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

Psalm 136

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his loyal love endures.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods,

for his loyal love endures.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

for his loyal love endures,

4 to the one who performs magnificent, amazing deeds all by himself,

for his loyal love endures,

5 to the one who used wisdom to make the heavens,

for his loyal love endures,

6 to the one who spread out the earth over the water,

for his loyal love endures,

7 to the one who made the great lights,

for his loyal love endures,

8 the sun to rule by day,

for his loyal love endures,

9 the moon and stars to rule by night,

for his loyal love endures,

10 to the one who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,

for his loyal love endures,

11 and led Israel out from their midst,

for his loyal love endures,

12 with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,

for his loyal love endures,

13 to the one who divided the Red Sea in two,

for his loyal love endures,

14 and led Israel through its midst,

for his loyal love endures,

15 and tossed Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea,

for his loyal love endures,

16 to the one who led his people through the wilderness,

for his loyal love endures,

17 to the one who struck down great kings,

for his loyal love endures,

18 and killed powerful kings,

for his loyal love endures,

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,

for his loyal love endures,

20 Og, king of Bashan,

for his loyal love endures,

21 and gave their land as an inheritance,

for his loyal love endures,

22 as an inheritance to Israel his servant,

for his loyal love endures,

23 to the one who remembered us when we were down,

for his loyal love endures,

24 and snatched us away from our enemies,

for his loyal love endures,

25 to the one who gives food to all living things,

for his loyal love endures.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,

for his loyal love endures!

Put Not Your Trust in Princes (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 146

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live! I will sing praises to my God as long as I exist!

3 Do not trust in princes,

or in human beings, who cannot deliver!

4 Their life's breath departs, they return to the ground; on that day their plans die.

How blessed is the one whose helper is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

6 the one who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them, [Acts 4:24b; 14:15b]

who remains forever faithful,

7 vindicates the oppressed,

and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD releases the imprisoned.

8 The LORD gives sight to the blind.

The LORD lifts up all who are bent over.

The LORD loves the godly.

9 The LORD protects those residing outside their native land;

he lifts up the fatherless and the widow,

but he opposes the wicked.

10 The LORD rules forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout the generations to come!

Praise the LORD!

Praise the Name of the LORD (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 148

1 Praise the LORD!

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Praise the LORD from the sky!

Praise him in the heavens!

2 Praise him, all his angels!

Praise him, all his heavenly assembly!

3 Praise him, O sun and moon!

Praise him, all you shiny stars!

Praise him, O highest heaven, and you waters above the sky!

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for he gave the command and they came into existence.

6 He established them so they would endure;

he issued a decree that will not be revoked.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,

you sea creatures and all you ocean depths,

8 O fire and hail, snow and clouds,

O stormy wind that carries out his orders,

9 you mountains and all you hills,

you fruit trees and all you cedars,

you animals and all you cattle,

you creeping things and birds,

11 you kings of the earth and all you nations,

you princes and all you leaders on the earth,

12 you young men and young women,

you elderly, along with you children!

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;

his majesty extends over the earth and sky.

14 He has made his people victorious, and given all his loyal followers reason to praise—the Israelites, the people who are close to him.

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a New Song (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 149

1 Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song!

Praise him in the assembly of the godly!

2 Let Israel rejoice in their Creator!

Let the people of Zion delight in their king!

3 Let them praise his name with dancing!

Let them sing praises to him to the accompaniment of the tambourine and harp!

4 For the LORD takes delight in his people;

he exalts the oppressed by delivering them.

5 Let the godly rejoice because of their vindication!

Let them shout for joy upon their beds!

6 May they praise God

while they hold a two-edged sword in their hand,

7 in order to take revenge on the nations, and punish foreigners.

8 They bind their kings in chains,

and their nobles in iron shackles,

9 and execute the judgment to which their enemies have been sentenced.

All his loyal followers will be vindicated.

Praise the LORD!

Let Everything Praise the LORD (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 150

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary!

Praise him in the sky, which testifies to his strength!

2 Praise him for his mighty acts!

Praise him for his surpassing greatness!

3 Praise him with the blast of the horn!

Praise him with the lyre and the harp!

4 Praise him with the tambourine and with dancing!

Praise him with stringed instruments and the flute!

5 Praise him with loud cymbals!

Praise him with clanging cymbals!

6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

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