man who has no help,
5 set apart among the dead,
like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more.
They are cut off from your hand.
6 You have laid me in the lowest pit,
in the darkest depths.
7 Your wrath lies heavily on me.
You have afflicted me with all your waves.
Selah.
8 You have taken my friends from me.
You have made me an abomination to them.
I am confined, and I can't escape.
9 My eyes are dim from grief.
I have called on you daily, YHWH.
I have spread out my hands to you.
10 Do you show wonders to the dead?
Do the departed spirits rise up and praise you?
Selah.
11 Is your loving kindness declared in the grave?
Or your faithfulness in Destruction?
12 Are your wonders made known in the dark?
Or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
13 But to you, YHWH, I have cried.
In the morning, my prayer comes before you.
14 YHWH, why do you reject my soul?
Why do you hide your face from me?
15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up.
While I suffer your terrors, I am distracted.
16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me.
Your terrors have cut me off.
17 They came around me like water all day long.
They completely engulfed me.
18 You have put lover and friend far from me,
and my friends into darkness.

Psalm 89

A contemplation by Ethan, the Ezrahite.

1 I will sing of the loving kindness of YHWH forever.
With my mouth, I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
2 I indeed declare, "Love stands firm forever.
You established the heavens.
Your faithfulness is in them."
3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to David, my servant,
4 'I will establish your offspring forever,
and build up your throne to all generations.'"

Selah.

5 The heavens will praise your wonders, YHWH;
your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

6 For who in the skies can be compared to YHWH?
Who among the sons of the heavenly beings is like YHWH,
7 a very awesome Elohim in the council of the holy ones,
to be feared above all those who are around him?

8 YHWH, Elohim of Armies, who is a mighty one, like you?
Yah, your faithfulness is around you.

9 You rule the pride of the sea.
When its waves rise up, you calm them.

10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, like one of the slain.
You have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 The heavens are yours.
The earth also is yours;
the world and its fullness.
You have founded them.

12 The north and the south, you have created them.
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.

13 You have a mighty arm.
Your hand is strong, and your right hand is exalted.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.
Loving kindness and truth go before your face.

15 Blessed are the people who learn to acclaim you.
They walk in the light of your presence, YHWH.

16 In your name they rejoice all day.
In your righteousness, they are exalted.

17 For you are the glory of their strength.
In your favor, our horn will be exalted.

18 For our shield belongs to YHWH;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

19 Then you spoke in vision to your saints,
and said, "I have given strength to the warrior.
I have exalted a young man from the people.

20 I have found David, my servant.
I have anointed him with my holy oil,
21 with whom my hand shall be established.

My arm will also strengthen him.
22 No enemy will tax him.

No wicked man will oppress him.
23 I will beat down his adversaries before him,
and strike those who hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my loving kindness will be with him.
In my name, his horn will be exalted.
25 I will set his hand also on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.
26 He will call to me, 'You are my Father,
my Elohim, and the rock of my salvation!'
27 I will also appoint him my firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.
28 I will keep my loving kindness for him forever more.
My covenant will stand firm with him.
29 I will also make his offspring endure forever,
and his throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake my law,
and don't walk in my ordinances;
31 if they break my statutes,
and don't keep my commandments;
32 then I will punish their sin with the rod,
and their iniquity with stripes.
33 But I will not completely take my loving kindness from him,
nor allow my faithfulness to fail.
34 I will not break my covenant,
nor alter what my lips have uttered.
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness,
I will not lie to David.
36 His offspring will endure forever,
his throne like the sun before me.
37 It will be established forever like the moon,
the faithful witness in the sky."
Selah.
38 But you have rejected and spurned.
You have been angry with your anointed.
39 You have renounced the covenant of your servant.
You have defiled his crown in the dust.
40 You have broken down all his hedges.
You have brought his strongholds to ruin.
41 All who pass by the way rob him.
He has become a reproach to his neighbors.
42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries.
You have made all of his enemies rejoice.
43 Yes, you turn back the edge of his sword,
and haven't supported him in battle.
44 You have ended his splendor,
and thrown his throne down to the ground.
45 You have shortened the days of his youth.
You have covered him with shame.

Selah.

46 How long, YHWH?

Will you hide yourself forever?

Will your wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is!

For what vanity have you created all the children of men!

48 What man is he who shall live and not see death,

who shall deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?

Selah.

49 Adonai, where are your former loving kindnesses,
which you swore to David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, Adonai, the reproach of your servants,
how I bear in my heart the taunts of all the mighty peoples,

51 With which your enemies have mocked, YHWH,
with which they have mocked the footsteps of your anointed one.

52 Blessed be YHWH forever more.

Amen, and Amen.

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