# **Psalm Hymns & Devotionals**

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(NASB)

1 Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit 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 will be like a tree planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so,
But they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.

#### **Reflection on Psalm 1**

O Father, how blessed and wonderful are Your words to us! Through them You freely share Your deeds, Your ways, Your character, and Your heart. As I read, meditate, and pray over them, You fill my mind and heart with Yourself, O magnificent Father! As I turn to You and trust You day by day, Your unbounded life courses through me and keeps me fruitful and alive in You. Without You, I am chaff dry, lifeless, worthless, temporary, quickly driven away by the winds of time. With You and in You I am nourished by Your Spirit. I am known and loved as Your child.

Praise to You, my Father!

Hymn recording: Psalm 1

TUNE: On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand (adapted)



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(NASB)

1 Why are the nations restless
And the peoples plotting in vain?
2 The kings of the earth take their stand
And the rulers conspire together
Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,
3 "Let's tear their shackles apart
And throw their ropes away from us!"

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.
5 Then He will speak to them in His anger
And terrify them in His fury, saying,
6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

7 "I will announce the decree of the Lord:
He said to Me, 'You are My Son,
Today I have fathered You.
8 Ask it of Me, and I will certainly give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth as Your possession.
9 You shall break them with a rod of iron,
You shall shatter them like earthenware."

10 Now then, you kings, use insight;
Let yourselves be instructed, you judges of the earth.
11 Serve the Lord with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son, that He not be angry and you perish on the way,
For His wrath may be kindled quickly.
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

#### Son of God

Psalm 2 is another royal psalm. It was originally written about an earthly king, but its ultimate fulfillment is in the Ultimate King, Messiah.

The opening verses paint a sobering picture. Imagine all the most powerful forces on earth combining all their resources toward just one goal: destroying God's people.

Because many of us live in a stable country that guarantees religious freedom and makes reasonable efforts to protect us from violence, we sometimes have trouble identifying with psalms like Psalm 2. We are not threatened with violent persecution for our beliefs. No enemy armies are massing at our border.

But never forget that Satan is constantly, completely opposed to God, His purposes, and His people. He is especially opposed to Jesus Christ, God's Son and Anointed One. Satan enlists all those he influences in this constant, determined opposition. Sometimes his opposition is violent, either through military confrontation or through persecution. When necessary, his opposition is more subtle, taking the form of intellectual, cultural, and social pressure. But whether his methods are overt or hidden, his goal is always the same: the destruction of God's people and all His plans.

So what is God's response to the threat of Satan and all his gathered forces? He laughs! He makes fun of them! He ridicules them! He's not frightened, He's amused! Then He terrifies them by speaking in His burning fury: "I have installed MY KING on His holy throne! HE is in complete control!"

Immediately Messiah Himself speaks up, in vv.7-9, and talks about His installation by God.

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He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." (v.7)
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The King that God has enthroned is not just His Chosen One. It is His own Son.

This is not the first time God has expressed His fierce love for His own child. Earlier in the Old Testament, He spoke of the people of Israel as His firstborn son. God sent Moses, a lowly shepherd from the backside of the desert, to the most powerful ruler on earth. He came demanding that Pharaoh give up the people of Israel, his massive slave-labor force. God's instructions to Moses were this:

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"Say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son...
Let my son go." (Exodus 4:22-23, NIV)
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Before the confrontation was over, Egypt's first-born sons all lay dead, and God's "firstborn son" was free.

God's miraculous care for His first-born continued as they spent 40 years in a vast and barren desert, then faced the task of conquering occupied Canaan. Moses comforted Israel with these words:

"Do not be terrified...The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, and in the desert. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, **as a father carries his son**, all the way you went until you reached this place." (Deuteronomy 1:29-31, NIV)

Later, after they were settled in their own land, God gave them David as their king, a man after His own heart. Notice how God describes His love for David, even in all his frailty:

"My faithful love will be with him...

He will call out to me, 'You are my Father...'

I will appoint him my firstborn,

the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

I will maintain my love to him forever,

and my covenant with him will never fail.

I will establish his line forever,

his throne as long as the heavens endure."

(Psalm 89:24, 26-29, NIV)

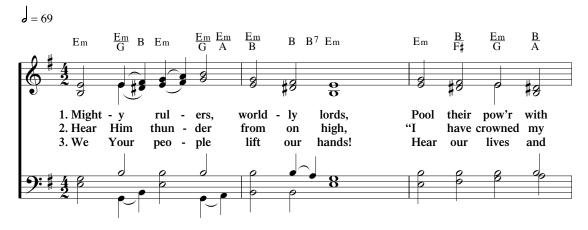
A thousand years later, Jesus Christ came, not only as the promised Son of David, but as the only-begotten Son of God. He is the King spoken of here in Psalm 2. God has appointed Him sovereign, eternal ruler of all the universe. No force in heaven or earth, seen or unseen, can challenge His power and authority.

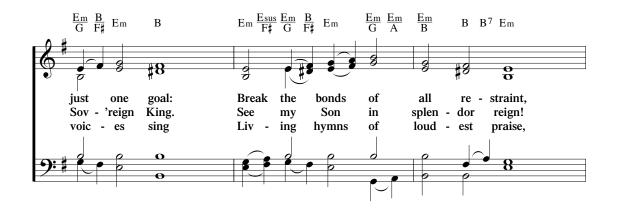
Almighty God loves Him with the burning, unquenchable love of a Father for His only child. He is our King, now and forever. In Him, we are bold, confident, and secure in the face of every threat, every hardship, and every uncertainty.

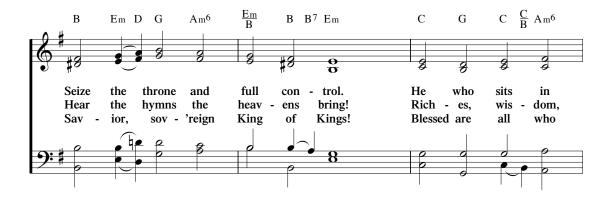
Father, You are sovereign over all reality.
You speak, and it is so.
Why do we hesitate to trust You?
Why are we ever afraid?

Hymn recording: <a href="Psalm 2">Psalm 2</a>

TUNE: Jesus, Lover of My Soul (ABERYSTWYTH)







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(NASB)

1 Lord, how my enemies have increased!Many are rising up against me.2 Many are saying of my soul,"There is no salvation for him in God." Selah

3 But You, Lord, are a shield around me,
My glory, and the One who lifts my head.
4 I was crying out to the Lord with my voice,
And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah
5 I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the Lord sustains me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people
Who have set themselves against me all around.

7 Arise, Lord; save me, my God!
For You have struck all my enemies on the cheek;
You have shattered the teeth of the wicked.
8 Salvation belongs to the Lord;
May Your blessing be upon Your people! Selah

The Psalms often pray for deliverance from enemies. But for Christians, for followers of Christ, who are our enemies?

Jesus faced violent opposition from birth till death, and even before He was born (Revelation 12).

Evil has always opposed Him and all those who follow Him (John 15:18-21; 17:14-18).

As a whole, the world is hostile to Christ and to all who are in Him.

What is more,

Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12, NASB).

Our struggle is against an enemy that is

unseen

but very real.

an enemy that is far stronger than us.

When Jesus came to earth in our flesh and blood,

sharing our weakness,

He came equipped with the Spirit of God (Isaiah 11:2-5).

And as He sends us out in His name,

He sends us out in His Spirit,

equipped with His own life, strength, wisdom, holiness, and truth,

filled with His own living presence.

Though we are weak in ourselves,

we are strong in Him (Ephesians 6:10).

We are safe in Him.

We are completely secure as we trust in Him.

Hymn recording: Christ in Psalm 3

Tune: O for Heart to Praise My God (RICHMOND) Psalm 3; 110:1; Matthew 11:12; John 8:44; 10:8-10; 15:18-21; 17:14-18; Ephesians 6:10-17; Revelation 22:16



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(NASB)

Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

2 You sons of man, how long will my honor be treated as an insult? How long will you love what is worthless and strive for a lie? Selah 3 But know that the Lord has set apart the godly person for Himself; The Lord hears when I call to Him.

4 Tremble, and do not sin; Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, "Who will show us anything good?"
Lift up the light of Your face upon us, Lord!
7 You have put joy in my heart,
More than when their grain and new wine are abundant.
8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
For You alone, Lord, have me dwell in safety.

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Sovereign God,
You
have chosen
me.
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You called me in Christ Jesus.
You loved me in Christ Jesus.
You set me apart entirely for Yourself
as Your personal treasure
in Christ Jesus. (Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9)
Because I am in Christ Jesus,
the evil world hates me
as it hated Him. (John 15:18-19)

But You protect me in Christ Jesus.
You keep me safe in Christ Jesus.
Through every change and
every circumstance, I am
joyful and
at peace
as I trust in Christ Jesus.

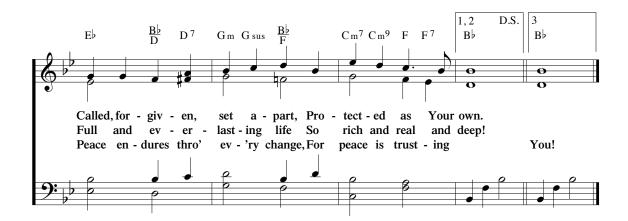
Hymn recording: Christ in Psalm 4

Psalm 4; John 8:44; 11:25-26; 14:6; Ephesians 1:3-14; Colossians 3:1-4



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(NASB)

1 Listen to my words, Lord,

Consider my sighing.

2 Listen to the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God,

For to You I pray.

3 In the morning, Lord, You will hear my voice;

In the morning I will present my prayer to You and be on the watch.

4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness;

No evil can dwell with You.

5 The boastful will not stand before Your eyes;

You hate all who do injustice.

6 You destroy those who speak lies;

The Lord loathes the person of bloodshed and deceit.

7 But as for me, by Your abundant graciousness I will enter Your house,

At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.

8 Lord, lead me in Your righteousness because of my enemies;

Make Your way straight before me.

9 For there is nothing trustworthy in their mouth;

Their inward part is destruction itself.

Their throat is an open grave;

They flatter with their tongue.

10 Make them pay, God;

Have them fall by their own schemes!

Scatter them in the multitude of their wrongdoings,

For they are rebellious against You.

11 But rejoice, all who take refuge in You,

Sing for joy forever!

And may You shelter them,

That those who love Your name may rejoice in You.

12 For You bless the righteous person, Lord,

You surround him with favor as with a shield.

#### **Reflection on Psalm 5**

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Father, I awake this morning
       needing You,
       seeking You.
Hear my words,
hear my heart
      as I turn to You first of all.
As I rise, I am on the battlefield against evil.
As I face the morning sun,
      I face the darkness.
Even in this silence,
       the noise of sin begins.
I know that in time, You will make this world
       entirely like Yourself.
But today, Lord,
       make me like Yourself.
Make me loving,
      joyful,
      trusting You,
      focused on You.
Make me holy, Father.
That's what I want for today:
Keep me living wholeheartedly unto You,
       fully and naturally,
      every moment.
Today, Father,
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keep me in You.

Hymn recording: Psalm 5



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MORNING HYMN 7.3.7.3.D.

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1 Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger,
Nor discipline me in Your wrath.
2 Be gracious to me, Lord, for I am frail;
Heal me, Lord, for my bones are horrified.
3 And my soul is greatly horrified;
But You, Lord—how long?

4 Return, Lord, rescue my soul; Save me because of Your mercy. 5 For there is no mention of You in death; In Sheol, who will praise You?

6 I am weary with my sighing;Every night I make my bed swim,I flood my couch with my tears.7 My eye has wasted away with grief;It has grown old because of all my enemies.

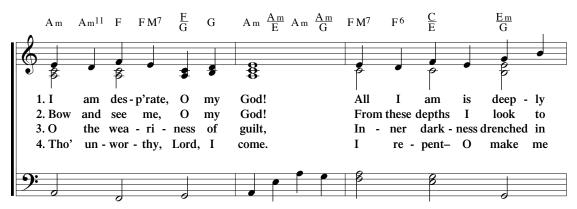
8 Leave me, all you who practice injustice,
For the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.
9 The Lord has heard my pleading,
The Lord receives my prayer.
10 All my enemies will be put to shame and greatly horrified;
They shall turn back, they will suddenly be put to shame.

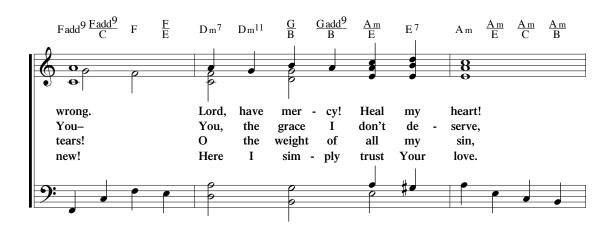
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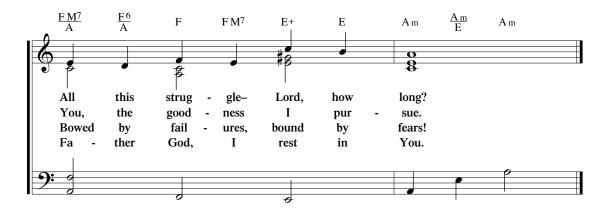
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Father, I am tired of
      being who I am and
      doing what I do.
At first I thought
      sin was my servant,
      bringing me sweet pleasures.
Now I know that
      I am its slave.
Sin is a lie and
      a brutal master
      far stronger than me.
It has no satisfactions to give ---
only
      deeper,
      darker cravings
that corrupt and destroy me.
My sinful failures mount higher and higher.
Shame shadows my entire life.
The weight of my guilt crushes me, and
      fear chokes out any joy that remains.
Life is a lingering death.
I have no hope...
except You, O God.
You see me as I am.
You know that I am
      completely,
      helplessly unworthy.
Yet You invite me here.
So I bow and
      confess my neediness.
Have mercy, O Lord,
      have mercy!
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Hymn recording: Psalm 6









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Psalm 6 7.7.7.7.

(NASB)

1 O Lord my God, in You I have taken refuge; Save me from all those who pursue me, and rescue me, 2 Or he will tear my soul like a lion, Dragging me away, while there is no one to rescue me.

3 O Lord my God, if I have done this,
If there is injustice in my hands,
4 If I have done evil to my friend,
Or have plundered my enemy for no reason,
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, Lord, in Your anger;

Raise Yourself against the rage of my enemies,

And stir Yourself for me; You have ordered judgment.

7 Let the assembly of the peoples encompass You,

And return on high over it.

8 The Lord judges the peoples;

Vindicate me, Lord, according to my righteousness and my integrity that is in me.

9 Please let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous;

For the righteous God puts hearts and minds to the test.

10 My shield is with God,

Who saves the upright in heart.

