Psalm Hymns & Devotionals

for Psalms 101 - 125 with scripture and links to recordings

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(NASB)

1 I will sing of mercy and justice;

To You, Lord, I will sing praises.

2 I will carefully attend to the blameless way.

When will You come to me?

I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes;

I hate the work of those who fall away;

It shall not cling to me.

4 A perverse heart shall leave me;

I will know no evil.

5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy;

I will not endure one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart.

6 My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me;

One who walks in a blameless way is one who will serve me.

7 One who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house;

One who speaks lies shall not maintain his position before me.

8 Every morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land,

So as to eliminate from the city of the Lord all those who do injustice.

Reflection on Psalm 101

I will sing of lovingkindness and justice, To You, O Lord, I will sing praises. (Psalm 101:1, NASB)

Father, as I grow to know You, I can't express my gratitude for Your unfailing love! Though You are the source of all, the All-in-all, You are thoroughly selfless in the way You give to all Your creatures, and especially to Your children. You give to them without reserve from all You have and all You are. You forgive us who have wronged You so grievously over and over again. You sacrifice for us all that is dearest to You. You are always patient, kind, faithful, and O so very good! And Father, I bow and worship You wholeheartedly for Your complete rightness in all that You are and all that You do. You make holiness so beautiful! O my Lord, I want to be like You! I want Your unfailing love and Your complete rightness to fill all I am and everything I say and do; every attitude,

every motive, every thought,

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every desire,
every relationship.
May Your goodness and
      Your beautiful holiness
cleanse me from
      all selfishness,
      all pride, and
      all falseness.
Make me like You, Father,
      inside and
      out.
I love You, and
I long to be
      just
      like
      You!
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Hymn recording: Psalm 101



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(NASB)

1 Hear my prayer, Lord!

And let my cry for help come to You.

2 Do not hide Your face from me on the day of my distress;

Incline Your ear to me:

On the day when I call answer me quickly.

3 For my days have ended in smoke,

And my bones have been scorched like a hearth.

4 My heart has been struck like grass and has withered,

Indeed, I forget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the cloudness of my groaning

My bones cling to my flesh.

6 I resemble a pelican of the wilderness;

I have become like an owl of the ruins.

7 I lie awake.

I have become like a solitary bird on a housetop.

8 My enemies have taunted me all day long;

Those who deride me have used my name as a curse.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread.

And mixed my drink with weeping

10 Because of Your indignation and Your wrath;

For You have lifted me up and thrown me away.

11 My days are like a lengthened shadow,

And I wither away like grass.

12 But You, Lord, remain forever,

And Your name remains to all generations.

13 You will arise and have compassion on Zion;

For it is time to be gracious to her,

For the appointed time has come.

14 Surely Your servants take pleasure in her stones,

And feel pity for her dust.

15 So the nations will fear the name of the Lord,

And all the kings of the earth, Your glory.

16 For the Lord has built up Zion;

He has appeared in His glory.

17 He has turned His attention to the prayer of the destitute

And has not despised their prayer.

18 This will be written for the generation to come,

That a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:

19 For He looked down from His holy height;

From heaven the Lord looked upon the earth,

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner,

To set free those who were doomed to death,

21 So that people may tell of the name of the Lord in Zion,

And His praise in Jerusalem,

22 When the peoples are gathered together,

And the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

23 He has broken my strength in the way;

He has shortened my days.

24 I say, "My God, do not take me away in the middle of my days,

Your years are throughout all generations.

25 In time of old You founded the earth,

And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

26 Even they will perish, but You endure;

All of them will wear out like a garment;

Like clothing You will change them and they will pass away.

27 But You are the same,

And Your years will not come to an end.

28 The children of Your servants will continue,

And their descendants will be established before You."

Reflection on Psalm 102

Father, with every passing day

I feel my frailty more and more.

As I face my brevity,

I grasp the truth more clearly:

You are forever.

You are unchanging,

introducing Yourself anew to every generation, untouched by time.

My own neediness is helping me to

know You,

trust You, and

find constant peace in You.

As I grasp my weakness,

I realize Your inherent strength.

You relate to us.

not from a higher place,

but from a higher being.

You created this universe for Your glory, and

someday, it will have served its purpose.

You will change it like a garment.

But we share Your very being.

We breath Your eternal breath.

You share Your permanence with us.

You are Everlasting Father, and

we are Your children.

You are our Source and

our Destination,

our entire reality.

Continue to teach me,

continue to hold me,

to draw me,

to recreate me,

O boundless, magnificent God!

I am truly, eternally Yours!

Hymn recording: Psalm 102

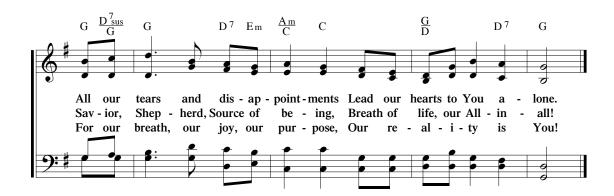
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(NASB)

1 Bless the Lord, my soul,
And all that is within me, bless His holy name.
2 Bless the Lord, my soul,
And do not forget any of His benefits;
3 Who pardons all your guilt,
Who heals all your diseases;
4 Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with favor and compassion;
5 Who satisfies your years with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

6 The Lord performs righteous deeds And judgments for all who are oppressed. 7 He made known His ways to Moses. His deeds to the sons of Israel. 8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in mercy. 9 He will not always contend with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our guilty deeds. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our wrongdoings from us. 13 Just as a father has compassion on his children. So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. 14 For He Himself knows our form: He is mindful that we are nothing but dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass;
Like a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
16 When the wind has passed over it, it is no more,
And its place no longer knows about it.
17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting for those who fear Him,
And His justice to the children's children,
18 To those who keep His covenant
And remember His precepts, so as to do them.

19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,

And His sovereignty rules over all.
20 Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Mighty in strength, who perform His word,
Obeying the voice of His word!
21 Bless the Lord, all you His angels,
You who serve Him, doing His will.
22 Bless the Lord, all you works of His,
In all places of His dominion;
Bless the Lord, my soul!

Reflection on Psalm 103

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O my Father,
      my God,
Your love and
      Your goodness
resound through
      every time and
      every place.
Your kindness and
      patient compassion
fill all history.
Father, Your love resounds in me.
Your goodness has filled
      every time and
      every place in my life.
You forgive,
You heal,
You buy me back from my sinful choices.
You satisfy me completely
      with all that is best.
You renew me,
      body,
      mind, and
      spirit.
Your compassionate love is
      boundless.
      persistent,
      tough, and
      tender.
You kiss away all the guilt
      I so richly deserve.
You look at me.
      not as an angry judge, but
      as a proud father,
patient and
      forbearing,
with untiring mercy.
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Your love will long outlast

my few days on earth.

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When this frail body returns to dust,
my life in You –
Your life in me –
will have only just begun.
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Praise to You, O my God!
I bless You,
I thank You,
I love You,
my dear Father!

Hymn recording: Psalm 103

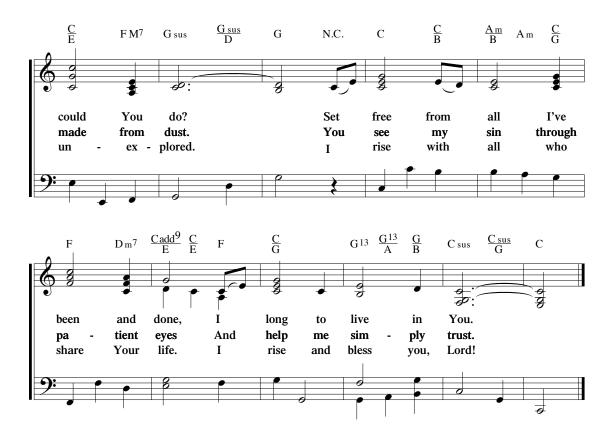
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(NASB)

1 Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord my God, You are very great;
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
2 Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak,
Stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.
3 He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters;
He makes the clouds His chariot;
He walks on the wings of the wind;
4 He makes [e]the winds His messengers,
Flaming fire His ministers.

5 He established the earth upon its foundations,
So that it will not totter forever and ever.
6 You covered it with the deep sea as with a garment;
The waters were standing above the mountains.
7 They fled from Your rebuke,
At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away.
8 The mountains rose; the valleys sank down
To the place which You established for them.
9 You set a boundary so that they will not pass over,
So that they will not return to cover the earth.

10 He sends forth springs in the valleys;
They flow between the mountains;
11 They give drink to every animal of the field;
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
12 The birds of the sky dwell beside them;
They lift up their voices from among the branches.
13 He waters the mountains from His upper chambers;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works.

14 He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,
And vegetation for the labor of mankind,
So that they may produce food from the earth,
15 And wine, which makes a human heart cheerful,
So that he makes his face gleam with oil,
And food, which sustains a human heart.
16 The trees of the Lord drink their fill,
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,
17 Where the birds build their nests,

And the stork, whose home is the juniper trees.

18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
The cliffs are a refuge for the rock hyrax.
19 He made the moon for the seasons;
The sun knows the place of its setting.
20 You appoint darkness and it becomes night,
In which all the animals of the forest prowl about.
21 The young lions roar for their prey
And seek their food from God.
22 When the sun rises they withdraw,
And they lie down in their dens.
23 A person goes out to his work
And to his labor until evening.

24 Lord, how many are Your works!
In wisdom You have made them all;
The earth is full of Your possessions.
25 There is the sea, great and broad,
In which are swarms without number,
Animals both small and great.
26 The ships move along there,
And Leviathan, which You have formed to have fun in it.

27 They all wait for You
To give them their food in due season.
28 You give to them, they gather it up;
You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good.
29 You hide Your face, they are terrified;
You take away their breath, they perish
And return to their dust.
30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
And You renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
May the Lord rejoice in His works;
32 He looks at the earth, and it trembles;
He touches the mountains, and they smoke.
33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
34 May my praise be pleasing to Him;
As for me, I shall rejoice in the Lord.
35 May sinners be removed from the earth

And may the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord!

Know Your Creator

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. (Psalm 19:1, NIV)

God is an all-powerful Spirit Being. He created us as physical beings. How could He reveal Himself to us in a way we could understand? How could He show Himself to each of us in a way that is unlimited by language and culture and that is undiminished by all the changes that swirl around us?

He reveals Himself by the physical world of which we are a part.

What may be known about God is plain...For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. (Romans 1:19-20, NIV)

Any open-minded view of our physical world tells us about God. But we observe and experience His creation without knowing Him, even though He has made Himself plain. How does this happen?

We intentionally suppress the truth (Romans 1:18). We refuse to accept Him as Creator. We work to write Him out of our story. We insist on making this physical world our ultimate reality, though actually it is but a small part of a much greater reality. We crown ourselves as the gods of our own lives and destinies, even though our smallness and weakness are inescapably obvious.

Meanwhile, God's glorious revelations of Himself go on speaking to all who will hear.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. (Psalm 19:2-4, NIV)

Observe our world and experience it with an open mind. See and feel the order, the pleasure, the beauty, the mystery, the power, and the infinite wisdom that connect it all. All this is only the faintest whisper of the magnificent Being that He is (Job 26:14). He wants you to know Him, to trust Him more completely, and to experience life more fully in Him.

Hymn recording: Psalm 104



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(NASB)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;

Make His deeds known among the peoples.

2 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

Tell of all His wonders.

3 Boast in His holy name;

May the heart of those who seek the Lord be joyful.

4 Seek the Lord and His strength;

Seek His face continually.

5 Remember His wonders which He has done,

His marvels and the judgments spoken by His mouth,

6 You descendants of Abraham, His servant,

You sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!

7 He is the Lord our God;

His judgments are in all the earth.

8 He has remembered His covenant forever,

The word which He commanded to a thousand generations,

9 The covenant which He made with Abraham,

And His oath to Isaac.

10 Then He confirmed it to Jacob as a statute,

To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

11 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan

As the portion of your inheritance,"

12 When they were only a few people in number,

Very few, and strangers in it.

13 And they wandered from nation to nation,

From one kingdom to another people,

14 He allowed no one to oppress them,

And He rebuked kings for their sakes, saying,

15 "Do not touch My anointed ones,

And do not harm My prophets."

16 And He called for a famine upon the land;

He broke the whole staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them.

Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They forced his feet into shackles,

He was put in irons;

19 Until the time that his word came to pass,

The word of the Lord refined him.

20 The king sent and released him,
The ruler of peoples, and set him free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler over all his possessions,
22 To imprison his high officials at will,
That he might teach his elders wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt;
So Jacob lived in the land of Ham.
24 And He made His people very fruitful,
And made them stronger than their enemies.

25 He turned their heart to hate His people, To deal cunningly with His servants. 26 He sent His servant Moses. And Aaron, whom He had chosen. 27 They performed His wondrous acts among them, And miracles in the land of Ham. 28 He sent darkness and made it dark; And they did not rebel against His words. 29 He turned their waters into blood. And caused their fish to die. 30 Their land swarmed with frogs Even in the chambers of their kings. 31 He spoke, and a swarm of flies And gnats invaded all their territory. 32 He gave them hail for rain, And flaming fire in their land. 33 He also struck their vines and their fig trees, And smashed the trees of their territory. 34 He spoke, and locusts came, And creeping locusts, beyond number, 35 And they ate all the vegetation in their land, And ate the fruit of their ground. 36 He also fatally struck all the firstborn in their land, The first fruits of all their vigor.

37 Then He brought the Israelites out with silver and gold, And among His tribes there was not one who stumbled.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed,
For the dread of them had fallen upon the Egyptians.
39 He spread out a cloud as a covering,
And fire to illumine by night.
40 They asked, and He brought quail,

And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock and water flowed out;

It ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For He remembered His holy word

With His servant Abraham;

43 And He led out His people with joy,

His chosen ones with a joyful shout.

44 He also gave them the lands of the nations,

So that they might take possession of the fruit of the peoples' labor,

45 And that they might keep His statutes

And comply with His laws;

Praise the Lord!

Reflection on Psalm 105

The history of God's people
chants and
sings and
shouts
the truth:
God is always faithful!
God is always working His beautiful will.
God is always God,
in every circumstance,
no matter how challenging,
no matter what the obstacles.
And God is always leading His people to
a beautiful destiny,
a promised land beyond our imaginings.

God is God when,
like Abraham,
we are small,
aliens in a foreign land, and
God's promises seem
someday and far away.

God is God when,
like Joseph,
life is unjust, and
we are unfairly treated.

God is God when,
like Israel in Egypt,
the problems seem overwhelming, and
the obstacles insurmountable.

And God is God when
we are on a long journey through
an endless desert, and
we have no other source,
no other hope
but Him.

Hymn recording: Psalm 105





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(NASB)

106 Praise the Lord!

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

For His mercy is everlasting.

2 Who can speak of the mighty deeds of the Lord,

Or can proclaim all His praise?

3 How blessed are those who maintain justice,

Who practice righteousness at all times!

4 Remember me, Lord, in Your favor toward Your people.

Visit me with Your salvation,

5 So that I may see the prosperity of Your chosen ones,

That I may rejoice in the joy of Your nation,

That I may boast with Your inheritance.

6 We have sinned like our fathers,

We have gone astray, we have behaved wickedly.

7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders;

They did not remember Your abundant kindnesses,

But rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name,

So that He might make His power known.

9 So He rebuked the Red Sea and it dried up,

And He led them through the mighty waters, as through the wilderness.

10 So He saved them from the hand of one who hated them,

And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their adversaries:

Not one of them was left.

12 Then they believed His words;

They sang His praise.

13 They quickly forgot His works;

They did not wait for His plan,

14 But became lustfully greedy in the wilderness,

And put God to the test in the desert.

15 So He gave them their request,

But sent a wasting disease among them.

16 When they became envious of Moses in the camp,

And of Aaron, the holy one of the Lord,

17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,

And engulfed the company of Abiram.

18 And a fire blazed up in their company;
The flame consumed the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshiped a cast metal image.
20 So they exchanged their glory
For the image of an ox that eats grass.
21 They forgot God their Savior,
Who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wonders in the land of Ham.

And awesome things by the Red Sea.

23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them,

If Moses, His chosen one, had not stood in the gap before Him,

To turn away His wrath from destroying them.

24 Then they rejected the pleasant land;

They did not believe His word,

25 But grumbled in their tents;

They did not listen to the voice of the Lord.

26 Therefore He swore to them

That He would have them fall in the wilderness,

27 And that He would bring down their descendants among the nations,

And scatter them in the lands.

28 They also followed Baal-peor,

And ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

29 So they provoked Him to anger with their deeds,

And a plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and intervened,

And so the plague was brought to a halt.

31 And it was credited to him as righteousness,

To all generations forever.

32 They also provoked Him to wrath at the waters of Meribah,

So that it went badly for Moses on their account.

33 Because they were rebellious against His Spirit,

He spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples, As the Lord had commanded them, 35 But they got involved with the nations And learned their practices, 36 And served their idols, Which became a snare to them.

37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,

38 And shed innocent blood,

The blood of their sons and their daughters

Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;

And the land was defiled with the blood.

39 So they became unclean in their practices,

And were unfaithful in their deeds.

40 Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against His people,

And He loathed His inheritance.

41 So He handed them over to the nations,

And those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them,

And they were subdued under their power.

43 Many times He would rescue them;

They, however, were rebellious in their plan,

And they sank down into their guilt.

44 Nevertheless He looked at their distress

When He heard their cry;

45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake,

And relented according to the greatness of His mercy.

46 He also made them objects of compassion

In the presence of all their captors.

47 Save us, Lord our God,

And gather us from the nations,

To give thanks to Your holy name

And glory in Your praise.

48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

From everlasting to everlasting.

And all the people shall say, "Amen."

Praise the Lord!

Reflection on Psalm 106

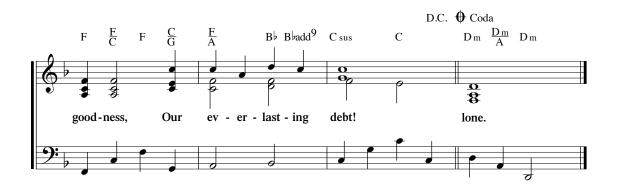
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We don't just sin individually.
Since Adam and Eve,
      we have been sinning together,
      corporately,
      as groups.
We are social creatures and
we go astray together,
      as friends,
      as families,
      as nations,
      as a race -
and yes, as churches.
The cure for corporate sin is the same as
the cure for personal sin:
      open confession,
      repentance,
      turning away from our sin, and
      trusting anew in
God, who is eager to
      forgive us,
      restore us, and
      redirect us.
Throughout our sad history,
how much human suffering could have been avoided if
      cultural groups,
      nations, and
      churches
had repented
      openly,
      sincerely, and
      publicly,
asking God
      to help them turn from their misguided ways?
Is there any corporate repentance that WE should be doing
right now?
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Hymn recording: Psalm 106



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(NASB)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

For His mercy is everlasting.

2 The redeemed of the Lord shall say so,

Those whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy

3 And gathered from the lands,

From the east and from the west,

From the north and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert region;

They did not find a way to an inhabited city.

5 They were hungry and thirsty;

Their souls felt weak within them.

6 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble:

He saved them from their distresses.

7 He also had them walk on a straight way,

To go to an inhabited city.

8 They shall give thanks to the Lord for His mercy,

And for His wonders to the sons of mankind!

9 For He has satisfied the thirsty soul,

And He has filled the hungry soul with what is good.

10 There were those who lived in darkness and in the shadow of death, Prisoners in misery and chains,

11 Because they had rebelled against the words of God

And rejected the plan of the Most High.

12 Therefore He humbled their heart with labor:

They stumbled and there was no one to help.

13 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble:

He saved them from their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death

And broke their bands apart.

15 They shall give thanks to the Lord for His mercy,

And for His wonders to the sons of mankind!

16 For He has shattered gates of bronze

And cut off bars of iron.

17 Fools, because of their rebellious way,

And because of their guilty deeds, were afflicted.

18 Their souls loathed all kinds of food.

And they came close to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble;

He saved them from their distresses.

20 He sent His word and healed them.

And saved them from their destruction.

21 They shall give thanks to the Lord for His mercy,

And for His wonders to the sons of mankind!

22 They shall also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,

And tell of His works with joyful singing.

23 Those who go down to the sea in ships,

Who do business on great waters;

24 They have seen the works of the Lord,

And His wonders in the deep.

25 For He spoke and raised a stormy wind,

Which lifted the waves of the sea.

26 They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the depths;

Their soul melted away in their misery.

27 They reeled and staggered like a drunken person,

And were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,

And He brought them out of their distresses.

29 He caused the storm to be still,

So that the waves of the sea were hushed.

30 Then they were glad because they were quiet,

So He guided them to their desired harbor.

31 They shall give thanks to the Lord for His mercy.

And for His wonders to the sons of mankind!

32 They shall also exalt Him in the congregation of the people,

And praise Him at the seat of the elders.

33 He turns rivers into a wilderness,

And springs of water into a thirsty ground;

34 And a fruitful land into a salt waste,

Because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

35 He turns a wilderness into a pool of water,

And a dry land into springs of water;

36 And He has the hungry live there,

So that they may establish an inhabited city,

37 And sow fields and plant vineyards,

And gather a fruitful harvest.

38 He also blesses them and they multiply greatly,

And He does not let their cattle decrease.

39 When they become few and lowly

Because of oppression, misery, and sorrow,

40 He pours contempt upon noblemen

And makes them wander in a pathless wasteland.

41 But He sets the needy securely on high, away from affliction,

And makes his families like a flock.

42 The upright see it and are glad;

But all injustice shuts its mouth.

43 Who is wise? He is to pay attention to these things,

And consider the mercy of the Lord.

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Imagine
      all the times God has graciously intervened to
      rescue His people
      in matters great and small.
Combine
      all the stories in the Bible.
      all the stories from the thousands of years since Bible days, and
       all the millions of individual testimonies yet untold.
God saves people!
Not just from sin,
      as vital as that is,
but from all that presses in on them:
      illness,
      danger,
      physical need, and
      so much more.
That is the beautiful, triumphant message of
      Psalm 107.
Our God is
       unfailing love.
Our God is
      absolute dependability.
Our God is thoroughly, constantly
      good!
He has even turned death
into the doorway to
      everlasting,
      unbounded life.
All the times He saves us in this life are simply
      a foretaste,
      a down-payment on
      our full and final salvation yet to come.
Praise Him,
      our Savior.
      our Redeemer!
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(NASB)

1 My heart is steadfast, God;
I will sing, I will sing praises also with my soul.
2 Awake, harp and lyre;
I will awaken the dawn!
3 I will give thanks to You, Lord, among the peoples,
And I will sing praises to You among the nations.
4 For Your mercy is great above the heavens,
And Your truth reaches to the skies.
5 Be exalted above the heavens, God,
And may Your glory be above all the earth.
6 So that Your beloved may be rescued,
Save with Your right hand, and answer me!

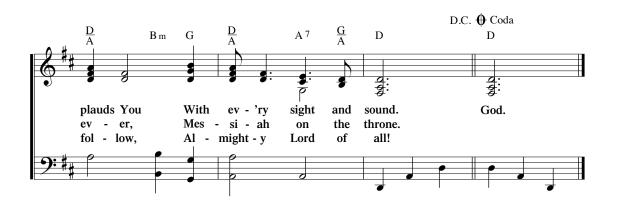
7 God has spoken in His holiness:
"I will triumph, I will divide up Shechem,
And measure out the Valley of Succoth.
8 Gilead is Mine, Manasseh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the helmet of My head;
Judah is My scepter.
9 Moab is My washbowl;
I will throw My sandal over Edom;
I will shout aloud over Philistia."

10 Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom?
11 God, have You Yourself not rejected us?
And will You not go forth with our armies, God?
12 Give us help against the enemy,
For deliverance by man is worthless.
13 Through God we will do valiantly,
And it is He who will trample down our enemies.

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He is
      our life,
      our joy,
      our Lord.
Every morning,
      as the day begins,
we go forth to glorify Him with
      our words,
      our attitudes, and
      our actions.
By our living examples,
we want everyone to know just how
      good and
      great
He is.
But be assured that
      He never sends us out.
      He leads us out.
Whatever challenges the day holds,
      He goes before us,
      assuring our victory,
      assuring that we are sufficient for whatever comes.
Today,
go out and
praise Him
      with all that you are!
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(NASB)

1 God of my praise,

Do not be silent!

2 For they have opened a wicked and deceitful mouth against me;

They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred,

And have fought against me without cause.

4 In return for my love they act as my accusers;

But I am in prayer.

5 So they have repaid me evil for good,

And hatred for my love.

6 Appoint a wicked person over him,

And may an accuser stand at his right hand.

7 When he is judged, may he come out guilty,

And may his prayer become sin.

8 May his days be few;

May another take his office.

9 May his children be fatherless,

And his wife a widow.

10 May his children wander about and beg;

And may they seek sustenance far from their ruined homes.

11 May the creditor seize everything that he has,

And may strangers plunder the product of his labor.

12 May there be none to extend kindness to him,

Nor any to be gracious to his fatherless children.

13 May his descendants be eliminated;

May their name be wiped out in a following generation.

