

## Psalm 1

1. Blessed is the man  
    who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:  
    nor followed the way of sinners,  
    nor taken his seat amongst the scornful.
2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord:  
    and on that law will he ponder day and night.
3. He is like a tree planted beside streams of water:  
    that yields its fruit in due season.
4. Its leaves also shall not wither:  
    and look, whatever he does, it shall prosper.
5. As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
    they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.
6. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
7. For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:  
    but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## Psalm 2

1. Why are the nations in tumult:  
    and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?
2. The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together:  
    against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
3. 'Let us break their bonds asunder:  
    let us throw off their chains from us.
4. He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:  
    the Lord will hold them in derision.
5. Then will he speak to them in his wrath,  
    and terrify them in his fury:  
    'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'
6. I will announce the Lord's decree,  
    that which he has spoken:  
    'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.

7. 'Ask of me,  
and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:  
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.
8. 'You shall break them with a rod of iron:  
and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
9. Now therefore be wise, O kings:  
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.
10. Serve the Lord with awe,  
and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:  
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.
11. For his wrath is quickly kindled:  
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

### **Psalm 3**

1. Lord, how numerous are my enemies:  
many they are that rise against me.
2. Many there are that talk of me and say:  
'There is no help for him in his God.'
3. But you, Lord, are about me as a shield:  
you are my glory, and the lifter up of my head.
4. I cry to the Lord with a loud voice:  
and he answers me from his holy hill.
5. I lay myself down and sleep:  
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.
6. Therefore I will not be afraid  
of the multitudes of the nations:  
who have set themselves against me on every side.
7. Arise, Lord, and deliver me, O my God:  
for you will strike all my enemies upon the cheek,  
you will break the teeth of the ungodly.
8. Deliverance belongs to the Lord:  
O let your blessing be upon your people.

**Psalm 4**

1. Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:  
when I was hard-pressed you set me free;  
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.
2. Sons of men, how long will you turn my glory to my shame:  
how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?
3. Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:  
when I call to the Lord he will hear me.
4. Tremble, and do no sin:  
commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.
5. Offer the sacrifices that are right:  
and put your trust in the Lord.
6. There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:  
the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.'
7. Yet you have given my heart more gladness:  
than they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.
8. In peace I will lie down and sleep:  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**Psalm 5**

1. Hear my words, O Lord, give heed to my groaning:  
listen to my cry, you that are my king and my God.
2. In the morning when I pray to you,  
surely you will hear my voice:  
at daybreak I lay my prayers before you, and look up.
3. For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness:  
nor can any evil dwell with you.
4. The boastful cannot stand in your sight:  
you hate all those that work mischief.
5. Those who speak lies you destroy:  
you abhor the treacherous, O Lord,  
and those that are stained with blood.

6. But because of your great goodness  
I will come into your house:  
I will bow down toward your holy temple  
in awe and fear of you.
7. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness,  
for my enemies lie in wait:  
make straight your way before me.
8. For there is no truth in their mouth:  
and within they are eaten up by malice.
9. Their throat is an open sepulchre:  
and their tongue speaks smooth and flattering words.
10. Destroy them, O God,  
let them fall by their own contriving:  
cast them out for their many offences,  
for they have rebelled against you.
11. But let all who put their trust in you rejoice:  
let them shout with joy for ever.
12. Be the defender of those who love your name:  
let them exult because of you.
13. For you will bless, O Lord, the man that is righteous:  
you will cover him with your favour as with a shield.

## **Psalm 6**

1. O Lord, rebuke me not in your indignation:  
nor chasten me in your fierce displeasure.
2. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak:  
O Lord, heal me, for my very bones are afraid.
3. My soul also is greatly troubled:  
and you, Lord—how long will you delay?
4. Turn again, O Lord, and deliver my soul:  
O save me for your mercy's sake.
5. For in death no man remembers you:  
and who can give you thanks from the grave?

6. I am wearied with my groaning:  
    every night I drown my bed with weeping,  
    and water my couch with my tears.
7. My eyes waste away for sorrow:  
    they grow dim because of all my enemies.
8. Away from me, all you that do evil:  
    for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.
9. The Lord has heard my supplication:  
    the Lord will receive my prayer.
10. All my enemies shall be put to shame and greatly dismayed:  
    they shall turn back and be confounded in a moment.

