

# Psalm 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Surely God is good to Israel,  
*Even* to such as are pure in heart.  
2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone;  
my steps had well nigh slipped.  
3 For I was envious at the arrogant,  
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.  
4 For there are no bands in their death:  
But their strength is firm.  
5 They are not in trouble as *other* men;  
Neither are they plagued like *other* men.  
6 Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck;  
Violence covereth them as a garment.  
7 Their eyes stand out with fatness:  
They have more than heart could wish.  
8 They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression:  
They speak loftily.  
9 They have set their mouth in the heavens,  
And their tongue walketh through the earth.  
10 Therefore his people return hither:  
And waters of a full *cup* are wrung out by them.  
11 And they say, How doth God know?  
And is there knowledge in the Most High?  
12 Behold, these are the wicked;  
And, being always at ease, they increase in riches  
13 Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart,  
And washed my hands in innocency;  
14 For all the day long have I been plagued,  
And chastened every morning.  
15 If I had said, I will speak thus;  
Behold, I had dealt treacherously with the generation of thy children.  
16 When I thought how I might know this,  
It was too painful for me;  
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God,  
And considered their latter end.  
18 Surely thou settest them in slippery places:  
Thou castest them down to destruction.  
19 How are they become a desolation in a moment!  
They are utterly consumed with terrors.  
20 As a dream when one awaketh;  
So, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.  
21 For my heart was grieved,  
And I was pricked in my reins:  
22 So brutish was I, and ignorant;  
I was as a beast before thee.  
23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee:  
Thou hast holden my right hand.  
24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel,  
And afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee*?  
And there is none upon earth that I desire  
beside thee.  
26 My flesh and my heart faileth:  
*But* God is the strength of my heart and my  
portion for ever.  
27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall  
perish:  
Thou hast destroyed all them that go a  
whoring from thee.  
28 But it is good for me to draw near unto God:  
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,  
That I may tell of all thy works.

# Psalm 74

Maschil of Asaph.

1 O God, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever?  
Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old,  
Which thou hast redeemed to be the tribe of thine inheritance;  
*And* mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual ruins,  
All the evil that the enemy hath done in the sanctuary.

4 Thine adversaries have roared in the midst of thine assembly;  
They have set up their ensigns for signs.

5 They seemed as men that lifted up  
Axes upon a thicket of trees.

6 And now all the carved work thereof together  
They break down with hatchet and hammers.

7 They have set thy sanctuary on fire;  
They have profaned the dwelling place of thy name even to the ground.

8 They said in their heart, Let us make havoc of them altogether:  
They have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs:  
There is no more any prophet;  
Neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10 How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach?  
Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why drawest thou back thy hand, even thy right hand?  
*Pluck it* out of thy bosom *and* consume *them*.

12 Yet God is my King of old,  
Working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength:  
Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces,  
Thou gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave fountain and flood:  
Thou driedst up mighty rivers.

16 The day is thine, the night also is thine:  
Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth:  
Thou hast made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD,  
And that foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the wild beast:  
Forget not the life of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant:  
For the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of violence.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed:  
Let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause:  
Remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee all the day.

23 Forget not the voice of thine adversaries:  
The tumult of those that rise up against thee ascendeth continually.

## Psalm 75

For the Chief Musician;  
set to Al-tashheth.  
A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

1 We give thanks unto thee, O God;  
We give thanks, for thy name is near:  
Men tell of thy wondrous works.  
2 When I shall find the set time,  
I will judge uprightly.  
3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved:  
I have set up the pillars of it. Selah  
4 I said unto the arrogant, Deal not arrogantly:  
And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:  
5 Lift not up your horn on high;  
Speak not with a stiff neck.  
6 For neither from the east, nor from the west,  
Nor yet from the south, *cometh* lifting up.  
7 But God is the judge:  
He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.  
8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine foameth;  
It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same:  
Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.  
9 But I will declare for ever,  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.  
10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;  
But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

## Psalm 76

For the Chief Musician;  
on stringed instruments.  
A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

1 In Judah is God known:  
His name is great in Israel.  
2 In Salem also is his tabernacle,  
And his dwelling place in Zion.  
3 There he brake the arrows of the bow;  
The shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah  
4 Glorious art thou *and* excellent, from the mountains of prey.  
5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep;  
And none of the men of might have found their hands.  
6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,  
Both chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.  
7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared:  
And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?  
8 Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from heaven;  
The earth feared, and was still,  
9 When God arose to judgement,  
To save all the meek of the earth. Selah  
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee:  
The residue of wrath shalt thou gird upon thee.  
11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God:  
Let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.  
12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes:  
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

# Psalm 77

For the Chief Musician;  
after the manner of Jeduthun.  
A Psalm of Asaph.

