

## Why Do You Hide Yourself? (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

### Psalm 10

- 1 Why do You stand afar off, O LORD?  
Why do You hide *Yourself* in times of trouble?
- 2 In pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted;  
Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.
- 3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire,  
And the greedy man curses *and* spurns the LORD.
- 4 The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek *Him*.  
All his thoughts are, "There is no God."
- 5 His ways prosper at all times;  
Your judgments are on high, out of his sight;  
As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them.
- 6 He says to himself, "I will not be moved;  
Throughout all generations I will not be in adversity."
- 7 His mouth is full of curses and deceit and oppression;  
Under his tongue is mischief and wickedness. [[Rom 3:14](#)]
- 8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages;  
In the hiding places he kills the innocent;  
His eyes stealthily watch for the unfortunate.
- 9 He lurks in a hiding place as a lion in his lair;  
He lurks to catch the afflicted;  
He catches the afflicted when he draws him into his net.
- 10 He crouches, he bows down,  
And the unfortunate fall by his mighty ones.
- 11 He says to himself, "God has forgotten;  
He has hidden His face; He will never see it."
- 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand.  
Do not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why has the wicked spurned God?  
He has said to himself, "You will not require *it*."
- 14 You have seen *it*, for You have beheld mischief and vexation to take it into Your hand.  
The unfortunate commits *himself* to You;  
You have been the helper of the orphan.
- 15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer,  
Seek out his wickedness until You find none.
- 16 The LORD is King forever and ever;  
Nations have perished from His land.
- 17 O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble;  
You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear
- 18 To vindicate the orphan and the oppressed,  
So that man who is of the earth will no longer cause terror.

## Break the Teeth in Their Mouths, O God (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

### Psalm 58

*For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth.*

#### A Mikhtam of David.

- 1 Do you indeed speak righteousness, O gods?

- Do you judge uprightly, O sons of men?  
 2 No, in heart you work unrighteousness;  
 On earth you weigh out the violence of your hands.  
 3 The wicked are estranged from the womb;  
 These who speak lies go astray from birth.  
 4 They have venom like the venom of a serpent;  
 Like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear,  
 5 So that it does not hear the voice of charmers,  
 Or a skillful caster of spells.  
 6 O God, shatter their teeth in their mouth;  
 Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.  
 7 Let them flow away like water that runs off;  
*When* he aims his arrows, let them be as headless shafts.  
 8 *Let them be* as a snail which melts away as it goes along,  
*Like* the miscarriages of a woman which never see the sun.  
 9 Before your pots can feel *the fire of thorns*  
 He will sweep them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.  
 10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance;  
 He will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.  
 11 And men will say, “Surely there is a reward for the righteous;  
 Surely there is a God who judges on earth!”

### David Saves Keilah (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

1 Samuel 23:1–8

- 1 Then they told David, saying, “Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are plundering the threshing floors.”  
 2 So David inquired of the LORD, saying, “Shall I go and attack these Philistines?” And the LORD said to David, “Go and attack the Philistines and deliver Keilah.”  
 3 But David’s men said to him, “Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the ranks of the Philistines?”  
 4 Then David inquired of the LORD once more. And the LORD answered him and said, “Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will give the Philistines into your hand.”  
 5 So David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines; and he led away their livestock and struck them with a great slaughter. Thus David delivered the inhabitants of Keilah.  
 6 Now it came about, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah, *that* he came down *with* an ephod in his hand.  
 7 When it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah, Saul said, “God has delivered him into my hand, for he shut himself in by entering a city with double gates and bars.”  
 8 So Saul summoned all the people for war, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men.

### His Lovingkindness to Me in a Besieged City (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

Psalm 31

*For the choir director.*

#### A Psalm of David.

- 1 In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge;  
 Let me never be ashamed;  
 In Your righteousness deliver me.

- 2 Incline Your ear to me, rescue me quickly;  
Be to me a rock of strength,  
A stronghold to save me.
- 3 For You are my rock and my fortress;  
For Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me.
- 4 You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me,  
For You are my strength.
- 5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit; [[Luke 23:46](#)]  
You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth.
- 6 I hate those who regard vain idols,  
But I trust in the LORD. [[Jonah 2:8](#)]
- 7 I will rejoice and be glad in Your lovingkindness,  
Because You have seen my affliction;  
You have known the troubles of my soul,
- 8 And You have not given me over into the hand of the enemy;  
You have set my feet in a large place.
- 9 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
My eye is wasted away from grief, my soul and my body *also*.
- 10 For my life is spent with sorrow  
And my years with sighing;  
My strength has failed because of my iniquity,  
And my body has wasted away.
- 11 Because of all my adversaries, I have become a reproach,  
Especially to my neighbors,  
And an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
Those who see me in the street flee from me.
- 12 I am forgotten as a dead man, out of mind;  
I am like a broken vessel.
- 13 For I have heard the slander of many,  
Terror is on every side;  
While they took counsel together against me,  
They schemed to take away my life. [[Jer 20:10](#)]
- 14 But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD,  
I say, "You are my God."
- 15 My times are in Your hand;  
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make Your face to shine upon Your servant;  
Save me in Your lovingkindness.
- 17 Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I call upon You;  
Let the wicked be put to shame, let them be silent in Sheol.
- 18 Let the lying lips be mute,  
Which speak arrogantly against the righteous  
With pride and contempt.
- 19 How great is Your goodness,  
Which You have stored up for those who fear You,  
Which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You,  
Before the sons of men!
- 20 You hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the conspiracies of man;  
You keep them secretly in a shelter from the strife of tongues.

- 21 Blessed be the LORD,  
For He has made marvelous His lovingkindness to me in a besieged city.
- 22 As for me, I said in my alarm,  
“I am cut off from before Your eyes”;  
Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications  
When I cried to You.
- 23 O love the LORD, all you His godly ones!  
The LORD preserves the faithful  
And fully recompenses the proud doer.
- 24 Be strong and let your heart take courage,  
All you who hope in the LORD.

### I Call on God in the Day of My Trouble (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

#### Psalm 86

#### A Prayer of David.

- 1 Incline Your ear, O LORD, *and* answer me;  
For I am afflicted and needy.
- 2 Preserve my soul, for I am a godly man;  
O You my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.
- 3 Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
For to You I cry all day long.
- 4 Make glad the soul of Your servant,  
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,  
And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
And give heed to the voice of my supplications!
- 7 In the day of my trouble I shall call upon You,  
For You will answer me.
- 8 There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord,  
Nor are there any works like Yours.
- 9 All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, [[Rev 15:4](#)]
- 10 For You are great and do wondrous deeds;  
You alone are God.
- 11 Teach me Your way, O LORD;  
I will walk in Your truth;  
Unite my heart to fear Your name.
- 12 I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
And will glorify Your name forever.
- 13 For Your lovingkindness toward me is great,  
And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- 14 O God, arrogant men have risen up against me,  
And a band of violent men have sought my life,  
And they have not set You before them.
- 15 But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me, and be gracious to me;  
Oh grant Your strength to Your servant,

And save the son of Your handmaid.

- 17 Show me a sign for good,  
That those who hate me may see *it* and be ashamed,  
Because You, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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