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✠ One ✠

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

**Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence
with a song.**

Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us
and not we ourselves.

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with
praise.

Be thankful unto him and bless his name.

For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting,

And his faithfulness endureth unto all generations.

✠ Two ✠

O come let us sing unto the Lord ;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth ; the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

O come let us worship and bow down ; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

✠ Three ✠

O God, thou art my God; at the dawn will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee, in a dry and weary land where no water is.

As in the sanctuary I have beheld thee, seeing thy power and thy glory,

So in my life I will bless thee; I will lift up my hands in thy name.

Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness.

My mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips,

When I remember thee upon my bed and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth hard after thee. Thy right hand upholdeth me.

✠ **Four** ✠

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord.

In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will keep watch.

Many there be who say of my soul, "There is no help for him in God."

But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me, my glory and the lifter up of my head.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice and he heard me out of his holy hill.

I laid me down and slept; I awaked, for the Lord sustained me.

In the abundance of thy mercy will I come into thy house;

With reverence will I worship towards thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies;

Make thy way straight before my face.

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning, for in thee do I trust.

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

Let thy good spirit lead me forth into the land of uprightness.

✠ *Five* ✠

O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name, show forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his wonders among all peoples.

For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are things of naught, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples, ascribe unto the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Fear before him, all the earth.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King. The world also is established that it shall not be moved.

He will judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar and the fulness thereof;

Let the field be joyful and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy before the Lord;

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth.

He shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with his truth.

✠ Six ✠

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my meat day and night while they say continually unto me, "Where is thy God?"

These things I remember and I pour out my soul within me: how I went with the throng and led them to the house of God with the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping holy day.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

O my God, my soul is cast down within me.

Therefore do I remember thee from the land of Jordan and the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterfalls;

All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime,

And in the night his song shall be with me and my prayer unto the God of my life.

O send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me;

Let them bring me unto thy holy hill and to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God, my exceeding joy.

Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance and my God.

✠ **Seben** ✠

The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

Our God shall come and shall not keep silence ;

A fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

He shall call to the heavens from above and to the earth, that he may judge his people : "Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice,

And the heavens shall declare his righteousness, for God is judge himself.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak ; O Israel, and I will testify against thee. I am God, even thy God.

I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt-offerings, that they have not been continually before me.

I will take no bullock out of thy house nor he-goats out of thy folds,

For every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the mountains and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

If I were hungry I would not tell thee, for the world is mine and the fulness thereof.

Will I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

Offer unto God thanksgiving and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me ;

And to him that ordereth his ways aright will I show the salvation of God."

✠ Eight ✠

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, even righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,

And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors,

And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of glory.

✠ **Nine** ✠

How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the God of my life.

Yea, the sparrow hath found a house and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young, even thine altars.

O Lord of hosts, my King and my God, blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee.

In his heart are the ways to Zion.

Though he passeth through the valley of weeping, God maketh it a place of springs; the rain also filleth the pools.

They go from strength to strength that they may appear in Zion before God.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand;

I had rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory;

No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

✠ Ten ✠

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, my God, thou art very great.

Thou art arrayed in majesty and honor :

Who clothest thyself with light as with a garment,

Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

He layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters.

He maketh the clouds his chariot; he walketh upon the wings of the wind.

He maketh the winds his messengers, flames of fire his ministers.

He laid the foundations of the earth that it should not be removed forever.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the lofty mountains, thy justice is a great deep.

O Lord, thou preservest man and beast. How precious is thy lovingkindness, O Lord!

Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house,

And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy delights.

For with thee is the fountain of life;

In thy light shall we see light.

✠ **Eleben** ✠

O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thoughts afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down and art acquainted with all my ways.

There is not a word in my tongue but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou dost enclose me behind and before and lay thy hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit?

Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there;

If I make my bed in the grave, behold thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there shall thy hand lay hold of me and thy right hand shall rest upon me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,"—even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I should count them they are more in number than the sand. When I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts;

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

✠ **Twelve** ✠

What man shall know the counsel of God?

Or who shall conceive what the Lord willeth?

Who hath ever gained knowledge of thy counsel except thou gavest wisdom,

And sentest thy holy spirit from on high?

And it was thus that the ways of them who are on earth were corrected,

And men were taught the things that are pleasing unto thee; and through wisdom were they saved.

Thou hast mercy upon all men because thou hast power to do all things,

And thou overlookest the sins of men to the end that they may repent.

For thou lovest all things that are,

And abhorrest none of the things which thou didst make.

Thou sparest all things because they are thine,

O Sovereign Lord, thou lover of men's lives!

Thou, our God, art gracious and true,

Longsuffering and in mercy ordering all things.

