

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

Psalm 48

A song. A psalm of the sons of Korah.

- 1 Yahweh *is* great and very worthy of praise
in the city of our God, in his holy mountain.
- 2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,
is Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of *the* great king. [[Matt 5:34–35](#)]
- 3 God *is* in her citadels;
he is known as a *high* stronghold.
- 4 For see, the kings assembled;
they advanced together.
- 5 They themselves saw *it*, so they were astonished.
They were terrified; they ran off.
- 6 Trembling seized them there—
pain as of a woman in labor.
- 7 With an east wind
you shatter the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so we have seen
in the city of Yahweh of hosts, in the city of our God.
God will establish her forever. *Selah*
- 9 We have pondered your loyal love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As *is* your name, O God, so *is* your praise
to *the* ends of *the* earth.
Your right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let Mount Zion rejoice;
let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion and circle it;
count her towers.
- 13 Consider well her ramparts.
Go through her citadels
so that you can tell *the* next generation
- 14 that this *is* God, our God forever and ever.
He himself will guide us until death.

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

Psalm 49

*For the music director.***Of the sons of Korah. A psalm.**

- 1 Hear this, all *you* peoples;
give ear, all *you* inhabitants of *the* world,
- 2 both low and high,
rich and poor together.
- 3 My mouth will speak wisdom,
and the meditation of my heart *will be* understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will propound my riddle on a lyre.
- 5 Why should I fear in times of calamity,
when iniquity surrounds me at my heels,
- 6 those who trust their wealth
and boast about the abundance of their riches?
- 7 Surely a man cannot redeem a brother.
He cannot give to God his ransom
- 8 (since the redemption price for their life is costly

- and it always fails),
 9 so that he may stay alive forever
and not see the pit.
 10 For he sees *that* the wise die,
 together *with the* fool and brute they perish,
 and leave their wealth to the next *generation*.
 11 Within them *they think* their houses *are* forever,
 their dwelling places from generation to generation.
 They name *their* lands by their *own* names.
 12 But man cannot continue in *his* pomp.
 He is like the beasts *that* perish.
 13 This *is* the journey *of those who* have foolish *confidence*,
 and those after them *who* accept their sayings. *Selah*
 14 Like sheep they are destined to Sheol;
 death will shepherd them.
 But the upright will rule over them in the morning,
 and their forms *will be for* Sheol to consume,
far from his lofty abode.
 15 Surely God will ransom my life
 from the power of Sheol,
 because he will receive me. *Selah*
 16 Do not fear when a man becomes rich,
 when the wealth of his house increases,
 17 because when he dies he will not take *away any of it*.
 His wealth will not follow down after him.
 18 Though he congratulated his soul while he was living
 —and *people* will praise you when you do well for yourself—
 19 it will go to the generation of his fathers.
 Never will they see light.
 20 Humankind in *its* pomp, but does not understand,
 is like the beasts *that* perish.

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

Psalm 84

For the music director; on the Gittith.

Of the sons of Korah. A psalm.

- 1 How lovely *are* your dwelling places,
 O Yahweh of hosts!
 2 My soul longs and even fails
 for the courtyards of Yahweh.
 My heart and flesh sing for joy
 to the living God.
 3 Even a bird finds a home, and a swallow a nest for herself,
 where she may lay her young,
 near your altars, O Yahweh *of* hosts,
 my king and my God.
 4 Blessed *are* those who dwell in your house;
 they can ever praise you. *Selah*
 5 Blessed *is the* man whose strength *is* in you;
 in their heart *are the* highways to Zion.
 6 Passing through the Valley of Baca,
 they make it a spring.
 The early rain covers *it with* blessings as well.
 7 They go from strength to strength,
until each appears before God in Zion.
 8 O Yahweh, God of hosts, hear my prayer;
 give ear, O God of Jacob. *Selah*

- 9 Look at our shield, O God,
and have regard for the face of your anointed one.
- 10 Because better *is* a day in your courtyards
than a thousand *elsewhere*.
I would rather be at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in *the* tents of wickedness.
- 11 Because Yahweh God *is* a sun and a shield;
Yahweh gives grace and honor.
He does not withhold good from those who walk blamelessly.
- 12 O Yahweh *of* hosts,
blessed *is the* man who trusts you.

Revive Us Again (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 85

For the music director.

Of the sons of Korah. A psalm.

- 1 O Yahweh, you favored your land.
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You took away the guilt of your people;
you covered all their sin. *Selah*
- 3 You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your burning anger.
- 4 Restore us, O God of our salvation,
and annul your vexation with us.
- 5 Will you be angry against us forever?
Will you prolong your anger generation after generation?
- 6 Will you not again revive us,
that your people might rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us, O Yahweh, your loyal love,
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will hear what God, Yahweh, will speak,
because he will speak peace to his people,
even his faithful *ones*,
but let them not return to folly.
- 9 Surely his salvation *is* near for those who fear him,
that glory may abide in our land.
- 10 Loyal love and faithfulness will meet one another;
righteousness and peace will kiss.
- 11 Faithfulness will sprout from *the* ground,
and righteousness will look down from heaven.
- 12 Yes, Yahweh will give *what is* good,
and our land will give its produce.
- 13 Righteousness will go before him,
and it will make his steps a pathway.

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

Psalm 87

Of the sons of Korah. A psalm. A song.

- 1 His foundation *is* on *the* holy mountains.
- 2 Yahweh loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 3 Glorious things *are* spoken about you,
O city of God. *Selah*
- 4 I will record those who know me
in Rahab and Babylon,

- behold *in* Philistia and Tyre with Cush,
“This one was born there.”
- 5 But with respect to Zion it shall be said,
“Each one was born in her,”
for the Most High himself will establish her.
- 6 Yahweh will record in writing *the* peoples,
“This *one* was born there.” *Selah*
- 7 And while dancing, singers *will sing*,
“All my springs *are* in you.”

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