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psalmsofgrace.com • hymnsofgrace.com All songs used by permission. CCLI Lic. 32723 he Psalter ought to be a precious and beloved book, if for no other reason than this: it promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly and pictures His kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom—that it might well be called a little Bible. In it is comprehended most beautifully and briefly everything that is in the entire Bible."

—Martin Luther

lbeit the Book of the Psalms be not **L**composed after the manner of human writings in some such method of parts as history or art could possibly prescribe; yet it is so digested in Divine Providence, as the order it hath is far better than human artifice could have given unto it: for the scope of this book being not only to teach us the grounds of divinity for our information, but also to direct us how to apply saving doctrines practically to ourselves, and to make us use therefore for reformation of our affections and actions, and to help us by the hand, unto the fruition of felicity (happiness), in higher and higher degrees therefore, till we be perfectly possessed of it in heaven."

Out of the depths I called to You, O Yahweh.

O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.

If You should keep iniquities, O Yah, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness, That You may be feared.

I hope for Yahweh, my soul does hope, And for His word do I wait.

My soul waits for the Lord More than the watchmen for the morning, The watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for Yahweh; For with Yahweh there is lovingkindness, And with Him is abundant redemption.

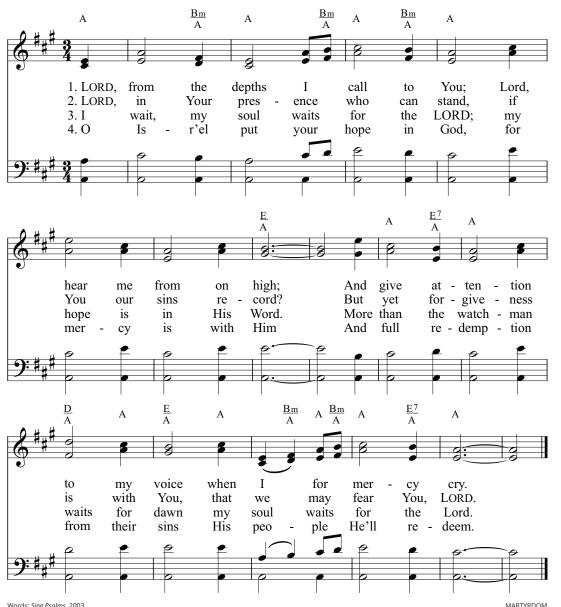
And it is He who will redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

This psalm, another "Song of Ascents," features the psalmist exclaiming his hope that Yahweh will redeem Israel. He cries out to Yahweh with a deep emotional plea for Yahweh to hear his cry. The psalmist recognizes the devastating effects of sin and the amazing grace of God's forgiveness of sin. The psalmist proclaims that he waits for Yahweh with a hope that is greater than even the hope of a watchman who looks forward to the morning, and finally, he declares that Yahweh and only Yahweh can provide redemption and forgive iniquity.



Pitiful Father, Who is full of mercy that never rejects the prayers of those that call upon Thee in truth and sincerity; Have mercy upon us, and destroy the multitude of our iniquities, according to the truth of Thy promises which You have given unto us, and wherein we entrust our whole confidence, according as we are taught by the Word of Thy Son, our only Savior.

LORD, from the Depths



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Surely my soul waits in silence for God; From Him is my salvation.

Surely He is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.

How long will you assail a man, That you may murder him, all of you, Like a leaning wall, like a fence thrust down?

Surely they have counseled to thrust him down from his high position; They find pleasure in falsehood; They bless with their mouth, But inwardly they curse. Selah.

Surely wait in silence for God, O my soul, For my hope is from Him.

Surely He is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.

On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God.

Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.

Surely men of low degree are merely vanity and men of rank are a lie; In the balances they go up; They are together lighter than a breath of vanity.

Do not trust in oppression And do not put vain hope in robbery; If riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.

Once God has spoken; Twice I have heard this: That strength belongs to God;

And that to You, O Lord, belongs lovingkindness, For You repay a man according to his work.