For even if we sin we are thine, knowing thy dominion.

But we shall not sin, knowing that we have been accounted thine.

For to be acquainted with thee is perfect righteousness,

And to know thy dominion is the root of immortality.

✠ Thirteen ✠

I will make mention of the works of the Lord, and will declare the things that I have seen.

In the words of the Lord are his works.

The sun that giveth light looketh upon all things,

And the work of the Lord is full of his glory.

He searcheth out the deep and the heart,

And he hath understanding of all cunning devices;

For the Most High knoweth all knowledge and he looketh into the signs of the world.

No thought escapeth him; there is not a word hid from him.

The mighty works of his wisdom he hath ordered, who is from everlasting to everlasting;

Nothing hath been added unto them nor diminished from them, and he hath no need of any counsellor.

We may say many things, yet shall we not attain; and the sum of our words is, "He is all."

How shall we have strength to glorify him? For he is himself the great one above all his works.

When ye glorify the Lord, exalt him as much as ye can, for even yet will he exceed.

When ye exalt him, put forth your full strength; be not weary, for ye will never attain.

Who hath seen him that he may declare him?

Who shall magnify him as he is?

Many things are hidden greater than these, for we have seen but a few of his works.

For the Lord made all things, and to the godly he gave wisdom.

✠ Fourteen ✠

The Lord reigneth; he is clothed with strength wherewith he hath girded himself.

The world also is established that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old,

Thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure;

Holiness becometh thy house forever.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord?

Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints;

He is to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.

O Lord God of Hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee?

Or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine;

As for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne;

Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound;

They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day,

And in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

✠ Fifteen ✠

The Lord reigneth ; let the earth rejoice ;

Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him ;

Righteousness and justice are the habitation of his throne.

A fire goeth before him and burneth up his enemies round about.

His lightnings enlightened the world ; the earth saw and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness and all the people see his glory.

Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols !

Worship him, all ye hosts of heaven !

Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth ; thou art exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love the Lord hate evil.

He preserveth the souls of his saints ; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

✠ Sixteen ✠

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech, no language; their voice is not heard.

Yet their voice is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

He hath set in the heavens a tabernacle for the sun which, like a bridegroom, cometh out of his chamber and, like a strong man, rejoiceth to run his course.

His going forth is from the end of the heavens and his circuit unto the ends of it, and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul.

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever.

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold,

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned,

And in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors?

Clear thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;

Let them not have dominion over me.

Then shall I be upright and I shall be innocent from great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

✠ Seventeen ✠

Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens,
praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels; praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars of light.

**Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that
be above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and
they were created.

**He also established them forever and ever; he hath given
them a law that shall not be broken.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and vapor, stormy wind fulfilling
his word;**

Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of
the earth;

**Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise ye
the name of the Lord.**

For his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth
and heavens.

**He also exalteth the horn of his people; he is the praise
of all his saints.**

Praise ye the Lord.

✠ Eighteen ✠

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
Iniquities prevail against me,

But thou wilt purge away our transgressions.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and causest to approach unto thee that he may dwell in thy courts.

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
even of thy holy temple.**

By terrible deeds of righteousness wilt thou vindicate us, O God of our salvation,

**Thou who art the confidence of the ends of the earth
and of the faraway isles of the sea,**

Who by thy strength settest fast the mountains, being girded with power,

**Who stillest the raging of the seas, the noise of their
waves and the tumult of the peoples.**

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens.

**Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and the
evening to rejoice.**

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it; thou greatly enrichest it.

**The river of God is full of water; thou preparest grain,
for so hast thou provided for the earth.**

Thou waterest the furrows thereof abundantly; thou settlest the ridges thereof.

**Thou makest it soft with showers, thou blessest the
springing thereof.**

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness and all thy paths drop fatness.

**They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness and the
little hills rejoice on every side.**

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain;

They shout for joy; they also sing.

✠ Nineteen ✠

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth,
who hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou established strength because of thine enemies that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast created,

What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him little less than divine and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet,

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field,

The birds of the air and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the sea.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

✠ Twenty ✠

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, thou art very great.

Thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth that it should not be removed forever.

Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

They went up by the mountains; they went down by the valleys unto the place which thou didst ordain for them.

Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over,

That they turn not again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst.

Near them the birds of the heaven have their habitation and sing among the branches of the trees.

He watereth the hills from his chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

He causeth grass to grow for the cattle and herbs for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth,

And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread that strengtheneth man's heart.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all.

The earth is full of thy riches.

✠ Twenty-One ✠

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye mighty, ascribe unto the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. The God of glory thundereth.

The Lord is upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

He maketh Lebanon also to skip like a calf, and Hermon like a young antelope.

