

**Psalm 20 For the director of music. A psalm of David.**

May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. Selah

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

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.

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

O LORD, save the king! Answer [1] us when we call!

**Psalm 27 Of David.**

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?

When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, [1] when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

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.

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.

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.

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, "Seek his [2] face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

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.

Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**In Psalm 70, the psalmist cries out to God for deliverance from enemies**

To the choirmaster. Of David, for the memorial offering.

O LORD, make haste to help me!

Let them be put to shame and confusion

who seeks my life!

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor

who delight in my hurt!

Let them turn back because of their shame

who say, "Aha, Aha!"

May all who seek you

rejoice and be glad in you!

May those who love your salvation

say evermore, "God is great!"

But I am poor and needy;

hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not delay!

**Psalm 75 – The Righteous Judge Exalts and Brings Low: God's rebuke of the proud.**

Thanks to the God who is near.

We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!

For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.

(2-3) God speaks of His judgment.

"When I choose the proper time,

I will judge uprightly.

The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved;

I set up its pillars firmly. Selah

(4-5) God speaks to the proud.

"I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal boastfully,'

And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn.

Do not lift up your horn on high;

Do not speak with a stiff neck."

(6-7) Be humble because promotion comes from God.

For exaltation comes neither from the east

Nor from the west nor from the south.

But God is the Judge:

He puts down one,

And exalts another.

(8-9) Be humble because the wicked will be judged even as the righteous praise.

For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup,

And the wine is red;

It is fully mixed, and He pours it out;

Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth

Drain and drink down.

But I will declare forever,

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

(10) Be humble because God Himself will bring the wicked low and raise the righteous high.

"All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off,

But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted."