Zion, the City of Our God (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 48

A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- 1 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
- 2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great

King. [Matt 5:34–35]

- 3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
- 4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.
- 5 They saw *it, and* so they marveled; they were troubled, *and* hasted away.
- 6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.
- 7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.
- 9 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
- 10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.
- 13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.
- 14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Why Should I Fear in Times of Trouble (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 49

To the chief Musician,

A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- 1 Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:
- 2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.
- 3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
- 4 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
- 5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?
- 6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
- 7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:
- 8 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)
- 9 That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.
- 10 For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.
- 12 Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.
- 13 This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.
- 14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.
- 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.
- 16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;
- 17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.
- 18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.
- 19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.
- 20 Man that is in honor, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

My Soul Longs for the Courts of the LORD (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 84

To the chief Musician upon Gittith,

A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- 1 How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.
- 4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

- 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.
- 6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
- 9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
- 10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Revive Us Again (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 85

To the chief Musician,

A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- 1 LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.
- 3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.
- 4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.
- 5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?
- 6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?
- 7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.
- 8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.
- 9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

The LORD Loves the Gates of Zion (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 87

A Psalm or Song for the sons of Korah.

- 1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.
- 2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.
- 4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.
- 5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.
- 6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.
- 7 As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there*: all my springs *are* in thee.

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