The voice of the Lord cleaveth the flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness;

The Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord whirleth the oak trees and strippeth the forests bare,

And in his temple all things speak of his glory.

The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King forever.

The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

✠ Twenty=Two ✠

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all.

The earth is full of thy riches.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap, the cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted.

There the birds make their nests and the stork has her house in the fir trees.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats

And the crags for the rock-badgers.

He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth its going down.

Thou makest darkness and it is night, wherein all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

These all wait upon thee that thou mayest give them their food in due season;

That thou givest them they gather.

Thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled.

Thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure forever; the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

✠ Twenty-Three ✠

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving,

Sing praise upon the harp unto our God,

Who covereth the heavens with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains,

Who giveth to the beast his food and to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse; he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man;

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion;

For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word and melteth them;

He causeth his wind to blow and the waters flow.

He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation, and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

✠ Twenty-Four ✠

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O all ye waters that be above the heaven, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye cold and heat, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

✠ Twenty-Five ✠

○ all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ let the earth bless the Lord ; yea, let it praise and magnify him forever.

○ ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ all ye things that grow upon the earth, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ sea and rivers, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ all ye fountains, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ all ye birds of the air, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ ye children of men, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ let Israel bless the Lord, praise him and magnify him forever.

○ ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ ye that are holy and humble of heart, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

○ all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord ; praise him and magnify him forever.

✠ **Twenty-Six** ✠

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Let thy glory be above all the earth!

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed.

I will sing and give praise.

Awake, my glory! Awake, psaltery and harp!

I myself will awake with the dawn.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people; I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens,

Let thy glory be above all the earth.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens,

And his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye ministers of his that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

✠ **Twenty-Seven** ✠

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the Lord. I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the sons of men in whom is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that therein is;

Who keepeth truth forever; who executeth justice for the oppressed;

Who giveth food to the hungry.

The Lord looseth them that are bound; the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind.

The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down; the Lord loveth the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and the widow,

But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

The Lord shall reign forever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

Praise ye the Lord.

✠ Twenty-Eight ✠

I will extol thee, my God, O King, and I will bless thy name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee and I will praise thy name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts, and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness,

And they shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom and talk of thy power,

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and thy dominion endureth to all generations.

✠ **Twenty-Nine** ✠

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations and his glory is above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

Who stoopeth to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth!

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill that he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

The Lord increase you more and more, you and your children!

Ye are blessed of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heaven of heavens, is the Lord's,

But the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence.

But we will praise the Lord from this time forth and even forevermore. Praise the Lord.

✠ Thirty ✠

Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God.

He is gracious and praise befits him.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem; he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power; his understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek;

He casteth the wicked down to the ground.

The Lord upholdeth all that are falling;

He raiseth all that are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee and thou givest them their food in its season.

Thou openest thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways,

And holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him,

But all wickedness will he destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,

And let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

✠ Thirty-One ✠

Blessed art thou, O Lord, God of our fathers,

And to be praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed is thy glorious and holy name,

And to be praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness and glory,

And to be praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths and sittest upon the cherubim,

And to be praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed art thou upon the throne of thy kingdom,

And to be praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven,

And to be praised and exalted above all forever.

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord,

Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord,

Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord,

Praise him and magnify him forever.

O ye that are holy and humble of heart, bless ye the Lord,

Praise him and magnify him forever.

✠ Thirty-Two ✠

The Lord reigneth ; let the people stand in awe.

He sitteth enthroned upon the cherubim ; let the earth tremble.

The Lord is great in Zion and he is high above all the people.

Let them praise thy great and terrible name, for it is holy.

The king's strength loveth justice.

It is thou who dost establish equity, who executest justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt ye the Lord our God and worship at his footstool,

For he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among them that call upon his name—they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar ; they kept his testimonies and the ordinance that he gave them.

Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God.

Thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou didst take vengeance of their wicked deeds.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy hill.

For the Lord our God is holy.

✠ Thirty-Three ✠

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O thou Most High,

To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning and thy faithfulness every night, upon the ten-stringed psaltery and upon the harp of solemn sound.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works; I will triumph in the work of thy hands.

O Lord, how great are thy works, how deep are thy thoughts!

There are no gods like unto thee, O Lord,

Neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth; unite my heart to fear thy name.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer and attend to the voice of my supplications.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant, for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

O turn unto me and have mercy upon me,

Give thy strength unto thy servant and save the son of thy handmaid.

For thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion and gracious,
Longsuffering and plenteous in mercy and truth.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart;

And I will glorify thy name forever.

✠ Thirty-Four ✠

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth or ever thou hadst formed the earth or the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction and sayest, "Return, ye children of men."

