His Steadfast Love Endures Forever (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 100

A thanksgiving psalm.

- Shout out praises to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Worship the LORD with joy!
 - Enter his presence with joyful singing!
- 3 Acknowledge that the LORD is God!
 - He made us and we belong to him;
 - we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 - and his courts with praise!
 - Give him thanks!
 - Praise his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good.
 - His loyal love endures,
 - and he is faithful through all generations.

Do Not Hide Your Face from Me [Messianic] (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 102

The prayer of an oppressed man, as he grows faint and pours out his lament before the LORD.

- 1 O LORD, hear my prayer!
 - Pay attention to my cry for help!
- 2 Do not ignore me in my time of trouble!
 - Listen to me!
 - When I call out to you, quickly answer me!
- 3 For my days go up in smoke,
 - and my bones are charred like a fireplace.
- 4 My heart is parched and withered like grass,
 - for I am unable to eat food.
- 5 Because of the anxiety that makes me groan, my bones protrude from my skin.
- 6 I am like an owl in the wilderness;
 - I am like a screech owl among the ruins.
- 7 I stay awake;
 - I am like a solitary bird on a roof.
- 8 All day long my enemies taunt me;
 - those who mock me use my name in their curses.
- 9 For I eat ashes as if they were bread,
 - and mix my drink with my tears,
- 10 because of your anger and raging fury.
 - Indeed, you pick me up and throw me away.
- 11 My days are coming to an end,
 - and I am withered like grass.
- 12 But you, O LORD, rule forever,
- and your reputation endures.
- 13 You will rise up and have compassion on Zion.
 - For it is time to have mercy on her,
 - for the appointed time has come.
- 14 Indeed, your servants take delight in her stones,
 - and feel compassion for the dust of her ruins.
- 15 The nations will respect the reputation of the LORD,
 - and all the kings of the earth will respect his splendor,
- 16 when the LORD rebuilds Zion,
 - and reveals his splendor,
- when he responds to the prayer of the destitute,
 - and does not reject their request.
- 18 The account of his intervention will be recorded for future generations;

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people yet to be born will praise the LORD.

19 For he will look down from his sanctuary above;

from heaven the LORD will look toward earth,

20 in order to hear the painful cries of the prisoners,

and to set free those condemned to die,

21 so they may proclaim the name of the LORD in Zion,

and praise him in Jerusalem,

22 when the nations gather together,

and the kingdoms pay tribute to the LORD.

23 He has taken away my strength in the middle of life;

he has cut short my days.

24 I say, "O my God, please do not take me away in the middle of my life!

You endure through all generations.

25 In earlier times you established the earth;

the skies are your handiwork.

26 They will perish,

but you will endure.

They will wear out like a garment;

like clothes you will remove them and they will disappear.

27 But you remain;

your years do not come to an end. [Heb 1:10-12]

28 The children of your servants will settle down here, and their descendants will live securely in your presence."

O LORD My God, You Are Very Great (c. 1000 - c. 900 BC)

Psalm 104

1 Praise the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD my God, you are magnificent.

You are robed in splendor and majesty.

2 He covers himself with light as if it were a garment.

He stretches out the skies like a tent curtain,

and lays the beams of the upper rooms of his palace on the rain clouds.

He makes the clouds his chariot, and travels along on the wings of the wind.

4 He makes the winds his messengers,

and the flaming fire his attendant. [Heb 1:7]

5 He established the earth on its foundations;

it will never be upended.

6 The watery deep covered it like a garment;

the waters reached above the mountains.

7 Your shout made the waters retreat;

at the sound of your thunderous voice they hurried off—

8 as the mountains rose up,

and the valleys went down—

to the place you appointed for them.

9 You set up a boundary for them that they could not cross,

so that they would not cover the earth again.

10 He turns springs into streams;

they flow between the mountains.

11 They provide water for all the animals in the field;

the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

12 The birds of the sky live beside them;

they chirp among the bushes.

13 He waters the mountains from the upper rooms of his palace;

the earth is full of the fruit you cause to grow.

