

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 1

- 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.

The Steadfast Love of the LORD (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 33

- 1 Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones;
Praise is becoming to the upright.
- 2 Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.
- 3 Sing to Him a new song;
Play skillfully with a shout of joy.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is upright,
And all His work is *done* in faithfulness.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
And by the breath of His mouth all their host.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
- 9 For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations;
He frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
The plans of His heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looks from heaven;
He sees all the sons of men;
- 14 From His dwelling place He looks out
On all the inhabitants of the earth,
He who fashions the hearts of them all,
He who understands all their works.
- 16 The king is not saved by a mighty army;
A warrior is not delivered by great strength.
- 17 A horse is a false hope for victory;
Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope for His lovingkindness,
19 To deliver their soul from death

- And to keep them alive in famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.
- 21 For our heart rejoices in Him,
Because we trust in His holy name.
- 22 Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we have hoped in You.

How Awesome Are Your Deeds (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 66

For the choir director.

A Song. A Psalm.

- 1 Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;
2 Sing the glory of His name;
Make His praise glorious.
- 3 Say to God, "How awesome are Your works!
Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will give feigned obedience to You.
- 4 "All the earth will worship You,
And will sing praises to You;
They will sing praises to Your name." *Selah.*
- 5 Come and see the works of God,
Who is awesome in His deeds toward the sons of men.
- 6 He turned the sea into dry land;
They passed through the river on foot;
There let us rejoice in Him!
- 7 He rules by His might forever;
His eyes keep watch on the nations;
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah.*
- 8 Bless our God, O peoples,
And sound His praise abroad,
9 Who keeps us in life
And does not allow our feet to slip.
- 10 For You have tried us, O God;
You have refined us as silver is refined.
- 11 You brought us into the net;
You laid an oppressive burden upon our loins.
- 12 You made men ride over our heads;
We went through fire and through water,
Yet You brought us out into *a place of abundance.*
- 13 I shall come into Your house with burnt offerings;
I shall pay You my vows,
14 Which my lips uttered
And my mouth spoke when I was in distress.
- 15 I shall offer to You burnt offerings of fat beasts,
With the smoke of rams;
I shall make *an offering of bulls with male goats.* *Selah.*
- 16 Come *and* hear, all who fear God,
And I will tell of what He has done for my soul.
- 17 I cried to Him with my mouth,
And He was extolled with my tongue.
- 18 If I regard wickedness in my heart,
The Lord will not hear;
19 But certainly God has heard;
He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.
- 20 Blessed be God,
Who has not turned away my prayer
Nor His lovingkindness from me.

Make Your Face Shine upon Us (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 67

For the choir director; with stringed instruments.

A Psalm. A Song.

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us— *Selah*.
- 2 That Your way may be known on the earth,
Your salvation among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
For You will judge the peoples with uprightness
And guide the nations on the earth. *Selah*.
- 5 Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
- 6 The earth has yielded its produce;
God, our God, blesses us.
- 7 God blesses us,
That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

Forsake Me Not When My Strength Is Spent (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 71

- 1 In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
Let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
Incline Your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be to me a rock of habitation to which I may continually come;
You have given commandment to save me,
For You are my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man,
- 5 For You are my hope;
O Lord GOD, *You are* my confidence from my youth.
- 6 By You I have been sustained from *my* birth;
You are He who took me from my mother's womb;
My praise is continually of You.
- 7 I have become a marvel to many,
For You are my strong refuge.
- 8 My mouth is filled with Your praise
And with Your glory all day long.
- 9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
Do not forsake me when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies have spoken against me;
And those who watch for my life have consulted together,
- 11 Saying, "God has forsaken him;
Pursue and seize him, for there is no one to deliver."
- 12 O God, do not be far from me;
O my God, hasten to my help!
- 13 Let those who are adversaries of my soul be ashamed *and* consumed;
Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor, who seek to injure me.
- 14 But as for me, I will hope continually,
And will praise You yet more and more.
- 15 My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness
And of Your salvation all day long;
For I do not know the sum *of them*.
- 16 I will come with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD;
I will make mention of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

- 17 O God, You have taught me from my youth,
And I still declare Your wondrous deeds.
- 18 And even when *I am* old and gray, O God, do not forsake me,
Until I declare Your strength to *this* generation,
Your power to all who are to come.
- 19 For Your righteousness, O God, *reaches* to the heavens,
You who have done great things;
O God, who is like You?
- 20 You who have shown me many troubles and distresses
Will revive me again,
And will bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
- 21 May You increase my greatness
And turn *to* comfort me.
- 22 I will also praise You with a harp,
Even Your truth, O my God;
To You I will sing praises with the lyre,
O Holy One of Israel.
- 23 My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to You;
And my soul, which You have redeemed.
- 24 My tongue also will utter Your righteousness all day long;
For they are ashamed, for they are humiliated who seek my hurt.

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Chronological Notes

- 1) There are forty-six psalms whose authorship is unknown (i.e., they contain no authorial heading: 1, 33, 66–67, 71, 91–94, 96–100, 102, 104–107, 111–121, 123, 125, 126, 128–130, 132, 134–137, 146–150). Three of these psalms (96, 105, 106)¹ are directly connected with 1 Chronicles 16 (David bringing the ark to Jerusalem) and have already been included in that context. Another two psalms were likely written during the exile to Babylon (137) and after the return to Israel (126)—they will be presented later in that context. I have dated the remaining anonymous psalms as “c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom” to indicate that they could have been written anytime during this period.

¹ Depending on how you translate 1 Chronicles 16:7, these psalms may be attributed to David (NASB—“Then on that day David first assigned Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to the LORD” vs. NET—“That day David first gave to Asaph and his colleagues this song of thanks to the LORD.”