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are like a dream; they are as grass which springeth up in the morning;

In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up, in the evening it is cut down and withereth.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten, perchance by reason of strength fourscore years,

Yet is their length but labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger?

Even according to the fear due unto thee, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom.

Return, O Lord! How long? And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may be glad and rejoice all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us and the years in which we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants,

And thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us;

Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

✠ **Thirty-Five** ✠

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry for help come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me;

In the day when I call, answer me speedily.

My days are like a lengthening shadow and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, shalt endure forever and thy remembrance unto all generations.

He hath weakened my strength in the way; he hath cut short my days.

I said, "O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days." Thy years are throughout all generations.

Of old hast thou laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish but thou shalt endure;

Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture thou shalt change them and they shall be changed.

But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

The children of thy servants shall continue and their seed shall be established before thee.

✠ Thirty-Six ✠

He that liveth forever created all things in common.

The Lord alone shall be justified.

To none hath he given power to declare his works;

And who shall trace out his mighty deeds?

Who shall weigh the strength of his majesty?

And who shall also tell out his mercies?

As for the wondrous works of the Lord, it is not possible to take from them nor to add to them, neither is it possible to track them out.

When a man hath finished, then he is but at the beginning, and when he ceaseth, then shall he be in perplexity.

What is man and whereto serveth he?

What is his good and what is his evil?

The number of man's days at the most are a hundred years.

As a drop of water from the sea and a pebble from the sand, so are a few years in the day of eternity.

For this cause the Lord was longsuffering over them and poured out his mercy upon them;

He saw and perceived their end that it is evil, therefore he multiplied his forgiveness.

The mercy of a man is upon his neighbor,

But the mercy of the Lord is upon all flesh.

Reproving and chastening and teaching and bringing again as a shepherd doth his flock,

He hath mercy upon them that accept chastening and that diligently seek after his judgments.

✠ Thirty-Seven ✠

The voice of one that crieth, "Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

The voice said, "Cry!" And one said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth when the breath of the Lord bloweth upon it. Surely the people is grass.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth,

But the word of our God shall stand forever.

"To whom then will ye liken me?

To whom shall I be equal?" saith the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number.

He calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power, not one faileth.

Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, "My way is hid from the Lord and the justice due me is passed over from my God"?

Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?

There is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and grow weary,

And the young men shall utterly fall.

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

They shall run and not be weary;

They shall walk and not faint.

✠ Thirty-Eight ✠

I said, "I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue ;

I will keep my mouth as with a bridle while the wicked is before me."

In my silence I was dumb ; I held my peace even from good words, and my sorrow was stirred.

My heart was hot within me ; while I was musing the fire kindled,

Then spake I with my tongue : "Lord, make me to know mine end and the measure of my days, what it is, that I may know how frail I am."

Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth, and my lifetime is as nothing before thee.

Verily every man's life is but vanity ; verily every man walketh as a shadow ;

Verily a breath disquieteth him ; he heapeth up riches and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for ? My hope is in thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry.

Hold not thy peace at my tears, for I am a stranger with thee and a sojourner as all my fathers were.

O spare me that I may recover strength before I go hence and be no more.

✠ **Thirty-Nine** ✠

I will sing a new song unto thee, O God,

Upon a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee,

Unto thee who givest salvation to kings,

Who deliverest David, thy servant, from the hurtful sword.

Rid me and deliver me from the hand of strangers,

Whose mouth speaketh deceit and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

Our sons are as plants grown up in their youth ;

Our daughters are as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

Our garners are full, affording all manner of stores.

Our sheep bring forth thousands and tens of thousands in our fields. Our oxen are heavy laden.

There is no assault nor going forth to war ;

There is no cry of alarm in our streets.

Happy the people that is in such a case !

Yea, happy is that people whose God is the Lord.

✠ Forty ✠

Let us now praise famous men,

And our fathers that begat us.

The Lord manifested in them great glory,

Even his mighty power from the beginning.

Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms and were renowned
for their power, giving counsel by their understanding;

Such as have brought tidings in prophecies,

Leaders of the people by their counsels and by their understand-
ing, men of learning for the people.

Wise were their words in their instruction.

Such as sought out musical tunes and set forth verses in writing;

**Rich men furnished with ability, living peacefully in
their habitations;**

All these were honored in their generation,

And were a glory in their days.

There be of them that have left a name behind them to declare
their praises;

**And some there be who have no memorial, who have
perished as though they had not been,**

But these were men of mercy whose righteous deeds have not
been forgotten;

**With their seed shall remain continually a good in-
heritance; their children are within the covenants.**

Their seed standeth fast and their children for their sakes.

