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Teens, High Teens & Seniors

Psalm 1

1. **Ps. 1:1** Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
2. **Ps. 1:2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
3. **Ps. 1:3** He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.
4. **Ps. 1:4** Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
5. **Ps. 1:5** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
6. **Ps. 1:6** For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 2

7. **Ps. 2:1** Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
8. **Ps. 2:2** The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.
9. **Ps. 2:3** Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters.
10. **Ps. 2:4** The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.
11. **Ps. 2:5** Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
12. **Ps. 2:6** I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.
13. **Ps. 2:7** I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."
14. **Ps. 2:8** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.
15. **Ps. 2:9** You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.
16. **Ps. 2:10** Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
17. **Ps. 2:11** Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.
18. **Ps. 2:12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 3

19. **Ps. 3:1** O LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!
20. **Ps. 3:2** Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." Selah

21. **Ps. 3:3** But you are a shield around me, O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.
22. **Ps. 3:4** To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. Selah
23. **Ps. 3:5** I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.
24. **Ps. 3:6** I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side.
25. **Ps. 3:7** Arise, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked.
26. **Ps. 3:8** From the LORD comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people. Selah

Psalm 4

27. **Ps. 4:1** Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.
28. **Ps. 4:2** How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods? Selah
29. **Ps. 4:3** Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him.
30. **Ps. 4:4** In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent. Selah
31. **Ps. 4:5** Offer right sacrifices and trust in the LORD.
32. **Ps. 4:6** Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.
33. **Ps. 4:7** You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.
34. **Ps. 4:8** I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5

35. **Ps. 5:1** Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing.
36. **Ps. 5:2** Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.
37. **Ps. 5:3** In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.
38. **Ps. 5:4** You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.
39. **Ps. 5:5** The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong.
40. **Ps. 5:6** You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.
41. **Ps. 5:7** But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple.
42. **Ps. 5:8** Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies— make straight your way before me.
43. **Ps. 5:9** Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction. Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit.
44. **Ps. 5:10** Declare them guilty, O God! Let their intrigues be their downfall. Banish them for their many sins, for they have rebelled against you.
45. **Ps. 5:11** But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.
46. **Ps. 5:12** For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Psalm 6

47. **Ps. 6:1** O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.
48. **Ps. 6:2** Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint; O LORD, heal me, for my ones are in agony.
49. **Ps. 6:3** My soul is in anguish. How long, O LORD, how long?
50. **Ps. 6:4** Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.
51. **Ps. 6:5** No one remembers you when he is dead. Who praises you from the grave?
52. **Ps. 6:6** I am worn out from groaning; all night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears.
53. **Ps. 6:7** My eyes grow weak with sorrow; they fail because of all my foes.
54. **Ps. 6:8** Away from me, all you who do evil, for the LORD has heard my weeping.
55. **Ps. 6:9** The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the LORD accepts my prayer.
56. **Ps. 6:10** All my enemies will be ashamed and dismayed; they will turn back in sudden disgrace.

Psalm 7

57. **Ps. 7:1** O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue me,
58. **Ps. 7:2** or they will tear me like a lion and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.
59. **Ps. 7:3** O LORD my God, if I have done this and there is guilt on my hands-
60. **Ps. 7:4** if I have done evil to him who is at peace with me or without cause have robbed my foe-
61. **Ps. 7:5** then let my enemy pursue and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground and make me sleep in the dust. Selah
62. **Ps. 7:6** Arise, O LORD, in your anger; rise up against the rage of my enemies. Awake, my God; decree justice.
63. **Ps. 7:7** Let the assembled peoples gather around you. Rule over them from on high;
64. **Ps. 7:8** let the LORD judge the peoples. Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High.
65. **Ps. 7:9** O righteous God, who searches minds and hearts, bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure.
66. **Ps. 7:10** My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart.
67. **Ps. 7:11** God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath every day.
68. **Ps. 7:12** If he does not relent, he will sharpen his sword; he will bend and string his bow.
69. **Ps. 7:13** He has prepared his deadly weapons; he makes ready his flaming arrows.
70. **Ps. 7:14** He who is pregnant with evil and conceives trouble gives birth to disillusionment.
71. **Ps. 7:15** He who digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the pit he has made.
72. **Ps. 7:16** The trouble he causes recoils on himself; his violence comes down on his own head.
73. **Ps. 7:17** I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

Psalm 8

74. **Ps. 8:1** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
75. **Ps. 8:2** From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.
76. **Ps. 8:3** When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
77. **Ps. 8:4** what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?
78. **Ps. 8:5** You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
79. **Ps. 8:6** You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:
80. **Ps. 8:7** all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,
81. **Ps. 8:8** the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.
82. **Ps. 8:9** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 9

83. **Ps. 9:1** I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.
84. **Ps. 9:2** I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
85. **Ps. 9:3** My enemies turn back; they stumble and perish before you.
86. **Ps. 9:4** For you have upheld my right and my cause; you have sat on your throne, judging righteously.
87. **Ps. 9:5** You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.
88. **Ps. 9:6** Endless ruin has overtaken the enemy, you have uprooted their cities; even the memory of them has perished.
89. **Ps. 9:7** The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.
90. **Ps. 9:8** He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.
91. **Ps. 9:9** The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
92. **Ps. 9:10** Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.
93. **Ps. 9:11** Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.
94. **Ps. 9:12** For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cry of the afflicted.
95. **Ps. 9:13** O LORD, see how my enemies persecute me! Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death,
96. **Ps. 9:14** that I may declare your praises in the gates of the Daughter of Zion and there rejoice in your salvation.
97. **Ps. 9:15** The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug; their feet are caught in the net they have hidden.
98. **Ps. 9:16** The LORD is known by his justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands. Higgaiion.
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99. **Ps. 9:17** The wicked return to the grave, all the nations that forget God.
100. **Ps. 9:18** But the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish.
101. **Ps. 9:19** Arise, O LORD, let not man triumph; let the nations be judged in your presence.
102. **Ps. 9:20** let the nations know they are but men. Selah

