# The Lord is in His Holy Temple (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

#### Psalm 11

For the music director;

## By David.

1 In the LORD I have taken shelter.

How can you say to me,

"Flee to a mountain like a bird!

2 For look, the wicked prepare their bows,

they put their arrows on the strings,

to shoot in the darkness at the morally upright.

3 When the foundations are destroyed,

what can the godly accomplish?"

4 The LORD is in his holy temple;

the LORD's throne is in heaven.

His eyes watch;

his eyes examine all people.

5 The LORD approves of the godly,

but he hates the wicked and those who love to do violence.

6 May the LORD rain down burning coals and brimstone on the wicked!

A whirlwind is what they deserve!

7 Certainly the LORD is just;

he rewards godly deeds;

the upright will experience his favor.

## The Faithful Have Vanished (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

#### Psalm 12

For the music director; according to the sheminith style;

#### A psalm of David.

1 Deliver, LORD!

For the godly have disappeared;

people of integrity have vanished.

2 People lie to one another;

they flatter and deceive.

3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,

and the tongue that boasts!

4 They say, "We speak persuasively;

we know how to flatter and boast.

Who is our master?"

5 "Because of the violence done to the oppressed,

because of the painful cries of the needy,

I will spring into action," says the LORD.

"I will provide the safety they so desperately desire."

6 The LORD's words are absolutely reliable.

They are as untainted as silver purified in a furnace on the ground,

where it is thoroughly refined.

7 You, LORD, will protect them;

you will continually shelter each one from these evil people,

8 for the wicked seem to be everywhere,

when people promote evil.

# How Long, O Lord? (c. 1022 - c. 969t BC)

Psalm 13

For the music director;

### A psalm of David.

1 How long, LORD, will you continue to ignore me?

How long will you pay no attention to me?

2 How long must I worry,

and suffer in broad daylight?

How long will my enemy gloat over me?

3 Look at me! Answer me, O LORD my God!

Revive me, or else I will die!

4 Then my enemy will say, "I have defeated him!"

Then my foes will rejoice because I am upended.

5 But I trust in your faithfulness.

May I rejoice because of your deliverance!

6 I will sing praises to the LORD

when he vindicates me.

# The Fool Says, There is No God (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

#### Psalm 14

For the music director;

#### By David.

1 Fools say to themselves, "There is no God."

They sin and commit evil deeds;

none of them does what is right. [Rom 3:10-12]

2 The LORD looks down from heaven at the human race,

to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks God.

3 Everyone rejects God;

they are all morally corrupt.

None of them does what is right,

not even one!

4 All those who behave wickedly do not understand—

those who devour my people as if they were eating bread,

and do not call out to the LORD.

5 They are absolutely terrified,

for God defends the godly.

6 You want to humiliate the oppressed,

even though the LORD is their shelter.

7 I wish the deliverance of Israel would come from Zion!

When the LORD restores the well-being of his people,

may Jacob rejoice,

may Israel be happy!

## Who Shall Dwell on Your Holy Hill (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

# Psalm 15

### A psalm of David.

1 LORD, who may be a guest in your home?

Who may live on your holy hill?

2 Whoever lives a blameless life,

does what is right,

and speaks honestly.

3 He does not slander,

or do harm to others,

or insult his neighbor.

4 He despises a reprobate,

but honors the LORD's loyal followers.

He makes firm commitments and does not renege on his promise.

5 He does not charge interest when he lends his money.

He does not take bribes to testify against the innocent.

The one who lives like this will never be upended.

# You Will Not Abandon My Soul [Messianic] (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

#### Psalm 16

### A prayer of David.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I have taken shelter in you.
- 2 I say to the LORD, "You are the Lord, my only source of well-being."
- 3 As for God's chosen people who are in the land, and the leading officials I admired so much—
- 4 their troubles multiply,

they desire other gods.

I will not pour out drink offerings of blood to their gods,

nor will I make vows in the name of their gods.

5 LORD, you give me stability and prosperity;

you make my future secure.

- 6 It is as if I have been given fertile fields or received a beautiful tract of land.
- 7 I will praise the LORD who guides me; yes, during the night I reflect and learn.
- 8 I constantly trust in the LORD;

because he is at my right hand, I will not be upended.

9 So my heart rejoices and I am happy;

My life is safe.

You will not abandon me to Sheol; you will not allow your faithful follower to see the Pit.

11 You lead me in the path of life;

I experience absolute joy in your presence;

you always give me sheer delight. [Acts 2:24-28; 13:34-37]

## In the Shadow of Your Wings (c. 1022 - c. 969t BC)

## Psalm 17

## A prayer of David.

1 LORD, consider my just cause!

Pay attention to my cry for help!

Listen to the prayer

I sincerely offer!

2 Make a just decision on my behalf!

Decide what is right!

3 You have scrutinized my inner motives;

you have examined me during the night.

You have carefully evaluated me, but you find no sin.

I am determined I will say nothing sinful.

4 As for the actions of people—

just as you have commanded,

I have not followed in the footsteps of violent men.

5 I carefully obey your commands;

I do not deviate from them.

6 I call to you for you will answer me, O God.

Listen to me!

Hear what I say!

7 Accomplish awesome, faithful deeds,

you who powerfully deliver those who look to you for protection from their enemies.

8 Protect me as you would protect the pupil of your eye!

Hide me in the shadow of your wings!

9 Protect me from the wicked men who attack me, my enemies who crowd around me for the kill.

10 They are calloused;

they speak arrogantly.

11 They attack me, now they surround me;

they intend to throw me to the ground.

12 He is like a lion that wants to tear its prey to bits,

like a young lion crouching in hidden places.

13 Rise up, LORD!

Confront him! Knock him down!

Use your sword to rescue me from the wicked man!

14 LORD, use your power to deliver me from these murderers,

from the murderers of this world!

They enjoy prosperity;

you overwhelm them with the riches they desire.

They have many children,

and leave their wealth to their offspring.

15 As for me, because I am innocent I will see your face;

when I awake you will reveal yourself to me.

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