

Give Ear to My Voice (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 141

A psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, I cry out to you. Come quickly to me!
Pay attention to me when I cry out to you!
- 2 May you accept my prayer like incense,
my uplifted hands like the evening offering!
- 3 O LORD, place a guard on my mouth!
Protect the opening of my lips!
- 4 Do not let me have evil desires,
or participate in sinful activities
with men who behave wickedly.
I will not eat their delicacies.
- 5 May the godly strike me in love and correct me!
May my head not refuse choice oil!
Indeed, my prayer is a witness against their evil deeds.
- 6 They will be thrown down the side of a cliff by their judges.
They will listen to my words, for they are pleasant.
- 7 As when one plows and breaks up the soil,
so our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol.
- 8 Surely I am looking to you, O sovereign LORD.
In you I take shelter.
Do not expose me to danger!
- 9 Protect me from the snare they have laid for me,
and the traps the evildoers have set.
- 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
while I escape.

My Soul Thirsts for You (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 143

A psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, hear my prayer!
Pay attention to my plea for help!
Because of your faithfulness and justice, answer me!
- 2 Do not sit in judgment on your servant,
for no one alive is innocent before you.
- 3 Certainly my enemies chase me.
They smash me into the ground.
They force me to live in dark regions,
like those who have been dead for ages.
- 4 My strength leaves me;
I am absolutely shocked.
- 5 I recall the old days;
I meditate on all you have done;
I reflect on your accomplishments.
- 6 I spread my hands out to you in prayer;
my soul thirsts for you in a parched land.
- 7 Answer me quickly, LORD!
My strength is fading.
Do not reject me,
or I will join those descending into the grave.
- 8 May I hear about your loyal love in the morning,
for I trust in you.
Show me the way I should go,
because I long for you.
- 9 Rescue me from my enemies, O LORD!
I run to you for protection.

- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you,
for you are my God.
May your kind presence
lead me into a level land.
- 11 O LORD, for the sake of your reputation, revive me!
Because of your justice, rescue me from trouble!
- 12 As a demonstration of your loyal love, destroy my enemies!
Annihilate all who threaten my life,
for I am your servant.

My Rock and My Fortress (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 144

By David.

- 1 The LORD, my protector, deserves praise—
the one who trains my hands for battle,
and my fingers for war,
- 2 who loves me and is my stronghold,
my refuge and my deliverer,
my shield and the one in whom I take shelter,
who makes nations submit to me.
- 3 O LORD, of what importance is the human race, that you should notice them?
Of what importance is mankind, that you should be concerned about them?
- 4 People are like a vapor,
their days like a shadow that disappears.
- 5 O LORD, make the sky sink and come down!
Touch the mountains and make them smolder!
- 6 Hurl lightning bolts and scatter them!
Shoot your arrows and rout them!
- 7 Reach down from above!
Grab me and rescue me from the surging water,
from the power of foreigners,
- 8 who speak lies,
and make false promises.
- 9 O God, I will sing a new song to you!
Accompanied by a ten-stringed instrument, I will sing praises to you,
- 10 the one who delivers kings,
and rescued David his servant from a deadly sword.
- 11 Grab me and rescue me from the power of foreigners,
who speak lies,
and make false promises.
- 12 Then our sons will be like plants,
that quickly grow to full size.
Our daughters will be like corner pillars,
carved like those in a palace.
- 13 Our storehouses will be full,
providing all kinds of food.
Our sheep will multiply by the thousands
and fill our pastures.
- 14 Our cattle will be weighted down with produce.
No one will break through our walls,
no one will be taken captive,
and there will be no terrified cries in our city squares.
- 15 How blessed are the people who experience these things!
How blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

Great Is the LORD (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 145

A psalm of praise, by David.

- 1 I will extol you, my God, O king!
I will praise your name continually!
- 2 Every day I will praise you!
I will praise your name continually!
- 3 The LORD is great and certainly worthy of praise!
No one can fathom his greatness!
- 4 One generation will praise your deeds to another,
and tell about your mighty acts!
- 5 I will focus on your honor and majestic splendor,
and your amazing deeds!
- 6 They will proclaim the power of your awesome acts!
I will declare your great deeds!
- 7 They will talk about the fame of your great kindness,
and sing about your justice.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and compassionate;
he is patient and demonstrates great loyal love.
- 9 The LORD is good to all,
and has compassion on all he has made.
- 10 All he has made will give thanks to the LORD.
Your loyal followers will praise you.
- 11 They will proclaim the splendor of your kingdom;
they will tell about your power,
- 12 so that mankind might acknowledge your mighty acts,
and the majestic splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an eternal kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.
- 14 The LORD supports all who fall,
and lifts up all who are bent over.
- 15 Everything looks to you in anticipation,
and you provide them with food on a regular basis.
- 16 You open your hand,
and fill every living thing with the food they desire.
- 17 The LORD is just in all his actions,
and exhibits love in all he does.
- 18 The LORD is near all who cry out to him,
all who cry out to him sincerely.
- 19 He satisfies the desire of his loyal followers;
he hears their cry for help and delivers them.
- 20 The LORD protects those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 21 My mouth will praise the LORD.
Let all who live praise his holy name forever!

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