

# PSALM 1



- 1 Blessed is the man  
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
    nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree  
    planted by streams of water  
    that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the  
    judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the  
    righteous;
- 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.



# PSALM 2



- 1 Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed,  
saying,
- 3 “Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6 “As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”
- 7 I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your  
heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

- 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

# PSALM 3



*A Psalm of David, when he fled  
from Absalom his son.*

1 O LORD, how many are my foes!  
Many are rising against me;  
2 many are saying of my soul,  
there is no salvation for him in God. *Selah*

3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,  
my glory, and the lifter of my head.  
4 I cried aloud to the LORD,  
and he answered me from his holy hill. *Selah*

5 I lay down and slept;  
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.  
6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.

7 Arise, O LORD!  
Save me, O my God!  
For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;  
you break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Salvation belongs to the LORD;  
your blessing be on your people! *Selah*



# PSALM 4



*To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my  
righteousness!  
You have given me relief when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- 2 O men, how long shall my honor be turned into  
shame?  
How long will you love vain words and seek  
after lies? *Selah*
- 3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly  
for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.
- 4 Be angry, and do not sin;  
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and  
be silent. *Selah*
- 5 Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There are many who say, “Who will show us  
some good?  
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”

- 7 You have put more joy in my heart  
than they have when their grain and wine  
abound.
- 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in  
safety.

# PSALM 5



*To the choirmaster: for the flutes. A Psalm of David.*

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD;  
consider my groaning.
- 2 Give attention to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God,  
for to you do I pray.
- 3 O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you  
and watch.
- 4 For you are not a God who delights in  
wickedness;  
evil may not dwell with you.
- 5 The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;  
you hate all evildoers.
- 6 You destroy those who speak lies;  
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and  
deceitful man.
- 7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast  
love,  
will enter your house.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple  
in the fear of you.

- 8      Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness  
         because of my enemies;  
         make your way straight before me.
- 9      For there is no truth in their mouth;  
         their inmost self is destruction;  
         their throat is an open grave;  
         they flatter with their tongue.
- 10     Make them bear their guilt, O God;  
         let them fall by their own counsels;  
         because of the abundance of their transgressions  
         cast them out,  
         for they have rebelled against you.
- 11     But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
         let them ever sing for joy,  
         and spread your protection over them,  
         that those who love your name may exult in  
         you.
- 12     For you bless the righteous, O LORD;  
         you cover him with favor as with a shield.

# PSALM 6



*To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments;  
according to The Sheminith. A Psalm of David.*

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,  
nor discipline me in your wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am  
languishing;  
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- 3 My soul also is greatly troubled.  
But you, O LORD—how long?
- 4 Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;  
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- 5 For in death there is no remembrance of you;  
in Sheol who will give you praise?
- 6 I am weary with my moaning;  
every night I flood my bed with tears;  
I drench my couch with my weeping.
- 7 My eye wastes away because of grief;  
it grows weak because of all my foes.
- 8 Depart from me, all you workers of evil,  
for the LORD has heard the sound of my  
weeping.

- 9 The LORD has heard my plea;  
the LORD accepts my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly  
troubled;  
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a  
moment.

# PSALM 7



*A Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the LORD  
concerning the words of Cush, a Benjaminite.*

1 O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge;  
save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,  
2 lest like a lion they tear my soul apart,  
rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this,  
if there is wrong in my hands,  
4 if I have repaid my friend with evil  
or plundered my enemy without cause,  
5 let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it,  
and let him trample my life to the ground  
and lay my glory in the dust. *Selah*

6 Arise, O LORD, in your anger;  
lift yourself up against the fury of my  
enemies;  
awake for me; you have appointed a  
judgment.

7 Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered  
about you;  
over it return on high.

- 8 The LORD judges the peoples;  
judge me, O LORD, according to my  
righteousness  
and according to the integrity that is in me.
- 9 Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end,  
and may you establish the righteous—  
you who test the minds and hearts,  
O righteous God!
- 10 My shield is with God,  
who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a righteous judge,  
and a God who feels indignation every day.
- 12 If a man does not repent, God will whet his  
sword;  
he has bent and readied his bow;  
13 he has prepared for him his deadly weapons,  
making his arrows fiery shafts.
- 14 Behold, the wicked man conceives evil  
and is pregnant with mischief  
and gives birth to lies.
- 15 He makes a pit, digging it out,  
and falls into the hole that he has made.
- 16 His mischief returns upon his own head,  
and on his own skull his violence descends.
- 17 I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his  
righteousness,  
and I will sing praise to the name of the  
LORD, the Most High.