11 God is a righteous judge,

And a God who shows indignation every day.

12 If one does not repent, He will sharpen His sword;

He has bent His bow and taken aim.

13 He has also prepared deadly weapons for Himself;

He makes His arrows fiery shafts.

14 Behold, an evil person is pregnant with injustice,

And he conceives harm and gives birth to lies.

15 He has dug a pit and hollowed it out.

And has fallen into the hole which he made.

16 His harm will return on his own head,

And his violence will descend on the top of his own head.

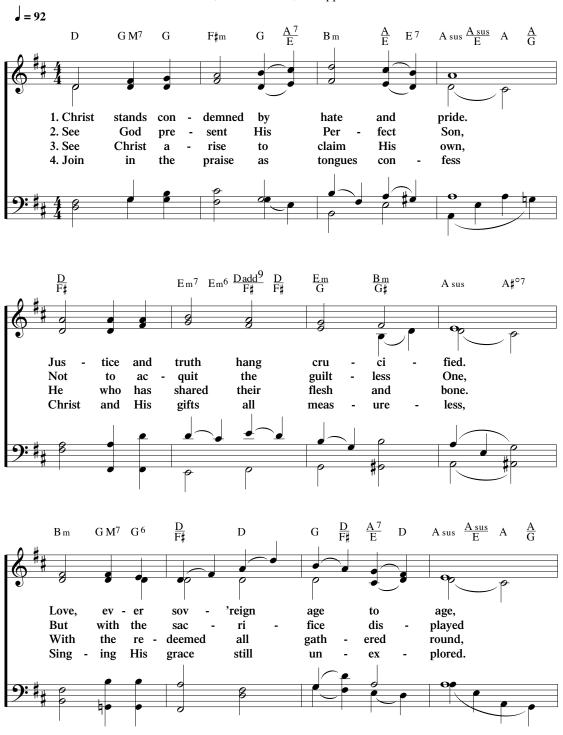
17 I will give thanks to the Lord according to His righteousness And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

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Father, I love You.
      I trust You.
My goal is to constantly,
      eagerly obey You.
But my innocence does not depend on me, but on Your
      holy,
      just,
      guiltless Son,
             Jesus.
You declare me innocent because
      I trust in Him.
I am pure only as
      I am in Him.
When we committed the ultimate injustice,
      executing the Just One
      for our own evil,
You presented Him as
      completely pure and
      innocent.
You did so
      not to secure His release,
      but ours.
You wanted all the world to know that Jesus Christ was indeed
      the pure, perfect, final sacrifice for all our sin.
And today, Your Spirit confronts us with our guilt,
      not to condemn us
      but to offer complete pardon.
      Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our
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Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1, NASB)

Hymn recording: Christ in Psalm 7

Tune: Jesus Shall Reign (DUKE STREET) Psalm 7; John 5:21-27; Philippians 2:5-11

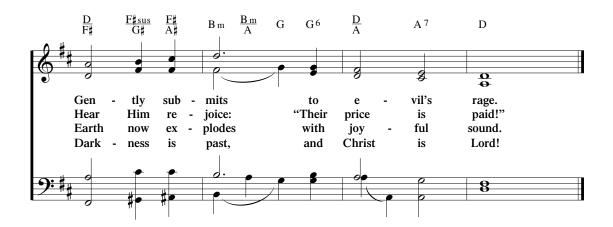


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(NASB)

1 Lord, our Lord,

How majestic is Your name in all the earth,

You who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

2 From the mouths of infants and nursing babies You have established strength Because of Your enemies,

To do away with the enemy and the revengeful.

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

The moon and the stars, which You have set in place;

4 What is man that You think of him,

And a son of man that You are concerned about him?

5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God,

And You crown him with glory and majesty!

6 You have him rule over the works of Your hands;

You have put everything under his feet,

7 All sheep and oxen,

And also the animals of the field,

8 The birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea,

Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

9 Lord, our Lord,

How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

#### **Reflection on Psalm 8**

Father, Your greatness shines all around me!
All the earth radiates
Your splendor,
Your glory,
Your might and majesty.

But You don't need spectacular displays to prove Your power. It is so woven throughout the fabric of reality that mere children speak the awesome truth of who You are.

Creator, in Your humility,
You even display Your glory through us.

When I look up at the clear night sky and see the vastness of time and space,
I am gripped by how very small and unworthy we are.
I wonder why You take any notice of us at all.
Yet You make us lesser versions of Yourself and surround us with Your magnificence.
You entrust Your own creations to us — all the varied creatures of land, sky, and sea.

Your condescension to us is yet another of Your marvelous, amazing works.

O my God, how glorious is Your name in all the earth!

Hymn recording: <a href="Psalm 8">Psalm 8</a>

TUNE: The Lord's My Shepherd (CRIMOND)



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Father, Your goodness and greatness permeate everything I know, see, and experience.

But in Your human Son, Jesus Christ,

I see You most clearly;

I experience You most completely:

I know You face-to-face.

#### O Father, in Jesus Christ

how utterly magnificent You are!

In Him, I begin to understand the rich blessings You have lavished on us since before creation.

In Him, I see more and more of Your gracious gifts

all around me

every day.

And in Him, I start to glimpse the full scope of

all You have promised to pour out on us

through our glorious, eternal, divine Brother.

We are such small creatures in every way -

so limited.

so weak,

so very brief.

But in Jesus Christ

You have exalted us to Your side in heaven itself.

You have made us Your dearly-loved children.

You have made us like Yourself.

O Father, Your goodness and greatness and presence permeates

all that is!

Praise to You!

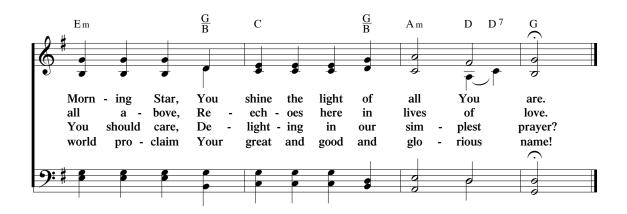
Hymn recording: Christ in Psalm 8

TUNE: Arise, My Soul, Arise (LENOX)
Psalm 8; Colossians 2:9-10; Hebrews 2:5-18; Revelation 22:16



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1 I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders.

2 I will rejoice and be jubilant in You;

2 i wili rejoice and be jubilant in You,

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

3 When my enemies turn back,

They stumble and perish before You.

4 For You have maintained my just cause;

You have sat on the throne judging righteously.

5 You have rebuked the nations, You have eliminated the wicked;

You have wiped out their name forever and ever.

6 The enemy has come to an end in everlasting ruins,

And You have uprooted the cities;

The very memory of them has perished.

7 But the Lord sits as King forever;

He has established His throne for judgment,

8 And He will judge the world in righteousness;

He will execute judgment for the peoples fairly.

9 The Lord will also be a stronghold for the oppressed,

A stronghold in times of trouble;

10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You,

For You, Lord, have not abandoned those who seek You.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion;

Declare His deeds among the peoples.

12 For He who requires blood remembers them;

He does not forget the cry of the needy.

13 Be gracious to me, Lord;

See my oppression from those who hate me,

You who lift me up from the gates of death,

14 So that I may tell of all Your praises,

That in the gates of the daughter of Zion

I may rejoice in Your salvation.

15 The nations have sunk down into the pit which they have made;

In the net which they hid, their own foot has been caught.

16 The Lord has made Himself known;

He has executed judgment.

