

## Zion, the City of Our God (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 48

### A song, a psalm by the Korahites.

- 1 The LORD is great and certainly worthy of praise  
in the city of our God, his holy hill.
- 2 It is lofty and pleasing to look at,  
a source of joy to the whole earth.  
Mount Zion resembles the peaks of Zaphon;  
it is the city of the great king. [[Matt 5:34–35](#)]
- 3 God is in its fortresses;  
he reveals himself as its defender.
- 4 For look, the kings assemble;  
they advance together.
- 5 As soon as they see, they are shocked;  
they are terrified, they quickly retreat.
- 6 Look at them shake uncontrollably,  
like a woman writhing in childbirth.
- 7 With an east wind  
you shatter the large ships.
- 8 We heard about God's mighty deeds, now we have seen them,  
in the city of the LORD, the invincible Warrior,  
in the city of our God.  
God makes it permanently secure. (Selah)
- 9 We reflect on your loyal love, O God,  
within your temple.
- 10 The praise you receive as far away as the ends of the earth  
is worthy of your reputation, O God.  
You execute justice!
- 11 Mount Zion rejoices;  
the towns of Judah are happy,  
because of your acts of judgment.
- 12 Walk around Zion! Encircle it!  
Count its towers!
- 13 Consider its defenses!  
Walk through its fortresses,  
so you can tell the next generation about it!
- 14 For God, our God, is our defender forever!  
He guides us!

## Why Should I Fear in Times of Trouble (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 49

*For the music director,*

### A psalm by the Korahites.

- 1 Listen to this, all you nations!  
Pay attention, all you inhabitants of the world!
- 2 Pay attention, all you people,  
both rich and poor!
- 3 I will declare a wise saying;  
I will share my profound thoughts.
- 4 I will learn a song that imparts wisdom;  
I will then sing my insightful song to the accompaniment of a harp.
- 5 Why should I be afraid in times of trouble,  
when the sinful deeds of deceptive men threaten to overwhelm me?
- 6 They trust in their wealth  
and boast in their great riches.
- 7 Certainly a man cannot rescue his brother;  
he cannot pay God an adequate ransom price

- 8 (the ransom price for a human life is too high,  
and people go to their final destiny),
- 9 so that he might continue to live forever  
and not experience death.
- 10 Surely one sees that even wise people die;  
fools and spiritually insensitive people all pass away  
and leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their grave becomes their permanent residence,  
their eternal dwelling place.  
They name their lands after themselves,
- 12 but, despite their wealth, people do not last,  
they are like animals that perish.
- 13 This is the destiny of fools,  
and of those who approve of their philosophy. (Selah)
- 14 They will travel to Sheol like sheep,  
with death as their shepherd.  
The godly will rule over them when the day of vindication dawns;  
Sheol will consume their bodies and they will no longer live in impressive houses.
- 15 But God will rescue my life from the power of Sheol;  
certainly he will pull me to safety. (Selah)
- 16 Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich  
and his wealth multiplies!
- 17 For he will take nothing with him when he dies;  
his wealth will not follow him down into the grave.
- 18 He pronounces this blessing on himself while he is alive:  
“May men praise you, for you have done well!”
- 19 But he will join his ancestors;  
they will never again see the light of day.
- 20 Wealthy people do not understand;  
they are like animals that perish.

### My Soul Longs for the Courts of the LORD (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 84

*For the music director; according to the gittith style;*

**Written by the Korahites, a psalm.**

- 1 How lovely is the place where you live,  
O LORD who rules over all!
- 2 I desperately want to be  
in the courts of the LORD’s temple.  
My heart and my entire being shout for joy  
to the living God.
- 3 Even the birds find a home there,  
and the swallow builds a nest,  
where she can protect her young  
near your altars, O LORD who rules over all,  
my king and my God.
- 4 How blessed are those who live in your temple  
and praise you continually! (Selah)
- 5 How blessed are those who find their strength in you,  
and long to travel the roads that lead to your temple!
- 6 As they pass through the Baca Valley,  
he provides a spring for them.  
The rain even covers it with pools of water.
- 7 They are sustained as they travel along;  
each one appears before God in Zion.
- 8 O LORD, sovereign God,  
hear my prayer!

- Listen, O God of Jacob! (Selah)
- 9 O God, take notice of our shield!  
Show concern for your chosen king!
- 10 Certainly spending just one day in your temple courts is better  
than spending a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather stand at the entrance to the temple of my God  
than live in the tents of the wicked.
- 11 For the LORD God is our sovereign protector.  
The LORD bestows favor and honor;  
he withholds no good thing from those who have integrity.
- 12 O LORD who rules over all,  
how blessed are those who trust in you!

### Revive Us Again (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 85

*For the music director;*

**Written by the Korahites, a psalm.**

- 1 O LORD, you showed favor to your land;  
you restored the well-being of Jacob.
- 2 You pardoned the wrongdoing of your people;  
you forgave all their sin. (Selah)
- 3 You withdrew all your fury;  
you turned back from your raging anger.
- 4 Restore us, O God our deliverer!  
Do not be displeased with us!
- 5 Will you stay mad at us forever?  
Will you remain angry throughout future generations?
- 6 Will you not revive us once more?  
Then your people will rejoice in you!
- 7 O LORD, show us your loyal love!  
Bestow on us your deliverance!
- 8 I will listen to what God the LORD says.  
For he will make peace with his people, his faithful followers.  
Yet they must not return to their foolish ways.
- 9 Certainly his loyal followers will soon experience his deliverance;  
then his splendor will again appear in our land.
- 10 Loyal love and faithfulness meet;  
deliverance and peace greet each other with a kiss.
- 11 Faithfulness grows from the ground,  
and deliverance looks down from the sky.
- 12 Yes, the LORD will bestow his good blessings,  
and our land will yield its crops.
- 13 Deliverance goes before him,  
and prepares a pathway for him.

### The LORD Loves the Gates of Zion (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 87

**Written by the Korahites; a psalm, a song.**

- 1 The LORD's city is in the holy hills.
- 2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.
- 3 People say wonderful things about you,  
O city of God. (Selah)
- 4 I mention Rahab and Babylon to my followers.  
Here are Philistia and Tyre, along with Ethiopia.  
It is said of them, "This one was born there."

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| 5 | But it is said of Zion's residents,<br>"Each one of these was born in her,<br>and the sovereign One makes her secure." |
| 6 | The LORD writes in the census book of the nations,<br>"This one was born there." (Selah)                               |
| 7 | As for the singers, as well as the pipers—<br>all of them sing within your walls.                                      |

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