

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 122

A song of ascents. Of David.

- 1 I rejoiced in *those who* said to me,
“Let us go to the house of Yahweh.”
- 2 Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem—
- 3 Jerusalem that is built
as a city that is joined together,
4 where *the* tribes go up,
the tribes of Yah *as* a testimony for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of Yahweh.
- 5 For there *the* thrones sit for judgment,
thrones of David’s house.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May those who love you be at ease.
- 7 May peace be within your walls,
security within your palaces.”
- 8 For the sake of my brothers and my friends,
I will say, “Peace *be* within you.”
- 9 For the sake of the house of Yahweh our God,
I will seek your good.

Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 124

A song of ascents. Of David.

- 1 “If *it had* not *been* Yahweh who was on our side,”
do let Israel say,
- 2 “If *it had* not *been* Yahweh who was on our side,
when men rose up against us,
3 then they would have swallowed us alive,
when their anger was kindled against us.
- 4 Then the waters would have flooded over us,
the torrent would have passed over our soul.
- 5 Then over our soul would have passed
the raging waters.”
- 6 Blessed *be* Yahweh,
who has not made us prey for their teeth.
- 7 Our soul has escaped like a bird
from *the* snare of fowlers.
The snare *is* broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help *is* in the name of Yahweh,
maker of heaven and earth.

I Have Calmed and Quietened My Soul (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 131

A song of ascents. Of David.

- 1 My heart is not haughty nor my eyes arrogant.
And I do not concern myself
with things too great and difficult for me.
- 2 Rather I have soothed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother,
like the weaned child *is* my soul with me.
- 3 O Israel, hope in Yahweh
from now until forever.

When Brothers Dwell in Unity (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 133

A song of ascents. Of David.

- 1 Look, how good and how pleasant *it is*
when brothers dwell together in unity.
- 2 *It is* like the fragrant oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron,
that runs down upon the edges of his robes.
- 3 *It is* like the dew of Hermon that runs down
upon the mountains of Zion,
because there Yahweh commanded the blessing—
life forever.

Give Thanks to the Lord (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 138

Of David.

- 1 I give you thanks with my whole heart;
before *the* gods I sing your praise.
- 2 I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name,
because of your loyal love and faithfulness,
for you have magnified your word according to all your name.
- 3 When I called and you answered me,
you emboldened me in my soul *with* strength.
- 4 All *the* kings of *the* earth
will praise you, O Yahweh,
when they have heard the words of your mouth,
5 and they will sing of the ways of Yahweh,
because Yahweh's glory *is* great.
- 6 Though Yahweh *is* high, yet he sees *the* lowly,
but *the* proud he perceives at a distance.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me alive.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my enemies,
and you save me *with* your right hand.
- 8 Yahweh accomplishes *things* for my benefit.
O Yahweh, your loyal love *endures* forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 139

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

- 1 O Yahweh, you have searched me, and you know *me*.
- 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up.
You understand my thought from afar.
- 3 You search out my wandering and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 For *there is* not a word *yet* on my tongue,
but behold, O Yahweh, you know it completely.
- 5 You barricade me behind and in front,
and set your hand upon me.
- 6 *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me.
It is set high; I cannot *prevail* against it.
- 7 Where I can go from your Spirit,

or where can I flee from your presence?
 8 If I ascend to heaven, there you *are*,
 and if I make my bed *in* Sheol, look! *There* you *are*.
 9 If I lift up *the* wings of *the* dawn,
 and I alight on *the* far side of *the* sea,
 10 even there your hand would lead me,
 and your right hand would hold me fast.
 11 And if I should say, “Surely darkness will cover me,
 and *the* light around me *will be as* night,”
 12 even *the* darkness is not too dark for you,
 and *the* night shines as the day—
 the darkness *and* the light are alike *for* you.
 13 Indeed you created my inward parts;
 you wove me in my mother’s womb.
 14 I praise you, because I am fearfully
 and wonderfully *made*.
 Wonderful *are* your works,
 and my soul knows *it* well.
 15 My frame was not hidden from you,
 when I was created secretly,
 and intricately woven
 in *the* depths of *the* earth.
 16 Your eyes saw my embryo,
 and in your book they all were written—
 days fashioned *for* me when *there* was not one of them.
 17 And to me, how precious are your thoughts, O God;
 how vast is their sum.
 18 If I should count them,
 they would outnumber *the* sand.
 I awaken, and I *am* still with you.
 19 If only you would kill the wicked, O God—
 so get away from me, *you* bloodthirsty men—
 20 who speak against you deceitfully.
 Your enemies take *your* name in vain.
 21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O Yahweh?
 And do I *not* loathe those who rise up against you?
 22 I hate them with a complete hatred;
 they have become my enemies.
 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
 test me and know my anxious thoughts.
 24 And see if *there is* in me the worship of false gods,
 and lead me in *the* way everlasting.

Deliver Me, O Lord, from Evil Men (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 140

For the music director.

A psalm of David.

1 Rescue me, O Yahweh, from evil men.
 Preserve me from violent men,
 2 who plan evil *things* in *their* heart.
 They stir up wars continually.
 3 They sharpen their tongue as *sharp* as a snake’s;
 the venom of a viper *is* under their lips. *Selah* [Rom 3:13b]
 4 Protect me, O Yahweh, from *the* hands of *the* wicked.
 Preserve me from violent men,
 who have planned to make me stumble.
 5 *The* proud have hidden a trap for me, and cords.

- They have spread out a net along *the* side of *the* path.
They have set snares for me. *Selah*
- 6 I say to Yahweh, "You *are* my God."
Listen, O Yahweh, to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 O Yahweh, my Lord, the strength of my salvation,
you have covered my head in *the* day of battle.
- 8 Do not grant, O Yahweh, *the* desires of *the* wicked.
Do not allow *them* to attain their plan, lest they be exalted. *Selah*
- 9 *With respect to the* head of *those who* surround me,
may the harm of their lips cover them.
- 10 Let burning coals fall on them;
let them be dropped into the fire,
into bottomless pits *from which* they cannot rise.
- 11 Do not let a slanderer be established in the land;
as for *the* man of violence, let evil hunt him quickly.
- 12 I know that Yahweh will maintain *the* cause of *the* afflicted,
and justice for *the* needy.
- 13 Surely *the* righteous will give thanks to your name;
the upright will dwell in your presence.

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