

**Teach Me Your Paths (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)**

## Psalm 25

**By David.**

- 1 O LORD, I come before you in prayer.
- 2 My God, I trust in you.  
Please do not let me be humiliated;  
do not let my enemies triumphantly rejoice over me!
- 3 Certainly none who rely on you will be humiliated.  
Those who deal in treachery will be thwarted and humiliated.
- 4 Make me understand your ways, O LORD!  
Teach me your paths!
- 5 Guide me into your truth and teach me.  
For you are the God who delivers me;  
on you I rely all day long.
- 6 Remember your compassionate and faithful deeds, O LORD,  
for you have always acted in this manner.
- 7 Do not hold against me the sins of my youth or my rebellious acts!  
Because you are faithful to me, extend to me your favor, O LORD!
- 8 The LORD is both kind and fair;  
that is why he teaches sinners the right way to live.
- 9 May he show the humble what is right!  
May he teach the humble his way!
- 10 The LORD always proves faithful and reliable  
to those who follow the demands of his covenant.
- 11 For the sake of your reputation, O LORD,  
forgive my sin, because it is great.
- 12 The LORD shows his faithful followers  
the way they should live.
- 13 They experience his favor;  
their descendants inherit the land.
- 14 The LORD's loyal followers receive his guidance,  
and he reveals his covenantal demands to them.
- 15 I continually look to the LORD for help,  
for he will free my feet from the enemy's net.
- 16 Turn toward me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and oppressed!
- 17 Deliver me from my distress;  
rescue me from my suffering!
- 18 See my pain and suffering!  
Forgive all my sins!
- 19 Watch my enemies, for they outnumber me;  
they hate me and want to harm me.
- 20 Protect me and deliver me!  
Please do not let me be humiliated,  
for I have taken shelter in you!
- 21 May integrity and godliness protect me,  
for I rely on you!
- 22 O God, rescue Israel  
from all their distress!

**Examine Me, O LORD (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)**

## Psalm 26

**By David.**

- 1 Vindicate me, O LORD,  
for I have integrity,  
and I trust in the LORD without wavering.
- 2 Examine me, O LORD, and test me!

- Evaluate my inner thoughts and motives!
- 3 For I am ever aware of your faithfulness,  
and your loyalty continually motivates me.
- 4 I do not associate with deceitful men,  
or consort with those who are dishonest.
- 5 I hate the mob of evil men,  
and do not associate with the wicked.
- 6 I maintain a pure lifestyle,  
so I can appear before your altar, O LORD,
- 7 to give you thanks,  
and to tell about all your amazing deeds.
- 8 O LORD, I love the temple where you live,  
the place where your splendor is revealed.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners,  
or execute me along with violent people,
- 10 who are always ready to do wrong  
or offer a bribe.
- 11 But I have integrity!  
Rescue me and have mercy on me!
- 12 I am safe,  
and among the worshipers I will praise the LORD.

### The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

#### Psalm 27

##### By David.

- 1 The LORD delivers and vindicates me!  
I fear no one!  
The LORD protects my life!  
I am afraid of no one!
- 2 When evil men attack me  
to devour my flesh,  
when my adversaries and enemies attack me,  
they stumble and fall.
- 3 Even when an army is deployed against me,  
I do not fear.  
Even when war is imminent,  
I remain confident.
- 4 I have asked the LORD for one thing—  
this is what I desire!  
I want to live in the LORD's house all the days of my life,  
so I can gaze at the splendor of the LORD  
and contemplate in his temple.
- 5 He will surely give me shelter in the day of danger;  
he will hide me in his home;  
he will place me on an inaccessible rocky summit.
- 6 Now I will triumph  
over my enemies who surround me!  
I will offer sacrifices in his dwelling place and shout for joy!  
I will sing praises to the LORD!
- 7 Hear me, O LORD, when I cry out!  
Have mercy on me and answer me!
- 8 My heart tells me to pray to you,  
and I do pray to you, O LORD.
- 9 Do not reject me!  
Do not push your servant away in anger!  
You are my deliverer!  
Do not forsake or abandon me,

