

Psalm 84B
Advancing Still

4. Advancing still from strength to strength
They go where other pilgrims trod,
Till each to Zion comes at length
And stands before the face of God.
LORD God of hosts, my pleading hear;
O Jacob's God, to me give ear.

5. And look, O God, upon our Shield;
The face of Your Anointed view;
One day within Your courts will yield
More good than thousands without You.
I'd rather stand near my God's house
Than dwell in tents of wickedness.

6. For God the LORD is shield and sun;
The LORD will grace and glory give.
No good will He withhold from one
Who does uprightly walk and live.
O LORD of hosts, that one is blessed,
Who makes his trust upon You rest.

Psalm 9B
Sing Praise to the LORD

6. Sing praise to the LORD, who in Zion does dwell;
Among all the peoples His great doings tell.
When blood He avenges, His mem'ry is clear;
The cry of the poor never fades from His ear.

7. LORD, see what I suffer from malice and hate;
Have mercy! O lift me away from death's gate;
In gates of the daughter of Zion I'll praise,
Rejoicing in Your mighty power to save.

8. The nations are sunk in the pit they prepared;

Their foot in the net which they hid is ensnared.
The LORD by His judgment has made Himself known;
He catches the wicked in snares of their own.

9. The wicked to death's realm of darkness are brought;
All nations who would not keep God in their thoughts.
Forgotten no longer the cause of the weak,
Nor perished forever the hope of the meek!

10. Arise, LORD, that man may not make himself strong;
Let nations be judged in Your presence for wrong.
O LORD, put Your fear and Your terror in them;
Let nations know truly that they are mere men.

Psalm 14B
Within His Heart the Fool Speaks

1. Within his heart the fool speaks,
He says, "There is no God."
In malice, they do vile deeds;
Not one of them does good.
The LORD looks down from heaven
To see the sons of men,
If one for God is seeking,
If any understands.

2. They all have strayed and wandered,
Corrupt they have become;
Not one shows any goodness,
No, not a single one.
Within such evildoers,
Is there no knowledge stored?
Like bread they eat My people,
Not calling on the Lord.

3. There they will be in terror,
For God is with the just.

Though you would shame the needy,
The LORD remains his trust.
May rescue come from Zion,
And joy to Isr'el bring!
The LORD will free His captives,
With joy will Jacob sing!

Psalm 110C

The LORD Said to My Lord

1. The LORD said to my Lord,
“At My right take Your seat,
Until I’ve made Your foes
A footstool for Your feet.”
The LORD from Zion spreads Your power:
“Among Your foes be conqueror.”

2. Your people freely serve
Throughout Your day of power;
Arrayed in holiness,
Born in the dawning hour,
Your youth have now become to You
Refreshing as the morning dew.

3. The LORD has made an oath,
And He will not turn back:
“You’ll always be a priest,
And like Melchizedek.”
At Your right hand the Lord will stay,
He’ll crush kings on His wrathful day.

4. The nations He will judge,
Their dead will fill the land;
In many lands He’ll strike
Their rulers in command.
He will drink from the waterside;
Victorious, lift His head on high.

Psalm 2C

Why Do Gentile Nations Rage?

1. Why do Gentile nations rage,
And their useless plots design?
Kings of earth in schemes engage,
Rulers are in league combined.
They speak out against the LORD;

His Messiah they defy:
“Let us break their chains and cords,
Let us cast them off,” they cry.

2. He who sits in heaven laughs,
For the Lord views them with scorn.
He will speak to them in wrath,
And in anger He will warn:
“Yet according to My will,
I have set My King to reign;
And on Zion’s holy hill,
My anointed will remain.”

3. “I the LORD’s decree make known;
This is what He had to say:
He declared, ‘You are My Son;
I have brought You forth this day.
Ask of Me, and You I’ll make
Heir to earth and nations all.
Them with iron rod You’ll break,
Smashing them in pieces small.”

