

**Psalms 51:1-19 ESV** - To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

*7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.* 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. 9 Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

*10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.* 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. 16 For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

*17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.*

18 Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; 19 then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

**Psalms 52:1-9 ESV** - To the choirmaster. A Maskil of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, came and told Saul, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day. 2 Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit. 3 You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right. Selah

4 You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. 5 But God will break you down forever; He will snatch and tear you from your tent; He will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah

6 The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, 7 "See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!"

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. 9 I will thank You forever, because You have done it. I will wait for Your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

**Psalms 53:1-6 ESV** - To the choirmaster: according to Mahalath. A Maskil of David.

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good. 2 God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

3 They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. 4 Have those who work evil no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?

5 There they are, in great terror, where there is no terror! For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against You; You put them to shame, for God has rejected them.

6 Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of His people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

**Psalms 54:1-7 ESV** - To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites went and told Saul, "Is not David hiding among us?"

O God, save me by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might. 2 O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth. 3 For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves. Selah

4 Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. 5 He will return the evil to my enemies; in Your faithfulness put an end to them. 6 With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good. 7 For He has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**Psalms 55:1-23 ESV** - To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David.

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy! 2 Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan, 3 because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

4 My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. 5 Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me. 6 And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest; 7 yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah

8 I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest." 9 Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city. 10 Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it; 11 ruin is in

its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace.

12 For it is not an enemy who taunts me-- then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me-- then I could hide from him. 13 But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. 14 We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.

15 Let death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive; for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart. 16 But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.

17 Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and He hears my voice. 18 He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.

19 God will give ear and humble them, He who is enthroned from of old, Selah because they do not change and do not fear God. 20 My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant. 21 His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.

22 Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved. 23 But You, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in You.

**Psalms 56:1-13 ESV** - To the choirmaster: according to The Dove on Far-off Terebinths. A Miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; 2 my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly.

3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. 4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? 5 All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. 7 For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

8 You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book?

9 Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. 10 In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, *11 in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?*

12 I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You. 13 For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**Psalms 57:1-11 ESV** - To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. 2 I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me. 3 He will send from heaven and save me; He will put to shame him who tramples on me. Selah

God will send out His steadfast love and His faithfulness! 4 My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts-- the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.

5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

6 They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah

7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! 8 Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

9 I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations. 10 For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

**Psalms 58:1-11 ESV** - To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David.

Do you indeed decree what is right, you gods? Do you judge the children of man uprightly? 2 No, in your hearts you devise wrongs; your hands deal out violence on earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies. 4 They have venom like the venom of a serpent, like the deaf adder that stops its ear, 5 so that it does not hear the voice of charmers or of the cunning enchanter.

6 O God, break the teeth in their mouths; tear out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD! 7 Let them vanish like water that runs away; when He aims His arrows, let them be blunted.

8 Let them be like the snail that dissolves into slime, like the stillborn child who never sees the sun.

9 Sooner than your pots can feel the heat of thorns, whether green or ablaze, may He sweep them away!

10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he will bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked. 11 Mankind will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth."



**Psalms 59:1-17 ESV** - To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him.

Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me; 2 deliver me from those who work evil, and save me from bloodthirsty men. 3 For behold, they lie in wait for my life; fierce men stir up strife against me. For no transgression or sin of mine, O LORD, 4 for no fault of mine, they run and make ready. Awake, come to meet me, and see!

5 You, LORD God of hosts, are God of Israel. Rouse Yourself to punish all the nations; spare none of those who treacherously plot evil. Selah

6 Each evening they come back, howling like dogs and prowling about the city. 7 There they are, bellowing with their mouths with swords in their lips-- for "Who," they think, "will hear us?" 8 But You, O LORD, laugh at them; You hold all the nations in derision. 9 O my Strength, I will watch for You, for You, O God, are my fortress.

10 My God in his steadfast love will meet me; God will let me look in triumph on my enemies. 11 Kill them not, lest my people forget; make them totter by Your power and bring them down, O Lord, our shield! 12 For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips, let them be trapped in their pride. For the cursing and lies that they utter, 13 consume them in wrath; consume them till they are no more, that they may know that God rules over Jacob to the ends of the earth. Selah

14 Each evening they come back, howling like dogs and prowling about the city. 15 They wander about for food and growl if they do not get their fill. 16 But I will sing of Your strength; I will sing aloud of Your steadfast love in the morning. For You have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. 17 O my Strength, I will sing praises to You, for You, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.

**Psalms 60:1-12 ESV** - To the choirmaster: according to Shushan Eduth. A Miktam of David; for instruction; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and when Joab on his return struck down twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

O God, You have rejected us, broken our defenses; You have been angry; oh, restore us. 2 You have made the land to quake; You have torn it open; repair its breaches, for it totters. 3 You have made Your people see hard things; You have given us wine to drink that made us stagger. 4 You have set up a banner for those who fear You, that they may flee to it from the bow. Selah

5 That Your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by Your right hand and answer us! 6 God has spoken in His holiness: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Vale of Succoth. 7 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet; Judah is My scepter. 8 Moab is My washbasin; upon Edom I cast My shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph."

9 Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? 10 Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go forth, O God, with our armies. 11 Oh, grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! 12 With God we shall do valiantly; it is He who will tread down our foes.

**Psalms 61:1-8 ESV** - To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. Of David.

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; 2 from the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, 3 for You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. 4 Let me dwell in Your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of Your wings! Selah

5 For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name. 6 Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations!

7 May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him! 8 So will I ever sing praises to Your name, as I perform my vows day after day.

**Psalms 62:1-12 ESV** - To the choirmaster: according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation. 2 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? 4 They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. Selah

5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. 8 Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

9 Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. 10 Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, 12 and that to You, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For You will render to a man according to his work.

**Psalms 63:1-11 ESV** - A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. 3 Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. 4 So I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands. 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and

my mouth will praise You with joyful lips, 6 when I remember You upon my bed, and meditate on You in the watches of the night; 7 for You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy. 8 My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.

9 But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; 10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

**Psalms 64:1-10 ESV** - To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; preserve my life from dread of the enemy. 2 Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, from the throng of evildoers, 3 who whet their tongues like swords, who aim bitter words like arrows, 4 shooting from ambush at the blameless, shooting at him suddenly and without fear. 5 They hold fast to their evil purpose; they talk of laying snares secretly, thinking, "Who can see them?"

6 They search out injustice, saying, "We have accomplished a diligent search." For the inward mind and heart of a man are deep! 7 But God shoots His arrow at them; they are wounded suddenly. 8 They are brought to ruin, with their own tongues turned against them; all who see them will wag their heads. 9 Then all mankind fears; they tell what God has brought about and ponder what He has done.

10 Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in Him! Let all the upright in heart exult!

**Psalms 65:1-13 ESV** - To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A Song.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed. 2 O You who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come. 3 When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions. 4 Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

5 By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; 6 the one who by His strength established the mountains, being girded with might; 7 who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, 8 so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at Your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it. 10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. 11 You crown the year with Your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance. 12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, 13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.