14 May the guilt of his fathers be remembered before the Lord,

And do not let the sin of his mother be wiped out.

15 May they be before the Lord continually,

So that He may eliminate their memory from the earth;

16 Because he did not remember to show mercy,

But persecuted the afflicted and needy person,

And the despondent in heart, to put them to death.

17 He also loved cursing, so it came to him;

And he did not delight in blessing, so it was far from him.

18 But he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment,

And it entered his body like water,

And like oil into his bones.

19 May it be to him as a garment with which he covers himself, And as a belt which he constantly wears around himself. 20 May this be the reward of my accusers from the Lord, And of those who speak evil against my soul.

21 But You, God, the Lord, deal kindly with me for the sake of Your name; Because Your mercy is good, rescue me; 22 For I am afflicted and needy, And my heart is wounded within me. 23 I am passing like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like the locust. 24 My knees are weak from fasting, And my flesh has grown lean, without fatness. 25 I also have become a disgrace to them; When they see me, they shake their head.

26 Help me, Lord my God;
Save me according to Your mercy.
27 And may they know that this is Your hand;
You, Lord, have done it.
28 They will curse, but You bless;
When they arise, they will be ashamed,
But Your servant will be glad.
29 May my accusers be clothed with dishonor,
And may they cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.

30 With my mouth I will give thanks abundantly to the Lord; And I will praise Him in the midst of many.
31 For He stands at the right hand of the needy,
To save him from those who judge his soul.

Good and Evil in the Psalms

The Psalms often speak of good and evil in absolute terms that seem confusing to modern readers.

For example, the royal psalms sometimes seem to talk about a king who is perfectly good and

rules for all eternity (see Psalms 2, 21, 45, 72, 110, and others).

But these psalms were initially fulfilled in a human king whose virtues were only partial and passing.

The psalmist often claims innocence for himself

in a way that seems to deny the flaws found in even the most godly person (for example, see Psalm 17:3; 26:1; 86:2)

On the other hand,

and perhaps the most troubling,

some psalmists vehemently curse their enemies as if they were perfectly evil and eternally unredeemable (see Psalms 69, 109, and others).

Immersed in the human world around them,

the psalmists are moved by the perfect, eternal quality of absolute good and absolute evil,

even though the good and evil observed in human beings are only partial (only partly true) and passing (only temporarily true).

With the psalmists, we long

for the perfect, eternal Kingdom of God, for complete innocence, for the complete removal of all evil.

But we can only see

complete good and complete evil

through the reality of Jesus Christ.

He is the perfect, eternal King.

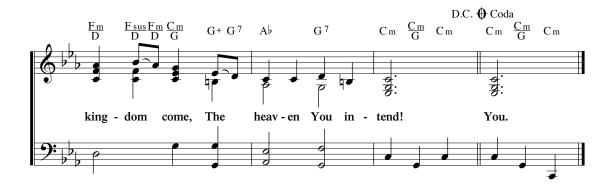
He is perfect innocence, and

in Him alone are we innocent.

He alone will bring ultimate destruction on the Ultimate Evil, Satan and his unrepentant followers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the psalms point us beyond our imperfections and our mortality to the ultimate good and evil, seen only as we look to the Ultimate King, the Ultimate Innocent, the Ultimate Judge, Jesus Christ.



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(NASB)

1 The Lord says to my Lord:

"Sit at My right hand

Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

2 The Lord will stretch out Your strong scepter from Zion, saying,

"Rule in the midst of Your enemies."

3 Your people will volunteer freely on the day of Your power;

In holy splendor, from the womb of the dawn,

Your youth are to You as the dew.

4 The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind,

"You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek."

5 The Lord is at Your right hand;

He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.

6 He will judge among the nations,

He will fill them with corpses,

He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.

7 He will drink from the brook by the wayside;

Therefore He will lift up His head.

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Father, at Your right hand You have enthroned
Your Son, Jesus Christ,
       holy God and
       wholly human,
       exactly like You and
       exactly like us, but without sin.
There at the power center of the universe
forever reigns
       our elder Brother,
       our own flesh and blood.
With You, He will rule
       all reality for
       all eternity,
He rules with
       absolute, fearsome might over His enemies and
       tender, all-encompassing love for His people.
But our King is also
       our Great High Priest.
He devotes all He is to faithfully ministering
       all Your love to
       all Your people.
Not even His own life was too high a price to pay.
He forgives,
       protects,
       cleanses.
       teaches,
       intercedes, and
       blesses.
He will be entirely
       for us
      for all eternity.
Thank You, Father, for the
       immeasurable,
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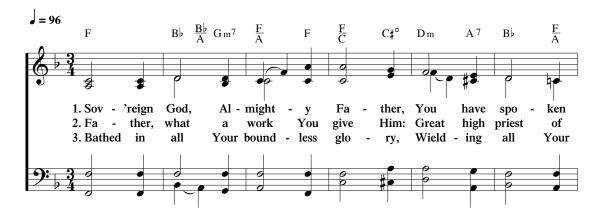
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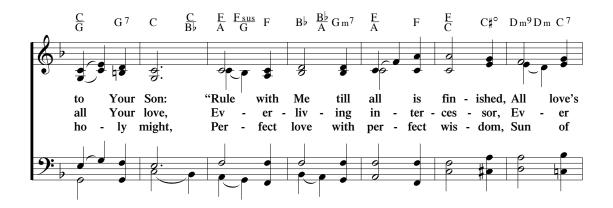
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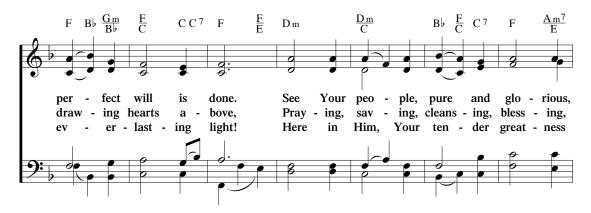
Psalm 110; Mark 12:35-37; 14:62; Acts 2:34-36; Romans 8:34;

1 Corinthians 15:25; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 1:3-4;

4:14-16; 5:10; 6:19-20; 7:1-28; 8:1-2; 10:11-13, 19-23; 12:1-2; 1 Peter 3:22

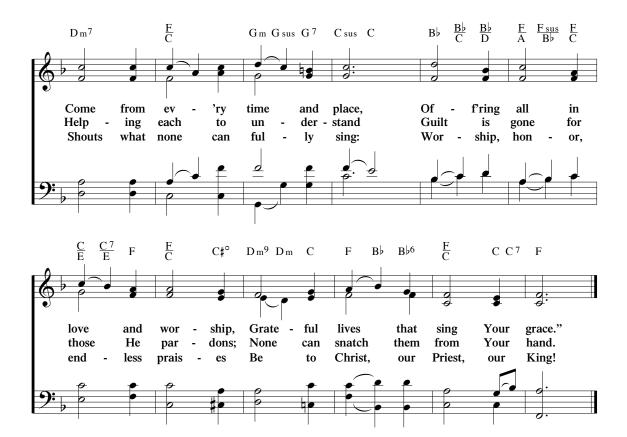






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(NASB)

1 Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart,

In the company of the upright and in the assembly.

2 Great are the works of the Lord;

They are studied by all who delight in them.

3 Splendid and majestic is His work,

And His righteousness endures forever.

4 He has caused His wonders to be remembered;

The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

5 He has given food to those who fear Him;

He will remember His covenant forever.

6 He has made known to His people the power of His works,

In giving them the inheritance of the nations.

7 The works of His hands are truth and justice;

All His precepts are trustworthy.

8 They are upheld forever and ever;

They are performed in truth and uprightness.

9 He has sent redemption to His people;

He has ordained His covenant forever;

Holy and awesome is His name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

All those who follow His commandments have a good understanding;

His praise endures forever.

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O wonderful God,
      my Father,
send Your faithful Spirit to help
      my mind to recall and
      my heart to savor
all the wonders of Your power,
      all the depths of Your wisdom, and
      all the riches of Your love.
You are just and true,
      gracious and compassionate,
      wholeheartedly generous, and
      deeply, unfailingly good.
Today,
help me to
      remember,
      rejoice, and
      truly worship You,
O glorious God!
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ALT. TUNE: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (OLD 100TH)

See also the hymn "Psalm 112," written as an optional sequel to this hymn, sung to the same tune.



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EALES

L.M.

(NASB)

1 Praise the Lord!

Blessed is a person who fears the Lord,

Who greatly delights in His commandments.