A wicked one is ensnared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion Selah

17 The wicked will return to Sheol,
All the nations who forget God.
18 For the needy will not always be forgotten,
Nor the hope of the afflicted perish forever.
19 Arise, Lord, do not let mankind prevail;
Let the nations be judged before You.
20 Put them in fear, Lord;
Let the nations know that they are merely human. Selah

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How can we be
      joyful,
      confident, and
      at peace
when everything around us is
      uncertain,
      ever changing, and
      beyond our control?
Because no matter what the situation,
      You,
      our God,
are
      almighty,
      all-wise,
      all-loving, and
      never changing.
We can always be
      joyful,
      confident, and
      at peace
in
      all
      You
      are.
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Hymn recording: <a href="Psalm 9">Psalm 9</a>

TUNE: We'll Work till Jesus Comes (O LAND OF REST)



(NASB)

1 Why do You stand far away, Lord?Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?2 In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the needy;Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

3 For the wicked boasts of his soul's desire,

And the greedy person curses and shows disrespect to the Lord.

4 The wicked, in his haughtiness, does not seek Him.

There is no God in all his schemes.

5 His ways succeed at all times;

Yet Your judgments are on high, out of his sight;

As for all his enemies, he snorts at them.

6 He says to himself, "I will not be moved;

Throughout the generations I will not be in adversity."

7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression;

Under his tongue is harm and injustice.

8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages;

He kills the innocent in the secret places;

His eyes surreptitiously watch for the unfortunate.

9 He lurks in secret like a lion in his lair:

He lurks to catch the needy;

He catches the needy when he pulls him into his net.

10 Then he crushes the needy one, who cowers;

And unfortunate people fall by his mighty power.

11 He says to himself, "God has forgotten;

He has hidden His face; He will never see it."

12 Arise, Lord; God, lift up Your hand.

Do not forget the humble.

13 Why has the wicked treated God disrespectfully?

He has said to himself, "You will not require an account."

14 You have seen it, for You have looked at harm and provocation to take it into Your hand.

The unfortunate commits himself to You:

You have been the helper of the orphan.

15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer.

Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

16 The Lord is King forever and ever;

Nations have perished from His land.
17 Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble;
You will strengthen their heart, You will make Your ear attentive
18 To vindicate the orphan and the oppressed,
So that mankind, which is of the earth, will no longer cause terror.

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O Father, I am immersed in a world that is
      evil,
      greedy, and
      violent.
So sometimes when I need You the most,
      You feel so far away.
For the wicked prowl all around like lions,
      lurking,
      crouching,
      hiding themselves behind
             their smiles and
             their lies.
They hunger to make a meal of the
      weakest and
      most vulnerable.
Evil and anger are not
      distasteful to them.
They savor them like
      tasty morsels.
And You?
They assume you don't exist or
      don't know or
      don't care.
All that You value -
      love and
      compassion,
      truth and
      justice -
are too high for them.
They never cross their minds.
So Father, may You and
      Your goodness,
      Your glory and
      Your perfection
fill our vision every day
Keep us
      looking to You,
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trusting You, and rejoicing in You.

O Lord, our Lord, we pray, come soon!
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TUNE: Angel Band (alt.)



MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868) and Ken Bible

ANGEL BAND 2 C.M.w.Ref.

(NASB)

1 In the Lord I take refuge;
How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain?
2 For, behold, the wicked bend the bow,
They have set their arrow on the string
To shoot in darkness 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 sons of mankind.
5 The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked,
And His soul hates one who loves violence.
6 He will rain coals of fire upon the wicked,
And brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup.
7 For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness;
The upright will see His face.

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Father, when I feel like running away,
      I will run to You.
You are my hiding place,
       my fortress,
       my protection.
When my life is plagued with concerns
       big and
      small,
You are always with me,
       always available,
       always involved.
Even when the very foundations of my life seem to totter,
      You are still immovable.
      You are still holy.
       You are still Lord of all.
      You are still engaged with every detail of my life.
O my Father, You are
       always right,
       always good,
      always here.
I love You!
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WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, 1820; arr. by Ken Bible
C.M.

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(NASB)

1 Help, Lord, for the godly person has come to an end,

For the faithful have disappeared from the sons of mankind.

2 They speak lies to one another;

They speak with flattering lips and a double heart.

3 May the Lord cut off all flattering lips,

The tongue that speaks great things;

4 Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail;

Our lips are [e]our own; who is lord over us?"

5 "Because of the devastation of the poor, because of the groaning of the needy,

Now I will arise," says the Lord; "I will put him in the safety for which he longs."

6 The words of the Lord are pure words;

Like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, filtered seven times.

7 You, Lord, will keep them;

You will protect him from this generation forever.

8 The wicked strut about on every side

When vileness is exalted among the sons of mankind

Father, our words betray our hidden hearts.

"The mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart." (Matthew 12:34, NASB)

Selfish hearts speak selfish words.

They try to hide themselves in

lies and

smooth talk.

They deceive, not only those around them,

but themselves.

Their entire lives become a lie,

always trying to hide

who they really are.

But Father, You always speak

grace and

truth.

Your Words are

pure.

Your Words are

light.

Your Words are

love.

By Your Holy Spirit,

speak Your Words

in us.

Speak Your Words

through us.

Speak Your Words through

all that we say and

all that we do.

Speak Your love through

our love,

holy, compassionate God.



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(NASB)

1 How long, Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? 2 How long am I to feel anxious in my soul, With grief in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, 4 And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," And my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken.

5 But I have trusted in Your faithfulness; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. 6 I will sing to the Lord, Because He has looked after me.

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"How long, O Lord?
Will You forget me forever?
How long will You hide Your face from me?" (Psalm 13:1, NASB)
I pray, but I sense no response.
I feel engulfed in darkness,
      ignored,
      abandoned.
      alone.
How long, Lord?
How long?
But Jesus felt this way, too.
He was fully, perfectly one with You,
      perfectly pleasing to You,
      perfectly holy.
Yet in the garden, on the night of His arrest,
      He told His disciples,
      "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death." (Matthew 26:38, NASB)
He was in deepest need.
But when He reached out for human support,
      He received none.
When He prayed,
      You gave Him no way out -
      only a way through.
Father, when I can't see You acting or
      sense Your presence,
I trust Your power.
      I trust Your wisdom.
      I trust Your love.
I pray with Your Son,
      "Not my will, but Yours be done." (Matthew 26:39, para.)
I trust You, Lord.
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Tune: Blest Be the Tie That Binds (DENNIS)

Psalm 13; Matthew 26:36-44



WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Johann G. Naegeli (1773-1836); arr. by Ken Bible

DENNIS
S.M.

Alt. Tune: BOYLSTON
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(NASB)

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they have committed detestable acts;
There is no one who does good.
2 The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of mankind To see if there are any who understand,
Who seek God.

3 They have all turned aside, together they are corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.

4 Do all the workers of injustice not know,
Who devour my people as they eat bread,
And do not call upon the Lord?
5 There they are in great dread,
For God is with a righteous generation.
6 You would put to shame the plan of the poor,
But the Lord is his refuge.

7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of His people, Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." (Psalm 14:1, NASB)

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"Fool" here does not refer to one who is
      mentally deficient,
but one who is
      morally deficient;
one who stubbornly chooses the wrong path,
      ignoring truth,
      insensitive to all that is
             good and
             right.
They thus make their lives
      futile.
      empty, and
      pointless.
Those who reject the only Source of Life have
only one destiny remaining:
      sin and
      death.
Without God's grace,
      we have all been that fool.
The definition includes each of us
      before we trusted Christ.
       All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
       being justified as a gift by His grace
       through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24, NASB)
       Remember that you were at that time separate from Christ,
       excluded from the people of Israel, and
       strangers to the covenants of the promise,
       having no hope and without God in the world.
       But now in Christ Jesus you who previously were far away
       have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:12-13, NASB)
As we simply trust Christ, we are
      forgiven,
      cleansed,
       renewed, and
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empowered by His Spirit.