Psalm 10

103. **Ps. 10:1** Why, O LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
104. **Ps. 10:2** In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises.
105. **Ps. 10:3** He boasts of the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD.
106. **Ps. 10:4** In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.
107. **Ps. 10:5** His ways are always prosperous; he is haughty and your laws are far from him; he sneers at all his enemies.
108. **Ps. 10:6** He says to himself, "Nothing will shake me; I'll always be happy and never have trouble.
109. **Ps. 10:7** His mouth is full of curses and lies and threats; trouble and evil are under his tongue.
110. **Ps. 10:8** He lies in wait near the villages; from ambush he murders the innocent, watching in secret for his victims.
111. **Ps. 10:9** He lies in wait like a lion in cover; he lies in wait to catch the helpless; he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net.
112. **Ps. 10:10** His victims are crushed, they collapse; they fall under his strength.
113. **Ps. 10:11** He says to himself, "God has forgotten; he covers his face and never sees.
114. **Ps. 10:12** Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless.
115. **Ps. 10:13** Why does the wicked man revile God? Why does he say to himself, "He won't call me to account"?
116. **Ps. 10:14** But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you; you are the helper of the fatherless.
117. **Ps. 10:15** Break the arm of the wicked and evil man; call him to account for his wickedness that would not be found out.
118. **Ps. 10:16** The LORD is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land.
119. **Ps. 10:17** You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,
120. **Ps. 10:18** defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.

Psalm 11

121. **Ps. 11:1** In the LORD I take refuge. How then can you say to me: "Flee like a bird to your mountain.
122. **Ps. 11:2** For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart.
123. **Ps. 11:3** When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?
124. **Ps. 11:4** The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them.
125. **Ps. 11:5** The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked and those who love violence his soul hates.
126. **Ps. 11:6** On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot.
127. **Ps. 11:7** For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face.

Psalm 12

128. **Ps. 12:1** Help, LORD, for the godly are no more; the faithful have vanished from among men.
129. **Ps. 12:2** Everyone lies to his neighbor; their flattering lips speak with deception.
130. **Ps. 12:3** May the LORD cut off all flattering lips and every boastful tongue
131. **Ps. 12:4** that says, "We will triumph with our tongues; we own our lips—who is our master?"
132. **Ps. 12:5** "Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise," says the LORD. I will protect them from those who malign them.
133. **Ps. 12:6** And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times.
134. **Ps. 12:7** O LORD, you will keep us safe and protect us from such people forever.
135. **Ps. 12:8** The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men.

Psalm 13

136. **Ps. 13:1** How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
137. **Ps. 13:2** How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?
138. **Ps. 13:3** Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death;
139. **Ps. 13:4** my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall."
140. **Ps. 13:5** But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
141. **Ps. 13:6** I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me.

Psalm 14

142. **Ps. 14:1** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.
143. **Ps. 14:2** The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.
144. **Ps. 14:3** All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.
145. **Ps. 14:4** Will evildoers never learn— those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the LORD?
146. **Ps. 14:5** There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.
147. **Ps. 14:6** You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.
148. **Ps. 14:7** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

Psalm 15

149. **Ps. 15:1** LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?
150. **Ps. 15:2** He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart
151. **Ps. 15:3** and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman,

152. **Ps. 15:4** who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts,
153. **Ps. 15:5** who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

Psalm 16

154. **Ps. 16:1** Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.
155. **Ps. 16:2** I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."
156. **Ps. 16:3** As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.
157. **Ps. 16:4** The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.
158. **Ps. 16:5** LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.
159. **Ps. 16:6** The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.
160. **Ps. 16:7** I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.
161. **Ps. 16:8** I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
162. **Ps. 16:9** Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,
163. **Ps. 16:10** because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.
164. **Ps. 16:11** You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 17

165. **Ps. 17:1** Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer— it does not rise from deceitful lips.
166. **Ps. 17:2** May my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right.
167. **Ps. 17:3** Though you probe my heart and examine me at night, though you test me, you will find nothing; I have resolved that my mouth will not sin.
168. **Ps. 17:4** As for the deeds of men— by the word of your lips I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.
169. **Ps. 17:5** My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
170. **Ps. 17:6** I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.
171. **Ps. 17:7** Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.
172. **Ps. 17:8** Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings
173. **Ps. 17:9** from the wicked who assail me, from my mortal enemies who surround me.
174. **Ps. 17:10** They close up their callous hearts, and their mouths speak with arrogance.
175. **Ps. 17:11** They have tracked me down, they now surround me, with eyes alert, to throw me to the ground.
176. **Ps. 17:12** They are like a lion hungry for prey, like a great lion crouching in cover.
177. **Ps. 17:13** Rise up, O LORD, confront them, bring them down; rescue me from the wicked by your sword.

178. **Ps. 17:14** O LORD, by your hand save me from such men, from men of this world whose reward is in this life. You still the hunger of those you cherish; their sons have plenty, and they store up wealth for their children.
179. **Ps. 17:15** And I—in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

Psalm 18

180. **Ps. 18:1** I love you, O LORD, my strength.
181. **Ps. 18:2** The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
182. **Ps. 18:3** I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.
183. **Ps. 18:4** The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.
184. **Ps. 18:5** The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.
185. **Ps. 18:6** In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.
186. **Ps. 18:7** The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry.
187. **Ps. 18:8** Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it.
188. **Ps. 18:9** He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet.
189. **Ps. 18:10** He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind.
190. **Ps. 18:11** He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him— the dark rain clouds of the sky.
191. **Ps. 18:12** Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning.
192. **Ps. 18:13** The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded.
193. **Ps. 18:14** He shot his arrows and scattered the enemies, great bolts of lightning and routed them.
194. **Ps. 18:15** The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of breath from your nostrils.
195. **Ps. 18:16** He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.
196. **Ps. 18:17** He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.
197. **Ps. 18:18** They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support.
198. **Ps. 18:19** He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.
199. **Ps. 18:20** The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.
200. **Ps. 18:21** For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not done evil by turning from my God.
201. **Ps. 18:22** All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees.
202. **Ps. 18:23** I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin.
203. **Ps. 18:24** The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
204. **Ps. 18:25** To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless,
205. **Ps. 18:26** to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.