## Psalm 7

1. O Lord my God, to you have I come for shelter:  
    save me from all who pursue me, O save and deliver me,
2. Lest like lions they tear my throat:  
    lest they carry me off and none can save me.
3. O Lord my God, if I have done such a thing:  
    if there is any wickedness on my hands,
4. If I have repaid with evil him that was my friend:  
    or plundered my enemy without just cause,
5. Then let the enemy pursue me and overtake me:  
    let him trample my life to the ground,  
    and lay my honour in the dust.
6. Arise, O Lord, in your anger:  
    rise up in wrath against my adversaries.
7. Awake, my God, you that ordain justice:  
    and let the assembly of the peoples gather about you;
8. Take your seat high above them:  
    and sit in judgement, O Lord, over the nations.
9. Judge for me, O Lord, according to my righteousness:  
    and as my integrity requires.

10. Let the wickedness of the ungodly cease,  
but establish the righteous:  
for you try the very hearts and minds of men,  
O righteous God.
11. God is my shield over me:  
he preserves the true of heart.
12. God is a righteous judge:  
and God condemns evil every day.
13. If a man does not turn, he whets his sword:  
he bends his bow and makes it ready;
14. He prepares the instruments of death:  
and makes his arrows darts of fire.
15. See how the ungodly conceives mischief:  
how he swells with wickedness and gives birth to lies.
16. He digs a pit and hollows it out:  
but falls himself into the trap he had made for others.
17. His mischief rebounds upon his own head:  
and his violence comes down on his own pate.
18. I will thank the Lord for his justice:  
I will sing praises to the Lord Most High.

## **Psalm 8**

1. O Lord our Governor:  
how glorious is your name in all the earth!
2. Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:  
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.
3. You have founded a strong defence against your adversaries:  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
4. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:  
the moon and the stars which you have set in order,
5. What is man, that you should be mindful of him:  
or the son of man, that you should care for him?

6. Yet you have made him little less than a god:  
and have crowned him with glory and honour.
7. You have made him the master of your handiwork:  
and have put all things in subjection beneath his feet,
8. All sheep and oxen:  
and all the creatures of the field,
9. The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:  
and everything that moves in the pathways of the great  
waters.
10. O Lord our Governor:  
how glorious is your name in all the earth!

## Psalm 9

1. I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:  
I will tell of all the wonders you have done.
2. I will rejoice and be glad in you:  
I will make my songs to your name, O Most High.
3. For my enemies are driven back:  
they stumble and perish at your presence.
4. You have maintained my cause and my right:  
you sat enthroned as a righteous judge.
5. You rebuked the heathen nations,  
you brought the wicked to destruction:  
you blotted out their name for ever and ever.
6. The strongholds of the enemy are made a perpetual desolation:  
you plucked up their cities, and even their memory has  
perished.
7. The Lord confounds them; but the Lord endures for ever:  
he has set up his throne for judgement.
8. He shall judge the world with righteousness:  
and deal true justice to the peoples.
9. The Lord is a strong tower to him that is oppressed:  
he is a tower of strength in time of need.

10. All who heed your name will trust in you:  
for you have never forsaken those that seek you.
11. O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion:  
tell among the peoples what great things he has done.
12. For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor:  
he has not forgotten their cry.
13. The Lord has been merciful toward me,  
he saw what I suffered from my foes:  
he raised me up again from the gates of death,
14. That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion:  
that I might rejoice in your deliverance.
15. The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others:  
in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;
16. The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right:  
the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.
17. The wicked shall be given over to death:  
and all the nations that forget God.
18. For the needy shall not always be forgotten:  
nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.
19. Arise, Lord, let not man prevail:  
let the nations be judged before you.
20. Put them in fear, O Lord:  
and let the nations know that they are but men.

## **Psalm 10**

1. Why do you stand far off, O Lord:  
why do you hide your face in time of need?
2. The ungodly in their pride persecute the poor:  
let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.
3. For the ungodly man boasts of his heart's desire:  
he grasps at profit, he spurns and blasphemes the Lord.