

Give Ear to My Voice (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 141

A Psalm of David.

- 1 LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
- 2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.
- 3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.
- 4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practice wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.
- 5 Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.
- 6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.
- 7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.
- 8 But mine eyes *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.

My Soul Thirsts for You (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 143

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.
- 2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
- 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 dead.
- 4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.
- 6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty 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 pit.
- 8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift 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 will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *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.

My Rock and My Fortress (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 144

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Blessed *be* the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, *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* man, that thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the son of man, that thou makest account of him!
- 4 Man is like to vanity: his days *are* as a shadow 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 strange children;
- 8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 I will sing 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 salvation 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 vanity, 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 Happy *is that* people, that is in such a case: *yea*, happy *is that* people, whose God *is* the LORD.

Great Is the LORD (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 145

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 generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
- 5 I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
- 6 And *men* shall speak of the might of thy terrible 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* gracious, and full of compassion; 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 saints 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 acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
- 13 Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting 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* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.
- 18 The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.
- 19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.
- 20 The LORD preserveth 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.

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