

## The Lord Is in His Holy Temple (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

## Psalm 11

*For the music director.*

**Of David.**

- 1 In Yahweh I have taken refuge;  
how can you say to my soul,  
“Flee to your mountain *like* a bird”?
- 2 For look: The wicked string the bow.  
They have fitted their arrow to *the* string,  
to shoot from *the* darkness  
at the upright of heart.
- 3 When the foundations are destroyed  
what can *the* righteous do?
- 4 Yahweh *is* in his holy temple;  
Yahweh *is* in the heavens *on* his throne.  
His eyelids see;  
they test *the* children of humankind.
- 5 Yahweh tests *the* righteous,  
but *the* wicked and *the* lover of violence  
his soul hates.
- 6 He will rain coals on *the* wicked.  
Burning sulfur and scorching wind  
*will be* the portion of their cup.
- 7 For Yahweh *is* righteous;  
he loves righteous deeds.  
*The* upright shall see his face.

## The Faithful Have Vanished (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

## Psalm 12

*For the music director; on the Sheminith.*

**A psalm of David.**

- 1 Save, O Yahweh, for *the* pious have ceased to be;  
for *the* faithful have vanished  
from *among the* children of humankind.
- 2 They speak falseness to each other.  
*With* flattering lips,  
*with* a double heart they speak.
- 3 May Yahweh cut off all flattering lips,  
*the* tongue speaking great boasts—
- 4 *those* who say, “With our tongue we will prevail.  
Our lips *are* on our side.  
Who *is* master over us?”
- 5 “Because of *the* oppression of *the* afflicted,  
because of *the* groaning of *the* poor,  
now I will rise up,” Yahweh says.  
“I shall put *them* in *the* safety for *which* they long.”
- 6 The words of Yahweh *are* pure words  
*like* silver refined in the crucible on the ground,  
refined seven times.
- 7 You, O Yahweh, will protect them.  
You will preserve him  
from this generation always.
- 8 *The* wicked prowl about  
when vileness *is* exalted among *the* children of humankind.

## How Long, O Lord? (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 13

*For the music director.*

**A psalm of David.**

- 1 How long, O Yahweh? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul,  
*and* sorrow in my heart *all the day*?  
How long will my enemy be exalted over me?
- 3 Consider *and* answer me, O Yahweh my God.  
Give light to my eyes  
lest I sleep *the sleep of death*,
- 4 *and* lest my enemy should say, “I have overcome him,”  
*lest* my enemies rejoice because I am shaken.
- 5 But as for me, I have trusted in your steadfast love.  
My heart will rejoice in your deliverance.
- 6 I will sing to Yahweh  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

## The Fool Says, There Is No God (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 14

*For the music director;*

**Of David.**

- 1 *The fool* says in his heart, “There is no God.”  
They are corrupt.  
They do abominable deeds.  
There is none who does good. [[Rom 3:10–12](#)]
- 2 Yahweh looks down from heaven upon the children of humankind  
to see whether there is one who has insight,  
one who cares about God.
- 3 All have gone astray;  
they are altogether corrupt.  
There is not one who does good;  
there is not even one.
- 4 All who do evil—do they not know,  
*they* who eat my people *as though* they were eating bread?  
They do not call on Yahweh.
- 5 There they are very fearful  
because God *is* with *the* generation of *the* righteous.
- 6 You would put to shame *the* plan of *the* poor,  
because Yahweh *is* his refuge.
- 7 Oh that from Zion *would come* salvation *for* Israel!  
When Yahweh returns the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be happy.

## Who Shall Dwell on Your Holy Hill (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 15

**A psalm of David.**

- 1 O Yahweh, who may reside in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy mountain?
- 2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is right.  
He who speaks honestly in his heart.
- 3 He does not slander with his tongue.  
He does not harm his friend,  
nor bring up a disgrace against his neighbor.

- 4 In his eyes a rejected one *is* contemptible,  
but he honors those who respect Yahweh.  
He takes an oath to *his own* injury and does not retract it.
- 5 He does not lend his money at interest,  
and does not take a bribe against *the* innocent.  
He who does these *things*  
will never be shaken.

### You Will Not Abandon My Soul [Messianic] (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 16

#### A miktam of David.

- 1 Protect me, O God,  
for I take refuge in you.
- 2 *Oh my soul* you have said to Yahweh, “*You are* my Lord.  
I have no good apart from you.”
- 3 With regard to *the* saints who *are* in the land,  
they *are the* noble ones in *whom is* all my desire.
- 4 Those *who* hurry *after* another *god* increase their sorrows.  
I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood,  
nor take up their names on my lips.
- 5 Yahweh *is* the portion *which is* my share and my cup.  
You hold my lot.
- 6 *The* measuring lines have fallen for me in pleasant places.  
Yes, *my* inheritance is delightful for me.
- 7 I will bless Yahweh who advises me;  
yes, *at* night my innermost being instructs me.
- 8 I have set Yahweh before me always.  
Because *he is* at my right hand I will not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices.  
Yes, my body will dwell in safety,
- 10 for you will not abandon my soul to Sheol;  
you will not give your faithful one to see *the* grave.
- 11 You will make known to me *the* path of life.  
In your presence *is* fullness of joy.  
At your right hand *are* pleasures forever. [[Acts 2:24–28](#); [13:34–37](#)]

### In the Shadow of Your Wings (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 17

#### A prayer of David.

- 1 O Yahweh, hear a just cause.  
Hear my cry; heed my prayer  
*I make* without deceitful lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from you;  
let your eyes see fairness.
- 3 You have tried my heart;  
you have examined *me* by night;  
you have tested me; you found nothing.  
I have decided *that* my mouth will not transgress.
- 4 As for *the* works of humankind,  
by the word of your lips,  
I have kept *from* the ways of *the* violent.
- 5 *I have* held my steps in your path  
My feet will not slip.
- 6 As for me, I have called on you  
because you will answer me, O God.  
Incline your ear to me.

- Hear my words.
- 7 Show wondrously your acts of loyal love,  
O Savior of those who take refuge  
at your right hand  
from those who rise up against *them*.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye.  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings
- 9 from *the* presence of *the* wicked who destroy me,  
*those* enemies against my life,  
*they that* surround me.
- 10 They have shut off their calloused *heart*;  
*with* their mouth they speak arrogantly.
- 11 Now they surround us at our *every* step.  
They intend  
to pin *me* to the ground.
- 12 He is like a lion; he longs to tear apart,  
and like a strong lion crouching in hiding places.
- 13 Rise up, O Yahweh, confront him.  
Make him bow down.  
Rescue with your sword my life from *the* wicked,
- 14 from men by your hand, O Yahweh, from men of *this* world.  
Their share *is* in this life, and you fill their stomach *with* your treasure.  
They are satisfied *with* children.  
They bequeath their excess to their children.
- 15 *By contrast*, I in righteousness shall see your face.  
Upon awakening I will be satisfied *seeing* your form.

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