

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

Psalm 48

**A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.**

- 1 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
In the city of our God, 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, in her palaces,  
Has made Himself known as a stronghold.
- 4 For, lo, the kings assembled themselves,  
They passed by together.
- 5 They saw *it*, then they were amazed;  
They were terrified, they fled in alarm.
- 6 Panic seized them there,  
Anguish, as of a woman in childbirth.
- 7 With the east wind  
You break the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen  
In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God;  
God will establish her forever. *Selah*.
- 9 We have thought on Your lovingkindness, 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 be glad,  
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice  
Because of Your judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion and go around her;  
Count her towers;
- 13 Consider her ramparts;  
Go through her palaces,  
That you may tell *it* to the next generation.
- 14 For such is God,  
Our God forever and ever;  
He will guide us until death.

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

Psalm 49

*For the choir director.***A Psalm of the sons of Korah.**

- 1 Hear this, all peoples;  
Give ear, all 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 express my riddle on the harp.
- 5 Why should I fear in days of adversity,  
When the iniquity of my foes surrounds me,
- 6 Even those who trust in their wealth  
And boast in the abundance of their riches?
- 7 No man can by any means redeem *his* brother  
Or give to God a ransom for him—
- 8 For the redemption of his soul is costly,  
And he should cease *trying* forever—

- 9 That he should live on eternally,  
That he should not undergo decay.
- 10 For he sees *that even* wise men die;  
The stupid and the senseless alike perish  
And leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their inner thought is *that* their houses are forever  
*And* their dwelling places to all generations;  
They have called their lands after their own names.
- 12 But man in *his* pomp will not endure;  
He is like the beasts that perish.
- 13 This is the way of those who are foolish,  
And of those after them who approve their words. *Selah.*
- 14 As sheep they are appointed for Sheol;  
Death shall be their shepherd;  
And the upright shall rule over them in the morning,  
And their form shall be for Sheol to consume  
So that they have no habitation.
- 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol,  
For He will receive me. *Selah.*
- 16 Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich,  
When the glory of his house is increased;
- 17 For when he dies he will carry nothing away;  
His glory will not descend after him.
- 18 Though while he lives he congratulates himself—  
And though *men* praise you when you do well for yourself—
- 19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers;  
They will never see the light.
- 20 Man in *his* pomp, yet without understanding,  
Is like the beasts that perish.

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

Psalm 84

*For the choir director; on the Gittith.*

**A Psalm of the sons of Korah.**

- 1 How lovely are Your dwelling places,  
O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD;  
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3 The bird also has found a house,  
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,  
Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
My King and my God.
- 4 How blessed are those who dwell in Your house!  
They are ever praising You. *Selah.*
- 5 How blessed is the man whose strength is in You,  
In whose heart are the highways *to Zion!*
- 6 Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a spring;  
The early rain also covers it with blessings.
- 7 They go from strength to strength,  
*Every one of them* appears before God in Zion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
Give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah.*
- 9 Behold our shield, O God,  
And look upon the face of Your anointed.
- 10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand *outside.*  
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;

- The LORD gives grace and glory;  
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts,  
How blessed is the man who trusts in You!

### Revive Us Again (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 85

*For the choir director.*

#### A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- 1 O LORD, You showed favor to Your land;  
You restored the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of Your people;  
You covered all their sin. *Selah.*
- 3 You withdrew all Your fury;  
You turned away from Your burning anger.
- 4 Restore us, O God of our salvation,  
And cause Your indignation toward us to cease.
- 5 Will You be angry with us forever?  
Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
- 6 Will You not Yourself revive us again,  
That Your people may rejoice in You?
- 7 Show us Your lovingkindness, O LORD,  
And grant us Your salvation.
- 8 I will hear what God the LORD will say;  
For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones;  
But let them not turn back to folly.
- 9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
That glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Lovingkindness and truth have met together;  
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth springs from the earth,  
And righteousness looks down from heaven.
- 12 Indeed, the LORD will give what is good,  
And our land will yield its produce.
- 13 Righteousness will go before Him  
And will make His footsteps into a way.

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

Psalm 87

#### A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.

- 1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.
- 2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion  
More than all the *other* dwelling places of Jacob.
- 3 Glorious things are spoken of you,  
O city of God. *Selah.*
- 4 "I shall mention Rahab and Babylon among those who know Me;  
Behold, Philistia and Tyre with Ethiopia:  
'This one was born there.'"
- 5 But of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her";  
And the Most High Himself will establish her.
- 6 The LORD will count when He registers the peoples,  
'This one was born there.' *Selah.*
- 7 Then those who sing as well as those who play the flutes *shall say*,  
'All my springs of joy are in you.'