

PSALM 79    Sept. 8, 2016  
A psalm of Asaph.

*A cry for deliverance from enemies' oppression.*

1. O God, the heathen entered have Thine 'heritance, and defiled  
    Thine holy temple; they on heaps Jerusalem have piled.
2. The dead bodies of Thy servants they given have for meat  
    to th'fowls of heav'n: flesh of Thy saints for beasts of earth to eat.
3. Their blood they have forth pour-ed round about Jerusalem  
    like unto waters: and there was none for to bury them.
4. To those that near unto us dwell, reproach become are we:  
    a scoffing and a scorn to them that round about us be.
5. How long, Jehovah, wilt Thou still continue in Thine ire?  
    Forever? Shall Thy jealousy burn like as doth the fire?
6. Upon the heathen, pour Thy wrath, which never did Thee know;  
    upon the kingdoms that have not call'd on Thy name also.
7. Because they Jacob have devour'd: his habitation  
    they also wondrously have brought to desolation.  
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8. Mind not against us former sins; let Thy mercies make haste  
    us to prevent: because we are near utterly laid waste.
9. God of our safety, help Thou us! For Thy name's glory make  
    us free also; and purge away our sin for Thy name's sake.
10. Why say the heathen "Where's their God?" With heathen let be known,  
    before our eyes, the vengeance of Thy servants' blood out flown.
11. Before Thee let the pris'ners' sighs come up. Accordingly  
    as is Thy mighty arm, save those that are design'd to die.
12. And to our neighbors, seven-fold into their bosom pay,  
    that their reproach, with which, O Lord, reproach-ed Thee have they.
13. So we Thy folk and pasture sheep, will give Thee thanks always:  
    and unto generations all, we will show forth Thy praise.

PSALM 80    September 9, 2016

To the Chief Musician upon Shoshannim Eduth, a psalm of Asaph.

*A cry for deliverance.*

1. O Isr'el's Shepherd, give Thou ear! - that Joseph led'st about

- like as a flock; that did'st between the Cherubims, shine out.
2. Before Ephr'im and Benjamin, Manasseh's tribe also,  
do Thou stir up Thy strength, and come, and to us safety show!
  3. O God, return Thou us again, and cause Thy countenance  
to shine forth upon us, so we shall have deliverance.
  4. Lord God of Hosts, how long wilt Thou be wroth at Thy folk's prayers?
  5. Thou feed'st with bread of tears, and them to drink giv'st many tears.
  6. A strife unto our neighbors, us Thou dost also expose:  
and scornfully amongst themselves, laugh at us do our foes.
  7. O God of Hosts, turn us again, and cause Thy countenance  
to shine forth upon us, so we shall have deliverance.

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8. Thou hast brought out of Egypt Land a vine. Thou diddest cast  
the heathen people forth; also this vine Thou planted hast.
9. Before it, Thou prepared hast a room where it might stand:  
deep root Thou didst cause it to take and it did fill the land.
10. Her shade hid hills, and her boughs did like cedars great extend.
11. Her boughs to th'sea, and her branches she to the flood did send.
12. Why hast Thou then her hedges made quite broken down to lie,  
so that all those do pluck at her that in the way pass by?
13. The boar from out the wood, he doth by wasting it annoy:  
and wild beasts of the field do it devouringly destroy.

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14. We do beseech Thee to return! O God of Hosts, incline  
to look from heaven, and behold and visit Thou this vine -
15. the vineyard which Thou hast also with Thy right hand set fast;  
that branch likewise which for Thyself strongly confirm'd Thou hast.
16. It is consum-ed with the fire and utterly cut down!  
Perish, they do, and that because Thy countenance doth frown.
17. Upon the man of Thy right hand, let Thine hand present be:  
upon the son of man whom Thou hast made so strong for Thee.
18. So then from henceforth we will not from Thee go back at all,  
O, do Thou quicken us, and we upon Thy name will call!
19. Lord God of Hosts, turn us again, and cause Thy countenance  
to shine forth upon us, so we shall have deliverance.

