

THE PSALMS PROJECT

Volume 2: Psalms 11-20 Lyrics



Psalm 11 (Yahweh Loves Justice)

In God I have placed my trust
So why do you say to me,
“Run, run, run for your life
For the wicked have prepped for war,
Loaded up their weapons, and taken aim”?

They’ll fire away from the cover of night
At those who love God and His ways
And if the foundations are gone
If the walls of truth come tumbling down
What can the righteous do?

This will be my response
To your reports of doom and gloom:
The LORD rules over all the earth
Where He sits on His heavenly throne
And His eyes judge the sons of men

He tries the evil and the good
And the one who loves violence, He hates
And upon them He’ll rain coals of fire
And a scorching wind will be their reward
For Yahweh is righteous
Yahweh loves justice
And the pure in heart shall behold His face

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Psalm 12 (The Words of the Lord)

Help! Help, Lord
For the godly cease to be
For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men
Everybody speaks idle words with smooth-talking, flattering lips
and a double heart
May the Lord cut off all truth-perverting, flattering lips and the
tongue that speaks with pride
The tongue that speaks with pride
For this is what they say...

“With the words we speak we’ll conquer
With our tongue and our lips, the weapons of our choice
There’s no God over us”
It’s a war of words
And our enemies think they will win

“For the oppression of the poor, now I will arise,” says the Lord
“For the groaning of the needy, now I will arise, says the Lord
“I will give my salvation to whosoever yearns for it in his heart”
The words of the Lord are pure words
Not the lying wicked words of men

The words of the Lord are pure words
Purified pure as silver that’s purified seven times
You will keep them, You’ll preserve them for all time
Now and forever

The wicked prowl on every side when evil is exalted among the
sons of men



Psalm 13 (How Long?)

How long, O LORD, will You forget me?
How long will You hide your face from me?
How long will I search for answers in myself
With sadness in my heart everyday
How long will my enemies get the best of me?
Will You forget me forever?

Turn to me and answer me, O LORD, my God
Brighten up my eyes again so I can feel alive again

If You do not enlighten my eyes
Then I will sleep in death
And my enemies will gloat in victory and laugh at my demise
O LORD, don't let my enemies win
Don't let them dance on my grave

For I have trusted in Your mercy
And I will rejoice when You rescue me
I have trusted in Your unfailing love
And I'll rejoice in Your salvation
And I will sing...
I will sing

I will sing unto the LORD, for He has been so, so good to me

I will wait on You

Trust in the LORD, with all of your heart
And He will make Your pathway straight



Psalm 14 (The Fool Has Said)

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God"
They are corrupt, they do wicked things
There is no one who does good
The LORD looks down on the sons of men
To see if there are any who understand
Who seek after God, but they have all gone astray
They've all become corrupt
There is none who does good, no, not one

Do evil men know nothing at all?
Who persecute as if that's what feeds them
They do not call upon the LORD
Because of this, they're terrified
For God is with the sanctified
The wicked try to thwart the hopes of the poor and the oppressed

But Yahweh is their refuge
He is a shield to all who trust in Him
Yahweh is their refuge
And He says, "When you mess with the poor, you mess with me"
He makes the dreams of the poor come true
The dreams of the poor come true
He makes the dreams of the poor come true
O-o-o-o-o

Oh, that the salvation of the church would come down from
heaven
When the LORD sets free the captives
His people will rejoice and His people will be glad
His people will rejoice and His people will be glad



Psalm 15 (Who May Abide With You?)

Yahweh, who may abide with You?
And who may live on the mountain with You?
He who walks blamelessly
And He who does what is right
Who speaks the truth in his heart
And doesn't injure with his words

Who does no evil to his fellow man
And doesn't enter gossip's filthy ring
Who does not praise the worldly nor the vain
But he favors those who fear the LORD

He who keeps his word even when it hurts him
He who gives with no strings attached
He who keeps his word even when it hurts him
He who gives with no strings attached

And He who doesn't let greed pervert justice
And He who doesn't let greed pervert justice
And He who doesn't let greed pervert justice

He who does these things
He who does these things
Will never be, will never be, will never be
Will never be moved

Yahweh, who may abide with You?