4. Therefore kings now heed this word;
Earthly judges, come and hear:
Rev’rent worship give the LORD;
With your joy mix trembling fear.
Honor Him, His wrath to turn
Lest you perish in your stride,
For His anger soon may burn.
Blessed are all who in Him hide.

Psalm 65A

Awaiting You in Zion

1. Awaiting You in Zion,
Are praise and silence, God;
And promises completed,
Which men to You have vowed.
Of prayer You are the hearer,
To You will all men come.
Though evil words would crush me,
You for our sins atone.

2. How blessed is the person
Who is Your chosen one,
The one You have brought near You

And made Your courts his home.
Within Your holy temple
We will be satisfied,
And filled with all the goodness
Your holy house provides.

Psalm 87B

The LORD's Foundation

1. The LORD's foundation has been set
Upon the holy hills;
He loves the gates of Zion more
Than homes where Jacob dwells.

2. About you glorious things are said,
O city of our God:
"I will make mention of the lands
Where I am known abroad."

3. "Philistia, Egypt, Babylon,
And Tyre together share
Along with Ethiopia:
'That this is one born there!'"

4. Of Zion it will be declared:
"Each one was born in her."
Behold, the Most High will Himself
Establish her secure.

5. The LORD, in listing citizens,
Notes, "He was born there, too."
The choristers and minstrels sing,
"My springs are found in you."

Psalm 84A

How Lovely, LORD

1. How lovely, LORD of hosts, to me
The tabernacles of Your grace!
O how I long, yes, faint to see
The LORD's own courts, His dwelling
place!
My heart and flesh with joy draw nigh;
As to the living God I cry.

2. The sparrow has her place of rest;

The swallow through Your kindly care
Has found where she may build her nest
And brood her young in safety there.
Your altars as my rest I sing,
O LORD of hosts, my God, my King.

3. Blessed they who in Your house abide;
To You they ever render praise.
Blessed they who in Your strength confide,
And in whose heart are pilgrims' ways.
They make the vale of tears a spring,
With showers of blessings covering.

Psalm 137A

In Babylon We Thought of Zion

1. In Babylon we thought of Zion;
Sitting beside the streams, we wept.
We hung our harps upon the willows.
By cruel men as captives kept;
They called for mirth and singing thus:
"Sing one of Zion's songs for us."

2. Sing the LORD's song? How can we sing
it
Here in this hostile foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerus'lem,
May power flee from my right hand,
And may my tongue be rendered mute
If I do not remember you.

3. Woe unto me if I esteem not
Jerusalem above all else.
O LORD, recall the sons of Edom,
Words spoken when Jerus'lem fell:
"To its foundation tear it down!
Bring it, demolished, to the ground!"

4. Daughter of Babylon, accursed!
Blessed is that one who then will find
How to repay you for your actions.
Happy the one who is assigned
To take up infants of your own
Who then against the rock are thrown.

Psalm 102A

To This My Prayer

1. To this my prayer, O listen, LORD;
And let my cry for help reach You.
In time of grief, hide not Your face,
Incline to me Your list'ning ear;
And answer quickly when You hear.

2. For all my days go up in smoke,
As in a hearth, my bones are burned.
My heart is crushed like withered grass,
I food forget; and by loud groans
I am reduced to skin and bones.

3. Now am I like the pelican
That dwells in empty wilderness,
The owl that roams a barren land.
I'm like a bird, awake at night,
Perched high up on a lonely height.

4. My foes reproach me all day long
Subjecting me to ridicule,
And as a curse they use my name.
For ashes I consume as bread,
And mix my drink with tears I've shed.

5. By this Your anger was expressed,
Your indignation was displayed;
You picked me up and cast me off.
My days, like length'ning shadows pass,
And soon I wither like the grass.

Psalm 102B

My Days Like Evening's Shade

6. My days like evening's shade extend,
Like grass I die and wilt away.
But LORD, Your days will never end,
Your name through every age will stay,
Your name through every age will stay.