Psalm 62 is a psalm of confidence, wherein David expresses his reliance on God. In adversity, he waits patiently for salvation. Though his enemies curse him, the king's hope is in God alone. Because he trusts in the Lord, David then exhorts others to do the same. Life is momentary. So, people should not put their trust in vain hopes. God is worthy of our trust, because all power and steadfast love belong to Him.



Eternal God, Who is the only glory and hope of Thy children; Assist us ever in time of our troubles, and deliver us from the armies of all our enemies; show unto them that all is but vanity, and that what they account as their great riches and treasure is nothing, seeing there is no health for any but unto them that trust in Thy goodness and mercy, which You have declared and made manifest to us, in Thy dear Son Jesus Christ. (So be it.)

62A My Soul in Silence Waits for God

- My soul in silence waits for God, My Savior He has proved; He only is my rock and tower; I never shall be moved. My honor is secure with God, My Savior He is known; My refuge and my rock of strength Are found in God alone.
- For God has spoken o'er and o'er,
 And unto me has shown,
 That saving power and lasting strength
 Belong to Him alone.
 Yea, loving-kindness evermore
 Belongs to Thee, O Lord;
 And You according to his work
 Does every man reward.

My Soul Will Wait



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Yahweh is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will pursue me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of Yahweh forever.

Psalm 23 unveils God as the sovereign and glorious shepherd. He is the caring shepherd who provides for and guides His people. He is the ever present shepherd who is with His people even in death. He is the victorious shepherd who exalts His people above their enemies. And He is the eternal shepherd who ensures His people dwell in fullness with Him forever.



Eternal and everlasting Father, Fountain of all joy; we render Thee praises and thanks that You have made known to us our Shepherd and Defender Who will deliver us from the power of our adversaries. Grant unto us, that we, casting away all fear and terror of death, may embrace and confess Thy truth, which it has pleased Thee to reveal to us by Thy Son, our Lord and sovereign Master, Christ Jesus. (So be it.)

Now at the end of this valley was another, called the valley of the Shadow of Death, the way to the Celestial City lay through it. It was a wilderness, a land of deserts and pits; a land of drought, and of the shadow of death. When Christian arrived at the border of the land, he met two men who brought an evil report of the land, crying, "Back! Back! if either life or peace is prized by you." The men continued "We heard continual howling and yelling as from people under unutterable misery, bound in affliction and irons. We saw over the valley discouraging clouds of confusion, and death spread its wings over it." Christian listened to their warning and then responded, "I perceive not yet, by what you have said, but that this is my way to the desired haven. So, they parted, Christian going on his way with his sword drawn. The valley had a deep ditch on the right, and on the left a dangerous quagmire, into which there is no bottom to stand on. The pathway was also exceedingly narrow and in the dark it was difficult to avoid the bog and the ditch. He went on, sighing bitterly for the pathway was so dark he could not see where to place his foot. In the midst of the valley, he perceived the mouth of hell was close by the wayside. There were flames and smoke, so Pilgrim called on the weapon of prayer. Christian cried out, "O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul." He went on, still the flames reaching towards him, and dreadful voices coming and going; he thought of going back, but resolved to go on. The voices of fiends seemed to come nearer and when they were almost upon him he cried out, "I will walk in the strength of the Lord God; so they fell back. When he had traveled in this disconsolate condition for some time, he thought he heard the voice of a man saying, 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.' As morning came, Christian looked back, to see by the light of the day what hazards he had gone through in the dark and how narrow the way through the danger of the ditch and the quagmire.

23B Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy









Why do the nations rage And the peoples meditate on a vain thing?

The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together

Against Yahweh and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us tear their fetters apart And cast away their cords from us!"

He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord mocks them.

Then He speaks to them in His anger And terrifies them in His fury, saying, "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

"I will surely tell of the decree of Yahweh: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth as Your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like a potter's vessel.'"

So now, O kings, show insight; Take warning, O judges of the earth.