206. **Ps. 18:27** You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.
207. **Ps. 18:28** You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.
208. **Ps. 18:29** With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.
209. **Ps. 18:30** As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.
210. **Ps. 18:31** For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?
211. **Ps. 18:32** It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.
212. **Ps. 18:33** He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.
213. **Ps. 18:34** He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
214. **Ps. 18:35** You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great.
215. **Ps. 18:36** You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.
216. **Ps. 18:37** I pursued my enemies and overtook them; I did not turn back till they were destroyed.
217. **Ps. 18:38** I crushed them so that they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet.
218. **Ps. 18:39** You armed me with strength for battle; you made my adversaries bow at my feet.
219. **Ps. 18:40** You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes.
220. **Ps. 18:41** They cried for help, but there was no one to save them— to the LORD, but he did not answer.
221. **Ps. 18:42** I beat them as fine as dust borne on the wind; I poured them out like mud in the streets.
222. **Ps. 18:43** You have delivered me from the attacks of the people; you have made me the head of nations; people I did not know are subject to me.
223. **Ps. 18:44** As soon as they hear me, they obey me; foreigners cringe before me.
224. **Ps. 18:45** They all lose heart; they come trembling from their strongholds.
225. **Ps. 18:46** The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!
226. **Ps. 18:47** He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me,
227. **Ps. 18:48** who saves me from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from violent men you rescued me.
228. **Ps. 18:49** Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O LORD; I will sing praises to your name.
229. **Ps. 18:50** He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.

Psalm 19

230. **Ps. 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
231. **Ps. 19:2** Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.
232. **Ps. 19:3** There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
233. **Ps. 19:4** Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,
234. **Ps. 19:5** which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
235. **Ps. 19:6** It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.

236. **Ps. 19:7** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
237. **Ps. 19:8** The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
238. **Ps. 19:9** The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.
239. **Ps. 19:10** They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.
240. **Ps. 19:11** By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
241. **Ps. 19:12** Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.
242. **Ps. 19:13** Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
243. **Ps. 19:14** May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 20

244. **Ps. 20:1** May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.
245. **Ps. 20:2** May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.”
246. **Ps. 20:3** May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. Selah
247. **Ps. 20:4** May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.
248. **Ps. 20:5** We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.
249. **Ps. 20:6** Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand.
250. **Ps. 20:7** Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
251. **Ps. 20:8** They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.
252. **Ps. 20:9** O LORD, save the king! Answer us when we call!

Psalm 21

253. **Ps. 21:1** O LORD, the king rejoices in your strength. How great is his joy in the victories you give!
254. **Ps. 21:2** You have granted him the desire of his heart and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah
255. **Ps. 21:3** You welcomed him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on his head.
256. **Ps. 21:4** He asked you for life, and you gave it to him— length of days, for ever and ever.
257. **Ps. 21:5** Through the victories you gave, his glory is great; you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.
258. **Ps. 21:6** Surely you have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence.
259. **Ps. 21:7** For the king trusts in the LORD; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken.
260. **Ps. 21:8** Your hand will lay hold on all your enemies; your right hand will seize your foes.

261. **Ps. 21:9** At the time of your appearing you will make them like a fiery furnace. In his wrath the LORD will swallow them up, and his fire will consume them.
262. **Ps. 21:10** You will destroy their descendants from the earth, their posterity from mankind.
263. **Ps. 21:11** Though they plot evil against you and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed;
264. **Ps. 21:12** for you will make them turn their backs when you aim at them with drawn bow.
265. **Ps. 21:13** Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength; we will sing and praise your might.

Psalm 22

266. **Ps. 22:1** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
267. **Ps. 22:2** O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.
268. **Ps. 22:3** Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.
269. **Ps. 22:4** In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.
270. **Ps. 22:5** They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.
271. **Ps. 22:6** But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
272. **Ps. 22:7** All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:
273. **Ps. 22:8** "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."
274. **Ps. 22:9** Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.
275. **Ps. 22:10** From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.
276. **Ps. 22:11** Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
277. **Ps. 22:12** Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
278. **Ps. 22:13** Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.
279. **Ps. 22:14** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.
280. **Ps. 22:15** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.
281. **Ps. 22:16** Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced ^[c] my hands and my feet.
282. **Ps. 22:17** I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.
283. **Ps. 22:18** They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.
284. **Ps. 22:19** But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.
285. **Ps. 22:20** Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.
286. **Ps. 22:21** Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.
287. **Ps. 22:22** I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.
288. **Ps. 22:23** You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
289. **Ps. 22:24** For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

290. **Ps. 22:25** From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.
291. **Ps. 22:26** The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him— may your hearts live forever!
292. **Ps. 22:27** All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,
293. **Ps. 22:28** for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.
294. **Ps. 22:29** All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive.
295. **Ps. 22:30** Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.
296. **Ps. 22:31** They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn— for he has done it.