1 I will cry unto God with my voice;  
Even unto God with my voice, and he wilt give ear unto me.  
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord:  
My hand was stretched out in the night, and slacked not;  
My soul refused to be comforted.  
3 I remember God, and am disquieted:  
I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed. Selah  
4 Thou holdest mine eyes watching:  
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.  
5 I have considered the days of old,  
The years of ancient times.  
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night:  
I commune with mine own heart;  
And my spirit made diligent search.  
7 Will the Lord cast off for ever?  
And will he be favourable no more?  
8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever?  
Doth his promise fail for evermore?  
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?  
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah  
10 And I said, This is my infirmity;  
*But I will remember* the years of the right hand of the Most High.  
11 I will make mention of the deeds of the LORD;  
For I will remember thy wonders of old.  
12 I will meditate also upon all thy work,  
And muse on thy doings.  
13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary:  
Who is a great god like unto God?  
14 Thou art the God that doest wonders:  
Thou hast made known thy strength among the peoples.  
15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people,  
The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah  
16 The waters saw thee, O God;  
The waters saw thee, they were afraid:  
The depths also trembled.  
17 The clouds poured out water;  
The skies sent out a sound:  
Thine arrows also went abroad.  
18 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind;  
The lightnings lightened the world:  
The earth trembled and shook.  
19 Thy way was in the sea,  
And thy paths in the great waters,  
And thy footsteps were not known.  
20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock,  
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

# Psalm 78

Maschil of Asaph.

1

1 Give ear, O my people, to my law;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings of old:  
3 Which we have heard and known,  
and our fathers have told us.  
4 We will not hide them from their children,  
telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord,  
and his strength, and his wondrous works that he hath done.  
5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our fathers,  
that they should make them known to their children:  
6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born;  
who should arise and tell them to their children:  
7 That they might set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments:  
8 And might not be as their fathers,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation;  
a generation that set not their heart aright,  
and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows,  
turned back in the day of battle.  
10 They kept not the covenant of God,  
and refused to walk in his law;  
11 And they forgot his doings,  
and his wondrous works that he had shewed them.  
12 Marvelous things did he in the sight of their fathers,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.  
13 He clave the sea, and caused them to pass through;  
and he made the waters to stand as an heap.  
14 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud,  
and all the night with a light of fire.  
15 He clave rocks in the wilderness,  
and gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.  
16 He brought streams also out of the rock,  
and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 Yet went they on still to sin against him,  
to rebel against the Most High in the desert.  
18 And they tempted God in their heart  
by asking meat for their lust.  
19 Yea, they spake against God;  
they said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?"  
20 "Behold, he smote the rock, that waters gushed out,  
"and streams overflowed;  
"can he give bread also?  
"will he provide flesh for his people?"

21 Therefore the Lord heard, and was wroth:  
and a fire was kindled against Jacob,  
and anger also went up against Israel;  
22 Because they believed not in God,  
and trusted not in his salvation.

## Psalm 78

Maschil of Asaph.

2

23 Yet he commanded the skies above,  
and opened the doors of heaven;  
24 And he rained down manna upon them to eat,  
and gave them of the corn of heaven.  
25 Man did eat the bread of the mighty:  
he sent them meat to the full.  
26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heaven:  
and by his power he guided the south wind.  
27 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust,  
and winged fowl as the sand of the seas:  
28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp,  
round about their habitations.  
29 So they did eat, and were well filled;  
and he gave them that they lusted after.  
30 They were not estranged from their lust,  
their meat was yet in their mouths,  
31 When the anger of God went up against them,  
and slew of the fattest of them,  
and smote down the young men of Israel.  
  
32 For all this they sinned still,  
and believed not in his wondrous works.  
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,  
and their years in terror.  
34 When he slew them, then they inquired after him:  
and they returned and sought God early.  
35 And they remembered that God was their rock,  
and the Most High God their redeemer.  
36 But they flattered him with their mouth,  
and lied unto him with their tongue.  
37 For their heart was not right with him,  
neither were they faithful in his covenant.  
38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not:  
yea, many a time turned he his anger away,  
and did not stir up all his wrath.  
39 And he remembered that they were but flesh;  
a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.  
40 How oft did they rebel against him in the wilderness,  
and grieve him in the desert!  
41 And they turned again and tempted God,  
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.  
42 They remembered not his hand,  
nor the day when he redeemed them from the adversary.  
43 How he set his signs in Egypt,  
and his wonders in the field of Zoan;  
44 And turned their rivers into blood,  
and their streams, that they could not drink.  
45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them;  
and frogs, which destroyed them.  
46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,  
and their labour unto the locust.  
47 He destroyed their vines with hail,  
and their sycamore trees with frost.  
48 He gave over their cattle also to the hail,  
and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

# Psalm 78

Maschil of Asaph.

3

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger,  
wrath, and indignation, and trouble,  
a band of angels of evil.

50 He made a path for his anger;  
he spared not their soul from death,  
but gave their life over to the pestilence;

51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt,  
the chief of their strength in the tents of Ham:

52 But he led forth his own people like sheep,  
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he led them safely, so that they feared not:  
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary,  
to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

55 He drove out the nations also before them,  
and allotted them for an inheritance by line,  
and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God,  
and kept not his testimonies;

57 But turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers:  
they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places,  
and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 When God heard this, he was wroth,  
and greatly abhorred Israel:

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,  
the tent which he placed among men;

61 And delivered his strength into captivity,  
and his glory into the adversary's hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword;  
and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 Fire devoured their young men;  
and their maidens had no marriage-song.

