

Cast Your Burden on the Lord (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 55

For the music director, to be accompanied by stringed instruments;

A well-written song by David.

- 1 Listen, O God, to my prayer!
Do not ignore my appeal for mercy!
- 2 Pay attention to me and answer me!
I am so upset and distressed, I am beside myself,
- 3 because of what the enemy says,
and because of how the wicked pressure me,
for they hurl trouble down upon me
and angrily attack me.
- 4 My heart beats violently within me;
the horrors of death overcome me.
- 5 Fear and panic overpower me;
terror overwhelms me.
- 6 I say, "I wish I had wings like a dove!
I would fly away and settle in a safe place!
- 7 Look, I will escape to a distant place;
I will stay in the wilderness. (Selah)
- 8 I will hurry off to a place that is safe
from the strong wind and the gale."
- 9 Confuse them, O Lord!
Frustrate their plans!
For I see violence and conflict in the city.
- 10 Day and night they walk around on its walls,
while wickedness and destruction are within it.
- 11 Disaster is within it;
violence and deceit do not depart from its public square.
- 12 Indeed, it is not an enemy who insults me,
or else I could bear it;
it is not one who hates me who arrogantly taunts me,
or else I could hide from him.
- 13 But it is you, a man like me,
my close friend in whom I confided.
- 14 We would share personal thoughts with each other;
in God's temple we would walk together among the crowd.
- 15 May death destroy them!
May they go down alive into Sheol!
For evil is in their dwelling place and in their midst.
- 16 As for me, I will call out to God,
and the LORD will deliver me.
- 17 During the evening, morning, and noontime
I will lament and moan,
and he will hear me.
- 18 He will rescue me and protect me from those who attack me,
even though they greatly outnumber me.
- 19 God, the one who has reigned as king from long ago,
will hear and humiliate them. (Selah)
They refuse to change,
and do not fear God.
- 20 He attacks his friends;
he breaks his solemn promises to them.
- 21 His words are as smooth as butter,
but he harbors animosity in his heart.
His words seem softer than oil,
but they are really like sharp swords.
- 22 Throw your burden upon the LORD,

and he will sustain you.

He will never allow the godly to be upended. [[1 Pet 5:6-7](#)]

- 23 But you, O God, will bring them down to the deep Pit.
Violent and deceitful people will not live even half a normal lifespan.
But as for me, I trust in you.

God Who Judges the Earth (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 58

For the music director; according to the al-tashcheth style;

A prayer of David.

- 1 Do you rulers really pronounce just decisions?
Do you judge people fairly?
- 2 No! You plan how to do what is unjust;
you deal out violence in the earth.
- 3 The wicked turn aside from birth;
liars go astray as soon as they are born.
- 4 Their venom is like that of a snake,
like a deaf serpent that does not hear,
5 that does not respond to the magicians,
or to a skilled snake-charmer.
- 6 O God, break the teeth in their mouths!
Smash the jawbones of the lions, O LORD!
- 7 Let them disappear like water that flows away!
Let them wither like grass!
- 8 Let them be like a snail that melts away as it moves along!
Let them be like stillborn babies that never see the sun!
- 9 Before the kindling is even placed under your pots,
he will sweep it away along with both the raw and cooked meat.
- 10 The godly will rejoice when they see vengeance carried out;
they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.
- 11 Then observers will say,
“Yes indeed, the godly are rewarded!
Yes indeed, there is a God who judges in the earth!”

Lead Me to the Rock (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 61

For the music director; to be played on a stringed instrument;

Written by David.

- 1 O God, hear my cry for help!
Pay attention to my prayer!
- 2 From the most remote place on earth
I call out to you in my despair.
Lead me up to an inaccessible rocky summit!
- 3 Indeed, you are my shelter,
a strong tower that protects me from the enemy.
- 4 I will be a permanent guest in your home;
I will find shelter in the protection of your wings. (Selah)
- 5 For you, O God, hear my vows;
you grant me the reward that belongs to your loyal followers.
- 6 Give the king long life!
Make his lifetime span several generations!
- 7 May he reign forever before God!
Decree that your loyal love and faithfulness should protect him.
- 8 Then I will sing praises to your name continually,
as I fulfill my vows day after day.