Serve Yahweh with fear And rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled.

How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

Psalm 2 declares the resilience of the sovereignty of God. Throughout history, nations and kings gather to oppose God and the Messiah. While their forcefulness always seem formidable, it is a laughable matter to the God on high. They pose absolutely no threat to the Father and His purpose which is to set forth His Messiah as the king of this world. God has begotten Him in the sense that while they are distinct, they intimately share the same essence and are one. The Son thereby has the same status as His Father and is the inheritor of the world. The lesson for all in light of this is to worship, obey, and honor the Son. No one is greater than Him.



Almighty God and heavenly Father, Who has given unto us Thy dear Son to be our Lord and King; Grant, we beseech Thee, that You would destroy and scatter by Thy marvelous wisdom all pursuits devised and directed against Him throughout the whole world; and make us so to profit and grow in His holy Law and doctrine, that in all fear and reverence we may serve Thee; that in the end we may attain to that endless joy, which we hope to receive through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son. (So be it.)



I will bless Yahweh at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul will make its boast in Yahweh; The humble will hear it and rejoice.

O magnify Yahweh with me, And let us exalt His name together.

I inquired of Yahweh, and He answered me, And delivered me from all that I dread.

They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces will never be humiliated.

This poor man called out, and Yahweh heard him And saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of Yahweh encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.

O taste and see that Yahweh is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Oh, fear Yahweh, you His saints; For there is no want to those who fear Him.

The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who inquire of Yahweh shall not be in want of any good thing.

Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of Yahweh.

Who is the man who delights in life And loves many days that he may see good?

Guard your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of Yahweh are toward the righteous And His ears are open to their cry for help.

The face of Yahweh is against evildoers, To cut off the memory of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and Yahweh hears And delivers them out of all their troubles.

Yahweh is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Many are the evils against the righteous, But Yahweh delivers him out of them all.

He keeps all his bones, Not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

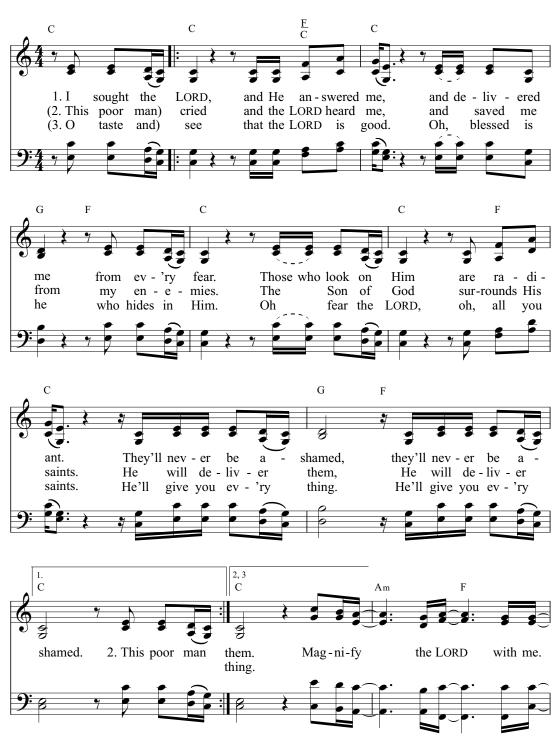
Yahweh redeems the soul of His slaves, And all those who take refuge in Him will not be condemned.

Psalm 34 is a rich meditation on the goodness of God and how one should live in light of that. Yahweh delivers people from their dread; He saves the poor man; and the angel of Yahweh even encamps around those who fear Him. His goodness abounds to His people and so they should taste and see that He is good. Those who want to see such goodness should guard their lips, depart from evil, and seek peace. Yahweh's eyes are on the righteous and those who are brokenhearted. While evil slays the wicked, Yahweh will deliver His slaves.



Heavenly Father, Who makes all creatures, yea, the very angels themselves for the welfare of Thine own; Let us have a feeling of Thy mercy and goodness, that we giving ourselves to all good works, may live peaceably with our brethren; that in the end we may be found holy and reproachless before the great Judge, Jesus Christ our Savior. (So be it.)

