

Psalms 66:1-20 ESV - To the choirmaster. A Song. A Psalm.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; 2 sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise! 3 Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You. 4 All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name." Selah

5 Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man. 6 He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in Him, 7 who rules by His might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations-- let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah

8 Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, 9 who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. 10 For You, O God, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried. 11 You brought us into the net; You laid a crushing burden on our backs; 12 You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a place of abundance.

13 I will come into Your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to You, 14 that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. 15 I will offer to You burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul. 17 I cried to Him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. 18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. 19 But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

Psalms 67:1-7 ESV - To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, Selah 2 that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

5 Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. 7 God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

Psalms 68:1-35 ESV - To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A Song.

God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him! 2 As smoke is driven away, so

you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! 3 But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the LORD; exult before Him!

5 Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation. 6 God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land. 7 O God, when You went out before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness, Selah 8 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

9 Rain in abundance, O God, You shed abroad; You restored Your inheritance as it languished; 10 Your flock found a dwelling in it; in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.

11 The Lord gives the word; the women who announce the news are a great host: 12 "The kings of the armies--they flee, they flee!" The women at home divide the spoil-- 13 though you men lie among the sheepfolds-- the wings of a dove covered with silver, its pinions with shimmering gold.

14 When the Almighty scatters kings there, let snow fall on Zalmon. 15 O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan! 16 Why do you look

with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for His abode, yes, where the LORD will dwell forever?

17 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary. 18 You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah

20 Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death. 21 But God will strike the heads of His enemies, the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways. 22 The Lord said, "I will bring them back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, 23 that you may strike your feet in their blood, that the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from the foe."

24 Your procession is seen, O God, the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary-- 25 the singers in front, the musicians last, between them virgins playing tambourines: 26 "Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O you who are of Israel's fountain!"

27 There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead, the princes of Judah in their throng, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali. 28 Summon Your power, O God, the power, O God, by which You have worked for us. 29 Because of Your temple at Jerusalem kings shall bear gifts to You. 30 Rebuke the beasts

that dwell among the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples. Trample underfoot those who lust after tribute; scatter the peoples who delight in war.

31 Nobles shall come from Egypt; Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God. 32 O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah 33 to Him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice.

34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. 35 Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel--He is the one who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!

Psalms 69:1-36 ESV - To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. Of David.

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. 3 I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

4 More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore? 5 O God, You know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from You. 6 Let not those who hope in You be put to shame through me, O Lord GOD of hosts; let not those who seek You be brought to dishonor through me, O God of

Israel. 7 For it is for Your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor has covered my face.

8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons. 9 For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

10 When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. 11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. 12 I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

13 But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness.

14 Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. 15 Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

16 Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me. 17 Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.

18 Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies! 19 You know my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor; my foes are all known to You.

20 Reproaches have broken my heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none. 21 They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink. 22 Let their own table before them become a snare; and when they are at peace, let it become a trap. 23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see, and make their loins tremble continually.

24 Pour out Your indignation upon them, and let Your burning anger overtake them. 25 May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents. 26 For they persecute him whom You have struck down, and they recount the pain of those You have wounded.

27 Add to them punishment upon punishment; may they have no acquittal from You. 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living; let them not be enrolled among the righteous.

29 But I am afflicted and in pain; let Your salvation, O God, set me on high! 30 I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving. 31 This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.

32 When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. 33 For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise His own people who are prisoners.

34 Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them. 35 For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it; 36

the offspring of His servants shall inherit it, and those who love His name shall dwell in it.

Psalms 70:1-5 ESV - To the choirmaster. Of David, for the memorial offering.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! 2 Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! 3 Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

4 May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You! May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

5 But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Psalms 71:1-24 ESV

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! 2 In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline Your ear to me, and save me! 3 Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. 5 For You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. 6 Upon You I have leaned from before my birth; You are He who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of You. 7 I have been

as a portent to many, but You are my strong refuge. 8 My mouth is filled with Your praise, and with Your glory all the day.

9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent. 10 For my enemies speak concerning me; those who watch for my life consult together 11 and say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him."

12 O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! 13 May my accusers be put to shame and consumed; with scorn and disgrace may they be covered who seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually and will praise You yet more and more. 15 My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. 16 With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

17 O God, from my youth You have taught me, and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds. 18 So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like You? 20 You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth You will bring me up again. 21 You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

22 I will also praise You with the harp for Your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to You with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. 23 My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You; my soul also, which You have redeemed. 24 And my tongue will talk of Your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

Psalms 72:1-20 ESV - Of Solomon.

Give the king Your justice, O God, and Your righteousness to the royal son! 2 May he judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice!

3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! 5 May they fear You while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! 7 In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more! 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

9 May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! 12 For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who

has no helper. 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight. 15 Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!

16 May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field! 17 May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. 19 Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!

20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

Psalms 73:1-28 ESV - A Psalm of Asaph.

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. 2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. 3 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. 5 They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

6 Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. 7 Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts

overflow with follies. 8 They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. 9 They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. 10 Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them.

11 And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" 12 Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. 13 All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. 14 For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children. 16 But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, 17 until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

18 Truly You set them in slippery places; You make them fall to ruin. 19 How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! 20 Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when You rouse yourself, You despise them as phantoms.

21 When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, 22 I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward You. 23 Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold my right hand. 24 You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. 27 For behold, those who are far from You shall perish; You put

an end to everyone who is unfaithful to You. 28 But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works.

Psalms 74:1-23 ESV - A Maskil of Asaph.

O God, why do You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture? 2 Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt. 3 Direct Your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

4 Your foes have roared in the midst of Your meeting place; they set up their own signs for signs. 5 They were like those who swing axes in a forest of trees. 6 And all its carved wood they broke down with hatchets and hammers. 7 They set Your sanctuary on fire; they profaned the dwelling place of Your name, bringing it down to the ground.

8 They said to themselves, "We will utterly subdue them"; they burned all the meeting places of God in the land. 9 We do not see our signs; there is no longer any prophet, and there is none among us who knows how long. 10 How long, O God, is the foe to scoff? Is the enemy to revile Your name forever? 11 Why do You hold back Your hand, Your right hand? Take it from the fold of Your garment and destroy them!

12 Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. 13 You divided the sea by Your might; You

broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters. 14 You crushed the heads of Leviathan; You gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness. 15 You split open springs and brooks; You dried up ever-flowing streams.

16 Yours is the day, Yours also the night; You have established the heavenly lights and the sun. 17 You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; You have made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs, and a foolish people reviles Your name. 19 Do not deliver the soul of Your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of Your poor forever.

20 Have regard for the covenant, for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence.

21 Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame; let the poor and needy praise Your name.

22 Arise, O God, defend Your cause; remember how the foolish scoff at You all the day! 23 Do not forget the clamor of Your foes, the uproar of those who rise against You, which goes up continually!