Psalm 23

297. **Ps. 23:1** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
298. **Ps. 23:2** He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
299. **Ps. 23:3** he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
300. **Ps. 23:4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
301. **Ps. 23:5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
302. **Ps. 23:6** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 24

303. **Ps. 24:1** The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
304. **Ps. 24:2** for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.
305. **Ps. 24:3** Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?
306. **Ps. 24:4** He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.
307. **Ps. 24:5** He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.
308. **Ps. 24:6** Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Selah
309. **Ps. 24:7** Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
310. **Ps. 24:8** Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
311. **Ps. 24:9** Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
312. **Ps. 24:10** Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory. Selah

Psalm 25

313. **Ps. 25:1** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
314. **Ps. 25:2** in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

315. **Ps. 25:3** No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.
316. **Ps. 25:4** Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;
317. **Ps. 25:5** guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.
318. **Ps. 25:6** Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
319. **Ps. 25:7** Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.
320. **Ps. 25:8** Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
321. **Ps. 25:9** He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
322. **Ps. 25:10** All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.
323. **Ps. 25:11** For the sake of your name, O LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.
324. **Ps. 25:12** Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.
325. **Ps. 25:13** He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land.
326. **Ps. 25:14** The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.
327. **Ps. 25:15** My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.
328. **Ps. 25:16** Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
329. **Ps. 25:17** The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish.
330. **Ps. 25:18** Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.
331. **Ps. 25:19** See how my enemies have increased and how fiercely they hate me!
332. **Ps. 25:20** Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
333. **Ps. 25:21** May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.
334. **Ps. 25:22** Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles!

Psalm 26

335. **Ps. 26:1** Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
336. **Ps. 26:2** Test me, O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;
337. **Ps. 26:3** for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth.
338. **Ps. 26:4** I do not sit with deceitful men, nor do I consort with hypocrites;
339. **Ps. 26:5** I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.
340. **Ps. 26:6** I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, O LORD,
341. **Ps. 26:7** proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.
342. **Ps. 26:8** I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells.
343. **Ps. 26:9** Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with bloodthirsty men,
344. **Ps. 26:10** in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes.
345. **Ps. 26:11** But I lead a blameless life; redeem me and be merciful to me.
346. **Ps. 26:12** My feet stand on level ground; in the great assembly I will praise the LORD.

Psalm 27

347. **Ps. 27:1** The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?
348. **Ps. 27:2** When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.
349. **Ps. 27:3** Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.
350. **Ps. 27:4** One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
351. **Ps. 27:5** For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.
352. **Ps. 27:6** Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
353. **Ps. 27:7** Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.
354. **Ps. 27:8** My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.
355. **Ps. 27:9** Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.
356. **Ps. 27:10** Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.
357. **Ps. 27:11** Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.
358. **Ps. 27:12** Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.
359. **Ps. 27:13** I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
360. **Ps. 27:14** Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Psalm 28

361. **Ps. 28:1** To you I call, O LORD my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit.
362. **Ps. 28:2** Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.
363. **Ps. 28:3** Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts.
364. **Ps. 28:4** Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work; repay them for what their hands have done and bring back upon them what they deserve.
365. **Ps. 28:5** Since they show no regard for the works of the LORD and what his hands have done, he will tear them down and never build them up again.
366. **Ps. 28:6** Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.
367. **Ps. 28:7** The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.
368. **Ps. 28:8** The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.
369. **Ps. 28:9** Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Psalm 29

370. **Ps. 29:1** Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
371. **Ps. 29:2** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
372. **Ps. 29:3** The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
373. **Ps. 29:4** The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.
374. **Ps. 29:5** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
375. **Ps. 29:6** He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.
376. **Ps. 29:7** The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.
377. **Ps. 29:8** The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
378. **Ps. 29:9** The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
379. **Ps. 29:10** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
380. **Ps. 29:11** The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Psalm 30

381. **Ps. 30:1** I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
382. **Ps. 30:2** O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.
383. **Ps. 30:3** O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.
384. **Ps. 30:4** Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.
385. **Ps. 30:5** For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.
386. **Ps. 30:6** When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."
387. **Ps. 30:7** O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.
388. **Ps. 30:8** To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:
389. **Ps. 30:9** "What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?"
390. **Ps. 30:10** Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help."
391. **Ps. 30:11** You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
392. **Ps. 30:12** that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Psalm 31

393. **Ps. 31:1** In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
394. **Ps. 31:2** Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.
395. **Ps. 31:3** Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
396. **Ps. 31:4** Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.
397. **Ps. 31:5** Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

398. **Ps. 31:6** I hate those who cling to worthless idols; I trust in the LORD.
399. **Ps. 31:7** I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.
400. **Ps. 31:8** You have not handed me over to the enemy but have set my feet in a spacious place.
401. **Ps. 31:9** Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief.
402. **Ps. 31:10** My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.
403. **Ps. 31:11** Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors; I am a dread to my friends—those who see me on the street flee from me.
404. **Ps. 31:12** I am forgotten by them as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.
405. **Ps. 31:13** For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side; they conspire against me and plot to take my life.
406. **Ps. 31:14** But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."
407. **Ps. 31:15** My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.
408. **Ps. 31:16** Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.
409. **Ps. 31:17** Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I have cried out to you; but let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in the grave.
410. **Ps. 31:18** Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous.
411. **Ps. 31:19** How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.
412. **Ps. 31:20** In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.
413. **Ps. 31:21** Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city.
414. **Ps. 31:22** In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!" Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help.
415. **Ps. 31:23** Love the LORD, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.
416. **Ps. 31:24** Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

Psalm 32

417. **Ps. 32:1** Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
418. **Ps. 32:2** Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.
419. **Ps. 32:3** When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
420. **Ps. 32:4** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Selah
421. **Ps. 32:5** Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah
422. **Ps. 32:6** Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

423. **Ps. 32:7** You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah
424. **Ps. 32:8** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.
425. **Ps. 32:9** Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.
426. **Ps. 32:10** Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.
427. **Ps. 32:11** Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 33

428. **Ps. 33:1** Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
429. **Ps. 33:2** Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
430. **Ps. 33:3** Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.
431. **Ps. 33:4** For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.
432. **Ps. 33:5** The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.
433. **Ps. 33:6** By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
434. **Ps. 33:7** He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.
435. **Ps. 33:8** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.
436. **Ps. 33:9** For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
437. **Ps. 33:10** The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
438. **Ps. 33:11** But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.
439. **Ps. 33:12** Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.
440. **Ps. 33:13** From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;
441. **Ps. 33:14** from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth-
442. **Ps. 33:15** he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.
443. **Ps. 33:16** No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.
444. **Ps. 33:17** A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.
445. **Ps. 33:18** But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
446. **Ps. 33:19** to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.
447. **Ps. 33:20** We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
448. **Ps. 33:21** In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
449. **Ps. 33:22** May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

