

PSALM 1

- 1 Blessed indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the path with sinners,
nor abides in the company of scorners,
- 2 but whose delight is the law of the LORD,
and who ponders his law day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.
- 4 Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they, like winnowed chaff,
shall be driven away by the wind.
- 5 When the wicked are judged they shall not rise,
nor shall sinners in the council of the righteous;
- 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

PSALM 2

- 1 Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 They arise, the kings of the earth;
princes plot against the LORD and his Anointed.
- 3 “Let us burst asunder their fetters.
Let us cast off from us their chains.”
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD derides and mocks them.
- 5 Then he will speak in his anger,
his rage will strike them with terror.
- 6 “It is I who have appointed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain.”
- 7 I will announce his decree:
the LORD said to me, “You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.
- 8 Ask of me and I will make nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth as your possession.
- 9 With a rod of iron you will rule them;
like a potter’s jar you will shatter them.”
- 10 So now, O kings, understand;
take warning, rulers of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear;
exult with trembling, embrace correction,
- 12 lest he be angry and you perish on the way,
for suddenly his anger will blaze.

Blessed are all who trust in God!

PSALM 3

¹ *A Psalm of David as he is fleeing from his son Absalom.*

² How many are my foes, O LORD!
How many are rising up against me!
³ How many are saying about me,
“There is no salvation for him in God.”

⁴ But you, LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, who lift up my head.
⁵ I cry aloud to the LORD.
From his holy mountain he answers me.

⁶ I lie down, I sleep and I wake,
for the LORD upholds me.
⁷ I will not fear even thousands of people
who are ranged on every side against me.

Arise, LORD; save me, my God,
⁸ you who strike all my foes on the cheek,
you who break the teeth of the wicked!
⁹ Salvation belongs to the LORD;
may your blessing be on your people!

PSALM 4

- 1 *For the Choirmaster. With stringed instruments.
A Psalm of David.*
- 2 O God of justice, give answer when I call;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and
hear me!
- 3 O you people, how long will my glory be dishonored,
will you love what is futile and seek what is false?
- 4 Know that the LORD works wonders for his faithful one;
the LORD will hear me whenever I call him.
- 5 Tremble, do not sin: ponder on your bed and be still.
- 6 Offer right sacrifice, and trust in the LORD.
- 7 “O that we might see better times,” many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O LORD.
- 8 You have put into my heart a greater joy
than abundance of grain and new wine can provide.
- 9 In peace I will lie down and fall asleep,
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

- ¹ *For the Choirmaster. With flutes. A Psalm of David.*
- ² To my words give ear, O LORD;
give heed to my sighs.
- ³ Attend to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God.
- ⁴ To you do I pray, O LORD.
In the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I plead and watch before you.
- ⁵ You are no God who delights in evil;
no sinner is your guest.
- ⁶ The boastful shall not stand before your eyes.
- ⁷ All who do evil you despise;
all who lie you destroy.
The deceitful and those who shed blood,
the LORD detests.
- ⁸ Yet through the greatness of your merciful love,
I enter your house.
I bow down before your holy temple,
in awe of you.
- ⁹ Lead me, LORD, in your justice,
because of my foes;
make straight your way before me.