My Soul Waits for God Alone (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 62

For the music director, Jeduthun;

A psalm of David.

- 1 For God alone I patiently wait;
he is the one who delivers me.
- 2 He alone is my protector and deliverer.
He is my refuge; I will not be upended.
- 3 How long will you threaten a man?
All of you are murderers,
as dangerous as a leaning wall or an unstable fence.
- 4 They spend all their time planning how to bring him down.
They love to use deceit;
they pronounce blessings with their mouths,
but inwardly they utter curses. (Selah)
- 5 Patiently wait for God alone, my soul!
For he is the one who gives me confidence.
- 6 He alone is my protector and deliverer.
He is my refuge; I will not be upended.
- 7 God delivers me and exalts me;
God is my strong protector and my shelter.
- 8 Trust in him at all times, you people!
Pour out your hearts before him!
God is our shelter! (Selah)
- 9 Men are nothing but a mere breath;
human beings are unreliable.
When they are weighed in the scales,
all of them together are lighter than air.
- 10 Do not trust in what you can gain by oppression!
Do not put false confidence in what you can gain by robbery!
If wealth increases, do not become attached to it!
- 11 God has declared one principle;
two principles I have heard:
God is strong,
- 12 and you, O Lord, demonstrate loyal love.
For you repay men for what they do. [[Matt 16:27](#); [Rom 2:6](#)]

Hide Me from the Wicked (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 64

For the music director;

A psalm of David.

- 1 Listen to me, O God, as I offer my lament!
Protect my life from the enemy's terrifying attacks.
- 2 Hide me from the plots of evil men,
from the crowd of evildoers.
- 3 They sharpen their tongues like a sword;
they aim their arrow, a slanderous charge,
in order to shoot down the innocent in secluded places.
They shoot at him suddenly and are unafraid of retaliation.
- 5 They encourage one another to carry out their evil deed.
They plan how to hide snares,
and boast, "Who will see them?"
- 6 They devise unjust schemes;
they disguise a well-conceived plot.
Man's inner thoughts cannot be discovered.
- 7 But God will shoot at them;
suddenly they will be wounded by an arrow.

- 8 Their slander will bring about their demise.
All who see them will shudder,
9 and all people will fear.
They will proclaim what God has done,
and reflect on his deeds.
10 The godly will rejoice in the LORD
and take shelter in him.
All the morally upright will boast.

O God of Our Salvation (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 65

For the music director;

A psalm of David, a song.

- 1 Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion.
Vows made to you are fulfilled.
2 You hear prayers;
all people approach you.
3 Our record of sins overwhelms me,
but you forgive our acts of rebellion.
4 How blessed is the one whom you choose,
and allow to live in your palace courts.
May we be satisfied with the good things of your house—
your holy palace.
5 You answer our prayers by performing awesome acts of deliverance,
O God, our savior.
All the ends of the earth trust in you,
as well as those living across the wide seas.
6 You created the mountains by your power,
and demonstrated your strength.
7 You calm the raging seas
and their roaring waves,
as well as the commotion made by the nations.
8 Even those living in the most remote areas are awestruck by your acts;
you cause those living in the east and west to praise you.
9 You visit the earth and give it rain;
you make it rich and fertile
with overflowing streams full of water.
You provide grain for them,
for you prepare the earth to yield its crops.
10 You saturate its furrows,
and soak its plowed ground.
With rain showers you soften its soil,
and make its crops grow.
11 You crown the year with your good blessings,
and you leave abundance in your wake.
12 The pastures in the wilderness glisten with moisture,
and the hills are clothed with joy.
13 The meadows are clothed with sheep,
and the valleys are covered with grain.
They shout joyfully, yes, they sing.

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