Psalm 34

450. **Ps. 34:1** I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
451. **Ps. 34:2** My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
452. **Ps. 34:3** Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.
453. **Ps. 34:4** I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
454. **Ps. 34:5** Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

455. **Ps. 34:6** This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.
456. **Ps. 34:7** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
457. **Ps. 34:8** Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.
458. **Ps. 34:9** Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.
459. **Ps. 34:10** The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
460. **Ps. 34:11** Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
461. **Ps. 34:12** Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,
462. **Ps. 34:13** keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.
463. **Ps. 34:14** Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
464. **Ps. 34:15** The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;
465. **Ps. 34:16** the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
466. **Ps. 34:17** The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.
467. **Ps. 34:18** The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
468. **Ps. 34:19** A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;
469. **Ps. 34:20** he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.
470. **Ps. 34:21** Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
471. **Ps. 34:22** The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 35

472. **Ps. 35:1** Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me.
473. **Ps. 35:2** Take up shield and buckler; arise and come to my aid.
474. **Ps. 35:3** Brandish spear and javelin against those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."
475. **Ps. 35:4** May those who seek my life be disgraced and put to shame; may those who plot my ruin be turned back in dismay.
476. **Ps. 35:5** May they be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away;
477. **Ps. 35:6** may their path be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them.
478. **Ps. 35:7** Since they hid their net for me without cause and without cause dug a pit for me,
479. **Ps. 35:8** may ruin overtake them by surprise— may the net they hid entangle them, may they fall into the pit, to their ruin.
480. **Ps. 35:9** Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD and delight in his salvation.
481. **Ps. 35:10** My whole being will exclaim, "Who is like you, O LORD? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them."
482. **Ps. 35:11** Ruthless witnesses come forward; they question me on things I know nothing about.
483. **Ps. 35:12** They repay me evil for good and leave my soul forlorn.
484. **Ps. 35:13** Yet when they were ill, I put on sackcloth and humbled myself with fasting. When my prayers returned to me unanswered,
485. **Ps. 35:14** I went about mourning as though for my friend or brother. I bowed my head in grief as though weeping for my mother.

486. **Ps. 35:15** But when I stumbled, they gathered in glee; attackers gathered against me when I was unaware. They slandered me without ceasing.
487. **Ps. 35:16** Like the ungodly they maliciously mocked; they gnashed their teeth at me.
488. **Ps. 35:17** O Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue my life from their ravages, my precious life from these lions.
489. **Ps. 35:18** I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among throngs of people I will praise you.
490. **Ps. 35:19** Let not those gloat over me who are my enemies without cause; let not those who hate me without reason maliciously wink the eye.
491. **Ps. 35:20** They do not speak peaceably, but devise false accusations against those who live quietly in the land.
492. **Ps. 35:21** They gape at me and say, "Aha! Aha! With our own eyes we have seen it."
493. **Ps. 35:22** O LORD, you have seen this; be not silent. Do not be far from me, O Lord.
494. **Ps. 35:23** Awake, and rise to my defense! Contend for me, my God and Lord.
495. **Ps. 35:24** Vindicate me in your righteousness, O LORD my God; do not let them gloat over me.
496. **Ps. 35:25** Do not let them think, "Aha, just what we wanted!" or say, "We have swallowed him up."
497. **Ps. 35:26** May all who gloat over my distress be put to shame and confusion; may all who exalt themselves over me be clothed with shame and disgrace.
498. **Ps. 35:27** May those who delight in my vindication shout for joy and gladness; may they always say, "The LORD be exalted, who delights in the well-being of his servant."
499. **Ps. 35:28** My tongue will speak of your righteousness and of your praises all day long.

Psalm 36

500. **Ps. 36:1** An oracle is within my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes.
501. **Ps. 36:2** For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin.
502. **Ps. 36:3** The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise and to do good.
503. **Ps. 36:4** Even on his bed he plots evil; he commits himself to a sinful course and does not reject what is wrong.
504. **Ps. 36:5** Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.
505. **Ps. 36:6** Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast.
506. **Ps. 36:7** How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.
507. **Ps. 36:8** They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.
508. **Ps. 36:9** For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
509. **Ps. 36:10** Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.
510. **Ps. 36:11** May the foot of the proud not come against me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.
511. **Ps. 36:12** See how the evildoers lie fallen— thrown down, not able to rise!

Psalm 37

512. **Ps. 37:1** Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;
513. **Ps. 37:2** for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.
514. **Ps. 37:3** Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
515. **Ps. 37:4** Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.
516. **Ps. 37:5** Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:
517. **Ps. 37:6** He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.
518. **Ps. 37:7** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.
519. **Ps. 37:8** Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.
520. **Ps. 37:9** For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.
521. **Ps. 37:10** A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.
522. **Ps. 37:11** But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.
523. **Ps. 37:12** The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them;
524. **Ps. 37:13** but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming.
525. **Ps. 37:14** The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright.
526. **Ps. 37:15** But their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.
527. **Ps. 37:16** Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked;
528. **Ps. 37:17** for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous.
529. **Ps. 37:18** The days of the blameless are known to the LORD, and their inheritance will endure forever.
530. **Ps. 37:19** In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.
531. **Ps. 37:20** But the wicked will perish: The LORD's enemies will be like the beauty of the fields, they will vanish—vanish like smoke.
532. **Ps. 37:21** The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously;
533. **Ps. 37:22** those the LORD blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be cut off.
534. **Ps. 37:23** If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm;
535. **Ps. 37:24** though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.
536. **Ps. 37:25** I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
537. **Ps. 37:26** They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.
538. **Ps. 37:27** Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever.
539. **Ps. 37:28** For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off;
540. **Ps. 37:29** the righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever.
541. **Ps. 37:30** The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just.
542. **Ps. 37:31** The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip.

