

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

## Psalm 55

*For the choir director; on stringed instruments.*

**A Maskil of David.**

- 1 Give ear to my prayer, O God;  
And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.
- 2 Give heed to me and answer me;  
I am restless in my complaint and am surely distracted,
- 3 Because of the voice of the enemy,  
Because of the pressure of the wicked;  
For they bring down trouble upon me  
And in anger they bear a grudge against me.
- 4 My heart is in anguish within me,  
And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- 5 Fear and trembling come upon me,  
And horror has overwhelmed me.
- 6 I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!  
I would fly away and be at rest.
- 7 "Behold, I would wander far away,  
I would lodge in the wilderness. *Selah.*
- 8 "I would hasten to my place of refuge  
From the stormy wind *and* tempest."
- 9 Confuse, O Lord, divide their tongues,  
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- 10 Day and night they go around her upon her walls,  
And iniquity and mischief are in her midst.
- 11 Destruction is in her midst;  
Oppression and deceit do not depart from her streets.
- 12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me,  
Then I could bear *it*;  
Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me,  
Then I could hide myself from him.
- 13 But it is you, a man my equal,  
My companion and my familiar friend;
- 14 We who had sweet fellowship together  
Walked in the house of God in the throng.
- 15 Let death come deceitfully upon them;  
Let them go down alive to Sheol,  
For evil is in their dwelling, in their midst.
- 16 As for me, I shall call upon God,  
And the LORD will save me.
- 17 Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur,  
And He will hear my voice.
- 18 He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle *which is* against me,  
For they are many *who strive* with me.
- 19 God will hear and answer them—  
Even the one who sits enthroned from of old— *Selah.*  
With whom there is no change,  
And who do not fear God.
- 20 He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him;  
He has violated his covenant.
- 21 His speech was smoother than butter,  
But his heart was war;  
His words were softer than oil,  
Yet they were drawn swords.
- 22 Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you;  
He will never allow the righteous to be shaken. [[1 Pet 5:6–7](#)]
- 23 But You, O God, will bring them down to the pit of destruction;

Men of bloodshed and deceit will not live out half their days.  
But I will trust in You.

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

Psalm 58

*For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth.*

**A Mikhtam of David.**

- 1 Do you indeed speak righteousness, O gods?  
Do you judge uprightly, O sons of men?
- 2 No, in heart you work unrighteousness;  
On earth you weigh out the violence of your hands.
- 3 The wicked are estranged from the womb;  
These who speak lies go astray from birth.
- 4 They have venom like the venom of a serpent;  
Like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear,  
5 So that it does not hear the voice of charmers,  
*Or* a skillful caster of spells.
- 6 O God, shatter their teeth in their mouth;  
Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.
- 7 Let them flow away like water that runs off;  
*When* he aims his arrows, let them be as headless shafts.
- 8 *Let them be* as a snail which melts away as it goes along,  
*Like* the miscarriages of a woman which never see the sun.
- 9 Before your pots can feel *the fire of thorns*  
He will sweep them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.
- 10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance;  
He will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- 11 And men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous;  
Surely there is a God who judges on earth!"

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

Psalm 61

*For the choir director; on a stringed instrument.*

**A Psalm of David.**

- 1 Hear my cry, O God;  
Give heed to my prayer.
- 2 From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint;  
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
- 3 For You have been a refuge for me,  
A tower of strength against the enemy.
- 4 Let me dwell in Your tent forever;  
Let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings. *Selah.*
- 5 For You have heard my vows, O God;  
You have given *me* the inheritance of those who fear Your name.
- 6 You will prolong the king's life;  
His years will be as many generations.
- 7 He will abide before God forever;  
Appoint lovingkindness and truth that they may preserve him.
- 8 So I will sing praise to Your name forever,  
That I may pay my vows day by day.

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

### Psalm 62

*For the choir director; according to Jeduthun.*

**A Psalm of David.**

- 1 My soul *waits* in silence for God only;  
From Him is my salvation.
- 2 He only is my rock and my salvation,  
My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.
- 3 How long will you assail a man,  
That you may murder *him*, all of you,  
Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
- 4 They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position;  
They delight in falsehood;  
They bless with their mouth,  
But inwardly they curse. *Selah.*
- 5 My soul, wait in silence for God only,  
For my hope is from Him.
- 6 He only is my rock and my salvation,  
My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.
- 7 On God my salvation and my glory *rest*;  
The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God.
- 8 Trust in Him at all times, O people;  
Pour out your heart before Him;  
God is a refuge for us. *Selah.*
- 9 Men of low degree are only vanity and men of rank are a lie;  
In the balances they go up;  
They are together lighter than breath.
- 10 Do not trust in oppression  
And do not vainly hope in robbery;  
If riches increase, do not set *your* heart *upon them*.
- 11 Once God has spoken;  
Twice I have heard this:  
That power belongs to God;
- 12 And lovingkindness is Yours, O Lord,  
For You recompense a man according to his work. [[Matt 16:27](#); [Rom 2:6](#)]

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

### Psalm 64

*For the choir director.*

**A Psalm of David.**

- 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint;  
Preserve my life from dread of the enemy.
- 2 Hide me from the secret counsel of evildoers,  
From the tumult of those who do iniquity,  
Who have sharpened their tongue like a sword.  
They aimed bitter speech *as* their arrow,
- 4 To shoot from concealment at the blameless;  
Suddenly they shoot at him, and do not fear.
- 5 They hold fast to themselves an evil purpose;  
They talk of laying snares secretly;  
They say, "Who can see them?"
- 6 They devise injustices, *saying*,  
"We are ready with a well-conceived plot";  
For the inward thought and the heart of a man are deep.
- 7 But God will shoot at them with an arrow;  
Suddenly they will be wounded.
- 8 So they will make him stumble;

- Their own tongue is against them;  
All who see them will shake the head.
- 9 Then all men will fear,  
And they will declare the work of God,  
And will consider what He has done.
- 10 The righteous man will be glad in the LORD and will take refuge in Him;  
And all the upright in heart will glory.

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

### Psalm 65

*For the choir director.*

**A Psalm of David. A Song.**

- 1 There will be silence before You, *and* praise in Zion, O God,  
And to You the vow will be performed.
- 2 O You who hear prayer,  
To You all men come.
- 3 Iniquities prevail against me;  
As for our transgressions, You forgive them.
- 4 How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near *to You*  
To dwell in Your courts.  
We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,  
Your holy temple.
- 5 By awesome *deeds* You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea;
- 6 Who establishes the mountains by His strength,  
Being girded with might;
- 7 Who stills the roaring of the seas,  
The roaring of their waves,  
And the tumult of the peoples.
- 8 They who dwell in the ends *of the earth* stand in awe of Your signs;  
You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and cause it to overflow;  
You greatly enrich it;  
The stream of God is full of water;  
You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth.
- 10 You water its furrows abundantly,  
You settle its ridges,  
You soften it with showers,  
You bless its growth.
- 11 You have crowned the year with Your bounty,  
And Your paths drip *with* fatness.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness drip,  
And the hills gird themselves with rejoicing.
- 13 The meadows are clothed with flocks  
And the valleys are covered with grain;  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

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