We begin to reflect

His goodness,

His holiness,

His kindness, and

His love.

As we do, we begin to make Him

real to all those around us.

We begin to show people that

God is love.

We point them

out of the darkness and

into His beautiful, marvelous light.

What a privilege!

What a wonderful change!

ALTERNATE TUNE: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (OLD 100th)



WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: John S. Terry (1859) and Ken Bible

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(NASB)

1 Lord, who may reside in Your tent?

Who may settle on Your holy hill?

2 One who walks with integrity, practices righteousness,

And speaks truth in his heart.

3 He does not slander with his tongue,

Nor do evil to his neighbor,

Nor bring shame on his friend;

4 A despicable person is despised in his eyes,

But he honors those who fear the Lord;

He takes an oath to his own detriment, and does not change;

5 He does not lend his money at interest,

Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

One who does these things will never be shaken.

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Lord God,
Holy God,
High above all that I am and
      all that I can imagine,
You ask me to come to You.
You invite me to come to You.
But I am completely unworthy of You.
How can I come?
How should I come?
You are holy.
      I come humbly.
You are mercy.
      I come repenting.
You are perfect in power,
perfect in wisdom,
perfect in love.
      I come trusting You.
You are truth.
I will meditate on Your truth,
      speak Your truth, and
      live Your truth.
You love each of us,
      all of us,
deeply and
      completely.
Father, I will love each of us,
      all of us.
as You love us,
      deeply,
      completely,
      actively,
      generously,
      fearlessly.
But God,
      I can do none of this on my own.
I will depend on Your
      almighty,
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all-wise,
all-loving Spirit.
You pour Him out
freely,
lavishly
on all who
come to You as a child,
all who
simply
trust
You.
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TUNE: Lord, Speak to Me (CANONBURY, alt.)



WORDS: Ken Bible CANONBURY 2
MUSIC: Robert Schumann (1810-1856) and Ken Bible L.M.

Alternate Tune: GERMANY

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(NASB)

1 Protect me, God, for I take refuge in You.

2 I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have nothing good besides You."

3 As for the saints who are on the earth.

They are the majestic ones; all my delight is in them.

4 The pains of those who have acquired another god will be multiplied;

I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood,

Nor will I take their names upon my lips.

5 The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

You support my lot.

6 The measuring lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

Indeed, my inheritance is beautiful to me.

7 I will bless the Lord who has advised me;

Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.

8 I have set the Lord continually before me;

Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;

My flesh also will dwell securely.

10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;

You will not allow Your [i]Holy One to undergo decay.

11 You will make known to me the way of life;

In Your presence is fullness of joy;

In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

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Almighty,
eternal.
all-encompassing God,
my Father,
You are my hiding place.
You are my only God,
      my only good,
      my one delight.
Seeking other gods and
      other "goods"
only multiplies trouble.
I choose You,
      all-wise,
      all-loving,
      all-sovereign Lord.
My present and eternal welfare is
      entirely in You.
In You, Father -
      what a wonderful place to be!
You teach me and guide me with Your
      perfect wisdom and understanding.
I listen for Your voice.
You are my focus.
Your personal presence
      comforts,
      protects,
      sustains, and
      inspires me.
You are my unshakable security.
You are the fullness of joy.
You are the pleasure that
      satisfies and delights me,
      completely and forever.
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Hymn recording: Psalm 16

Hymn recording: Psalm 16: "I Find All My Joy in You"

TUNE: Nearer, My God, to Thee (BETHANY)



 WORDS: Ken Bible
 BETHANY

 MUSIC: Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
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# I Find All My Joy in You



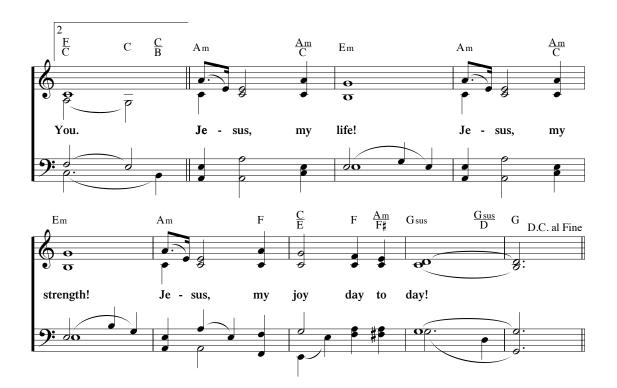
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ALL MY JOY Irregular



(NASB)

1 Hear a just cause, Lord, give Your attention to my cry; Listen to my prayer, which is not from deceitful lips.
2 Let my judgment come forth from Your presence; Let Your eyes look with integrity.
3 You have put my heart to the test; You have visited me by night; You have sifted me and You find nothing; My intent is that my mouth will not offend.
4 As for the works of mankind, by the word of Your lips I have kept from the ways of the violent.
5 My steps have held to Your paths.
My feet have not slipped.

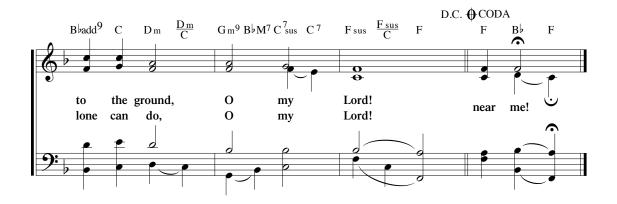
6 I have called upon You, for You will answer me, God; Incline Your ear to me, hear my speech.
7 Show Your wonderful faithfulness,
Savior of those who take refuge at Your right hand
From those who rise up against them.
8 Keep me as the apple of the eye;
Hide me in the shadow of Your wings
9 From the wicked who deal violently with me,
My deadly enemies who surround me.
10 They have closed their unfeeling hearts,
With their mouths they speak proudly.
11 They have now surrounded us in our steps;
They set their eyes to cast us down to the ground.
12 He is like a lion that is eager to tear,
And as a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, Lord, confront him, make him bow down;
Save my soul from the wicked with Your sword,
14 From people by Your hand, Lord,
From people of the world, whose portion is in this life,
And whose belly You fill with Your treasure;
They are satisfied with children,
And leave their abundance to their babies.
15 As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness;
I shall be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake.

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Father, this trouble that has come to me -
       this evil -
is not my doing.
You know that.
I am in serious difficulty, and
      I've done nothing wrong.
The problems circle around me
like hungry lions,
       snarling,
       snapping,
       threatening,
       with their red eyes
              fixed on me.
Lord God,
       I am helpless.
       I am defenseless...
...except for this:
You are still sovereign Lord of all.
You are still perfect justice.
You are still unfailing love -
       absolutely faithful,
       from forever
       to forever.
I am still Your child.
I lie here in Your arms,
       looking up,
       clinging,
       waiting.
Father, I trust You.
Do whatever pleases You.
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(NASB)

1 "I love You, Lord, my strength."

2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my savior,

My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;

My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

3 I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

And I am saved from my enemies.

4 The ropes of death encompassed me,

And the torrents of destruction terrified me.

5 The ropes of Sheol surrounded me;

The snares of death confronted me.