PSALM 81    September 12, 2016

To the Chief Musician upon Gittith, a psalm of Asaph.

Remembering God's past deliverances, and the need to obey Him *now*.

1. Sing unto God, Who is our Strength, and that with a loud voice!  
    Unto Him that is Jacob's God, make ye a joyful noise!
2. Take up a psalm of melody, and bring the timbrel hither;  
    the harp which sounds so pleasantly, with psaltery, together.
3. As in the time of the new moon - with trumpet, sound on high  
    in the appointed time and day of our solemnity!
4. Because that unto Israel this thing a statute was;  
    and by the God of Jacob this did for a judgment pass.
5. This witness He in Joseph set when as through Egypt land  
    he went: I there a language heard I did not understand.
6. I from the burden which he bear, his shoulder did set free:  
    his hands also were from the pots delivered by Me.

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7. Thou call'dst in straits, and I thee freed: in thunder's secret way  
    I answered thee, I prov'd thee at waters of Meribah. Selah.
8. Hear, oh My people, and I will testify unto thee:  
    Oh Israel! if that thou wilt attention give to me!
9. Any strange god there shall not be in midst of thee, at all:  
    nor unto any foreign god thou bowing down shalt fall.
10. I am the Lord thy God who thee from Land of Egypt led!  
    Thy mouth open wide, and thou by me with plenty shalt be fed!
11. My people yet would not give ear unto the voice I spake:  
    And Israel would not in Me quiet contentment take.
12. So in the hardness of their heart I did them send away,  
    In their own consultations likewise then walked they.

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13. O that My people unto Me obedient had been!  
    and O that Israel he had walked my ways within!
14. I should within a little time have pulled down their foes:  
    I should have turn'd My hand upon such as did them oppose.
15. The haters of the Lord to him obedience should have feigned:  
    but unto perpetuity their time should have remained.  
    And with the finest of the wheat have nourished them should He:  
    With honey of the rock I should have satisfied thee.

PSALM 82 September 13, 2016

A psalm of Asaph.

*A lament about so much injustice in the earth.*

1. The Mighty God doth stand within the assembly of the strong,  
and He it is that righteously doth judge the gods among.
2. How long a time is it that ye will judge unrighteously,  
and will accept the countenance of those that wicked be?
3. See that ye do defend the poor, also the fatherless.  
Unto the needy, justice do, and that are in distress.
4. The wasted poor and those that are needy, deliver ye,  
and them redeem out of the hand of such as wicked be.
5. They know not, nor will understand; in darkness they walk on.  
All the foundations of the earth, quite out of course are gone.
6. I said that ye are gods, and sons of the highest ye are, all.
7. But ye shall die like men, and like one of the princes fall.
8. That thou mayest judge the earth, O God, do Thou Thyself advance,  
for Thou shalt have the nations for Thine inheritance.

PSALM 83 September 14, 2016

A psalm of song of Asaph.

*A prayer for divine retribution upon many enemies.*

1. Oh, God! do not Thou silence keep! Oh, do not Thou refrain  
Thyself from speaking! And, oh, God! do not Thou dumb remain!
2. For, lo! Thine enemies that be, do rage tumultuously:  
and they that haters be of Thee, have lift the head on high.
3. Against those that Thy people be, they crafty counsel take;  
also against Thy hidden ones, they consultation make.
4. They said, "Lest they a nation be, let's cut them down, therefore,  
that in remembrance Isr'el's name may not be anymore!"
5. For they together taken have counsel with one consent,  
and in confederation against Thee they are bent.
6. The tabernacles of Edom and of the Ishmaelites;  
the people of the Haggarens and of the Moabites;
7. the men of Gebal, with Ammon, and Amaleck conspire;  
the Philistines, with them that be inhabitants of Tyre.

