

## Give Ear to My Voice (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

## Psalm 141

**A Psalm of David.**

- 1 O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!  
Give ear to my voice when I call to You!
- 2 May my prayer be counted as incense before You;  
The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.
- 3 Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;  
Keep watch over the door of my lips.
- 4 Do not incline my heart to any evil thing,  
To practice deeds of wickedness  
With men who do iniquity;  
And do not let me eat of their delicacies.
- 5 Let the righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me;  
It is oil upon the head;  
Do not let my head refuse it,  
For still my prayer is against their wicked deeds.
- 6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock,  
And they hear my words, for they are pleasant.
- 7 As when one plows and breaks open the earth,  
Our bones have been scattered at the mouth of Sheol.
- 8 For my eyes are toward You, O God, the Lord;  
In You I take refuge; do not leave me defenseless.
- 9 Keep me from the jaws of the trap which they have set for me,  
And from the snares of those who do iniquity.
- 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,  
While I pass by safely.

## My Soul Thirsts for You (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

## Psalm 143

**A Psalm of David.**

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD,  
Give ear to my supplications!  
Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness!
- 2 And do not enter into judgment with Your servant,  
For in Your sight no man living is righteous.
- 3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul;  
He has crushed my life to the ground;  
He has made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long been dead.
- 4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;  
My heart is appalled within me.
- 5 I remember the days of old;  
I meditate on all Your doings;  
I muse on the work of Your hands.
- 6 I stretch out my hands to You;  
My soul *longs* for You, as a parched land. *Selah*.
- 7 Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails;  
Do not hide Your face from me,  
Or I will become like those who go down to the pit.
- 8 Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning;  
For I trust in You;  
Teach me the way in which I should walk;  
For to You I lift up my soul.
- 9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;  
I take refuge in You.
- 10 Teach me to do Your will,  
For You are my God;

- Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me.  
In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
- 12 And in Your lovingkindness, cut off my enemies  
And destroy all those who afflict my soul,  
For I am Your servant.

### My Rock and My Fortress (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 144

#### **A Psalm of David.**

- 1 Blessed be the LORD, my rock,  
Who trains my hands for war,  
*And* my fingers for battle;
- 2 My lovingkindness and my fortress,  
My stronghold and my deliverer,  
My shield and He in whom I take refuge,  
Who subdues my people under me.
- 3 O LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him?  
Or the son of man, that You think of him?
- 4 Man is like a mere breath;  
His days are like a passing shadow.
- 5 Bow Your heavens, O LORD, and come down;  
Touch the mountains, that they may smoke.
- 6 Flash forth lightning and scatter them;  
Send out Your arrows and confuse them.
- 7 Stretch forth Your hand from on high;  
Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters,  
Out of the hand of aliens
- 8 Whose mouths speak deceit,  
And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 I will sing a new song to You, O God;  
Upon a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,
- 10 Who gives salvation to kings,  
Who rescues David His servant from the evil sword.
- 11 Rescue me and deliver me out of the hand of aliens,  
Whose mouth speaks deceit  
And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 12 Let our sons in their youth be as grown-up plants,  
And our daughters as corner pillars fashioned as for a palace;
- 13 Let our garners be full, furnishing every kind of produce,  
*And* our flocks bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields;
- 14 Let our cattle bear  
Without mishap and without loss,  
*Let there be* no outcry in our streets!
- 15 How blessed are the people who are so situated;  
How blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

### Great Is the LORD (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 145

#### **A Psalm of Praise, of David.**

- 1 I will extol You, my God, O King,  
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will bless You,  
And I will praise Your name forever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised,  
And His greatness is unsearchable.

- 4 One generation shall praise Your works to another,  
And shall declare Your mighty acts.
- 5 On the glorious splendor of Your majesty  
And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.
- 6 Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts,  
And I will tell of Your greatness.
- 7 They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness  
And will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and merciful;  
Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.
- 9 The LORD is good to all,  
And His mercies are over all His works.
- 10 All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,  
And Your godly ones shall bless You.
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom  
And talk of Your power;
- 12 To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts  
And the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
And Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.
- 14 The LORD sustains all who fall  
And raises up all who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all look to You,  
And You give them their food in due time.
- 16 You open Your hand  
And satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- 17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways  
And kind in all His deeds.
- 18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,  
To all who call upon Him in truth.
- 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;  
He will also hear their cry and will save them.
- 20 The LORD keeps all who love Him,  
But all the wicked He will destroy.
- 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
And all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

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