**Their seed shall remain forever and their glory shall not
be blotted out.**

Their bodies were buried in peace and their name liveth to
all generations.

**Peoples will declare their wisdom and the congregation
telleth out their praise.**

✠ Forty-One ✠

The wisdom of the scribe cometh by opportunity of leisure ;

And he that hath little business shall become wise.

How shall he become wise that holdeth the plough, that glorieth in the shaft of his goad ?

He will set his hand upon turning his furrows and his wakefulness is to give his heifers their fodder.

So is every artificer and workmaster that passeth his time by night as by day ;

His diligence is to make great variety and he will be wakeful to finish his work.

So is the smith sitting by the anvil and considering the unwrought iron ;

He will set his mind upon perfecting his works and he will be wakeful to adorn them perfectly.

So is the potter sitting at his work and turning the wheel about with his feet ;

He will apply his mind to finishing the glazing and he will be wakeful to keep clean the furnace.

All these put their trust in their hands and each becometh wise in his own work ;

Without these shall not a city be inhabited and men shall not sojourn nor walk up and down therein.

They shall not be sought for in the council of the people,

And in the assembly they shall not stand on high.

They shall not declare instruction and judgment,

And where wise sayings are they shall not be found.

But they will maintain the fabric of the world,

And in the handiwork of their craft is their prayer.

✠ Forty-Two ✠

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare his works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters,

These see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the depths.

Their soul is melted because of trouble,

They reel to and fro and stagger like a drunken man and are at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses;

He maketh the storm a calm so that the waves thereof are still.

Then they are glad because they be quiet;

So he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

✠ Forty-Three ✠

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water and dry ground into water springs;

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell that they may prepare a city for habitation,

That they may sow the fields and plant vineyards which may yield fruits of increase.

He blesseth them also so that they are multiplied greatly, and he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Again they are diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow;

He poureth contempt upon princes and causeth them to wander in the wilderness where there is no way,

Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction and maketh him families like a flock.

The righteous shall see it and rejoice and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Whoso is wise and will observe these things even he shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

✠ Forty=Four ✠

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his precepts and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity ;

They walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

Oh that my ways were established to keep thy statutes!

I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes. O forsake me not utterly!

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful,

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth fruit in its season ;

His leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away ;

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

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous,

But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

✠ Forty-Five ✠

Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known and our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generations to come the praises of the Lord and his strength and his wonderful works that he hath done.

For he established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers that they should make known to their children,

That the generations to come might know them, that the children yet to be born should arise and declare them to their children.

That they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God but keep his commandments.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments.

Thy testimonies that thou hast given are righteous and very faithful.

Thy word is very pure, therefore thy servant loveth it.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and thy law is the truth.

✠ Forty-Six ✠

Wherewithal shall a man keep his way pure?

By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee.

O let me not wander from thy commandments!

Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord; teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies as much as in all riches.

I will meditate in thy precepts and have respect unto thy ways.

I will delight myself in thy statutes; I will not forget thy word.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will run the way of thy commandments when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes

And I will keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding and I will keep thy law;

Yea, I will observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments,

For therein do I delight.

Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

✠ Forty-Seben ✠

Forever, O Lord, thy word is established in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations.

Thou hast established the earth and it abideth.

**All things stand this day according to thine ordinances,
for all are thy servants.**

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me ;

**Give me understanding that I may learn thy command-
ments.**

I have seen a limit to all perfection,

But thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Wonderful are thy testimonies, therefore doth my soul keep them.

**The entrance of thy words giveth light ; it giveth under-
standing to the simple.**

I shall walk at liberty because I seek thy precepts.

**I will speak of thy testimonies in the presence of kings,
and I shall not be put to shame.**

I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

**My hands also will I lift up to thy commandments, which
I have loved, and I will meditate in thy statutes.**

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold
and silver.

**Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my
pilgrimage.**

I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night,

And I have kept thy law.

✠ Forty-Eight ✠

Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon the earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Prosperity and riches are in his house and his righteousness endureth forever.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness; he is gracious and full of compassion and righteous.

Well is it with the man who is gracious and lendeth; who guideth his affairs with justice.

Surely he shall never be shaken; the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid.

He hath dispersed; he hath given to the poor;

His righteousness endureth forever.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

Depart from evil and do good and dwell forevermore.

For the Lord loveth justice and forsaketh not his saints.

✠ **Forty-Nine** ✠

Blessed is he that considereth the poor ;

The Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble.

The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive ;

He shall be blessed upon the earth.

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing ;

Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

They that trust in their wealth and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches, none of them can by any means redeem himself nor give to God a ransom for his life.

Their graves will be their houses forever and their dwelling-places to all generations.