8. Assyria, moreover, is conjoined unto them:  
and help they have administered unto Lots' childrerren.  
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9. As Thou didst to the Middianites, so to them be it done:  
as unto Sisera and Jabin at the Brook of Kison,
10. who, near to Endor, suddenly were quite discomfited:  
who also did become as dung that on the earth is spread.
11. Like unto Oreb, and like Zeeb, make Thou their nobles fall;  
yea, as Zeba and Zalmunna, make Thou their princes, all.
12. Who said, "For our possession, God's house, let us take."
13. My God, Thou, like a wheel, like straw before the wind, them make.
14. As fire doth burn a wood, and as the flame sets hills on fire:
15. so, with Thy tempest them pursue, and fright them inThine ire.
16. Do Thou their faces fill full of ignominious shame,  
that so they may, O Lord, be made to seek after Thy name.
17. Confounded let them ever be, and terribly troubled:  
yea, let them be put unto shame, and be extinguished.
18. That men may know; that Thou - whose name "JEHOVAH!" is only -  
art over all the earth, throughout advanced, the Most High.

PSALM 84     September 15, 2016

To the Chief Musician upon Gittith, a psalm for the sons of Korah.

*A song about the annual pilgrimages to the temple in Jerusalem.  
Longing for, and rejoicing in, nearness to God*

1. How amiable, Lord of Hosts, Thy tabernacles be!
2. My soul longs for Jehovah's courts! Yea, it e'en faints in me!  
Mine heart, my flesh also, cries out after the Living God!
3. Yea, e'en the sparrow hath found out an house for his abode.  
Also, the swallow finds her nest her altars near unto  
where she her young lays, Lord of Hosts, my King, My God also.
4. Bless'd they that dwell within Thy house! Still they will give Thee praise. Selah.
5. Bless'd is the man whose strength's in Thee, in whose heart are Thy ways.
6. Who as they pass through Baca's veil, do make it a fountain;  
also the pools that are therein are filled full of rain.
7. From strength to strength they go: to God in Zion, all appear.
8. Lord God of Hosts, oh, hear my prayer! Oh, Jacob's God, give ear! Selah.

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9. Behold, Oh God, our Shield: the face of Thine anointed see.
10. For better's in Thy courts a day, than elsewhere thousands be.  
I rather had a door-keeper be in'th house of my God  
than in the tents of wickedness to settle mine abode.
11. Because the Lord God is a Sun, He is a Shield also,  
Jehovah on His people grace and glory will bestow!  
No good thing will He hold from them that do walk uprightly!
12. Oh, Lord of Hosts, the man is bless'd that puts his trust in Thee!

PSALM 85 September 16, 2016

To the Chief Musician, a psalm for the sons of Korah.

*A plea for grace and mercy . . . answered.*

1. Oh, Lord, Thou hast been to the land gracious: Jacob's captivity
2. Thou hast returned with Thy hand. Thou also the iniquity  
of Thy people hast pardoned. Thou all their sin hast covered. Selah.
3. Thou all Thine anger didst withdraw. From Thy fierce indignation  
Thou hast Thyself turned away. 4. Oh, God of our salvation,  
convert Thou us, and do Thou make Thine anger toward us to slake.
5. Shall Thy wrath ever be us on? Wilt Thou Thine indignation  
draw out to generation, and unto generation?
6. Wilt Thou not us reviv'd let be, that Thy folk may rejoice in Thee?  
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7. Lord, on us show Thy mercy, and Thy saving health on us bestow.
8. I'll hark what God the Lord will speak, for He'll speak peace His folk unto,  
and to His saints: but let not them to foolishness return again!
9. Surely His saving health is nigh unto all them that do Him fear,  
that in our land may dwell glory. 10. Mercy and truth met together;  
prosperity and righteousness, embracing, did each other kiss.
11. Truth springs out of the earth: also from heaven looketh righteousness.
12. Yea, God shall that that's good bestow, and our land shall give her increase.
13. Justice shall go before His face, and in His way our steps shall place.