14 He provides grass for the cattle,

and crops for people to cultivate,

so they can produce food from the ground,

- as well as wine that makes people feel so good, and so they can have oil to make their faces shine, as well as food that sustains people's lives.
- 16 The trees of the LORD receive all the rain they need, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- where the birds make nests, near the evergreens in which the herons live.
- 18 The wild goats live in the high mountains; the rock badgers find safety in the cliffs.
- 19 He made the moon to mark the months, and the sun sets according to a regular schedule.
- You make it dark and night comes, during which all the beasts of the forest prowl around.
- 21 The lions roar for prey, seeking their food from God.
- When the sun rises, they withdraw and sleep in their dens.
- 23 Men then go out to do their work, and labor away until evening.
- 24 How many living things you have made, O LORD! You have exhibited great skill in making all of them; the earth is full of the living things you have made.
- Over here is the deep, wide sea, which teems with innumerable swimming creatures, living things both small and large.
- The ships travel there, and over here swims the whale you made to play in it.
- 27 All of your creatures wait for you to provide them with food on a regular basis.
- 28 You give food to them and they receive it; you open your hand and they are filled with food.
- 29 When you ignore them, they panic.
 When you take away their life's breath, they die and return to dust.
- When you send your life-giving breath, they are created, and you replenish the surface of the ground.
- 31 May the splendor of the LORD endure!

 May the LORD find pleasure in the living things he has made!
- He looks down on the earth and it shakes; he touches the mountains and they start to smolder.
- 33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
 I will sing praise to my God as long as I exist!
- 34 May my thoughts be pleasing to him! I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 35 May sinners disappear from the earth, and the wicked vanish!
 Praise the LORD, O my soul!
 Praise the LORD!

Let the Redeemed of the LORD Say So (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 107

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his loyal love endures!
- 2 Let those delivered by the LORD speak out, those whom he delivered from the power of the enemy,
- and gathered from foreign lands,

from east and west,

from north and south.

- 4 They wandered through the wilderness on a desert road;
 - they found no city in which to live.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; they fainted from exhaustion.
- 6 They cried out to the LORD in their distress; he delivered them from their troubles.
- 7 He led them on a level road, that they might find a city in which to live.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his loyal love, and for the amazing things he has done for people!
- 9 For he has satisfied those who thirst, and those who hunger he has filled with food. [Luke 1:53]
- 10 They sat in utter darkness, bound in painful iron chains,
- 11 because they had rebelled against God's commands, and rejected the instructions of the sovereign king.
- 12 So he used suffering to humble them; they stumbled and no one helped them up.
- 13 They cried out to the LORD in their distress; he delivered them from their troubles.
- 14 He brought them out of the utter darkness, and tore off their shackles.
- 15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his loyal love, and for the amazing things he has done for people!
- 16 For he shattered the bronze gates, and hacked through the iron bars.
- 17 They acted like fools in their rebellious ways, and suffered because of their sins.
- 18 They lost their appetite for all food, and they drew near the gates of death.
- 19 They cried out to the LORD in their distress; he delivered them from their troubles.
- 20 He sent them an assuring word and healed them; he rescued them from the pits where they were trapped.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his loyal love, and for the amazing things he has done for people!
- 22 Let them present thank offerings, and loudly proclaim what he has done!
- 23 Some traveled on the sea in ships, and carried cargo over the vast waters.
- 24 They witnessed the acts of the LORD, his amazing feats on the deep water.
- 25 He gave the order for a windstorm, and it stirred up the waves of the sea.
- They reached up to the sky, then dropped into the depths.
 - The sailors' strength left them because the danger was so great.
- 27 They swayed and staggered like a drunk, and all their skill proved ineffective.
- 28 They cried out to the LORD in their distress; he delivered them from their troubles.
- 29 He calmed the storm, and the waves grew silent.
- The sailors rejoiced because the waves grew quiet, and he led them to the harbor they desired.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his loyal love, and for the amazing things he has done for people!

- 32 Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people! Let them praise him in the place where the leaders preside!
- 33 He turned streams into a desert, springs of water into arid land,
- and a fruitful land into a barren place, because of the sin of its inhabitants.
- 35 As for his people, he turned a desert into a pool of water, and a dry land into springs of water.
- 36 He allowed the hungry to settle there, and they established a city in which to live.
- 37 They cultivated fields, and planted vineyards, which yielded a harvest of fruit.
- He blessed them so that they became very numerous.

 He would not allow their cattle to decrease in number.
- 39 As for their enemies, they decreased in number and were beaten down, because of painful distress and suffering.
- 40 He would pour contempt upon princes, and he made them wander in a wasteland with no road.
- 41 Yet he protected the needy from oppression, and cared for his families like a flock of sheep.
- When the godly see this, they rejoice, and every sinner shuts his mouth.
- Whoever is wise, let him take note of these things! Let them consider the LORD's acts of loyal love!

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