

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 1

- 1 How blessed is the one who does not follow the advice of the wicked,
or stand in the pathway with sinners,
or sit in the assembly of scoffers!
- 2 Instead he finds pleasure in obeying the LORD's commands;
he meditates on his commands day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree planted by flowing streams;
it yields its fruit at the proper time,
and its leaves never fall off.
He succeeds in everything he attempts.
- 4 Not so with the wicked!
Instead they are like wind-driven chaff.
- 5 For this reason the wicked cannot withstand judgment,
nor can sinners join the assembly of the godly.
- 6 Certainly the LORD guards the way of the godly,
but the way of the wicked ends in destruction.

The Steadfast Love of the LORD (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 33

- 1 You godly ones, shout for joy because of the LORD!
It is appropriate for the morally upright to offer him praise.
- 2 Give thanks to the LORD with the harp!
Sing to him to the accompaniment of a ten-stringed instrument!
- 3 Sing to him a new song!
Play skillfully as you shout out your praises to him!
- 4 For the LORD's decrees are just,
and everything he does is fair.
- 5 The LORD promotes equity and justice;
the LORD's faithfulness extends throughout the earth.
- 6 By the LORD's decree the heavens were made;
by a mere word from his mouth all the stars in the sky were created.
- 7 He piles up the water of the sea;
he puts the oceans in storehouses.
- 8 Let the whole earth fear the LORD!
Let all who live in the world stand in awe of him!
- 9 For he spoke, and it came into existence,
he issued the decree, and it stood firm.
- 10 The LORD frustrates the decisions of the nations;
he nullifies the plans of the peoples.
- 11 The LORD's decisions stand forever;
his plans abide throughout the ages.
- 12 How blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen to be his special possession.
- 13 The LORD watches from heaven;
he sees all people.
- 14 From the place where he lives he looks carefully
at all the earth's inhabitants.
- 15 He is the one who forms every human heart,
and takes note of all their actions.
- 16 No king is delivered by his vast army;
a warrior is not saved by his great might.
- 17 A horse disappoints those who trust in it for victory;
despite its great strength, it cannot deliver.
- 18 Look, the LORD takes notice of his loyal followers,
those who wait for him to demonstrate his faithfulness
- 19 by saving their lives from death

- and sustaining them during times of famine.
- 20 We wait for the LORD;
he is our deliverer and shield.
- 21 For our hearts rejoice in him,
for we trust in his holy name.
- 22 May we experience your faithfulness, O LORD,
for we wait for you.

How Awesome Are Your Deeds (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 66

For the music director;

A song, a psalm.

- 1 Shout out praise to God, all the earth!
2 Sing praises about the majesty of his reputation!
Give him the honor he deserves!
- 3 Say to God:
“How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power your enemies cower in fear before you.
- 4 All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you!
They sing praises to your name!” (Selah)
- 5 Come and witness God’s exploits!
His acts on behalf of people are awesome!
- 6 He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let us rejoice in him there!
- 7 He rules by his power forever;
he watches the nations.
Stubborn rebels should not exalt themselves. (Selah)
- 8 Praise our God, you nations!
Loudly proclaim his praise!
- 9 He preserves our lives
and does not allow our feet to slip.
- 10 For you, O God, tested us;
you purified us like refined silver.
- 11 You led us into a trap;
you caused us to suffer.
- 12 You allowed men to ride over our heads;
we passed through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a wide open place.
- 13 I will enter your temple with burnt sacrifices;
I will fulfill the vows I made to you,
14 which my lips uttered
and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.
- 15 I will offer up to you fattened animals as burnt sacrifices,
along with the smell of sacrificial rams.
I will offer cattle and goats. (Selah)
- 16 Come! Listen, all you who are loyal to God!
I will declare what he has done for me.
- 17 I cried out to him for help
and praised him with my tongue.
- 18 If I had harbored sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
- 19 However, God heard;
he listened to my prayer.
- 20 God deserves praise,
for he did not reject my prayer

or abandon his love for me!