Psalm 16 (Fullness of Joy)

Preserve me, O God, for in You I place my trust
For I've said to You, "You are my Lord, I am nothing without You"

As for the saints who are on the earth, they are the awesome ones
in whom is all my delight
Their sorrows shall increase who run after other gods
Their idols I will refuse, nor even mention their names

For You, O Lord, are my portion and my cup
You sustain me, You're more than enough
The boundaries of my land are never-ending
I have a beautiful, I have a beautiful inheritance

I will bless the Lord, who has given me counsel
In my heart You teach me, in the night seasons I have set you
before me

Because He's with me, I will never be shaken
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices
And when I die, I will rest in hope
For You won't leave my soul in the grave, nor let me waste away

You will not leave my soul in the grave
You will raise me up and I'll fly away
You did not leave Jesus in the grave
You will raise me up and I'll fly away

You have shown me the path of life
In Your presence is fullness of joy
You have shown me the path of life
In Your presence is fullness of joy



You will show me the path of life
In Your presence is fullness of joy
You will show me the path of life
In Your presence, in Your presence

In Your presence is fullness of joy
In Your hand are pleasures forever
In Your presence is fullness of joy
In Your hand are pleasures forever

Fullness of joy
Fullness of joy
Fullness of joy
Fullness

What could be better
What could be better
What could be better
Than fullness of joy



Psalm 17 (The Apple of Your Eye)

Hear a just cause, O Lord
Listen to my cry
The most honest prayer You've ever heard
Let my vindication come
From Your presence
I know You know I'm in the right
You've come to me by night

You have tried my heart and found me innocent
For I've decided that my mouth would speak no sin
And by Your word I have avoided the paths of my enemies
My feet have held fast
So I call on You, You will answer me
Incline Your ear, hear my prayer

Show me Your love in beautiful ways

O Savior of those who find refuge at Your right hand
O Savior of those who find refuge from their enemies in You

Keep me as the apple of Your eye
Hide me in the shadow of Your wings
From the evil one gunning for me
From my enemies who surround me

Their hearts are cold as ice
They pour out arrogance
They even now surround my every step
They've set their sights to tear me down
Like lions
Eager to devour, lurking everywhere



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Keep me as the apple of Your eye
Hide me in the shadow of Your wings
From the evil one gunning for me
From my enemies who surround me

Arise, O Lord
Confront my foes
Overwhelm them with Your sword
Deliver my soul
From men of this world whose portion is this life
Deliver my soul

For you fill their lives with treasure
You satisfy them with children
And they keep their wealth for generations

But as for me, as for me
I will behold Your face in righteousness
In holiness
And when I awake
When I awake
I will be satisfied, I will be satisfied with Your beauty
I will be satisfied when I awake with You
I will be satisfied when I awake next to You



Psalm 18 (He Delights in Me)

I will love You, O LORD, my strength
I will love You, O LORD, my strength
My rock, my fortress, my rescuer
I will love You, O LORD, my strength
I will love You, O LORD, my strength
My God, my strength, in whom I trust
My shield and the power that saved me
My stronghold

I will call upon the LORD
Who is worthy to be praised
Then I will be saved from my enemies

The cords of death were wrapped around me
The floods of ungodliness made me afraid
The sorrows of hell surrounded me
And I was taunted by the jaws of death
And in my anguish, I called on Yahweh
My cry came before Him
Into His temple
And when my cry came to His ears

Then the earth shook and trembled
And the foundations of the mountains quaked
Because He was angry
Smoke rose from His nostrils
Devouring fire came from His mouth
Coals were kindled by it
He ripped open the skies and came down
With darkness under His feet



He was riding on a cherub
And He flew upon the wings of the wind

His covering was darkness and storm clouds of the skies
From the brightness before Him, hailstones and coals of fire
thundered from the clouds, and

Yahweh thundered His voice from the heavens
Hailstones and coals of fire
He sent His arrows and scattered the foe
And He routed them with lightning bolts
And the channels of the sea were seen
The foundations of the earth laid bare
With just a blast of His nostrils
At His rebuke He sent for me
He drew me out of many waters

Yahweh rescued me from my foes
For they were too strong for me
They attacked me when I was weak, but the LORD came and
strengthened me
He lifted me out of their midst
And He brought me to a peaceful place
He rescued me because He delights in me
Because He delights in me
Because He delights in me

He set me free because He delights in me
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The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness
According to the cleanness of my hands, He rewarded me
For I have kept the ways of the LORD
And I have not wickedly departed from my God
I've kept His law right before me
And His statutes I have not put away
I've remained in a blameless state before Him
The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness
In His sight
In His sight
In His sight

With the merciful, You show Yourself merciful
With the blameless man, You show Yourself blameless
With the purified, You show Yourself pure
With the devious, You show Yourself shrewd

For You save the humble in heart
But You set Yourself against the proud
It's You who lights my lamp
The LORD my God illumines my darkness
Illumines my darkness
Illumines my darkness

For by You I can run through an army
By You I can leap over a wall
God's ways are perfect
His Word is proven
He is a shield to all who trust in Him
For who is God but the LORD?
And who is a rock besides our God?