6 In my distress I called upon the Lord,

And cried to my God for help;

He heard my voice from His temple,

And my cry for help before Him came into His ears.

7 Then the earth shook and quaked;

And the foundations of the mountains were trembling

And were shaken, because He was angry.

8 Smoke went up out of His nostrils,

And fire from His mouth was devouring;

Coals burned from it.

9 He also bowed the heavens down low, and came down

With thick darkness under His feet.

10 He rode on a cherub and flew:

And He sped on the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness His hiding place, His canopy around Him,

Darkness of waters, thick clouds.

12 From the brightness before Him passed His thick clouds,

Hailstones and coals of fire.

13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens,

And the Most High uttered His voice,

Hailstones and coals of fire.

14 He sent out His arrows, and scattered them,

And lightning flashes in abundance, and routed them.

15 Then the channels of water appeared.

And the foundations of the world were exposed

By Your rebuke, Lord,

At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

16 He sent from on high, He took me;

He drew me out of many waters.

17 He saved me from my strong enemy,

And from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

18 They confronted me in the day of my disaster,

But the Lord was my support.

19 He also brought me out into an open place;

He rescued me, because He delighted in me.

20 The Lord has rewarded me according to my righteousness;

According to the cleanness of my hands He has repaid me.

21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord,

And have not acted wickedly against my God.

22 For all His judgments were before me,

And I did not put away His statutes from me.

23 I was also blameless with Him,

And I kept myself from my wrongdoing.

24 Therefore the Lord has repaid me according to my righteousness,

According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.

25 With the faithful You show Yourself faithful:

With the blameless You prove Yourself blameless;

26 With the pure You show Yourself pure,

And with the crooked You show Yourself astute.

27 For You save an afflicted people.

But You humiliate haughty eyes.

28 For You light my lamp;

The Lord my God illumines my darkness.

29 For by You I can run at a troop of warriors;

And by my God I can leap over a wall.

30 As for God, His way is blameless;

The word of the Lord is refined;

He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

31 For who is God, but the Lord?

And who is a rock, except our God,

32 The God who encircles me with strength,

And makes my way blameless?

33 He makes my feet like deer's feet,

And sets me up on my high places.

34 He trains my hands for battle,

So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation,

And Your right hand upholds me; And Your gentleness makes me great. 36 You enlarge my steps under me, And my feet have not slipped.

37 I pursued my enemies and overtook them, And I did not turn back until they were consumed. 38 I shattered them, so that they were not able to rise; They fell under my feet.

39 For You have encircled me with strength for battle; You have forced those who rose up against me to bow down under me.

40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me,

And I destroyed those who hated me.

41 They cried for help, but there was no one to save, They cried to the Lord, but He did not answer them.
42 Then I beat them fine like the dust before the wind; I emptied them out like the mud of the streets.

43 You have rescued me from the contentions of the people;

You have placed me as head of the nations;

A people whom I have not known serve me.

44 As soon as they hear, they obey me;

Foreigners pretend to obey me.

45 Foreigners lose heart,

And come trembling out of their fortresses.

46 The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock;

And exalted be the God of my salvation,

47 The God who executes vengeance for me,

And subdues peoples under me.

48 He rescues me from my enemies;

You indeed lift me above those who rise up against me;

You rescue me from a violent man.

49 Therefore I will give thanks to You among the nations, Lord,

And I will sing praises to Your name.

50 He gives great salvation to His king,

And shows faithfulness to His anointed,

To David and his descendants forever.

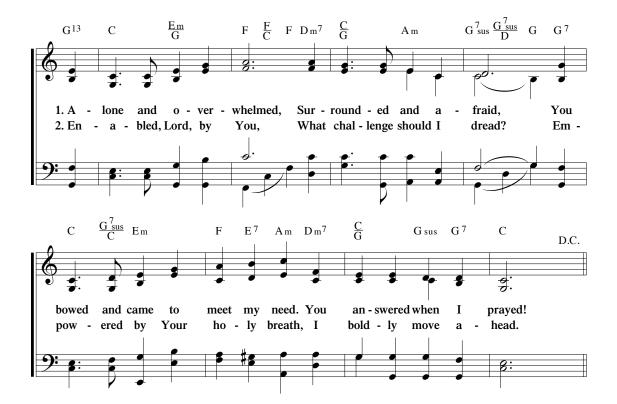
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I love You,
I LOVE You,
      my Father,
      my God,
      my Rock,
      my Refuge,
      my Salvation!
I call on You and know for certain that,
      whether You do what I expect or not,
You are answering.
You are acting.
You are right now doing what is
      very best.
When I am
      bound.
      surrounded,
      overwhelmed, and
      afraid.
I turn to You.
You,
      the Ruler and Sustainer of all reality,
are listening and responding
      in perfect love
      to my every sigh.
Your love is never silent, Father,
      never passive,
      never indifferent,
      never distracted.
O God of wind and fire.
      of mountains and oceans,
      Your burning love is always focused on
             me.
When You come down to answer my prayer,
all heaven and earth
      tremble.
You come to me,
      riding on Your six-winged servants,
      carried by the wind,
      cloaked in darkness,
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with hail and fire as Your heralds.
You speak with
      a voice of thunder, and
any who oppose me
      scatter.
Father, You light my path.
You illumine my darkness.
You enable me to do anything You want me to do,
      no matter how impossible it seems without You.
Your ways and
Your words are
      always
      absolutely
      perfect.
Who is God but
      You?
Who is immovable and unshakable but
      You?
You prepare me and
      stay with me
through
      every adventure,
      every battle,
      every struggle,
      every valley.
All praise to You,
      Living God!
Blessed be You,
      my Rock!
Be forever exalted,
      O God of my salvation!
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WORDS: Ken Bible MUSIC: African-American Spiritual and Ken Bible

ROLL JORDAN 2 S.M.w.Ref.



(NASB)

1 The heavens tell of the glory of God;

And their expanse declares the work of His hands.

2 Day to day pours forth speech,

And night to night reveals knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words;

Their voice is not heard.

4 Their line has gone out into all the earth,

And their words to the end of the world.

In them He has placed a tent for the sun,

5 Which is like a groom coming out of his chamber;

It rejoices like a strong person to run his course.

6 Its rising is from one end of the heavens,

And its circuit to the other end of them;

And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

7 The Law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul;

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.

10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much pure gold;

Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, Your servant is warned by them;

In keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.

13 Also keep Your servant back from presumptuous sins;

Let them not rule over me;

Then I will be innocent.

And I will be blameless of great wrongdoing.

14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

Be acceptable in Your sight,

Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

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O Father, sovereign Creator, the heavens proclaim Your glory –
      Your greatness,
      Your goodness,
      Your unfailing presence with us.
Day after day,
night after night they
      speak of You and
      sing of You.
Without a word,
without a sound they
      fill the whole earth with
      the wonders of Your wisdom.
Father, You also share this wonderful wisdom
      through Your written Word.
Your Word is
      perfect,
      right,
      clean, and
      true.
It turns us to You, bringing
      light to our eyes and
      joy to our hearts.
Endless gold is worthless
      compared to its treasures.
Father, apply its precious truths to my life.
Point out my hidden faults, I pray.
Guard me from the approach of sin, whether
      subtle or
      aggressive.
May every word from my mouth and
      every murmur of my heart
be pleasing to You,
      my Creator and
      my Redeemer.
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TUNE: Christ Is Alive (TRURO, alt.)