# PSALM 8



*To the choirmaster: according to The  
Gittith. A Psalm of David.*

- 1 O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your  
foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your  
fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in  
place,
- 4 what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?
- 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the  
heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.
- 6 You have given him dominion over the works of  
your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,

- 7 all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

# PSALM 9



*To the choirmaster: according to  
Muth-labben. A Psalm of David.*

- 1 I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole  
heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
- 2 I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies turn back,  
they stumble and perish before your presence.
- 4 For you have maintained my just cause;  
you have sat on the throne, giving righteous  
judgment.
- 5 You have rebuked the nations; you have made  
the wicked perish;  
you have blotted out their name forever and  
ever.
- 6 The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;  
their cities you rooted out;  
the very memory of them has perished.
- 7 But the LORD sits enthroned forever;  
he has established his throne for justice,

8 and he judges the world with righteousness;  
he judges the peoples with uprightness.

9 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.

10 And those who know your name put their trust  
in you,  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those  
who seek you.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in  
Zion!

Tell among the peoples his deeds!

12 For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;  
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Be gracious to me, O LORD!

See my affliction from those who hate me,

O you who lift me up from the gates of death,

14 that I may recount all your praises,

that in the gates of the daughter of Zion

I may rejoice in your salvation.

15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;  
in the net that they hid, their own foot has  
been caught.

16 The LORD has made himself known; he has  
executed judgment;

the wicked are snared in the work of their  
own hands.

*Higgaion. Selah*

- 17 The wicked shall return to Sheol,  
all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish  
forever.
- 19 Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;  
let the nations be judged before you!
- 20 Put them in fear, O LORD!  
Let the nations know that they are but men!

*Selah*

# PSALM 10



- 1 Why, O LORD, do you stand far away?  
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
- 2 In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;  
let them be caught in the schemes that they  
have devised.
- 3 For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,  
and the one greedy for gain curses and  
renounces the LORD.
- 4 In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek  
him;  
all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”
- 5 His ways prosper at all times;  
your judgments are on high, out of his sight;  
as for all his foes, he puffs at them.
- 6 He says in his heart, “I shall not be moved;  
throughout all generations I shall not meet  
adversity.”
- 7 His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and  
oppression;  
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.
- 8 He sits in ambush in the villages;  
in hiding places he murders the innocent.

9 His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;  
he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;  
he lurks that he may seize the poor;  
he seizes the poor when he draws him into  
his net.

10 The helpless are crushed, sink down,  
and fall by his might.

11 He says in his heart, "God has forgotten,  
he has hidden his face, he will never see it."

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;  
forget not the afflicted.

13 Why does the wicked renounce God  
and say in his heart, "You will not call to  
account"?

14 But you do see, for you note mischief and  
vexation,  
that you may take it into your hands;  
to you the helpless commits himself;  
you have been the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer;  
call his wickedness to account till you find  
none.

16 The LORD is king forever and ever;  
the nations perish from his land.

17 O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;  
you will strengthen their heart; you will  
incline your ear

18 to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,  
so that man who is of the earth may strike  
terror no more.

# PSALM 11



*To the choirmaster. Of David.*

- 1 In the LORD I take refuge;  
how can you say to my soul,  
“Flee like a bird to your mountain,  
2 for behold, the wicked bend the bow;  
they have fitted their arrow to the string  
to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;  
3 if the foundations are destroyed,  
what can the righteous do?”
- 4 The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD’s throne is in heaven;  
his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of  
man.
- 5 The LORD tests the righteous,  
but his soul hates the wicked and the one  
who loves violence.
- 6 Let him rain coals on the wicked;  
fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be  
the portion of their cup.
- 7 For the LORD is righteous;  
he loves righteous deeds;  
the upright shall behold his face.