Make Your Face Shine upon Us (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 67

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

A psalm, a song.

- 1 May God show us his favor and bless us!
May he smile on us! (Selah)
- 2 Then those living on earth will know what you are like;
all nations will know how you deliver your people.
- 3 Let the nations thank you, O God!
Let all the nations thank you!
- 4 Let foreigners rejoice and celebrate!
For you execute justice among the nations,
and govern the people living on earth. (Selah)
- 5 Let the nations thank you, O God!
Let all the nations thank you!
- 6 The earth yields its crops.
May God, our God, bless us!
- 7 May God bless us!
Then all the ends of the earth will give him the honor he deserves.

Forsake Me Not When My Strength Is Spent (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 71

- 1 In you, O LORD, I have taken shelter!
Never let me be humiliated!
- 2 Vindicate me by rescuing me!
Listen to me! Deliver me!
- 3 Be my protector and refuge,
a stronghold where I can be safe!
For you are my high ridge and my stronghold.
- 4 My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked,
from the hand of the cruel oppressor!
- 5 For you give me confidence, O Lord;
O LORD, I have trusted in you since I was young.
- 6 I have leaned on you since birth;
you pulled me from my mother's womb.
I praise you continually.
- 7 Many are appalled when they see me,
but you are my secure shelter.
- 8 I praise you constantly
and speak of your splendor all day long.
- 9 Do not reject me in my old age!
When my strength fails, do not abandon me!
- 10 For my enemies talk about me;
those waiting for a chance to kill me plot my demise.
- 11 They say, "God has abandoned him."
Run and seize him, for there is no one who will rescue him!"
- 12 O God, do not remain far away from me!
My God, hurry and help me!
- 13 May my accusers be humiliated and defeated!
May those who want to harm me be covered with scorn and disgrace!
- 14 As for me, I will wait continually,
and will continue to praise you.
- 15 I will tell about your justice,
and all day long proclaim your salvation,

- though I cannot fathom its full extent.
- 16 I will come and tell about the mighty acts of the sovereign LORD.
I will proclaim your justice—yours alone.
- 17 O God, you have taught me since I was young,
and I am still declaring your amazing deeds.
- 18 Even when I am old and gray,
O God, do not abandon me,
until I tell the next generation about your strength,
and those coming after me about your power.
- 19 Your justice, O God, extends to the skies above;
you have done great things.
O God, who can compare to you?
- 20 Though you have allowed me to experience much trouble and distress,
revive me once again!
Bring me up once again from the depths of the earth!
- 21 Raise me to a position of great honor!
Turn and comfort me!
- 22 I will express my thanks to you with a stringed instrument,
praising your faithfulness, O my God!
I will sing praises to you accompanied by a harp,
O Holy One of Israel!
- 23 My lips will shout for joy! Yes, I will sing your praises!
I will praise you when you rescue me!
- 24 All day long my tongue will also tell about your justice,
for those who want to harm me will be embarrassed and ashamed.

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Chronological Notes

- 1) There are forty-six psalms whose authorship is unknown (i.e., they contain no authorial heading: 1, 33, 66–67, 71, 91–94, 96–100, 102, 104–107, 111–121, 123, 125, 126, 128–130, 132, 134–137, 146–150). Three of these psalms (96, 105, 106)¹ are directly connected with 1 Chronicles 16 (David bringing the ark to Jerusalem) and have already been included in that context. Another two psalms were likely written during the exile to Babylon (137) and after the return to Israel (126)—they will be presented later in that context. I have dated the remaining anonymous psalms as “c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom” to indicate that they could have been written anytime during this period.

¹ Depending on how you translate 1 Chronicles 16:7, these psalms may be attributed to David (NASB—“Then on that day David first assigned Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to the LORD” vs. NET—“That day David first gave to Asaph and his colleagues this song of thanks to the LORD”).