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1. Oh, Lord, Thou favor'd hast Thy land: Jacob's captivity
2. Thou hast brought back. Thou pard'ned hast Thy folk's iniquity;

- Thou hast close-cover'd all their sin. 3. Thy wrath - away, all cast  
 Thou hast: from fierceness of Thine ire, Thyself return'd Thou hast.
4. Convert us back, oh, Thou the God of our Salvation,  
 and toward us cause Thou to cease Thine indignation.
  5. Wilt Thou be angry still with us for evermore? What! Shall  
 Thine anger be by Thee drawn out to generations, all?
  6. Wilt Thou not us revive? In Thee Thy folk rejoice shall; so
  7. show us Thy mercy, Lord; on us Thy saving health bestow.
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8. I'll hear what God the Lord will speak, for to His people peace  
 He'll speak, and to His saints, lest they return to foolishness.
  9. Surely near them that do Him fear is His salvation,  
 that glory may with our land have habitation.
  10. Mercy and truth do jointly meet; justice and peace do kiss.
  11. Truth springs from earth: and righteousness from heaven looking is.
  12. Yea, what is good the Lord shall give, and yield her fruit, our land.
  13. Justice shall 'fore Him go and make our steps it's way to stand.

PSALM 86 September 17, 2016

A prayer of David.

*A cry for help in deep distress.*

1. Bow down, oh, Lord, Thine ear, and hearken unto me:  
 because that I afflicted am; also I am needy.
  2. Do Thou preserve my soul, for gracious am I:  
 Oh, Thou, my God, Thy servant save, that doth on Thee rely.
  3. Lord, pity me, for I cry daily Thee unto.
  4. Rejoice Thy servant's soul: for, Lord, to Thee mine lift, I do.
  5. For Thou, oh, Lord, art good, to pardon, prone withal:  
 and to them all in mercy rich that do upon Thee call.
  6. Jehovah, oh, do Thou give ear my pray'r unto:  
 and, of my supplications, attend the voice also.
  7. In day of my distress, to Thee I will complain:  
 by reason that Thou unto me wilt answer give again.
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8. Amongst the gods, oh, Lord, none is there like to Thee:  
 neither with Thine are any works that may compared be.
  9. All nations, oh, Lord, whom Thou hast made, the same

- shall come and worship Thee before, and glorify Thy name.
10. Because Thou mighty are: the things that Thou hast done  
are wonderful! Thou art, Thyself, the might God, alone!
  11. Jehovah, unto me, oh, make Thy way appear.  
Walk in Thy truth, I will; mine heart unite, Thy name to fear.
  12. With all mine heart I will - oh, Lord, my God - Thee praise,  
and I will glorify Thy name, forevermore, always.
  13. Because that unto me Thy mercy doth excel;  
also Thou hast delivered my soul from lowest hell.
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14. Oh, God, the proud and troupes of violent rose 'gainst me,  
after my soul they sought: nor have before them placed Thee.
  15. But, Lord, Thou art a God, tender and gracious;  
long-suff'ring, and in mercy, Thou - (and truth) - art plenteous.
  16. Oh, turn Thou unto me, and mercy on me have.  
Unto Thy servant give Thy strength: thine handmaid's son do save.
  17. Me show a sign for good, that mine haters may see,  
and be ashamed, because, Lord, Thou dost help and comfort me.

PSALM 87    September 19, 2016  
A psalm or song for the sons of Korah.

The glories of Zion (aka The Church)

1. Among the holy hills is his foundation.
2. More than all Jacob's tents, the Lord loves the gates of Zion.
3. Things glorious spoken are, oh, God's City, of thee. Selah.
4. I'll mention Rahab and Babel to them that do know me.  
Behold! Philistia, Tyrus' city, likewise,  
with Ethiopia, that this man by birth did thence arise.
5. Also, it shall be said of Zion, that born there  
this and that man was, and the highest, Himself, shall 'stablish her.
6. Jehovah, He shall count, even at that time when as  
the people He doth number up, that there this man born was. Selah.
7. Both those that singers are, as also there shall be,  
those that on instruments do play: all my springs are in Thee.