64 Their priests fell by the sword;  
and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep,  
like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And he smote his adversaries backward:  
he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tent of Joseph,  
and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;

68 But chose the tribe of Judah,  
the mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary like the heights,  
like the earth which he hath established for ever.

70 He chose David also his servant,  
and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From following the ewes that give suck he brought him,  
to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart;  
and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

# Psalm 79

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance;  
Thy holy temple have they defiled;  
They have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven,  
The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem;  
And there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours,  
A scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, O LORD, wilt thou be angry for ever?  
Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that know thee not,  
And upon the kingdoms that call not upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob,  
And laid waste his habitation.

8 Remember not against us the iniquities of our forefathers:  
Let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us:  
For we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name:  
And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God?  
Let the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed  
Be known among the heathen in our sight.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee;  
According to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to death;

12 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom  
Their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture  
Will give thee thanks for ever:  
We will shew forth thy praise to all generations.



## Psalm 80

For the Chief Musician;  
set to Shoshannim Eduth.  
A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;  
thou that sittest upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up thy might,  
and come to save us.
- 3 Turn us again, O God;  
and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,  
how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?
- 5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in large measure.
- 6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours:  
and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- 7 Turn us again, O God of hosts;  
and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.
- 8 Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt:  
thou didst drive out the nations, and plantedst it.
- 9 Thou preparedst *room* before it,  
and it took deep root, and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered with the shadow of it,  
and the boughs thereof were *like* cedars of God.
- 11 She sent out her branches unto the sea,  
and her shoots unto the River.
- 12 Why hast thou broken down her fences,  
so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?
- 13 The boar out of the wood doth ravage it,  
and the wild beasts of the field feed on it.
- 14 Turn again, we beseech thee, O God of hosts:  
look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine,
- 15 And the stock which thy right hand hath planted,  
and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.
- 16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down:  
they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
- 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,  
upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.
- 18 So shall we not go back from thee:  
quicken thou us, and we will call upon thy name,
- 19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts;  
cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved;

# Psalm 81

For the Chief Musician;  
set to the Gittith.  
A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Sing aloud unto God our strength:  
Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
2 Take up the psalm, and bring hither the timbrel,  
The pleasant harp with the psaltery.  
3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,  
At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.  
4 For it is a statute for Israel,  
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.  
5 He appointed it in Joseph for testimony,  
When he went out over the land of Egypt:  
*Where* I heard a language that I knew not.  
6 I removed his shoulder from the burden:  
His hands were freed from the basket.  
7 Thou calledst in trouble,  
And I answered thee in the secret place of thunder;  
I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.  
8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee:  
O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!  
9 There shall no strange god be in thee;  
Neither shalt thou worship any strange god.  
10 I am the LORD thy God,  
Which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt:  
Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.  
11 But my people hearkened not to my voice;  
And Israel would none of me.  
12 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their heart,  
That they might walk in their own counsels.  
13 Oh that my people would hearken unto me,  
That Israel would walk in my ways!  
14 I should soon subdue their enemies,  
And turn my hand against their adversaries.  
15 The haters of the LORD should submit themselves unto him:  
But their time should endure for ever.  
16 He should feed them also with the finest of the wheat:  
And with honey out of the rock should I satisfy thee.

Selah

# Psalm 82

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 God standeth in the congregation of God;  
He judgeth among the gods.  
2 How long will ye judge unjustly,  
And respect the persons of the wicked?  
3 Judge the poor and fatherless:  
Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.  
4 Rescue the poor and needy:  
Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.  
5 They know not, neither do they understand;  
They walk to and fro in darkness:  
All the foundations of the earth are moved.  
6 I said, Ye are gods,  
And all of you sons of the Most High.  
7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men,  
And fall like one of the princes.  
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth:  
For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

Selah

# Psalm 83

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph

1 O God, keep not thou silence:  
Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.  
2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult:  
And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.  
3 They take crafty counsel against thy people,  
And consult together against thy hidden ones.  
4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation;  
That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.  
5 For they have consulted together with one consent;  
Against thee do they make a covenant:  
6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab, and the Hagarenes;  
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek;  
Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre:  
8 Assyria also is joined with them;  
They have holpen the children of Lot.  
9 Do thou unto them as unto Midian;  
As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon:  
10 Which perished at En-dor;  
They became as dung for the earth.  
11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb;  
Yea, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna:  
12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves in possession  
The habitations of God.  
13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust;  
As stubble before the wind.  
14 As the fire that burneth the forest,  
And as the flame that setteth the mountains on fire;  
15 So pursue them with thy tempest,  
And terrify them with thy storm.  
16 Fill their faces with confusion;  
That they may seek thy name, O LORD.  
17 Let them be ashamed and dismayed for ever;  
Yea, let them be confounded and perish:  
18 That they may know that thou alone,  
Whose name is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth.

Selah