They call their lands after their own names ;

Nevertheless the man who is held in honor abideth not ; he is like the beasts that perish.

Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased,

For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away ; his glory shall not descend after him.

He shall go to the generation of his fathers ; they shall never see light.

Man that is held in honor but is without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

✠ *Fifty* ✠

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,

And the man that getteth understanding;

For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver,

And the gain thereof than fine gold.

She is more precious than rubies,

And all the things that thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Length of days is in her right hand,

And in her left hand riches and honor.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness,

And all her paths are peace.

But where shall wisdom be found?

And where is the place of understanding?

Man knoweth not the price thereof,

Neither is it found in the land of the living.

The depth saith, "It is not in me."

And the sea saith, "It is not with me."

God understandeth the way thereof,

And he knoweth the place thereof.

For he looketh to the ends of the earth

And seeth under the whole heaven.

When he made a decree for the rain

And a way for the lightning of the thunder,

Then did he see it and declare it,

He prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

And unto man he said, "Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,

And to depart from evil is understanding."

✠ **Fifty-One** ✠

Wisdom is radiant and fadeth not away.

**And easily is she beheld by them that love her, and found
of them that seek her.**

He that riseth up early to seek her shall find it no toil,

For he shall see her sitting at his gates.

For to think upon her is perfectness of understanding,

**And he that is watchful for her sake shall soon be free
from care.**

Because she herself goeth about seeking them that are worthy
of her, and in their paths she appeareth unto them graciously,

And in every purpose she goeth forth to meet them.

Her beginning is the true desire of discipline ;

And the care for discipline is love of her ;

And love of her is observance of her laws ;

And to give heed to her laws confirmeth incorruption ;

And incorruption bringeth near unto God.

✠ Fifty-Two ✠

Thou art my portion, O Lord; I have said that I would keep thy words.

Let thy hand help me, for I have chosen thy precepts.

Let my soul live and it shall praise thee, and let thy judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

Before the dawning of the morning I cried unto thee; in thy word I hoped.

Mine eyes waken in the night watches that I may meditate upon thy word.

Hear my voice according to thy lovingkindness.

O Lord, quicken me according to thy judgment.

Remember thy word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction, for thy word hath quickened me.

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I have trusted in thy commandments.

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

Look upon me and be merciful to me, as thou hast ever been unto those that love thy name.

Order my steps in thy word and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

✠ **Fifty-Three** ✠

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?

Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is condemned, but he honoreth them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury nor taketh reward against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Judge me, O Lord, for I have walked in mine integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my mind and my heart.

For thy lovingkindness is before my eyes and I have walked in thy truth.

I will wash my hands in innocency; so will I compass thine altar, O Lord.

That I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thy glory dwelleth.

My foot standeth in an even place; in the congregation will I bless the Lord.

✠ Fifty-Four ✠

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness.

According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sins,

For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned and done evil in thy sight,

That thou mightest be justified when thou speakest and be in the right when thou judgest.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy way and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it; thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

✠ *Fifty-Five* ✠

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; O my God, I trust in thee.

Let me not be ashamed; let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed;

Let them be ashamed who transgress against thee.

Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths;

Lead me in thy truth and teach me,

For thou art the God of my salvation;

On thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses,

For they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth nor my transgressions.

According to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord;

Therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in justice,

And the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.

Look upon mine affliction and my travail,

And forgive all my sins.

O keep my soul and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I have taken refuge in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for on thee do I wait.

✠ Fifty-Six ✠

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

When I kept silence my bones waxed old through my groaning all the day long ;

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me ; my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee and mine iniquities have I not hid.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord," and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

For this let every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found ;

Surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding place ; thou wilt preserve me from trouble.

Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go ;

I will guide thee ; mine eye shall be upon thee.

Be not ye as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding,

Whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked,

But he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye righteous ;

Shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

✠ **Fifty-Seven** ✠

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice; Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who will stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning; yea, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

✠ Fifty-Eight ✠

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thee continually with good things so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger forever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor requited us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it and it is gone and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children,

To such as keep his covenant and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

✠ Fifty-Nine ✠

Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious of the workers of iniquity,

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass,

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light and thy just cause as the noonday.

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him;

Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Cease from anger and forsake wrath;

Fret not thyself; it tendeth only to evil.

For evil doers shall be cut off,

But those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

For yet a little while and the wicked shall not be; yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place and he shall not be.

But the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

I have seen the wicked in great power and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

Yet he passed away and lo, he was not; yea, I sought him but he could not be found.

Mark the perfect man and behold the upright,

For the end of that man is peace.

✦ **Sixty** ✦

I will lift up my voice unto God and cry ;

I will lift up my voice, that he may give ear unto me.

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night.

