

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

The way of the righteous

PSALM 1

1 Blessed ^ais the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ¹ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, ^bnor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But ^ahis delight is in the law of the LORD; ^band in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree ^aplanted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not ¹wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall ^bprosper.

4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* ^alike the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For ^athe LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

The triumph of the king

PSALM 2

1 ^aWhy do the heathen ¹rage, and the people ²imagine a vain *thing*?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his ^aanointed, *saying*,

3 ^aLet us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens ^ashall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and ¹vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I ¹set my king ^{a2}upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare ¹the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, ^aThou *art* my Son; *this* day have I begotten thee.

8 ^aAsk of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

9 ^aThou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 ^aServe the LORD with fear, and rejoice ^bwith trembling.

12 ^aKiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when ^bhis wrath is kindled but a little: ^cblessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

1:1 ¹Or, wicked
^aProv. 4:14 ^bPs.
26:4; Jer. 15:17

1:2 ^aPs. 119:35
^bJosh. 1:8; Ps.
119:1

1:3 ¹Heb. *fade*
^aJer. 17:8; Ezek.
47:12 ^bGen.
39:3; Is. 3:10

1:4 ^aJob 21:18;
Is. 17:13

1:6 ^aPs. 37:18;
2 Tim. 2:19

2:1 ¹Or,
tumultuously
assemble ²Heb.
meditate ^aActs
4:25

2:2 ^aJohn 1:41

2:3 ^aLuke 19:14

2:4 ^aPs. 37:13;

Prov. 1:26

2:5 ¹Or, *trouble*

2:6 ¹Heb.
anointed ²Heb.

upon Zion, the hill

of my holiness

^a2 Sam. 5:7

2:7 ¹Or, *for a*

decree ^aActs

13:33

2:8 ^aPs. 22:27

2:9 ^aPs. 89:23;

Rev. 2:27

2:11 ¹Heb.

12:28 ^bPhil. 2:12

2:12 ^aJohn 5:23

^bRev. 6:16 ^cPs.

34:8; Is. 30:18;

Rom. 9:33

3:T ^a2 Sam. 15-
18

3:1 ^a2 Sam.
15:12

3:2 ^aPs. 71:11

3:3 ¹Or, *about*

^aPs. 28:7 ^bPs.

27:6

3:4 ^aPs. 34:4

^bPs. 2:6

3:5 ^aLev. 26:6;

Prov. 3:24

3:6 ^aPs. 27:3

3:7 ^aJob 16:10;

Lam. 3:30

3:8 ^aIs. 43:11

4:T ¹Or,

overseer

4:1 ¹Or, *be*

gracious unto me

4:3 ^a2 Tim.

2:19; 2 Pat. 2:9

4:4 ^aEph. 4:26

^bPs. 77:6

4:5 ^aDeut.

33:19; Ps. 50:14

^bPs. 37:3

4:6 ^aNum. 6:26

4:7 ^aIs. 9:3

4:8 ^aPs. 3:5

^bLev. 25:18

Confidence facing the enemy

PSALM 3

A Psalm of David, ^awhen he fled from Absalom his son.

1 LORD, ^ahow are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.

2 Many *there be* which say of my soul, ^aThere is no help for him in God. Selah.

3 But thou, O LORD, *art* ^aa shield ¹for me; my glory, and ^bthe lifter up of mine head.

4 I cried unto the LORD *with* my voice, and ^ahe heard me out of his ^bholy hill. Selah.

5 ^aI laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

6 ^aI will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: ^afor thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 ^aSalvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

Thoughts in the night

PSALM 4

To the ¹chief Musician on Neginoth,
A Psalm of David.

1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; ¹have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after leasing? Selah.

3 But know that ^athe LORD hath set apart *him that is* godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

4 ^aStand in awe, and sin not: ^bcommune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

5 Offer ^athe sacrifices of righteousness, and ^bput your trust in the LORD.

6 *There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? ^aLORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put ^agladness in my heart, more than *in* the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.

8 ^aI will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: ^bfor thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.