Taste and See



Words and Music: Shane Bernard and Joe Rigney





My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a skillful scribe.

You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.

Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, In Your splendor and Your majesty!

And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; Let Your right hand teach You awesome things.

Your arrows are sharp; The peoples fall under You; Your arrows are in the heart of the King's enemies.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your companions.

All Your garments are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made You glad.

Kings' daughters are among Your noble ladies; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear: Forget your people and your father's house;

Then the King will desire your beauty. Because He is your Lord, bow down to Him.

The daughter of Tyre will come with a present; The rich among the people will seek your favor.

The King's daughter is all glorious within her chamber; Her clothing is interwoven with gold.

She will be led to the King in embroidered work; The virgins, her companions who follow her, Will be brought to You.

They will be led forth with gladness and rejoicing; They will enter into the King's palace.

In place of your fathers will be your sons; You shall set them up as princes in all the earth.

I will cause Your name to be remembered from generation to every generation; Therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.

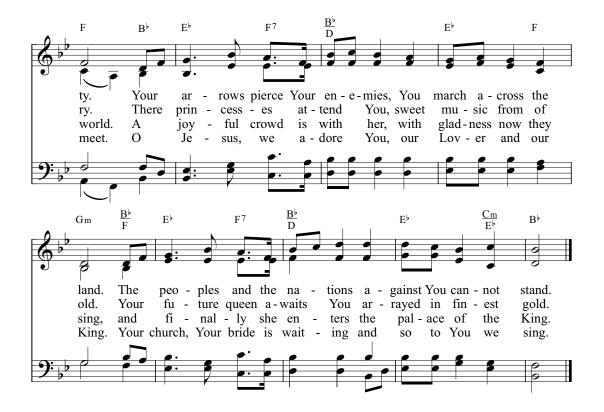
The underlying setting of this psalm is a royal wedding. However, the powerful themes in this moment causes the psalmist to turn heavenward. He extols the royal majesty of God and states that His throne is forever and ever. Though this is spoken at a wedding in the days of the sons of Korah, its heavenly focus looks forward to the end times and the fulfillment of the Davidic line, the Messiah. Indeed, this psalm is quoted in Hebrews (cf. Heb 1:8-9) to that very end and Scripture looks forward to the marriage supper of the Lamb (cf. Rev 19:7-10). In preparation for that time, God's people should heed the counsel the psalmist gave to the bride and groom in his day. May they leave their past life behind and be devoted solely to the bridegroom, the Lord Jesus Christ.



Good Lord, and God Almighty, Who for the fulfilling of Thy holy promises has sent unto us Thy dear Son, our King and Redeemer; Grant that we so order ourselves, under the obedience of Thy holy Word, that we may renounce ourselves, and all our carnal affections, and that we may be an occasion to all people to celebrate Thy holy Name throughout the whole earth; and this through the very Jesus Christ, our only Savior. (So be it.)

45A O King, You Are Most Worthy





My Heart is Full of Christ

45B

- My heart is full of Christ, and longs
 Its glorious matter to declare!
 Of Him I make my loftier song,
 I cannot from His praise forbear;
 My ready tongue makes haste to sing
 The glories of my heavenly King.
- 2 Fairer than all the earth-born race, Perfect in comeliness Thou are; Replenished are Thy lips with grace, And full of love Thy tender heart: God ever bless'd! we bow the knee, And hold all fulness dwells in Thee.
- 3 Gird on Thy thigh the Spirit's sword, And take to Thee Thy power divine; Stir up Thy strength, almighty Lord, All power and majesty are Thine: Assert Thy worship and renown; O all-redeeming God, come down!
- 4 Come, and maintain Thy righteous cause, And let Thy glorious toil succeed; Show forth the victory of Thy cross, Ride on, and prosper in Thy deed; Through earth triumphantly ride on, And reign in every heart alone.