7. Roused with compassion, You will stand;
Kindness to Zion You will show.
The time has come which You have
planned;
Your gracious favor she will know,

Your gracious favor she will know.

8. Your servants cherish Zion's stones,
Even her dust to them is dear.
So foreign lands and Gentile thrones
Will the LORD's name and glory fear,
Will the LORD's name and glory fear.

9. Zion the LORD will edify;
He in His glory will arise.
And when to Him the needy cry,
Their pleading He will not despise,
Their pleading He will not despise.

Psalm 53B

The Fool Has Spoken in His Heart

1. The fool has spoken in his heart,
"There surely is no God."
Unjust, abhorrent works they do,
Intending to cause harm.
Not one of them does good.

2. God gazes down from heaven high
Upon the human race,
To see what their behavior is.
Does any understand?
Does any seek God's face?

3. Each from the right way turned aside
To have his own way done.
Together they became corrupt,
Not one of them does good,
No, not a single one.

4. But these who work such wickedness,
Do they not know at all?
Do they just eat my people up
The way they eat their bread?
On God they do not call.

5. Where once they had no cause to fear,
There they are terrorized.
God strewed the bones of these your foes.
And you have caused them shame,
Since God has them despised.

6. From Zion who will come to save,
And help to Isr'el bring?
God brings His captive people back!
Then Jacob will rejoice,
And Isr'el shout and sing!

Psalm 135A

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD's Name

1. Hallelujah! Praise the LORD's name!
Praise Him, servants of the LORD,
You that in the LORD's house serve Him,
In God's courtyard standing guard.
Praise the LORD! How good the LORD is!
Sing His name—how sweet its tone!
For the LORD has chosen Jacob,
Israel to be His own.

2. For I know how great the LORD is;
Our Lord is above all gods.
Yes, the LORD does what He pleases
In the skies, earth, seas, and floods.
He it is who lifts the vapors
From the ends of earth and sea,
Who with lightning brings the rain down,
From His store the wind sets free.

3. He killed all of Egypt's firstborn;
Egypt, He sent signs to you,
Signs to Pharaoh and his servants.
He struck nations, kings He slew;
Mighty Sihon, Og of Bashan—
All of Canaan's kingdoms fell!
He their land gave to His people,
Willed it all to Israel.

Psalm 87A

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Upon the holy hills;
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Than homes where Jacob dwells.

2. About you glorious things are said,

O city of our God:
"I will make mention of the lands
Where I am known abroad."

3. "Philistia, Egypt, Babylon,
And Tyre together share
Along with Ethiopia:
'That this is one born there!'"

4. Of Zion it will be declared:
"Each one was born in her."
Behold, the Most High will Himself
Establish her secure.

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Notes, "He was born there, too."
The choristers and minstrels sing,
"My springs are found in you."

Psalm 65B

O God of Our Salvation

3. O God of our salvation,
You in Your righteousness,
By awesome deeds and wonders
Your answer will express.
You are the One who's trusted
To earth's extremity,
By people who are living
Beyond the farthest sea.

4. His strength set firm the mountains,
Pow'r clothes Him evermore,
Who stills the peoples' clamor,
Makes calm the ocean's roar.
The far and distant peoples
Behold Your signs with fear;
You make the dawn and sunset
Shout loud with joy and cheer.

5. You visit earth with showers,
And so enrich the field;
God's river brims with water,
As You prepare earth's yield.
You water its rich furrows,
Its ridges smooth with rain;

You soften earth with showers,
You bless its sprouting grain.

6. You've crowned each year with goodness,
Your paths enrich the ground.
The desert pastures blossom,
With joy the hills resound.
The fields with flocks are covered,
The valleys clothed with grain.
They all rejoice with shouting,
With songs their joy proclaim.

