

Save Me, O My God (c. 974 BC)

Psalm 3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

- 1 O LORD, how my adversaries have increased!
Many are rising up against me.
- 2 Many are saying of my soul,
“There is no deliverance for him in God.” *Selah.*
- 3 But You, O LORD, are a shield about me,
My glory, and the One who lifts my head.
- 4 I was crying to the LORD with my voice,
And He answered me from His holy mountain. *Selah.*
- 5 I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the LORD sustains me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people
Who have set themselves against me round about.
- 7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God!
For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek;
You have shattered the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Salvation belongs to the LORD;
Your blessing *be* upon Your people! *Selah.*

Answer Me When I Call (c. 974 BC)

Psalm 4

For the choir director; on stringed instruments.

A psalm of David.

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have relieved me in my distress;
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.
- 2 O sons of men, how long will my honor become a reproach?
How long will you love what is worthless and aim at deception? *Selah.*
- 3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself;
The LORD hears when I call to Him.
- 4 Tremble, and do not sin; [cf. [Eph 4:26](#)]
Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. *Selah.*
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, “Who will show us *any* good?”
Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O LORD!
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart,
More than when their grain and new wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
For You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety.

My Soul Thirsts for You (c. 974 BC)

Psalm 143

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD,
Give ear to my supplications!
Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!
- 2 And do not enter into judgment with Your servant,
For in Your sight no man living is righteous.
- 3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
He has crushed my life to the ground;
He has made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long been dead.
- 4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;
My heart is appalled within me.
- 5 I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all Your doings;
I muse on the work of Your hands.
- 6 I stretch out my hands to You;
My soul *longs* for You, as a parched land. *Selah.*
- 7 Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails;
Do not hide Your face from me,
Or I will become like those who go down to the pit.
- 8 Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning;
For I trust in You;
Teach me the way in which I should walk;
For to You I lift up my soul.
- 9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
I take refuge in You.
- 10 Teach me to do Your will,
For You are my God;
Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me.
In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
- 12 And in Your lovingkindness, cut off my enemies
And destroy all those who afflict my soul,
For I am Your servant.

O LORD, Consider My Groaning (c. 974 BC)

Psalm 5

For the choir director; for flute accompaniment.

A psalm of David.

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my groaning.
- 2 Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God,
For to You I pray.
- 3 In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;
In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and *eagerly* watch.
- 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness;
No evil dwells with You.

- 5 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;
You hate all who do iniquity.
- 6 You destroy those who speak falsehood;
The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.
- 7 But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house,
At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.
- 8 O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes;
Make Your way straight before me.
- 9 There is nothing reliable in what they say;
Their inward part is destruction *itself*.
Their throat is an open grave;
They flatter with their tongue. [[Rom 3:13](#)]
- 10 Hold them guilty, O God;
By their own devices let them fall!
In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out,
For they are rebellious against You.
- 11 But let all who take refuge in You be glad,
Let them ever sing for joy;
And may You shelter them,
That those who love Your name may exult in You.
- 12 For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD,
You surround him with favor as with a shield.

Cast Your Burden on the LORD (c. 974 BC)

Psalm 55

For the choir director; on stringed instruments.

A Maskil of David.

- 1 Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.
- 2 Give heed to me and answer me;
I am restless in my complaint and am surely distracted,
- 3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the pressure of the wicked;
For they bring down trouble upon me
And in anger they bear a grudge against me.
- 4 My heart is in anguish within me,
And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- 5 Fear and trembling come upon me,
And horror has overwhelmed me.
- 6 I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!
I would fly away and be at rest.
- 7 "Behold, I would wander far away,
I would lodge in the wilderness. *Selah*.
- 8 "I would hasten to my place of refuge
From the stormy wind *and* tempest."
- 9 Confuse, O Lord, divide their tongues,
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- 10 Day and night they go around her upon her walls,

- And iniquity and mischief are in her midst.
- 11 Destruction is in her midst;
Oppression and deceit do not depart from her streets.
- 12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me,
Then I could bear *it*;
Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me,
Then I could hide myself from him.
- 13 But it is you, a man my equal,
My companion and my familiar friend;
- 14 We who had sweet fellowship together
Walked in the house of God in the throng.
- 15 Let death come deceitfully upon them;
Let them go down alive to Sheol,
For evil is in their dwelling, in their midst.
- 16 As for me, I shall call upon God,
And the LORD will save me.
- 17 Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur,
And He will hear my voice.
- 18 He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle *which is* against me,
For they are many *who strive* with me.
- 19 God will hear and answer them—
Even the one who sits enthroned from of old— *Selah*.
With whom there is no change,
And who do not fear God.
- 20 He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him;
He has violated his covenant.
- 21 His speech was smoother than butter,
But his heart was war;
His words were softer than oil,
Yet they were drawn swords.
- 22 Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you;
He will never allow the righteous to be shaken. [[1 Pet 5:6–7](#)]
- 23 But You, O God, will bring them down to the pit of destruction;
Men of bloodshed and deceit will not live out half their days.
But I will trust in You.