2 His descendants will be mighty on the earth;

The generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in his house,

And his righteousness endures forever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

He is gracious, compassionate, and righteous.

5 It goes well for a person who is gracious and lends;

He will maintain his cause in judgment.

6 For he will never be shaken;

The righteous will be remembered forever.

7 He will not fear bad news;

His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

8 His heart is firm, he will not fear,

But will look with satisfaction on his enemies.

9 He has given freely to the poor,

His righteousness endures forever;

His horn will be exalted in honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be vexed,

He will gnash his teeth and melt away;

The desire of the wicked will perish.

O Father, I bow to You.

I worship You,

I love You, and

I fear You.

I know that You are

all You say You are,

so I trust You and

obey You

in reverence and

deep humility.

As I do, what blessings You pour out on me every day:

the wealth of Your magnificent presence;

Your rich provision for all my physical and spiritual needs;

Your light for my darkness;

Your wisdom for my ignorance.

You lavish on me and

nurture within me

Your rightness,

Your holiness,

Your peace,

Your love for other people.

Because I fear You,

I need fear nothing and no one else.

My heart is steadfast,

trusting in You.

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EALES

L.M.

(NASB)

1 Praise the Lord!
Praise Him, you servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord.
2 Blessed be the name of the Lord
From this time on and forever.
3 From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised.
4 The Lord is high above all nations;
His glory is above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God,
Who is enthroned on high,
6 Who looks far down to
The heavens and the earth?
7 He raises the poor from the dust,
He lifts the needy from the garbage heap,
8 To seat them with noblemen,
With the noblemen of His people.
9 He has the infertile woman live in the house
As a joyful mother of children.
Praise the Lord!

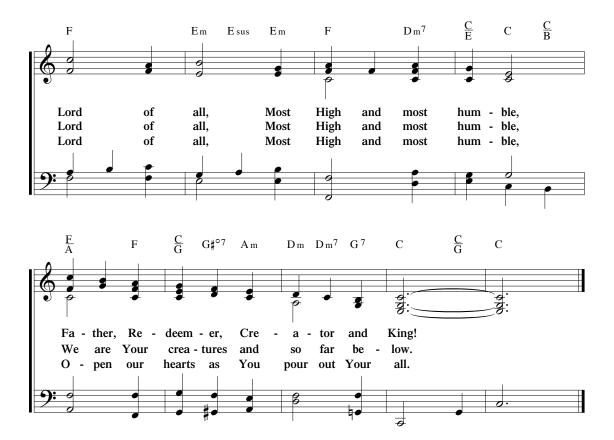
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Father, the gulf between us is
      not primarily one of physical distance.
You are "higher" than us in the character,
      the quality,
      the excellence of Your very being.
You are infinitely greater than us -
      almighty,
      all-knowing,
      eternal, and
      holy.
      You are pure love.
In all these ways
      and more,
      we are so far below You.
You are without any need,
We are constantly,
      completely dependent.
Yet You, the Most High,
humble Yourself.
      not just to reach down to our world,
      but to reach all the way down to
             the neediest among us.
Your loving heart yearns for
      the weakest,
      the smallest,
      the overlooked.
      the honor-less,
      the lonely,
      the lost.
That is why You came among us.
And that is why You are
      here
      right
      now.
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(NASB)

1 When Israel went forth from Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of a foreign language, 2 Judah became His sanctuary; Israel, His dominion.

3 The sea looked and fled;
The Jordan turned back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
The hills, like lambs.
5 What ails you, sea, that you flee?
Jordan, that you turn back?
6 Mountains, that you skip like rams?
Hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, earth, before the Lord, Before the God of Jacob, 8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of water.

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Father, just as You led Israel
      out of Egypt and
      into the promised land,
You lead us
      out of our bondage,
      out of our slavery,
toward the glorious destiny You have
      promised to us and
      secured for us.
You go with us and
      go before us,
almighty,
fearsome,
all-controlling,
unstoppable,
easily doing
      the unexpected and
      the impossible.
Before You,
      seas part,
      mountains dance,
      rocks pour out water,
      the ground gives heavenly bread, and
      the skies rain food in abundance.
Before You, all creation,
      all reality,
trembles and
      bows
quietly, submissively doing Your will.
You, Almighty God, are
      absolute power,
      perfect wisdom,
      the Bread of Heaven, and
      the Water of Life.
And You are with us day by day!
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(NASB)

1 Not to us, Lord, not to us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, because of Your truth. 2 Why should the nations say, "Where, then, is their God?" 3 But our God is in the heavens: He does whatever He pleases. 4 Their idols are silver and gold, The work of human hands. 5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; They have eyes, but they cannot see; 6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; They have noses, but they cannot smell; 7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; They have feet, but they cannot walk; They cannot make a sound with their throat. 8 Those who make them will become like them, Everyone who trusts in them.

9 Israel, trust in the Lord;
He is their help and their shield.
10 House of Aaron, trust in the Lord;
He is their help and their shield.
11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord;
He is their help and their shield.
12 The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us.
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless those who fear the Lord,
The small together with the great.
14 May the Lord increase you,
You and your children.
15 May you be blessed of the Lord,
Maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, But the earth He has given to the sons of mankind. 17 The dead do not praise the Lord, Nor do any who go down into silence; 18 But as for us, we will bless the Lord From this time and forever. Praise the Lord!

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Father, You alone are worthy of all
      honor, glory, and
      trust.
For You alone are
      Yahweh, source of all being,
      Sovereign Creator,
       unfailing love, and
      absolute dependability.
You are the Maker.
You are the Almighty Doer.
You speak.
      You listen.
      You touch.
      You feel.
      You move.
Sovereign and unhindered,
      You do everything You desire, and
      always in perfect love.
All other "gods", everything else we
      trust,
      seek, and
      desire.
are nothing.
They are simply earthbound delusions, born of
      our weakness and
      ignorant self-centeredness.
As we trust them,
      seek them, and
      desire them,
we pour our lives into
      emptiness and vanity.
We join our idols in their
      complete nothingness and
      eternal silence.
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(NASB)

1 I love the Lord, because He hears
My voice and my pleas.
2 Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.
3 The snares of death encompassed me
And the terrors of Sheol came upon me;
I found distress and sorrow.
4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"Please, Lord, save my life!"

5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
Yes, our God is compassionate.
6 The Lord watches over the simple;
I was brought low, and He saved me.
7 Return to your rest, my soul,
For the Lord has dealt generously with you.
8 For You have rescued my soul from death,
My eyes from tears,
And my feet from stumbling.
9 I shall walk before the Lord
In the land of the living.
10 I believed when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted."
11 I said in my alarm,
"All people are liars."

12 What shall I repay to the Lord
For all His benefits to me?
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of the Lord.
14 I will pay my vows to the Lord;
May it be in the presence of all His people!
15 Precious in the sight of the Lord
Is the death of His godly ones.
16 O Lord, I surely am Your slave,
I am Your slave, the son of Your female slave,
You have unfastened my restraints.
17 I will offer You a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And call upon the name of the Lord.
18 I will pay my vows to the Lord,

May it be in the presence of all His people, 19 In the courtyards of the Lord's house, In the midst of you, Jerusalem! Praise the Lord!

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Almighty God, I love You
      because You first loved me (1 John 4:19).
Though You are the
      Source and
       Sustainer
of a reality vast beyond my imagination,
Your love for me is
      personal,
      complete, and
      intense.
When I call to You,
      infinitely small as I am,
You hear.
You answer, and
You give me Your very best.
You are gracious,
      compassionate,
      infinitely good, and
      always right.
As I rest in You,
You rescue
      my life from death,
      my eyes from tears,
      my feet from stumbling.
You give me the
      security and
      privilege
of walking day by day in Your very presence.
So how can I thank You
      for all You do for me?
What response is appropriate?
I want to worship You
      as Jesus worshipped You,
      Your holy, perfect Son.
I want to worship You
      constantly,
      completely,
      with all my heart,
      with all I have.
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with all I am.

I want to lay down my life for Your glory,
drinking the cup of sacrifice that He drank (Matthew 20:20-23) and
lifting the cup of redemption that He poured for me
with His own blood (Matthew 26:26-29).

All this I long to do in the presence of all Your people,
so that they may see how very
great and
good and
gracious

You are!

O Lord, my God,
I love You!
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Hymn recording: Psalm 116

with Matthew 20:20-23; 26:26-29, 39



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(NASB)

1 Praise the Lord, all nations; Sing His praises, all peoples! 2 For His mercy toward us is great, And the truth of the Lord is everlasting. Praise the Lord!