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MUSIC: Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789, and Ken Bible

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(NASB)

1 May the Lord answer you on a day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! 2 May He send you help from the sanctuary, And support you from Zion! 3 May He remember all your meal offerings And accept your burnt offering! Selah

4 May He grant you your heart's desire
And fulfill your whole plan!
5 We will sing for joy over your victory,
And in the name of our God we will set up our banners.
May the Lord fulfill all your desires.

6 Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed;
He will answer him from His holy heaven
With the saving strength of His right hand.
7 Some praise their chariots and some their horses,
But we will praise the name of the Lord, our God.
8 They have bowed down and fallen,
But we have risen and stood upright.
9 Save, Lord;
May the King answer us on the day we call.

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Father, no matter what life brings to us, we can live
in full confidence,
in unchanging joy,
in unshakable peace.
You are the Lord.
That will never change.
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You answer us whenever we call to You and give us all that is best.

You grant every good desire of our heart and fulfill every good purpose.

Some trust in money.

Some trust in power and human security.

We trust in You,
Almighty,
all-wise,
all-loving Father.



WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

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(NASB)

1 Lord, in Your strength the king will be glad,

And in Your salvation how greatly he will rejoice!

2 You have given him his heart's desire,

And You have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah

3 For You meet him with the blessings of good things;

You set a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked for life from You,

You gave it to him,

Length of days forever and ever.

5 His glory is great through Your salvation,

Splendor and majesty You place upon him.

6 For You make him most blessed forever;

You make him joyful with the joy of Your presence.

7 For the king trusts in the Lord,

And through the faithfulness of the Most High he will not be shaken.

8 Your hand will find all your enemies;

Your right hand will find those who hate you.

9 You will make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger;

The Lord will swallow them up in His wrath,

And fire will devour them.

10 You will eliminate their descendants from the earth,

And their children from among the sons of mankind.

11 Though they intended evil against You

And devised a plot,

They will not succeed.

12 For You will make them turn their back;

You will take aim at their faces with Your bowstrings.

13 Be exalted, Lord, in Your strength;

We will sing and praise Your power.

Psalm 21 was originally written for an earthly king, but it finds its ultimate fulfillment in the Ultimate King, Jesus Messiah.

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Almighty God,
Father of all,
our King finds all
      His strength in You,
      His joy in You,
      His deliverance from death in You,
      His eternal life in You,
      His unbounded glory in You.
Our King trusts in You
      constantly and
      completely.
By Your sovereign decree,
He will defeat.
      destroy, and
      swallow up forever
all His enemies.
      all Your enemies,
      all the enemies of His beloved people.
Sin,
sorrow,
pain, and
death will be
      gone forever.
They will be crushed and
      eradicated by
our King,
      Jesus Messiah.
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We are one with You in Him.
We are blessed with all You are in Him.
We are secure, complete, and

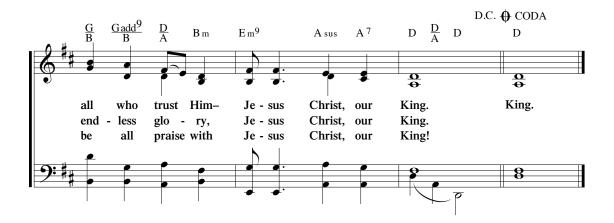
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loved supremely by You in Him.
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Praise to You,
Father!
Praise to You,
Holy Spirit!
Praise to You,
Jesus Christ,
our King!

TUNE: Roll, Jordan, Roll (alt.)



WORDS: Ken Bible MUSIC: African-American Spiritual and Ken Bible ROLL, JORDAN, ROLL 2 10.5.10.5.w.Ref.



(NASB)

1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
Far from my help are the words of my groaning.
2 My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer;
And by night, but I have no rest.
3 Yet You are holy,
You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
4 In You our fathers trusted;
They trusted and You rescued them.
5 To You they cried out and they fled to safety;
In You they trusted and were not disappointed.

6 But I am a worm and not a person,
A disgrace of mankind and despised by the people.
7 All who see me deride me;
They sneer, they shake their heads, saying,
8 "Turn him over to the Lord; let Him save him;
Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him."

9 Yet You are He who brought me forth from the womb;You made me trust when upon my mother's breasts.10 I was cast upon You from birth;You have been my God from my mother's womb.

11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near; For there is no one to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me. 13 They open their mouths wide at me, As a ravening and roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me. 15 My strength is dried up like a piece of pottery, And my tongue clings to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I can count all my bones.

They look, they stare at me; 18 They divide my garments among them, And they cast lots for my clothing.

19 But You, Lord, do not be far away; You who are my help, hurry to my assistance. 20 Save my soul from the sword, My only life from the power of the dog. 21 Save me from the lion's mouth; From the horns of the wild oxen You answer me.

22 I will proclaim Your name to my brothers;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
23 You who fear the Lord, praise Him;
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.
24 For He has not despised nor scorned the suffering of the afflicted;
Nor has He hidden His face from him;
But when he cried to Him for help, He heard.

25 From You comes my praise in the great assembly;
I shall pay my vows before those who fear Him.
26 The afflicted will eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the Lord.
May your heart live forever!
27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,
And all the families of the nations will worship before You.
28 For the kingdom is the Lord's
And He rules over the nations.
29 All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship,
All those who go down to the dust will kneel before Him,

30 A posterity will serve Him;It will be told of the Lord to the coming generation.31 They will come and will declare His righteousnessTo a people who will be born, that He has performed it.

Even he who cannot keep his soul alive.

### **Trusting God in the Darkness**

A Prayer Based on Psalm 22

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My God, my Father, I feel abandoned.
I continually cry out to You,
      but You do not answer.
I have no rest, and
      deliverance seems a million miles away.
But Lord, I know
      You are pure and perfect.
      You are the sovereign king of all.
      You are forever with Your people.
When they have trusted You and cried out to You,
      You have always delivered them.
Always!
Look at me, Lord.
Look at me!
To the people around me, I am not even human.
I am revolting to them,
      something to be
             despised and
             ridiculed.
They even mock my devotion to You.
But Father, my life has always been interwoven with Yours.
My life is continually
      trusting You and
      depending on You.
God, I am utterly dependent on You now.
I am encircled by
      powerful and vicious beasts,
      roaring to consume me.
I have no strength left.
My body, heart, and soul,
      are completely spent,
      drained away like water.
The wicked
      shout at me,
      glare at me,
      growl at me,
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and I cannot answer.

I cannot resist.

They give full vent to their hatred.

They pierce my hands and my feet.

They even take the last scraps of my clothing, knowing I will never need them again.

But Father,

You are, and

You are God.

You were, and are, and are to come,

forever.

With my last breath

I will trust You.

With every ounce of strength You lend me

I will glorify You,

I will worship You,

I will praise You!

Your praise will sound through

all people of

every nation and

every age.

Father God, You are Lord of heaven and earth, now and forever.

I trust You.

Praise to You!

### Why Have You Forsaken Me?

As Jesus was dying on the cross, in the darkness and pain He cried out,

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46, NASB)

With all that He was enduring,

physically and emotionally,

His deepest sorrow was feeling separated from His Father.

But He expressed His sorrow using the opening words of Psalm 22.

That Psalm, filled with

raw honesty and

desperate cries,

is an eloquent prayer of determined faith.

Jesus was making that prayer His own.

In the grip of the very worst life can bring,

Jesus showed the way for us.

He expressed ultimate faith in

the unchanging faithfulness of

the Sovereign of the universe.

