

PSALM 120 November 20, 2016

A song of degrees.

Distress about a sharp tongue.

1. Unto the Lord, in my distress I cried, and He heard me.
2. From lying lips and guileful tongue, O Lord, my soul set free.
3. What shall thy false tongue give to thee, or what on thee confer?
4. Sharp arrows of the mighty ones, with coals of juniper.
5. Woe 's me that I in Meshech do a sojourner remain:
that I do dwell in tents , which do to Kedar appertain.
6. Long time my soul hath dwelt with him that peace doth much abhor.
7. I am for peace, but when I speak, they ready are for war.

PSALM 121 November 20, 2016

A song of degrees

Affirming God's continual watch-care over us.

1. To the hills lift up mine eyes, from whence shall come mine aid.
2. Mine help doth from Jehovah come, which heav'n and earth hath made.
3. He will not let thy foot be mov'd; nor slumbers, that thee keeps.
4. Lo, He that keepeth Israel, He slumbreth not, nor sleeps.
5. The Lord thy keeper is, the Lord on thy right hand the shade.
6. The sun by day, nor moon by night, shall thee by stroke invade.
7. The Lord will keep thee from all ill: thy soul He keeps alway.
8. Thy going out, and thy income, the Lord keeps now and aye.

PSALM 122 November 21, 2016

A song of degrees.

A prayer for the peace of God's City

1. I joyed in them that to me said "To the Lord's house go we".
2. Jerusalem, within thy gates, our feet shall standing be.
3. Jerusalem, it builded is like unto a city

- together, which compacted is with itself, closely.
4. Whither the tribes, God's tribes ascend unto Isr'el's witness;
that they unto Jehovah's name may render thankfulness.
 5. For there the judgments' thrones, the thrones of David's house, do sit.
 6. Oh!, for Jerusalem - her peace! - see that ye pray for it!
Prosper they shall that do thee love. 7. Peace in thy fortresses
oh! let there be; prosperity within thy palaces!
 8. For my brethren and for my friends, I'll now speak peace to thee.
 9. I'll for our God Jehovah's house, seek thy felicity.

PSALM 123 November 21, 2016

A song of degrees.

A prayer for relief from contemptuous authorities. [So fitting for today in the US!]

1. Oh Thou that sittest in the heavens, I lift mine eyes to Thee.
2. Lo, as the servants' eyes unto hand of their masters be:
As maid's eyes to her mistress' hand, so are our eyes unto
the Lord our God, until that He shall mercy to us show.
3. Oh Lord be merciful to us! Merciful to us be,
because that filled with contempt exceedingly are we.
4. With scorn of those that be at ease, our soul's fill'd very much!
also of those that great ones are, e'en with contempt of such.

PSALM 124 November 22, 2016

A song of degrees of David.

1. Had not the Lord been on our side - may Israel now say,
2. Had not God been for us, when men did rise against us, they -
3. They had then swallow'd us alive, when their wrath on us burn'd.
4. Then had the waters us o'rewhelm'd; the stream our soul o'er turn'd.
5. The proud waters then, on our soul had passed on their way:
6. Bless'd be the Lord, that to their teeth did not give us a prey.
7. Our soul, as bird, escaped is out of the fowler's snare;
the snare asunder broken is; and we delivered are.
8. The succor which we do enjoy is in Jehovah's name:

Who is the Maker of the earth, and of the heaven's frame.

PSALM 125 November 22, 2016

A song of degrees.

1. They that do in Jehovah trust shall as mount Zion be:
which cannot be removed, but shall remain perpetually.
2. Like as the mountains round about Jerusalem do stay:
so doth the Lord surround His folk, from henceforth e'en for aye.
3. For lewd men's rod on just men's lot, it shall not resting be:
lest just men should put forth their hand unto iniquity.
4. To those, Jehovah, that be good, gladness to them impart:
as also unto them that are upright within their heart.
5. But who turn to their crooked ways, the Lord shall make them go
with workers of iniquity: but peace be Isr'el to.

PSALM 126 November 24, 2016

A song of degrees.

1. When as the Lord return'd again Zion's captivity,
at that time unto them that dream compared might we be.
2. Then was our mouth with laughter fill'd, with singing then our tongue!
The Lord hath done great things for them, said they, t'heathens, among.
3. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we joyful be.
4. As streams in south, do Thou, oh Lord, turn our captivity.
5. Who sow in tears, shall reap in joy. 6. Who do go forth and mourn,
bearing choice seed, shall sure with joy, bringing their sheaves, return.

PSALM 127 November 24, 2016

A song of degrees for Solomon.

1. If God build not the house, vainly who build it do take pain.
Except the Lord the city keep, the watchman wakes in vain.
2. It's vain for you early to rise, watch late, to feed upon
the bread of grief: so He gives sleep to His beloved one.

3. Lo, the womb's fruit, it's God's reward; sons are His heritage.
4. As arrows in a strong man's hand, are sons of youthful age.
5. O blessed is the man which hath his quiver fill'd with those.
They shall not be ashamed i'th' gate, when they speak with their foes.

PSALM 128 November 24, 2016

A song of degrees.

A beautiful song of encouragement to honor the Lord.

1. Blessed is every one that doth Jehovah fear;
that walks His ways along. 2 For thou shalt eat with cheer
thy hands' labor.
Blessed shalt thou be. It well with thee
shall be, therefore.
3. Thy wife, like fruitful vine, shall be by thine house' side;
the children that be thine, like olive plants abide
about thy board.
4. Behold, thus bless'd that man doth rest
that fears the Lord.
5. Jehovah shall thee bless from Zion, and shalt see
Jerusalem's goodness all thy life's days that be.
6. And shalt view well
thy children, then, with their children.
Peace, on Isr'el.

PSALM 129 November 25, 2016

A song of degrees.

1. From my youth, now may Israel say, oft have they me assailed.
2. They me assailed oft from my youth, yet 'gainst me nought prevailed.
3. The plowers plowed upon my back; their furrows long they drew.
4. The righteous Lord the wicked's cords He did asunder hew.
5. Let all that Zion hate be shamed and turned back together.

6. As grass on house tops, let them be, which ere it's grown doth wither.
7. Whereof that which might fill his hand the mower doth not find,
nor therewith he his bosom fills that doth the sheaves up bind.
8. Neither do they that pass by say, "Jehovah's blessing be
on you: you, in Jehovah's name, a blessing with do we".