543. **Ps. 37:32** The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, seeking their very lives;
544. **Ps. 37:33** but the LORD will not leave them in their power or let them be condemned when brought to trial.
545. **Ps. 37:34** Wait for the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.
546. **Ps. 37:35** I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a green tree in its native soil,
547. **Ps. 37:36** but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found.
548. **Ps. 37:37** Consider the blameless, observe the upright; there is a future for the man of peace.
549. **Ps. 37:38** But all sinners will be destroyed; the future of the wicked will be cut off.
550. **Ps. 37:39** The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
551. **Ps. 37:40** The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Psalm 38

552. **Ps. 38:1** O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.
553. **Ps. 38:2** For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come down upon me.
554. **Ps. 38:3** Because of your wrath there is no health in my body; my bones have no soundness because of my sin.
555. **Ps. 38:4** My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.
556. **Ps. 38:5** My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly.
557. **Ps. 38:6** I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning.
558. **Ps. 38:7** My back is filled with searing pain; there is no health in my body.
559. **Ps. 38:8** I am feeble and utterly crushed; I groan in anguish of heart.
560. **Ps. 38:9** All my longings lie open before you, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you.
561. **Ps. 38:10** My heart pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes.
562. **Ps. 38:11** My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds; my neighbors stay far away.
563. **Ps. 38:12** Those who seek my life set their traps, those who would harm me talk of my ruin; all day long they plot deception.
564. **Ps. 38:13** I am like a deaf man, who cannot hear, like a mute, who cannot open his mouth;
565. **Ps. 38:14** I have become like a man who does not hear, whose mouth can offer no reply.
566. **Ps. 38:15** I wait for you, O LORD; you will answer, O Lord my God.
567. **Ps. 38:16** For I said, "Do not let them gloat or exalt themselves over me when my foot slips."
568. **Ps. 38:17** For I am about to fall, and my pain is ever with me.
569. **Ps. 38:18** I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.
570. **Ps. 38:19** Many are those who are my vigorous enemies; those who hate me without reason are numerous.
571. **Ps. 38:20** Those who repay my good with evil slander me when I pursue what is good.
572. **Ps. 38:21** O LORD, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God.
573. **Ps. 38:22** Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior.

Psalm 39

574. **Ps. 39:1** I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence."
575. **Ps. 39:2** But when I was silent and still, not even saying anything good, my anguish increased.
576. **Ps. 39:3** My heart grew hot within me, and as I meditated, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:
577. **Ps. 39:4** "Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life.
578. **Ps. 39:5** You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath. Selah
579. **Ps. 39:6** Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro: He bustles about, but only in vain; he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it.
580. **Ps. 39:7** "But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you.
581. **Ps. 39:8** Save me from all my transgressions; do not make me the scorn of fools.
582. **Ps. 39:9** I was silent; I would not open my mouth, for you are the one who has done this.
583. **Ps. 39:10** Remove your scourge from me; I am overcome by the blow of your hand.
584. **Ps. 39:11** You rebuke and discipline men for their sin; you consume their wealth like a moth— each man is but a breath. Selah
585. **Ps. 39:12** "Hear my prayer, O LORD, listen to my cry for help; be not deaf to my weeping. For I dwell with you as an alien, a stranger, as all my fathers were.
586. **Ps. 39:13** Look away from me, that I may rejoice again before I depart and am no more."

Psalm 40

587. **Ps. 40:1** I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.
588. **Ps. 40:2** He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.
589. **Ps. 40:3** He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.
590. **Ps. 40:4** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.
591. **Ps. 40:5** Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.
592. **Ps. 40:6** Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but my ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.
593. **Ps. 40:7** Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— t is written about me in the scroll.
594. **Ps. 40:8** I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."
595. **Ps. 40:9** I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know, O LORD.
596. **Ps. 40:10** I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.
597. **Ps. 40:11** Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD; may your love and your truth always protect me.

598. **Ps. 40:12** For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.
599. **Ps. 40:13** Be pleased, O LORD, to save me; O LORD, come quickly to help me.
600. **Ps. 40:14** May all who seek to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.
601. **Ps. 40:15** May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" be appalled at their own shame.
602. **Ps. 40:16** But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "The LORD be exalted!"
603. **Ps. 40:17** Yet I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, do not delay.

Psalm 41

604. **Ps. 41:1** Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble.
605. **Ps. 41:2** The LORD will protect him and preserve his life; he will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes.
606. **Ps. 41:3** The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness.
607. **Ps. 41:4** I said, "O LORD, have mercy on me; heal me, for I have sinned against you."
608. **Ps. 41:5** My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"
609. **Ps. 41:6** Whenever one comes to see me, he speaks falsely, while his heart gathers slander; then he goes out and spreads it abroad.
610. **Ps. 41:7** All my enemies whisper together against me; they imagine the worst for me, saying,
611. **Ps. 41:8** "A vile disease has beset him; he will never get up from the place where he lies."
612. **Ps. 41:9** Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.
613. **Ps. 41:10** But you, O LORD, have mercy on me; raise me up, that I may repay them.
614. 11 I know that you are pleased with me, for my enemy does not triumph over me.
615. **Ps. 41:12** In my integrity you uphold me and set me in your presence forever.
616. **Ps. 41:13** Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

Psalm 42

617. **Ps. 42:1** As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.
618. **Ps. 42:2** My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?
619. **Ps. 42:3** My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
620. **Ps. 42:4** These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng.
621. **Ps. 42:5** Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and 6 my God. My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.
622. **Ps. 42:7** Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.
623. **Ps. 42:8** By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.