The God who arms me with strength
And makes my way secure
He is a shield to all who trust in Him

He makes my feet like deer's feet
And sets me upon high places
He makes my feet like deer's feet
And sets me upon high places
He makes my feet like deer's feet
And sets me on my high places
There's nothing that I can't do
When Yahweh's power is with me

He trains my hands for war
So I can bend a bow of bronze
He gives to me His shield
The shield of His salvation
His sovereign hand holds me up
And His gentleness has made me great
He clears the ground before me
So that my feet will never slip

I chased my enemies and took them down
And I didn't stop till I had won
I finished them so they could not rise
And they fell down at my feet

For You have armed me with strength
And subdued my foes under me
Those who tried to destroy me and hated me
Are silent now, You've given me the victory

They cried for help, but there was none to save
To the LORD, but He ignored their plea



Then I beat them as fine as the dust
I cast them out like dirt in the streets
You've delivered me from their hate
And You've made me king of all the land
Now my enemies fear me
They come trembling out of their palaces in holy fear

Yahweh is alive
Blessed be my rock
May the God of my salvation be exalted

The God who gave me vengeance
And subdued my foes under me
Who delivered me from my enemies

He raised me above those who hated me
And He rescued me from violent men

For all this, I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations
And I will sing to Your name
Great victory He gives to His king

And He shows steadfast love
To His anointed ones
To David and his descendants
Forevermore



Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare)

The heavens declare the glory of God
The skies proclaim the work of His hands
Day after day, they pour forth speech
Night after night, they teach

There is no place, nowhere on earth
Where their voice cannot be heard
Their words go out through all the earth
To the end of the world

In them God has placed the sun
Rising from his grand pavilion
Like a groom coming out of his chamber to see his bride

Like a strong man runs his race with joy
It laughs and bounds its way across the sky
There is nothing hidden from its warmth
And the perfect love of God

The law of the LORD is perfect
Converting and reviving the soul
The testimonies of the LORD are sure
Making the foolish wise

The precepts of the LORD are right
Delighting and rejoicing the heart
The commandment of the LORD is pure
Enlightening the eyes

And the fear of the LORD
Is clean, it endures forever



And the judgments of Yahweh
Are true and always right

His word is more to be desired
Than all the finest gold in the world
Sweeter than the honeycomb
In His word is warning and great reward

Who can understand the depths of his sin?
Cleanse me from hidden faults
Turn me away from willful sins
Don't let them have mastery over me
And then I'll be blameless
And I'll be innocent

May the words of my mouth
The meditation of my heart
Be pleasing unto You
My Rock and my Redeemer



Psalm 20 (We Will Trust)

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble
May the name of the God of Jacob shelter you
May He send you help from His sanctuary
May He strengthen you from His dwelling place

May He remember all of your offerings
May He look with favor on your sacrifice
May He grant You all of your heart's desire
May He fulfill all your purpose

We will rejoice in Your victory
And in the name of our God will our banners rise

May the LORD fulfill all of your petitions
For now I know He saves His anointed ones
He will answer them from His holy heaven
With the saving strength of His mighty hand

Some trust in horses, some in chariots
But we will trust in the name of the LORD, our God

They collapse and they fall
But we rise and stand tall again

Save us, O LORD
Save us, O LORD
May our king answer us when we call
May our king answer us when we call
When we call



Psalm 121 (He Watches Over You)

I lift my eyes up to the hills
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from Yahweh
Maker of heaven and earth

He will not let your feet slip
His right hand never leaves you
He who keeps you never slumbers nor sleeps

He watches over you
Like a shade from the sun by day and the moon by night
He watches over you
No evil can ever invade the covering of Yahweh

When you go out
When you come in
He watches over you
Today and forevermore
He never leaves you

He never leaves you
He never leaves you
He never leaves you alone
He never leaves you
He never leaves you
He never leaves you alone