- O God who vindicates me!
- 10 Even if my father and mother abandoned me,  
the LORD would take me in.
- 11 Teach me how you want me to live;  
lead me along a level path because of those who wait to ambush me!
- 12 Do not turn me over to my enemies,  
for false witnesses who want to destroy me testify against me.
- 13 Where would I be if I did not believe I would experience  
the LORD's favor in the land of the living?
- 14 Rely on the LORD!  
Be strong and confident!  
Rely on the LORD!

### The LORD Is My Strength and My Shield (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 28

**By David.**

- 1 To you, O LORD, I cry out!  
My protector, do not ignore me!  
If you do not respond to me,  
I will join those who are descending into the grave.
- 2 Hear my plea for mercy when I cry out to you for help,  
when I lift my hands toward your holy temple!
- 3 Do not drag me away with evil men,  
with those who behave wickedly,  
who talk so friendly to their neighbors,  
while they plan to harm them!
- 4 Pay them back for their evil deeds!  
Pay them back for what they do!  
Punish them!
- 5 For they do not understand the LORD's actions,  
or the way he carries out justice.  
The LORD will permanently demolish them.
- 6 The LORD deserves praise,  
for he has heard my plea for mercy!
- 7 The LORD strengthens and protects me;  
I trust in him with all my heart.  
I am rescued and my heart is full of joy;  
I will sing to him in gratitude.
- 8 The LORD strengthens his people;  
he protects and delivers his chosen king.
- 9 Deliver your people!  
Empower the nation that belongs to you!  
Care for them like a shepherd and carry them in your arms at all times!

### Ascribe to the LORD Glory (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 29

**A psalm of David.**

- 1 Acknowledge the LORD, you heavenly beings,  
acknowledge the LORD's majesty and power!
- 2 Acknowledge the majesty of the LORD's reputation!  
Worship the LORD in holy attire!
- 3 The LORD's shout is heard over the water;  
the majestic God thunders,  
the LORD appears over the surging water.
- 4 The LORD's shout is powerful,  
the LORD's shout is majestic.

- 5 The LORD's shout breaks the cedars,  
the LORD shatters the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young ox.
- 7 The LORD's shout strikes with flaming fire.
- 8 The LORD's shout shakes the wilderness,  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The LORD's shout bends the large trees  
and strips the leaves from the forests.  
Everyone in his temple says, "Majestic!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the engulfing waters,  
the LORD sits enthroned as the eternal king.
- 11 The LORD gives his people strength;  
the LORD grants his people security.

### Joy Comes With the Morning (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

#### Psalm 30

**A psalm—a song used at the dedication of the temple [or house]; by David.**

- 1 I will praise you, O LORD, for you lifted me up,  
and did not allow my enemies to gloat over me.
- 2 O LORD my God,  
I cried out to you and you healed me.
- 3 O LORD, you pulled me up from Sheol;  
you rescued me from among those descending into the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you faithful followers of his;  
give thanks to his holy name.
- 5 For his anger lasts only a brief moment,  
and his good favor restores one's life.  
One may experience sorrow during the night,  
but joy arrives in the morning.
- 6 In my self-confidence I said,  
"I will never be upended."
- 7 O LORD, in your good favor you made me secure.  
Then you rejected me and I was terrified.
- 8 To you, O LORD, I cried out;  
I begged the Lord for mercy:
- 9 "What profit is there in taking my life,  
in my descending into the Pit?  
Can the dust of the grave praise you?  
Can it declare your loyalty?"
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me!  
O LORD, deliver me!"
- 11 Then you turned my lament into dancing;  
you removed my sackcloth and covered me with joy.
- 12 So now my heart will sing to you and not be silent;  
O LORD my God, I will always give thanks to you.

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