Our vision of praise tends to be small, narrow, and uniform. We who call ourselves "Christian" praise God, and we praise Him in a certain way. But every nation, every people, every person was individually fashioned by Him. Each of us is a unique expression of His image and of His goodness and greatness. Each of us has our own story to tell of His unfailing love and His absolute dependability. Each of us and all of us, in all our unity and wild diversity, are to offer Him our one-of-a-kind selves in praise. As we see Him for who He is and ourselves for who we are, His uniquely glorious and dearly loved children, how can we help but praise Him? How can we help but tell and show everyone just how very wonderful He is? Praise the Lord! Everyone,

PRAISE THE LORD!



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(NASB)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

For His mercy is everlasting.

2 Let Israel say,

"His mercy is everlasting."

3 Oh let the house of Aaron say,

"His mercy is everlasting."

4 Let those who fear the Lord say,

"His mercy is everlasting."

5 From my distress I called upon the Lord;

The Lord answered me and put me in an open space.

6 The Lord is for me; I will not fear;

What can man do to me?

7 The Lord is for me among those who help me;

Therefore I will look with satisfaction on those who hate me.

8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord

Than to trust in people.

9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord

Than to trust in noblemen.

10 All nations surrounded me:

In the name of the Lord I will certainly fend them off.

11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me;

In the name of the Lord I will certainly fend them off.

12 They surrounded me like bees;

They were extinguished like a fire of thorn bushes;

In the name of the Lord I will certainly fend them off.

13 You pushed me violently so that I was falling,

But the Lord helped me.

14 The Lord is my strength and song,

And He has become my salvation.

15 The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous;

The right hand of the Lord performs valiantly.

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted;

The right hand of the Lord performs valiantly.

17 I will not die, but live,

And tell of the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has disciplined me severely,

But He has not turned me over to death.

19 Open the gates of righteousness to me; I will enter through them, I will give thanks to the Lord. 20 This is the gate of the Lord; The righteous will enter through it. 21 I will give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation.

22 A stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This came about from the Lord;
It is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which the Lord has made;
Let's rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Please, O Lord, do save us;
Please, O Lord, do send prosperity!
26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.
27 The Lord is God, and He has given us light;
Bind the festival sacrifice to the horns of the altar with cords.
28 You are my God, and I give thanks to You;
You are my God, I exalt You.
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

For His mercy is everlasting.

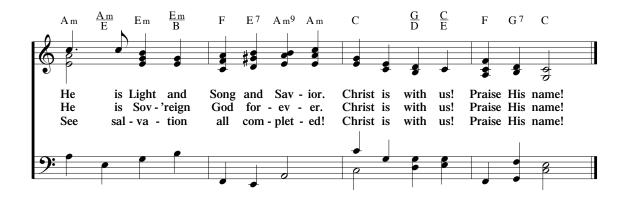
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See Psalm 118 in the light of Jesus Christ.
He is our reason for thanksgiving (v.1).
He is the full expression of God's
      goodness and
      unfailing love (vv.2-4).
He is our Savior, our refuge from
      every threat and
      every fear (vv.5-13).
He is our strength and
      our song (vv.14-16).
He delivers us from death (vv.17-18).
He makes us worthy to enter the gates of righteousness (vv.18-21).
He is the cornerstone of all God is doing (vv.22-24).
He is the sacrifice bound to the altar (v.27).
We join with His disciples of
      every time and
      every place,
shouting,
      "Hosanna!
      Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" (vv.25-26)
Through every situation,
      in the face of every need,
we can rejoice, for
      Christ is with us!
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(NASB)

1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

Who walk in the Law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are those who comply with His testimonies,

And seek Him with all their heart.

3 They also do no injustice;

They walk in His ways.

4 You have ordained Your precepts,

That we are to keep them diligently.

5 Oh that my ways may be established

To keep Your statutes!

6 Then I will not be ashamed

When I look at all Your commandments.

7 I will give thanks to You with uprightness of heart,

When I learn Your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep Your statutes;

Do not utterly abandon me!

9 How can a young man keep his way pure?

By keeping it according to Your word.

10 With all my heart I have sought You;

Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

11 I have treasured Your word in my heart,

So that I may not sin against You.

12 Blessed are You, Lord;

Teach me Your statutes.

13 With my lips I have told of

All the ordinances of Your mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,

As much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate on Your precepts

And regard Your ways.

16 I shall delight in Your statutes;

I will not forget Your word.

17 Deal generously with Your servant,

That I may live and keep Your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may behold

Wonderful things from Your Law.

19 I am a stranger on the earth;

Do not hide Your commandments from me.

20 My soul is crushed with longing

For Your ordinances at all times.

21 You rebuke the arrogant, the cursed,

Who wander from Your commandments.

22 Take disgrace and contempt away from me,

For I comply with Your testimonies.

23 Even though rulers sit and speak against me,

Your servant meditates on Your statutes.

24 Your testimonies also are my delight;

They are my advisers.

25 My soul clings to the dust;

Revive me according to Your word.

26 I have told of my ways, and You have answered me;

Teach me Your statutes.

27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts,

And I will meditate on Your wonders.

28 My soul weeps because of grief;

Strengthen me according to Your word.

29 Remove the false way from me,

And graciously grant me Your Law.

30 I have chosen the faithful way;

I have placed Your judgments before me.

31 I cling to Your testimonies;

Lord, do not put me to shame!

32 I shall run the way of Your commandments,

For You will enlarge my heart.

33 Teach me, the way of Your statutes, Lord,

And I shall comply with it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, so that I may comply with Your Law

And keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,

For I delight in it.

36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies,

And not to dishonest gain.

37 Turn my eyes away from looking at what is worthless,

And revive me in Your ways.

38 Establish Your word to Your servant

As that which produces reverence for You.

39 Take away my disgrace which I dread,

For Your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for Your precepts;

Revive me through Your righteousness.

41 May Your favor also come to me, Lord,

Your salvation according to Your word;

42 So that I will have an answer for one who taunts me,

For I trust in Your word.

43 And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,

For I wait for Your judgments.

44 So I will keep Your Law continually,

Forever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty,

For I seek Your precepts.

46 I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings

And shall not be ashamed.

47 I will delight in Your commandments,

Which I love.

48 And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments,

Which I love:

And I will meditate on Your statutes.

49 Remember the word to Your servant.

In which You have made me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my misery,

That Your word has revived me.

51 The arrogant utterly deride me,

Yet I do not turn aside from Your Law.

52 I have remembered Your judgments from of old, Lord,

And comfort myself.

53 Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked,

Who abandon Your Law.

54 Your statutes are my songs

In the house of my pilgrimage.

55 Lord, I remember Your name in the night,

And keep Your Law.

56 This has become mine,

That I comply with Your precepts.

57 The Lord is my portion;

I have promised to keep Your words.

58 I sought Your favor with all my heart;

Be gracious to me according to Your word.

59 I considered my ways

And turned my feet to Your testimonies.

60 I hurried and did not delay

To keep Your commandments.

61 The snares of the wicked have surrounded me,

But I have not forgotten Your Law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You

Because of Your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion to all those who fear You,

And to those who keep Your precepts.

64 The earth is full of Your goodness, Lord;

Teach me Your statutes.

65 You have treated Your servant well,

Lord, according to Your word.

66 Teach me good discernment and knowledge,

For I believe in Your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,

But now I keep Your word.

68 You are good and You do good;

Teach me Your statutes.

69 The arrogant have forged a lie against me;

With all my heart I will comply with Your precepts.

70 Their heart is insensitive, like fat,

But I delight in Your Law.

71 It is good for me that I was afflicted,

So that I may learn Your statutes.

72 The Law of Your mouth is better to me

Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

73 Your hands made me and fashioned me:

Give me understanding, so that I may learn Your commandments.

74 May those who fear You see me and be glad,

Because I wait for Your word.

75 I know, Lord, that Your judgments are righteous,

And that You have afflicted me in faithfulness.

76 May Your favor comfort me,

According to Your word to Your servant.

77 May Your compassion come to me so that I may live,

For Your Law is my delight.

78 May the arrogant be put to shame, because they lead me astray with a lie;

But I shall meditate on Your precepts.

79 May those who fear You turn to me,

And those who know Your testimonies.

80 May my heart be blameless in Your statutes,

So that I will not be ashamed.

81 My soul languishes for Your salvation;

I wait for Your word.

82 My eyes fail with longing for Your word,

While I say, "When will You comfort me?"

83 Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,

I do not forget Your statutes.

84 How many are the days of Your servant?

When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?