624. **Ps. 42:9** I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"
625. **Ps. 42:10** My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
626. **Ps. 42:11** Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Psalm 43

627. **Ps. 43:1** Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; rescue me from deceitful and wicked men.
628. **Ps. 43:2** You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?
629. **Ps. 43:3** Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.
630. **Ps. 43:4** Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.
631. **Ps. 43:5** Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Psalm 44

632. **Ps. 44:1** We have heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago.
633. **Ps. 44:2** With your hand you drove out the nations and planted our fathers; you crushed the peoples and made our fathers flourish.
634. **Ps. 44:3** It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them.
635. **Ps. 44:4** You are my King and my God, who decrees victories for Jacob.
636. **Ps. 44:5** Through you we push back our enemies; through your name we trample our foes.
637. **Ps. 44:6** I do not trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory;
638. **Ps. 44:7** but you give us victory over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame.
639. **Ps. 44:8** In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever. *Selah*
640. **Ps. 44:9** But now you have rejected and humbled us; you no longer go out with our armies.
641. **Ps. 44:10** You made us retreat before the enemy, and our adversaries have plundered us.
642. **Ps. 44:11** You gave us up to be devoured like sheep and have scattered us among the nations.
643. **Ps. 44:12** You sold your people for a pittance, gaining nothing from their sale.
644. **Ps. 44:13** You have made us a reproach to our neighbors, the scorn and derision of those around us.
645. **Ps. 44:14** You have made us a byword among the nations; the peoples shake their heads at us.
646. **Ps. 44:15** My disgrace is before me all day long, and my face is covered with shame
647. **Ps. 44:16** at the taunts of those who reproach and revile me, because of the enemy, who is bent on revenge.

648. **Ps. 44:17** All this happened to us, though we had not forgotten you or been false to your covenant.
649. **Ps. 44:18** Our hearts had not turned back; our feet had not strayed from your path.
650. **Ps. 44:19** But you crushed us and made us a haunt for jackals and covered us over with deep darkness.
651. **Ps. 44:20** If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god,
652. **Ps. 44:21** would not God have discovered it, since he knows the secrets of the heart?
653. **Ps. 44:22** Yet for your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.
654. **Ps. 44:23** Awake, O Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever.
655. **Ps. 44:24** Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression?
656. **Ps. 44:25** We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground.
657. **Ps. 44:26** Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love.

Psalm 45

658. **Ps. 45:1** My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.
659. **Ps. 45:2** You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever.
660. **Ps. 45:3** Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty one; clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.
661. **Ps. 45:4** In your majesty ride forth victoriously in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness; let your right hand display awesome deeds.
662. **Ps. 45:5** Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies; let the nations fall beneath your feet.
663. **Ps. 45:6** Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.
664. **Ps. 45:7** You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.
665. **Ps. 45:8** All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; from palaces adorned with ivory the music of the strings makes you glad.
666. **Ps. 45:9** Daughters of kings are among your honored women; at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.
667. **Ps. 45:10** Listen, O daughter, consider and give ear: Forget your people and your father's house.
668. **Ps. 45:11** The king is enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord.
669. **Ps. 45:12** The Daughter of Tyre will come with a gift, men of wealth will seek your favor.
670. **Ps. 45:13** All glorious is the princess within her chamber; her gown is interwoven with gold.
671. **Ps. 45:14** In embroidered garments she is led to the king; her virgin companions follow her and are brought to you.
672. **Ps. 45:15** They are led in with joy and gladness; they enter the palace of the king.
673. **Ps. 45:16** Your sons will take the place of your fathers; you will make them princes throughout the land.
674. **Ps. 45:17** I will perpetuate your memory through all generations; therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Psalm 46

675. **Ps. 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
676. **Ps. 46:2** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
677. **Ps. 46:3** though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Selah
678. **Ps. 46:4** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
679. **Ps. 46:5** God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
680. **Ps. 46:6** Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
681. **Ps. 46:7** The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah
682. **Ps. 46:8** Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
683. **Ps. 46:9** He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.
684. **Ps. 46:10** "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
685. **Ps. 46:11** The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

Psalm 47

686. **Ps. 47:1** Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
687. **Ps. 47:2** How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!
688. **Ps. 47:3** He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.
689. **Ps. 47:4** He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved. Selah
690. **Ps. 47:5** God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
691. **Ps. 47:6** Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
692. **Ps. 47:7** For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.
693. **Ps. 47:8** God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.
694. **Ps. 47:9** The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

Psalm 48

695. **Ps. 48:1** Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain.
696. **Ps. 48:2** It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth. Like the utmost heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King.
697. **Ps. 48:3** God is in her citadels; he has shown himself to be her fortress.
698. **Ps. 48:4** When the kings joined forces, when they advanced together,
699. **Ps. 48:5** they saw her and were astounded; they fled in terror.
700. **Ps. 48:6** Trembling seized them there, pain like that of a woman in labor.
701. **Ps. 48:7** You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish shattered by an east wind.

702. **Ps. 48:8** As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD Almighty, in the city of our God: God makes her secure forever. Selah
703. **Ps. 48:9** Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.
704. **Ps. 48:10** Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.
705. **Ps. 48:11** Mount Zion rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments.
706. **Ps. 48:12** Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers,
707. **Ps. 48:13** consider well her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation.
708. **Ps. 48:14** For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

Psalm 49

709. **Ps. 49:1** Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world,
710. **Ps. 49:2** both low and high, rich and poor alike:
711. **Ps. 49:3** My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the utterance from my heart will give understanding.
712. **Ps. 49:4** I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle:
713. **Ps. 49:5** Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me-
714. **Ps. 49:6** those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches?
715. **Ps. 49:7** No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him-
716. **Ps. 49:8** the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough-
717. **Ps. 49:9** that he should live on forever and not see decay.
718. **Ps. 49:10** For all can see that wise men die; the foolish and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others.
719. **Ps. 49:11** Their tombs will remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they had named lands after themselves.
720. **Ps. 49:12** But man, despite his riches, does not endure; he is like the beasts that perish.
721. **Ps. 49:13** This is the fate of those who trust in themselves, and of their followers, who approve their sayings. Selah
722. **Ps. 49:14** Like sheep they are destined for the grave, and death will feed on them. The upright will rule over them in the morning; their forms will decay in the grave, far from their princely mansions.
723. **Ps. 49:15** But God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself. Selah
724. **Ps. 49:16** Do not be overawed when a man grows rich, when the splendor of his house increases;
725. **Ps. 49:17** for he will take nothing with him when he dies, his splendor will not descend with him.
726. **Ps. 49:18** Though while he lived he counted himself blessed— and men praise you when you prosper-
727. **Ps. 49:19** he will join the generation of his fathers, who will never see the light of life .
728. **Ps. 49:20** A man who has riches without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