Psalm 48B

The LORD is Great

1. The LORD is great, and so His praise
Should be proclaimed abroad
Within His hill of holiness,
The city of our God.
Mount Zion's beauty is raised high,
Earth joys on her account.
It is the city of our King,
The one true heav'nly mount.

2. Well known among her palaces,
God is her refuge strong.
Behold, when kings joined forces there,
Together they passed on.
For what they saw left them amazed
And filled with deep dismay;
So troubled were they at the sight
They turned and ran away.

3. With fear and anguish they were seized,
As one whom birth pains take;
And You with wind out of the east,
The ships of Tarshish break.
As we have heard, we've seen within
God's city most secure;
The city of the LORD of hosts,
Our God keeps evermore.

Psalm 48C

Within Your Temple

4. Within Your temple we have thought

Upon Your love, O God.
As is Your name, O God, Your praise
Is spread through earth abroad.
As is Your name, O God, Your praise
Is spread through earth abroad.

5. Your right hand holds all righteousness.
Mount Zion's joy be great!
Let Judah's daughters joyfully
Your judgments celebrate.
Let Judah's daughters joyfully
Your judgments celebrate.

6. Encircle Zion, walk about,
And mark her towers well;
Consider her protective walls,
Behold her citadels.
Consider her protective walls,
Behold her citadels.

7. Thus you may generations tell,
For what a God is He!
He is our God for evermore,
Who guides eternally.
He is our God for evermore,
Who guides eternally.

Psalm 135C

Your Name, LORD, Endures Forever

4. Your name, LORD, endures forever;
LORD, Your fame each age has known;
For the LORD acquits His people,
Has compassion on His own.

5. Heathen idols, gold and silver,
Work of human artistry;
Having mouths, they speak of nothing;
Having eyes, they do not see;

6. Having ears, they never listen;
In their mouth no breath has been.
Those who make them will be like them,
Everyone who trusts in them.

7. Bless the LORD, O house of Isr'el!

House of Aaron, bless the LORD!
Bless the LORD, O house of Levi!
All who fear Him, bless the LORD!

8. Blessings to the LORD be given!
Blessed from Zion be the LORD,
In Jerusalem His dwelling.
Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

Psalm 147B

O Praise the LORD, Jerusalem

1. O praise the LORD, Jerusalem,
Your God, O Zion, praise;
For He has strengthened all your gates,
Blessed sons within your place.
Within your borders He grants peace,
Fills you with finest wheat;
And to the land sends His command,
His word runs with great speed.

2. White snow, like wool, and frost like ash
He spreads across the land.
Like pebbles He throws down the ice,
Who in His cold can stand?
But then, when He sends forth His word,
And makes the wind to blow,
The ice and snow begin to melt,
And water starts to flow.

3. To Jacob He revealed His word,
To him He made it known,
His statutes and His firm decrees,
To Isr'el He has shown.
He has not dealt in such a way
With nations of the world;
No, they have not known His decrees.
O let us praise the LORD!

Psalm 149B

O Praise the LORD, O Sing Aloud

1. O praise the LORD, O sing aloud,
A new song to the LORD;
Where godly people congregate,
Let them His praise accord.

With joy in their Creator now
Let Isr'el shout and sing;
And so let all of Zion's sons
Be joyful in their King.

2. With dancing let them offer up
Their praises to His name;
Let them with sound of harp and drum
Sing psalms of praise to Him.
That people whom the LORD has claimed
Is pleasant in His eyes;
And with salvation's radiance
The meek He beautifies.

3. With glory let the godly ones
Exult with lifted heads;
Yes, let them all with gladness shout,
And sing upon their beds.
O let the lofty praise of God
From out their throats be poured,
And let them have within their hands
A sharp two-edged sword.

4. Upon the nations they shall bring
Revenge and judgment just;
With iron chains their kings and chiefs
They'll into bondage thrust.
On them the judgment execute
Found written in His word;
This honor all His godly have.
Give praises to the LORD!