85 The arrogant have dug pits for me,

People who are not in accord with Your Law.

86 All Your commandments are faithful:

They have persecuted me with a lie; help me!

87 They almost destroyed me on earth,

But as for me, I did not abandon Your precepts.

88 Revive me according to Your faithfulness,

So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

89 Forever, Lord,

Your word stands in heaven.

90 Your faithfulness continues throughout generations;

You established the earth, and it stands.

91 They stand this day by Your ordinances,

For all things are Your servants.

92 If Your Law had not been my delight,

Then I would have perished in my misery.

93 I will never forget Your precepts,

For by them You have revived me.

94 I am Yours, save me;

For I have sought Your precepts.

95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me;

I will diligently consider Your testimonies.

96 I have seen a limit to all perfection;

Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

97 How I love Your Law!

It is my meditation all the day.

98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,

For they are ever mine.

99 I have more insight than all my teachers,

For Your testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than those who are old,

Because I have complied with Your precepts.

101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way,

So that I may keep Your word.

102 I have not turned aside from Your judgments,

For You Yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are Your words to my taste!

Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 From Your precepts I get understanding;

Therefore I hate every false way.

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet

And a light to my path.

106 I have sworn and I will confirm it,

That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

107 I am exceedingly afflicted;

Revive me, Lord, according to Your word.

108 Be pleased to accept the voluntary offerings of my mouth, Lord,

And teach me Your judgments.

109 My life is continually in my hand,

Yet I do not forget Your Law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me,

Yet I have not wandered from Your precepts.

111 I have inherited Your testimonies forever,

For they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes

Forever, even to the end.

113 I hate those who are double-minded,

But I love Your Law.

114 You are my hiding place and my shield;

I wait for Your word.

115 Leave me, you evildoers,

So that I may comply with the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live;

And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

117 Sustain me so that I may be safe,

That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.

118 You have rejected all those who stray from Your statutes,

For their deceitfulness is useless.

119 You have removed all the wicked of the earth like impurities;

Therefore I love Your testimonies.

120 My flesh trembles from the fear of You,

And I am afraid of Your judgments.

121 I have done justice and righteousness;

Do not leave me to my oppressors.

122 Be a guarantor for Your servant for good;

Do not let the arrogant oppress me.

123 My eyes fail with longing for Your salvation,

And for Your righteous word.

124 Deal with Your servant according to Your graciousness,

And teach me Your statutes.

125 I am Your servant; give me understanding,

So that I may know Your testimonies.

126 It is time for the Lord to act,

For they have broken Your Law.

127 Therefore I love Your commandments

Above gold, yes, above pure gold.

128 Therefore I carefully follow all Your precepts concerning everything,

I hate every false way.

129 Your testimonies are wonderful;

Therefore my soul complies with them.

130 The unfolding of Your words gives light;

It gives understanding to the simple.

131 I opened my mouth wide and panted,

For I longed for Your commandments.

132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,

As is right for those who love Your name.

133 Establish my footsteps in Your word,

And do not let any wrongdoing have power over me.

134 Redeem me from oppression by man,

So that I may keep Your precepts.

135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant,

And teach me Your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of water,

Because they do not keep Your Law.

137 You are righteous, Lord,

And Your judgments are right.

138 You have commanded Your testimonies in righteousness

And great faithfulness.

139 My zeal has consumed me,

Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.

140 Your word is very pure,

Therefore Your servant loves it.

141 I am small and despised,

Yet I do not forget Your precepts.

142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,

And Your Law is truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me,

Yet Your commandments are my delight.

144 Your testimonies are righteous forever;

Give me understanding that I may live.

145 I cried out with all my heart; answer me, Lord!

I will comply with Your statutes.

146 I cried to You; save me

And I shall keep Your testimonies.

147 I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I wait for Your words.

148 My eyes anticipate the night watches,

So that I may meditate on Your word.

149 Hear my voice according to Your faithfulness;

Revive me, Lord, according to Your judgments.

150 Those who follow after wickedness approach;

They are far from Your Law.

151 You are near, Lord,

And all Your commandments are truth.

152 From long ago I have known from Your testimonies

That You have founded them forever.

153 Look at my affliction and rescue me,

For I have not forgotten Your Law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me;

Revive me according to Your word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked.

For they do not seek Your statutes.

156 Great are Your mercies, Lord;

Revive me according to Your judgments.

157 Many are my persecutors and my enemies,

Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.

158 I see the treacherous and loathe them.

Because they do not keep Your word.

159 Consider how I love Your precepts;

Revive me, Lord, according to Your faithfulness.

160 The sum of Your word is truth,

And every one of Your righteous judgments is everlasting.

161 Rulers persecute me without cause,

But my heart stands in awe of Your words.

162 I rejoice at Your word,

Like one who finds great plunder.

163 I hate and loathe falsehood,

But I love Your Law.

164 Seven times a day I praise You

Because of Your righteous judgments.

165 Those who love Your Law have great peace,

And nothing causes them to stumble.

166 I hope for Your salvation, Lord,

And do Your commandments.

167 My soul keeps Your testimonies,

And I love them exceedingly.

168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,

For all my ways are before You.

169 Let my cry come before You, Lord;

Give me understanding according to Your word.

170 Let my pleading come before You;

Save me according to Your word.

171 Let my lips pour out praise,

For You teach me Your statutes.

172 Let my tongue sing about Your word,

For all Your commandments are righteousness.

173 Let Your hand be ready to help me,

For I have chosen Your precepts.

174 I long for Your salvation, Lord,

And Your Law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live that it may praise You,

And let Your ordinances help me.

176 I have wandered about like a lost sheep; search for Your servant,

For I do not forget Your commandments.

Of all the verses and all the words in Psalm 119, what draws me in is its wholeheartedness. The psalmist is wholehearted in his love for God's Word. I long for his wholeheartedness. In God's Word we see God's wisdom, His strength, His holiness, His constancy, His love, and so very much more. In other words, what draws us to God's Word is God Himself. He is the wisdom. He is the wonder. He is the beauty. He is the depth, the mystery, the unimaginable glory. As we read the scriptures, we think of Him; we meditate on Him; we hunger for Him. He is the One we grow to love wholeheartedly, more and more and more.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 6:5, NASB)

ALT. TUNE: O Breath of Life (DET AR ETT FAST ORD)



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(NASB)

1 I cried to the Lord in my trouble,
And He answered me.
2 Rescue my soul, Lord, from lying lips,
From a deceitful tongue.
3 What will He give to you, and what more will He do to you,
You deceitful tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the warrior,
With the burning coals of the broom tree!

5 Woe to me, for I reside in Meshech, For I have settled among the tents of Kedar! 6 Too long has my soul had its dwelling With those who hate peace. 7 I am for peace, but when I speak, They are for war.

Holy, loving Father, You have called us out of this evil place.

By Your mercy, we are now Your children, loved, forgiven, cleansed, and protected by You.

You have sealed as

Your very own.

But since You have called us out,
we are now pilgrims traveling through
this hostile land.
We are strangers in this
unfriendly, unpeaceful place,
Daily we are threatened,

tempted, attacked, and pursued by Your bitter enemy.

He does all he can to deceive, discourage, and distract us from You.

Yet even here, even now,

You engulf us in Your presence. You refresh us with Your joy. You immerse us in Your peace, and You arm us with Your truth.

Best of all, glorious God,

You are our destination.

You are bringing us

certainly and securely
to Yourself.

You have prepared a place for us, and
our arrival is imminent.

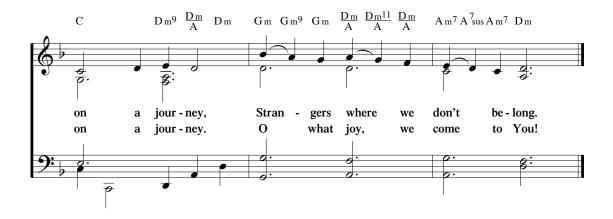
O Father, we are longing for You!

Psalm 120; 1 Peter 1:1, 6-9; 2:11, 20-23; 4:14, 19



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1 I will raise my eyes to the mountains;
From where will my help come?
2 My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not allow your foot to slip;
He who watches over you will not slumber.
4 Behold, He who watches over Israel
Will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is your protector;
The Lord is your shade on your right hand.
6 The sun will not beat down on you by day,
Nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord will protect you from all evil;
He will keep your soul.
8 The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in From this time and forever.

