

## Cast Your Burden on the Lord (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

## Psalm 55

*For the music director, with stringed instruments.*

**A maskil of David.**

- 1 Give ear, O God, to my prayer,  
and do not hide yourself from my plea.
- 2 Attend to me and answer me.  
I am restless in my lamenting and I groan,
- 3 because of *the* voice of an enemy,  
because of the oppression of the wicked,  
because they bring down evil on me,  
and in anger they hold a grudge *against* me.
- 4 My heart trembles within me,  
and deathly terrors fall on me.
- 5 Fear and trembling come on me,  
and horror overwhelms me.
- 6 So I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove.  
I would fly away and be at rest.
- 7 Look, I would flee far away.  
I would dwell in the wilderness. *Selah*
- 8 I would hurry to my refuge  
from *the* raging wind *and* storm."
- 9 Confuse, O Lord; divide their speech,  
because I see violence and strife in the city.
- 10 Day and night they go around it on its walls,  
and iniquity and trouble *are* in its midst.
- 11 Destruction *is* within it,  
and oppression and deceit  
do not depart from its public square.
- 12 For *it is* not an enemy *that* taunts me,  
or I could bear *it*.  
*It is not* one who hates me *that* magnifies himself over me,  
or I could hide myself from him.
- 13 But *it is* you, a man my equal,  
my friend and confidant.
- 14 *We* who would take sweet counsel together;  
in the house of God  
we would walk with *the* throng.
- 15 Let death deceive them. May they descend to Sheol alive,  
because evil *is* in their home *and* heart.
- 16 As for me, I will call to God,  
and Yahweh will save me.
- 17 Morning, noon and night I will lament and groan loudly,  
and he will hear my voice.
- 18 He safely redeems my life from *the* battle against me,  
because *those standing* against me are among many.
- 19 God will hear and answer them,  
*he* who *is* enthroned from of old, *Selah*  
Because they do not change,  
and they do not fear God.
- 20 He has put forth his hands against his friends;  
he has defiled his covenant.
- 21 The buttery words of his mouth were smooth,  
but *there was* battle in his heart.  
His words were smoother than oil,  
but they *were* drawn swords.
- 22 Cast your burden on Yahweh,  
and he will sustain you.

He will never allow the righteous to be moved. [1 Pet 5:6-7]

- 23 But you, O God, you will bring them down to *the* pit of corruption.  
*The* men of bloodshed and deceit will not live half their days,  
 but I will trust you.

### God Who Judges the Earth (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 58

*For the music director, according to Do not Destroy.*

**Of David. A miktam.**

- 1 Do you really speak *what is* right *when* silent?  
 Do you judge fairly the children of humankind?
- 2 No, in *your* heart you plan injustices;  
 in the land you weigh out the violence of your hands.
- 3 The wicked are estranged from *the* womb.  
 They go astray from *the* belly, speaking lies.
- 4 Their venom *is* like snake venom;  
*They are* like a deaf viper that closes its ear  
 so that it does not hear *the* voice of charmers  
 or *the* skilled caster of spells.
- 6 O God, break their teeth in their mouth.  
 Break off *the* fangs of *the* young lions, O Yahweh.
- 7 Let them run *away* like water *that* runs off.  
*When* he bends *the* bow, let his arrows *be* as though they were cut off.
- 8 *Let them be* like a snail *that* melts away *as* it goes;  
*like the* stillborn of woman *that* do not see *the* sun.
- 9 Before your pots can feel *the* heat of a thornbush,  
 whether green or dry, he will sweep it away.
- 10 *The* righteous will rejoice when he sees *the* vengeance;  
 he will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- 11 And people will say, "Surely *there is* a reward for the righteous.  
 Surely there is a God *who* judges in the land."

### Lead Me to the Rock (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 61

*For the music director, upon stringed instruments.*

**Of David.**

- 1 Hear, O God, my cry;  
 attend to my prayer.
- 2 From the end of the earth I call to you  
 when my heart grows faint.  
 You will lead me to a rock *that is* higher than I.
- 3 For you have been my refuge,  
 a strong tower from the enemy.
- 4 Let me reside in your tent forever.  
 Let me take refuge under the covering of your wings. *Selah*
- 5 For you, O God, you have heard my vows.  
 You have given *me* the heritage of those who fear your name.
- 6 You will add days to the days of the king,  
 his years like *those of* many generations.
- 7 May he live forever in the presence of God.  
 Appoint loyal love and faithfulness to preserve him.
- 8 So I will sing the praise of your name forever,  
 that I may fulfill my vows daily.