PSALM 88 September 22, 2016

A song or psalm for the sons of Korah, to the Chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

One of the 'darkest' psalms. Christ's feelings on the cross.

1. Lord God of my salvation, before Thee day and night cried I.
2. Before Thee, oh, let my pray'r come! Incline Thine ear unto my cry!
3. because my soul is troubled so, and my life draws nigh to the grave!
4. Counted with them to th'pit that go, I'm as a man that no strength have.
5. Free among those men that be dead - like slain which in the grave are shut -  
by Thee no more remembered, and by Thy hand off are they cut.
6. Thou hast me laid i'th pit most low; in darkneses, within deep caves.
7. Hard on me lies Thy wrath, and Thou dost me afflict with all Thy waves. Selah.
8. Men that of mine acquaintance be, Thou hast put far away me fro'.  
Unto them, loathsome Thou mad'st me. I am shut up, nor forth can go.
9. Because of mine affliction, mine eye with mourning pines away:  
Jehovah, I call Thee upon, and stretch my hands to Thee all day.  
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10. Show wonders to the dead, wilt Thou? Shall dead arise and thee confess? Selah.
11. I'th' grave, wilt Thou Thy kindness show? In lost estate, Thy faithfulness?
12. Thy works, that wonderful have been, within the dark shall they be known?  
And shall Thy righteousness be seen in the land of oblivion?
13. But, Lord, I have cried Thee unto at morn; my pray'r prevent shall Thee.
14. Lord, why cast Thou my soul Thee fro'? Why hide Thou Thy face from me?
15. I'm poor, afflicted, and to die, am ready, from my youthful years.  
I am sore troubled, doubtfully, while I do bear Thy horrid fears.
16. Thy fierce wrath over me doth go; Thy terrors they do me dismay.
17. Encompass me about they do, close me together all the day.
18. Lover and friend, afar Thou hast removed off away from me,  
and mine acquaintance Thou hast cast into dark, from obscurity.

PSALM 89 September 23, 2016

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

*David looks to God for help, based on God's promises to him.*

1. The mercies of Jehovah, sing forevermore will I;  
I'll with my mouth Thy truth make known to all posterity!

2. For I have said that mercy shall forever be upbuilt;  
    establish in the very heavens, Thy faithfulness, Thou wilt.
3. With him that is My chosen one, I made a covenant,  
    and by an oath have sworn unto David, Mine own servant:
4. "To perpetuity Thy seed establish sure, I will;  
    also, to generations, all, thy throne I'll build up, still." Selah.
5. Also, the heavens, Thy wonders, Lord, they shall with praise confess,  
    in the assembly of the saints, also, Thy faithfulness.
6. For who can be compared unto the Lord, the heavens within?  
    'Mong sons of mighty - to the Lord - who is it that's like to Him?

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7. In'th' saints' assembly, greatly, God is to be had in fear  
    and to be reverenc'd of all those that round about Him are.
8. Lord God of Hosts, what Lord like Thee in power doth abide?  
    Thy faithfulness doth compass Thee, also, on every side.
9. Over the raging of the sea, Thou dost dominion bear;  
    when as the waves thereof arise, by Thee they stilled are.
10. Like to one slain, Thou broken hast in pieces, Rahab, quite.  
    Thou hast dispersed Thine enemies, even by Thine arm of might.
11. The heavens together with the earth, Thine are they; Thine they be.  
    The world with fulness of the same, founded they were by Thee.
12. The north together with the south, Thou didst create the same.  
    Tabor, together with Hermon, rejoice shall in Thy name.