O Father, this world through which I journey often seems so hostile and threatening. But when I look, I see Your faithful care displayed all around me. When I listen, I am engulfed by songs of Your unfailing goodness. Your care is constant, personal, and complete. You never sleep. You are never inattentive, never unaware, never uncaring. No enemy can threaten Your power. No problem taxes Your wisdom. No concern is too small for Your love. You guard us against the known and the unknown. You shelter us from dangers that stare us in the face and from deadly perils of which we are blissfully unaware. Day and night, working and resting, going and coming, laughing and weeping, we are in Your hand. Creator, Sustainer, Savior, Shepherd, our Father, now and forever we are secure and at peace in You.

TUNE: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (MARYTON)



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(NASB)

1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let's go to the house of the Lord."
2 Our feet are standing
Within your gates, Jerusalem,
3 Jerusalem, that has been built
As a city that is firmly joined together;
4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord—
An ordinance for Israel—
To give thanks to the name of the Lord.
5 For thrones were set there for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.
7 May peace be within your walls,
And prosperity within your palaces."
8 For the sake of my brothers and my friends,
I will now say, "May peace be within you."
9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

O Lord God.

from the sinful world in which we live,
with the concerns of daily life still clinging to us,
we come to You.
We come gladly, and
we come together.

Father, we love you and long to live in full response to You.

So what could be more joyful than to gather in Your magnificent presence with others who know You, trust You, and share our passion for You!

Father, help us to come with all our faculties ready and focused on You, prepared to listen, to serve, to sing, to pray, and to drink in all that Your Spirit has for us.

We gather, not just as a small local group,
but as part of Your Church universal, spanning
heaven and earth and
all peoples and cultures.
In You we are all one.
In You we are holy.
In You we are
Your Body and
Your glorious Bride.
Here, today, in You
we glimpse the day when
"on earth as it is in heaven" is

but a full and everlasting reality.

no longer a prayer,



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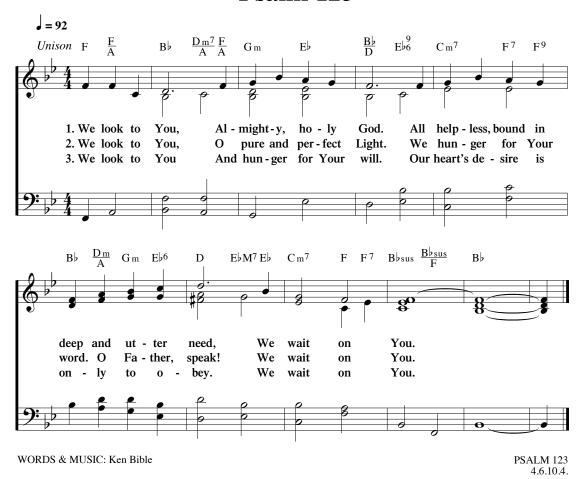
1 To You I have raised my eyes, You who are enthroned in the heavens! 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, As the eyes of a female servant to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the Lord our God, Until He is gracious to us.

3 Be gracious to us, Lord, be gracious to us, For we have had much more than enough of contempt. 4 Our soul has had much more than enough Of the scoffing of those who are at ease, And with the contempt of the proud.

Father, we are completely encased in deep, profound, and inescapable need.

You, Lord.
You alone are the source of all that we lack and all that we crave.

What can we do?
What can we do, God, but look to You and calmly wait on You?



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(NASB)

1 "Had it not been the Lord who was on our side," Let Israel say,

2 "Had it not been the Lord who was on our side When people rose up against us,

3 Then they would have swallowed us alive,

When their anger was kindled against us;

4 Then the waters would have flooded over us,

The stream would have swept over our souls;

5 Then the raging waters would have swept over our souls."

6 Blessed be the Lord,

Who has not given us to be torn by their teeth.

7 Our souls have escaped like a bird from the trapper's snare;

The snare is broken and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Sovereign God is for us.

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Otherwise sin and death would have swallowed us whole, as a voracious beast would gulp down a tiny, helpless creature.
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This evil world would have
swept in like a typhoon and
swamped us.
Its raging winds and mountainous waves
would have buried us forever in
the murky depths.

The master tempter would have easily trapped us in our weakness, ignorance, and selfishness.

His teeth would have

torn our fragile flesh and crushed the life from us.

But Sovereign God is for us.
The Almighty One,
the Lord of all the heavenly armies, is
our Creator,
our Keeper,
our Deliverer,
our Father.
He claims us as

His very own

and places His own Magnificent Being between

us and

anything that would threaten us.

His power is absolute.

His love is unconditional.

He overwhelms every enemy in heaven and earth.

Our life is

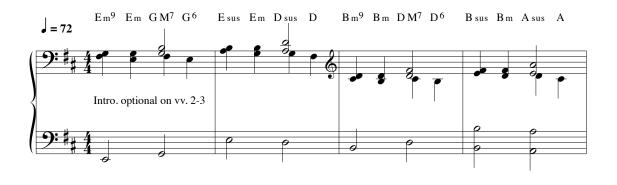
His life, untouchable,

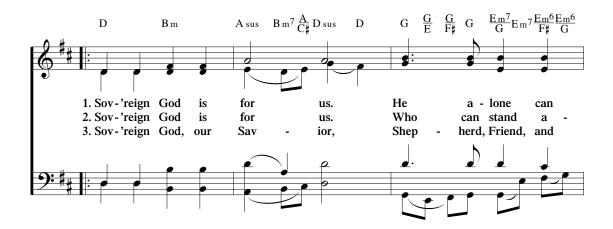
indestructible,
pulsing forever within us.
As long as He is our Lord,
our eternal safety is absolutely certain.

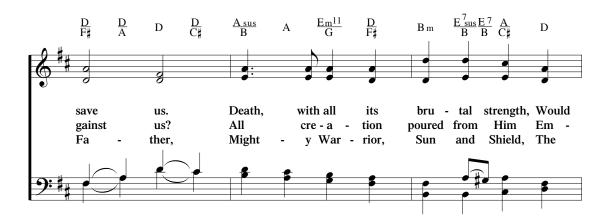
Praise to You!
Praise to You,
Almighty Lord and Savior!

TUNE: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (NICAEA)

*Psalm 124; Romans 8:31







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1 Those who trust in the Lord

Are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but remains forever.

2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

So the Lord surrounds His people

From this time and forever.

3 For the scepter of wickedness will not rest upon the land of the righteous,

So that the righteous will not extend their hands to do wrong.

4 Do good, Lord, to those who are good

And to those who are upright in their hearts.

5 But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways,

The Lord will lead them away with those who practice injustice.

Peace be upon Israel.

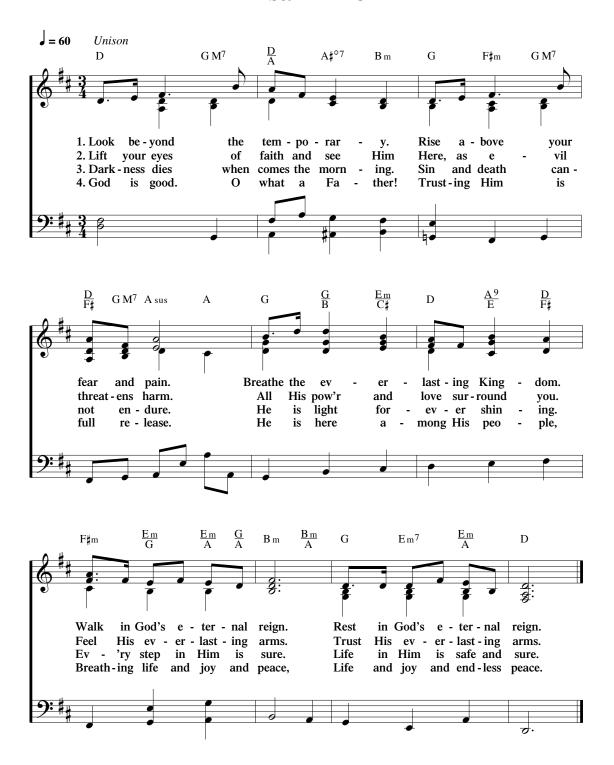
Sometimes I feel I am surrounded by problems, gripped by struggle, crippled by my own weakness.

But in truth, Father, I am surrounded by Your everlasting arms, gripped by Your unfailing love, empowered by Your sovereign might.

Whether or not I am self-confident,
help me to be confident in You.
I want to see every situation in the light of
Your presence,
Your power, and
Your love.

Problems cannot last.
You are Sovereign King of all reality.
Struggle cannot last.
You are Almighty God
Darkness will disappear forever, for
You are Everlasting Light.

O my Father,
I live and move and exist in You!



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