## My Soul Waits for God Alone (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 62

*For the music director, on Jeduthun.***A psalm of David.**

- 1 Only for God my soul *waits in* silence.  
From him *is* my salvation.
- 2 Only he *is* my rock and my salvation,  
my *high* stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.
- 3 How long will you attack a man?  
All of you will be shattered  
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence.
- 4 They only plan to thrust *him* down from his high position;  
they are pleased *with* deception.  
With their mouths they bless,  
but inwardly they curse. *Selah*
- 5 Only for God wait in silence, O my soul,  
because my hope *is* from him.
- 6 Only he *is* my rock and my salvation,  
my *high* stronghold; I shall not be shaken.
- 7 On God *rests* my salvation and my glory;  
God is my strong rock, my refuge.
- 8 Trust him at all times, O people;  
pour out before him your heart.  
God *is* a refuge for us. *Selah*
- 9 Only a vapor *are* men of low degree,  
a deception *are* men of high degree.  
Weighed in a balance,  
together they *are lighter* than a vapor.
- 10 Do not trust in extortion,  
and do not put vain *confidence* in robbery.  
If wealth increases,  
do not set *your heart on it*.
- 11 Once God has spoken;  
twice I have heard this:  
that strength *belongs* to God.
- 12 And to you *belongs* loyal love, O Lord,  
because you will render to each according to his work. [[Matt 16:27](#); [Rom 2:6](#)]

## Hide Me from the Wicked (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 64

*For the music director.***A psalm of David.**

- 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my lamenting.  
Preserve my life from *the* fear of *the* enemy.
- 2 Hide me from *the* secret plots of evildoers,  
from *the* unrest of *those who* do iniquity,  
who sharpen their tongue like a sword.  
They bend *their bow to shoot* their arrows—bitter words,  
to shoot from their hiding places *at the* blameless.  
Suddenly they shoot *at* him and do not fear.
- 5 They encourage themselves *in the* evil matter.  
They talk of secretly laying snares.  
They say, “Who will see them?”
- 6 They carefully plot injustices *saying*,  
“We have perfected the perfect plot!”  
Both *the* inner thought and heart of *a* man *are* deep.
- 7 But God will shoot them;

- with an arrow they will suddenly be wounded.
- 8 And they *who* would cause him to stumble,  
their *own* tongue *will be* against them.  
All who gaze on them will shake.
- 9 And then all men will fear,  
and will declare the working of God,  
and will understand his doing.
- 10 *The* righteous will rejoice in Yahweh and take refuge in him,  
and all *the* upright in heart will boast.

## O God of Our Salvation (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

### Psalm 65

*For the music director.*

**A psalm of David. A song.**

- 1 Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion,  
and to you *the* vow shall be fulfilled.
- 2 O *you who* hear prayer,  
to you all flesh will come.
- 3 Iniquities prevail over me.  
As for our transgressions, you will forgive them.
- 4 Blessed *is one whom* you choose and bring near,  
*that* he may abide in your courts.  
We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
your holy temple.
- 5 By awesome deeds in righteousness you will answer us,  
O God of our salvation,  
*you who are the* confidence of all *the* ends of *the* earth  
and of the far-off seas,
- 6 *who* established the mountains by his strength,  
*the one who* is girded with might,
- 7 *who* stills *the* roar of *the* seas,  
the roar of their waves,  
and *the* commotion of *the* peoples,
- 8 so that *the* inhabitants of *the* farthest reaches are in awe of your signs.  
You make the dawn and sunset sing for joy.
- 9 You care for the land and water it;  
you greatly enrich it.  
The stream of God *is* filled with waters.  
You provide their grain,  
for so you have established it.
- 10 You drench its furrows,  
penetrating its ridges.  
With rains you soften it;  
its growth you bless.
- 11 You crown the year with your bounty,  
and your wagon paths drip with richness.
- 12 They drop on *the* pastures of *the* wilderness,  
and the hills gird themselves with joy.
- 13 *The* pasturelands put on flocks,  
and *the* valleys clothe themselves with grain.  
They shout in triumph;  
they even sing.