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13. Thou hast a very mighty arm; Thy hand it is mighty.  
    and, also, Thy right hand it is exalted up on high.
14. Justice and judgement of Thy throne are the prepared place.  
    Mercy and truth, preventing, shall go forth before Thy face.
15. Oh, blessed are the people that the joyful sound do know!  
    Lord, in Thy countenance's light, they up and down shall go.
16. They shall in Thy name all the day rejoice exceedingly,  
    and in Thy righteousness they shall be lifted up on high.
17. Because that Thou art unto them the glory of their power,  
    our horn shall be exalted high, also, in Thy favor;
18. because Jehovah is to us a safe protection  
    and He that is our Sovereign is Israel's Holy One.

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19. Then didst Thou speak in vision unto Thy saint and said,  
    "I, upon one that mighty is, salvation have laid."  
    One from the folk, chose I; set up. 20. David, My servant, I

- have found. Him I anointed with Mine oil of sanctity;  
21. with whom My hand shall stablished be. Mine arm him strengthen shall.  
22. Also, the enemy shall not exact on him at all,  
nor shall the son of wickedness afflict him any more.  
23. Before him, I'll beat down his foes and plague his haters sore.  
24. My mercy, truth, shall be with him, and in My name shall be  
25. his horn exalted, and I'll set his hand upon the sea,  
i'th' rivers, also, his right hand. 26. He shall cry me unto  
"Thou art my Father and my God; Rock of my health, also."  
27. Also, I will make him to be My first-begotten one,  
higher than those that princes are who dwell the earth upon.  
28. My mercy I will keep for him, to times which ever last;  
also, My covenant with him, it shall stand very fast.

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29. And I will make his seed endure to perpetuity.  
His throne, likewise, it like unto the days of heav'n, shall be.  
30. If that his sons forsake My Law and from My judgments swerve,  
31. if they My statutes break and My commands do not observe,  
32. then will I visit with the rod their bold transgression;  
as, also, their iniquity with sore stripes, them upon.  
33. But yet my lovingkindness, it I'll not take utterly  
away from him, nor will suffer My faithfulness to lie.  
34. The covenant I made with him, by Me shall not be broke,  
neither will I alter the thing which by My lips is spoke.  
35. Once swore I by My holiness, "If I to David lie . . .  
36. His seed assuredly shall last to perpetuity,  
and, like the sun, 'fore Me his throne. 37. It like the moon for aye  
shall be established like a true witness in heaven." Selah.

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38. But Thou hast cast off, and us had in detestation.  
Exceedingly, Thou hast been wroth with Thine anointed one.  
39. Thou hast made void the covenant of Thy servant; his crown  
Thou hast profaned, unto the ground, Thy casting of it down.  
40. Thou hast broke all his hedges down; his forts Thou ruined hast.  
41. All those do make a spoil of him, who by the way have passed.  
He's a reproach to his neighbors. 42. Of them that him annoy,  
Thou hast advanced their right hand, and made all's foes to joy.  
43. The sharp edge also of his sword, Thou hast turn'd backward quite;  
and in the battle Thou hast not made him to stand upright.  
44. Thou hast made also for to cease, his glorious renown.

Unto the very earth, his throne Thou also hast cast down.  
45. And of his youthful years, the days Thou hast diminished.  
With very great confusion, Thou hast him covered. Selah.

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46. How long, Jehovah! Wilt Thou hide Thyself forevermore?  
Burn, like unto consuming fire, shall Thy displeasure sore?
47. To Thy remembrance, do Thou call how short a time have I.  
Wherefore hast Thou created all men's sons to vanity?
48. What strong man is there that doth live, and death shall never see?  
From the strong power of the grave, shall he his soul set free?
49. Thy former loving kindnesses, oh Lord, where are they now,  
which, in Thy truth and faithfulness, to David Thou didst vow?
50. Lord, the reproach of Thy servants, unto remembrance call;  
how it bear in my bosom from mighty people, all.
51. Wherewith Thy adversaries, Lord, have cast reproach upon;  
wherewith they have reproached the steps of Thine anointed one.
52. Oh, let Jehovah be blessed to all eternity!  
Amen! So let it be, also! Amen! So it shall be!