Psalm 50

729. **Ps. 50:1** The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.
730. **Ps. 50:2** From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.
731. **Ps. 50:3** Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.
732. **Ps. 50:4** He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:
733. **Ps. 50:5** "Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
734. **Ps. 50:6** And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah
735. **Ps. 50:7** "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, your God.
736. **Ps. 50:8** I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.
737. **Ps. 50:9** I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens,
738. **Ps. 50:10** for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.
739. **Ps. 50:11** I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.
740. **Ps. 50:12** If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
741. **Ps. 50:13** Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
742. **Ps. 50:14** Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High,
743. **Ps. 50:15** and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."
744. **Ps. 50:16** But to the wicked, God says: "What right have you to recite my laws
or take my covenant on your lips?
745. **Ps. 50:17** You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you.
746. **Ps. 50:18** When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers.
747. **Ps. 50:19** You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit.
748. **Ps. 50:20** You speak continually against your brother and slander your own mother's son.
749. **Ps. 50:21** These things you have done and I kept silent; you thought I was altogether like you. But I will rebuke you and accuse you to your face.
750. **Ps. 50:22** "Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with none to rescue:
751. **Ps. 50:23** He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God."

Psalms 51

752. **Ps. 51:1** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
753. **Ps. 51:2** Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
754. **Ps. 51:3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
755. **Ps. 51:4** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.
756. **Ps. 51:5** Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
757. **Ps. 51:6** Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
758. **Ps. 51:7** Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
759. **Ps. 51:8** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

760. **Ps. 51:9** Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
761. **Ps. 51:10** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
762. **Ps. 51:11** Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
763. **Ps. 51:12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
764. **Ps. 51:13** Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.
765. **Ps. 51:14** Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
766. **Ps. 51:15** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
767. **Ps. 51:16** You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
768. **Ps. 51:17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
769. **Ps. 51:18** In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.
770. **Ps. 51:19** Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Psalm 52

771. **Ps. 52:1** Why do you boast of evil, you mighty man? Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God?
772. **Ps. 52:2** Your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor, you who practice deceit.
773. **Ps. 52:3** You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth. Selah
774. **Ps. 52:4** You love every harmful word, O you deceitful tongue!
775. **Ps. 52:5** Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin: He will snatch you up and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah
776. **Ps. 52:6** The righteous will see and fear; they will laugh at him, saying,
777. **Ps. 52:7** "Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold but trusted in his great wealth and grew strong by destroying others!"
778. **Ps. 52:8** But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.
779. **Ps. 52:9** I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints.

Psalm 53

780. **Ps. 53:1** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good.
781. **Ps. 53:2** God looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.
782. **Ps. 53:3** Everyone has turned away, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.
783. **Ps. 53:4** Will the evildoers never learn— those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on God?

784. **Ps. 53:5** There they were, overwhelmed with dread, where there was nothing to dread. God scattered the bones of those who attacked you; you put them to shame, for God despised them.
785. **Ps. 53:6** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

Psalm 54

786. **Ps. 54:1** Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might.
787. **Ps. 54:2** Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth.
788. **Ps. 54:3** Strangers are attacking me; ruthless men seek my life— men without regard for God. Selah
789. **Ps. 54:4** Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.
790. **Ps. 54:5** Let evil recoil on those who slander me; in your faithfulness destroy them.
791. **Ps. 54:6** I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; I will praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.
792. **Ps. 54:7** For he has delivered me from all my troubles, and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

Psalm 55

793. **Ps. 55:1** Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;
794. **Ps. 55:2** hear me and answer me. My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught
795. **Ps. 55:3** at the voice of the enemy, at the stares of the wicked; for they bring down suffering upon me and revile me in their anger.
796. **Ps. 55:4** My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death assail me.
797. **Ps. 55:5** Fear and trembling have beset me; horror has overwhelmed me.
798. **Ps. 55:6** I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest-
799. **Ps. 55:7** I would flee far away and stay in the desert; Selah
800. **Ps. 55:8** I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm."
801. **Ps. 55:9** Confuse the wicked, O Lord, confound their speech, for I see violence and strife in the city.
802. **Ps. 55:10** Day and night they prowl about on its walls; malice and abuse are within it.
803. **Ps. 55:11** Destructive forces are at work in the city; threats and lies never leave its streets.
804. **Ps. 55:12** If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were raising himself against me, I could hide from him.
805. **Ps. 55:13** But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend,
806. **Ps. 55:14** with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship as we walked with the throng at the house of God.
807. **Ps. 55:15** Let death take my enemies by surprise; let them go down alive to the grave, for evil finds lodging among them.
808. **Ps. 55:16** But I call to God, and the LORD saves me.
809. **Ps. 55:17** Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.
810. **Ps. 55:18** He ransoms me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me.
811. **Ps. 55:19** God, who is enthroned forever, will hear them and afflict them— Selah men who never change their ways and have no fear of God.
812. **Ps. 55:20** My companion attacks his friends; he violates his covenant.

813. **Ps. 55:21** His speech is smooth as butter, yet war is in his heart; his words are more soothing than oil, yet they are drawn swords.
814. **Ps. 55:22** Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.
815. **Ps. 55:23** But you, O God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of corruption; bloodthirsty and deceitful men will not live out half their days. But as for me, I trust in you.