I commune with mine own heart,

And my spirit maketh diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off forever? And will he be favorable no more?

Is his mercy clean gone forever? Doth his promise fail forevermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious?

Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

And I said, "This is my infirmity; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."

I will make mention of the works of the Lord; yea, I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also upon all thy work,

And think upon thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary.

Who is a great God like unto our God?

Thou art the God that doest wonders; thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Thou hast with thine own arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Thy way was in the sea and thy path upon the great waters, and thy footsteps were not traced.

Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

✧ **Sixty-One** ✧

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent unto me,

Lest, if thou be silent unto me, I become like those that go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry unto thee,

When I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

Draw me not away with the wicked and with the workers of iniquity,

Who speak peace to their neighbors but mischief is in their hearts.

Give them according to their deeds and according to the wickedness of their endeavors.

Give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

They regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands,

Therefore shall he destroy them and not build them up.

Blessed be the Lord because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

The Lord is my strength and my shield.

My heart trusted in him and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth,

And with my song will I praise him.

The Lord is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

Save thy people and bless thine inheritance; feed them also and lift them up forever.

✠ Sixty-Two ✠

The fool hath said in his heart, "There is no God."

**They are corrupt, they have done abominable works;
there is none that doeth good.**

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any that did understand and seek God.

**They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy;
there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**

Have they no knowledge, all the workers of iniquity, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not on the Lord?

Then were they in great fear, for God is in the congregation of the righteous.

They have scorned the counsel of the poor,

But the Lord is his refuge.

In the Lord put I my trust.

How say ye to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain?"

For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may shoot in the darkness at the upright in heart.

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven;

His eyes behold, his eyelids try the children of men.

The Lord trieth the righteous,

But the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

Upon the wicked he will rain snares;

Fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.

For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness.

The upright shall behold his face.

✠ **Sixty-Three** ✠

Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped,

For I was envious of the foolish when I saw the prosperity of the wicked;

For they are not in trouble as other men, neither are they plagued like other men.

And they say, "How doth God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?"

Behold, such are the ungodly; they are always at ease; they increase in riches.

Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart,

And washed my hands in innocency.

When I thought upon this it was too painful for me, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

Surely thou didst set them in slippery places; thou causest them to fall in utter ruin.

As for me, I am continually in thy presence.

Thou dost hold me by my right hand.

Thou wilt guide me with thy counsel,

And afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee?

And there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth;

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

† Sixty-Four †

O Lord, my God, in thee do I take refuge ;

Save me from all them that pursue me and deliver me.

O Lord, my God, if I have done this, if I have requited him with evil that was at peace with me or have despoiled him that without cause was mine enemy,

Let the enemy pursue my soul and take it ; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth and lay mine honor in the dust.

Arise, O Lord, in thine anger, lift up thyself in indignation because of mine enemies ;

Awake for me to the judgment that thou hast ordained.

So shall the congregation compass thee about.

For their sakes therefore return thou on high.

O Lord, who judgest the peoples, judge me according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.

O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just ;

For the righteous God trieth the mind and the heart. My defence is from God, who saveth the upright of heart.

God judgeth the righteous and God is angry with the wicked every day.

Behold, the wicked travaileth with iniquity ; he conceiveth mischief and bringeth forth falsehood.

He made a pit and digged it and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

His mischief shall return upon himself

And his violence shall come down upon his own head.

I will give thanks unto the Lord according to his righteousness,

And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

✠ Sixty-Five ✠

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

For thou hast maintained my right and my cause.

Thou sittest on the throne, judging righteously.

Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast destroyed the wicked; their name thou hast blotted out forever and ever.

The Lord shall endure forever. He hath established his throne for judgment.

He shall judge the world in righteousness;

He shall minister judgment to the people in equity.

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in time of trouble.

They that know thy name will put their trust in thee, for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly as his own.

The Lord will hear when I call upon him.

Stand in awe and sin not.

Commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving,

And put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, "Who will show us any good?"

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart more than they have when their corn and their wine are increased.

I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

† Sixty-Six †

Come, ye children, hearken unto me ; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that desireth life and loveth many days that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile ;

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

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones ; not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, and they that hate the righteous shall be condemned.

The Lord redeemeth the souls of his servants, and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

† Sixty-Seben †

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him and were radiant, and their faces were not cast down.

This poor man cried and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye his saints, for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

✠ Sixty-Eight ✠

The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom shall I fear ?

The Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom shall I be afraid ?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear ; though war should rise against me, even then will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion ;

In the covert of his tabernacle will he hide me ; he will set me up upon a rock.

And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy ; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice ; -

Have mercy also upon me and answer me.

When thou saidst, "Seek ye my face," my heart said unto thee, "Thy face, Lord, will I seek."

