

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- 4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

The Steadfast Love of the LORD (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 33

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright.
- 2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.
- 3 Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.
- 4 For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.
- 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- 12 Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.
- 14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
- 15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.
- 16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
- 17 An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;
- 19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
- 20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield.
- 21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.
- 22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

How Awesome Are Your Deeds (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 66

To the chief Musician,

A Song or Psalm.

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
- 2 Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious.
- 3 Say unto God, How terrible *art thou* in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.
- 4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing *to thy name*. Selah.
- 5 Come and see the works of God: *he is terrible in his* doing toward the children of men.
- 6 He turned the sea into dry *land*: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.
- 7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.
- 8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:
- 9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.
- 10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
- 11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.
- 12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy *place*.
- 13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,

- 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.
 15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.
 16 Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
 17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.
 18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:
 19 *But* verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
 20 Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Make Your Face Shine upon Us (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 67

To the chief Musician on Neginoth,

A Psalm or Song.

- 1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us; *and* cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.
 2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.
 3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
 4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.
 5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
 6 *Then* shall the earth yield her increase; *and* God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.
 7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Forsake Me Not When My Strength Is Spent (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 71

- 1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.
 2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
 3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.
 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
 5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.
 6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee.
 7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou *art* my strong refuge.
 8 Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honor all the day.
 9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.
 10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,
 11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him*.
 12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.
 13 Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.
 14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.
 15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*.
 16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.
 17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.
 18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that is* to come.
 19 Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee!
 20 *Thou*, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
 21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.
 22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
 23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
 24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

Chronological Notes

- 1) There are forty-six psalms whose authorship is unknown (i.e., they contain no authorial heading: 1, 33, 66–67, 71, 91–94, 96–100, 102, 104–107, 111–121, 123, 125, 126, 128–130, 132, 134–137, 146–150). Three of these psalms (96, 105, 106)¹ are directly connected with 1 Chronicles 16 (David bringing the ark to Jerusalem) and have already been included in that context. Another two psalms were likely written during the exile to Babylon (137) and after the return to Israel (126)—they will be presented later in that context. I have dated the remaining anonymous psalms as “c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom” to indicate that they could have been written anytime during this period.

¹ Depending on how you translate 1 Chronicles 16:7, these psalms may be attributed to David (NASB—“Then on that day David first assigned Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to the LORD” vs. NET—“That day David first gave to Asaph and his colleagues this song of thanks to the LORD”).