Even as Jesus felt

helpless,

utterly alone,

separated from His Father,

He turned to Him and

trusted Him.



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(NIV)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 he refreshes my soul.He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk
  through the darkest valley,
  I will fear no evil,
  for you are with me;
  your rod and your staff,
  they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Eternal God,
the Boundless One,
the Source of All,
      is my shepherd.
Hack NOTHING.
He faithfully,
      patiently,
      wisely
provides everything I need:
      food and rest,
      guidance,
      correction, and
      renewal.
Even as I walk through life's deepest, darkest valleys,
      in the looming shadow of death,
I will not fear,
for You, my Lord, are with me,
      comforting,
      strengthening
      protecting, and
      walking me through.
Even as fierce threats surround me,
You pour out on me Your
      rich abundance and
      eternal blessings.
Every day of my life I
      walk and
      work and
      rest in Your presence;
and I will live in You, O my Father,
      every moment
      forever.
Praise to You!
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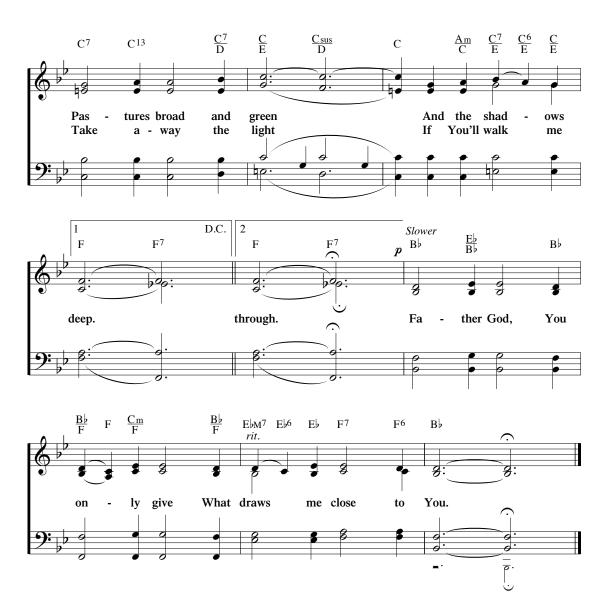
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## The Father's Gifts

Psalm 23; 25:10; Romans 8:28



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(NASB)

1 The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains,
The world, and those who live in it.
2 For He has founded it upon the seas
And established it upon the rivers.
3 Who may ascend onto the hill of the Lord?
And who may stand in His holy place?
4 One who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to deceit
And has not sworn deceitfully.
5 He will receive a blessing from the Lord
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face—even Jacob. Selah

7 Lift up your heads, you gates,
And be lifted up, you ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in!
8 Who is the King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, you gates,
And lift them up, you ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in!
10 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of armies,
He is the King of glory. Selah

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Father, all that is
      is Yours -
the world,
      all that fills it,
      everything that shares Your breath.
We were all created
      by You and
      for You,
to display
      Your greatness,
      Your goodness, and
      Your marvelous presence.
But who of us is worthy to even enter Your presence?
Only the one who is innocent in all his doings.
Only one the one who is pure in all his desires.
Only the one who is absolutely true in all his
      thoughts,
      words, and
      deeds.
Only Your pure and perfect Son,
      Jesus Christ, and
all who trust in Him and
      live in Him and
      approach You in Him.
So come, King of Glory, Almighty Lord,
      we welcome You!
We receive You joyfully
      with songs of praise!
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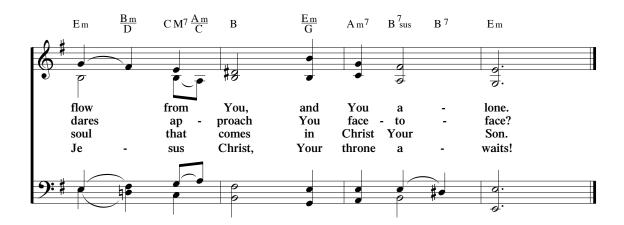
Your throne awaits You! Come, Lord Jesus!



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MUSIC: Jeremiah Clark (ca. 1673-1707); arr. rev. by Ken Bible

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(NASB)

1 To You, Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 My God, in You I trust,

Do not let me be ashamed;

Do not let my enemies rejoice over me.

3 Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed:

Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

4 Make me know Your ways, Lord;

Teach me Your paths.

5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You are the God of my salvation;

For You I wait all the day.

6 Remember, Lord, Your compassion and Your faithfulness,

For they have been from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoings;

Remember me according to Your faithfulness,

For Your goodness' sake, Lord.

8 The Lord is good and upright;

Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in justice,

And He teaches the humble His way.

10 All the paths of the Lord are faithfulness and truth

To those who comply with His covenant and His testimonies.

11 For the sake of Your name, Lord,

Forgive my wrongdoing, for it is great.

12 Who is the person who fears the Lord?

He will instruct him in the way he should choose.

13 His soul will dwell in prosperity,

And his descendants will inherit the [q]land.

14 The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him.

And He will make them know His covenant.

15 My eyes are continually toward the Lord,

For He will rescue my feet from the net.

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me,

For I am lonely and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged;

Bring me out of my distresses.

18 Look at my misery and my trouble,
And forgive all my sins.
19 Look at my enemies, for they are many,
And they hate me with violent hatred.
20 Guard my soul and save me;
Do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in You.
21 Let integrity and uprightness protect me,
For I wait for You.
22 Redeem Israel, God,
From all his distress.

Almighty Father, I lift my entire being up to You! I desire You! I need You!

I cannot make myself who I need to be.

Have mercy on me!

Teach me.

Lead me.

Forgive me.

Recreate me.

O wise and loving Father, give me

Your wisdom,

Your holiness,

Your strength of heart,

Your truth, and

Your unfailing love.

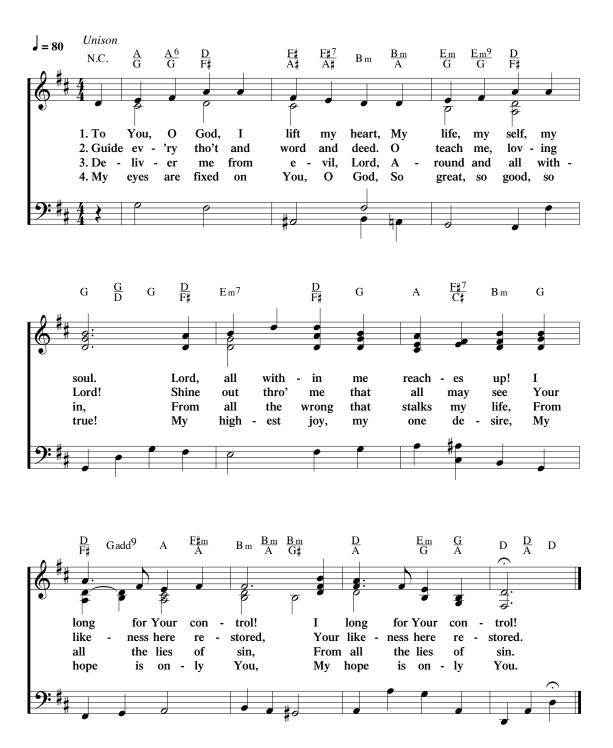
You are my deliverance from evil.
You are my only protection from
the vicious enemies of my soul.

You are the only source of all that I need.
You are my only hope.

O God.

my eyes are continually fixed on You!

Father,
I want to be a
clean vessel,
fit for Your use.



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MUSIC: Traditional Folk Song and Ken Bible
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