**Hide not thy face from me; put not thy servant away
in anger;**

Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O
God of my salvation.

**Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord
will take me up.**

Teach me thy way, O Lord.

**Lead me in a plain path because of those that lie in wait
for me.**

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies,

**For false witnesses are risen up against me and such as
breathe out cruelty.**

I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the
Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and he shall
strengthen thy heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.**

✠ **Sixty-Nine** ✠

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee.

Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I take refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God Most High, unto God who worketh for me.

What time I am afraid I will trust in thee.

In God (I will praise his word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Evening and morning and at noon will I pray and cry aloud, and he will hear my voice.

He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me,

For there were many that strove with me.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord and he will sustain thee;

He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.

In God (I will praise his word), in the Lord (I will praise his word), in God I have put my trust.

I will not be afraid of what man can do unto me.

Thy vows are upon me, O God; I will render praises unto thee, for thou hast delivered my soul from death.

Wilt thou not deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

✠ **Seventy** ✠

I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me and the pains of hell gat hold upon me; I found trouble and sorrow;

Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple; I was brought low and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now, in the presence of all his people.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now, in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Praise ye the Lord.

✠ **Seventy-One** ✠

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good,

For his mercy endureth forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed
from the hand of the enemy,

**And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and
the west, from the north and from the south.**

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found
no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and he delivered
them out of their distresses,

**And he led them forth by the right way, that they might
go to a city of habitation.**

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for
his wonderful works to the children of men!

**For he satisfieth the longing soul and filleth the hungry
soul with goodness.**

Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,

Being bound in affliction and irons,

They also cried unto the Lord in their trouble and he saved them
out of their distresses.

**He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of
death and broke their bonds in sunder.**

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for
his wonderful works to the children of men!

**For he hath broken the gates of brass and cut the bars of
iron in sunder.**

✠ Seventy-Two ✠

I waited patiently for the Lord and he inclined unto me and heard my cry.

He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings.

And he hath put a new song into my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it and fear and trust in the Lord.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust and respecteth not the proud nor such as turn aside to lies.

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done and thy thoughts which are towards us;

They cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee; if I would declare and speak of them they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened;

Burnt offering and sin offering thou hast not required.

Then said I, "Lo, I come (in the roll of the book it is written of me);

I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart."

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation;

Lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation.

I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord;

Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee.

Let such as love thy salvation say continually, "The Lord be magnified!"

But I am poor and needy, yet the Lord thinketh upon me.

Thou, my help and my deliverer, make no tarrying, O my God.

✠ Seventy-Three ✠

Unto thee lift I up my eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters and as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look unto the Lord, our God, until he have mercy upon us.

They that trust in the Lord are as Mount Zion which cannot be moved but abideth forever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever.

“If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,” now may Israel say, “if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when men rose up against us,

Then they had swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us.

Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul,

Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.”

Blessed be the Lord who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the hand of the fowler ;
the snare is broken and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

✠ **Seventy-Four** ✠

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed.

Deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily.

Be thou a strong rock for a house of defence to save me.

For thou art my rock and my fortress, therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me.

Into thy hand I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy, for thou hast considered my trouble.

Thou hast known my soul in adversities.

Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy;

Thou hast set my feet in a large place.

As for me, I have trusted in thee, O Lord.

I have said, "Thou art my God."

My times are in thy hand;

Save me for thy mercies' sake.

Oh how great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee!

Which thou hast wrought for them that take refuge in thee before the sons of men!

Thou hidest them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man.

Thou keepest them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord, for he hath showed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints!

The Lord preserveth the faithful and plentifully requiteth the proud doer.

Be strong and let your heart take courage, all ye that hope in the Lord.

✠ **Seventy-Five** ✠

I will praise thee with my whole heart ;

Before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and thy truth,

For thou hast magnified above all things thy word.

In the day when I cried thou answeredst me

And strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall think upon thy ways, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly,

But the proud he knoweth afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me ;

Thou wilt stretch forth thy hand against the wrath of mine enemies and thy right hand will save me.

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever ; forsake not the work of thine own hands.

✦ **Seventy-Six** ✦

I will extol thee, O Lord, for thou hast lifted me up and hast not suffered my foes to rejoice over me.

O Lord, my God, I cried unto thee and thou hast healed me.

O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave.

Thou hast kept me alive that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his,

And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For in his anger is death, but in his favor is life.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

As for me, in my security I had said, "I shall never be moved ;

By thy favor, Lord, thou hast made my mountain to stand strong."

Thou didst hide thy face and I was troubled ;

I cried to thee, O Lord, and unto the Lord I made supplication :

"What profit is there in my blood when I go down to the pit ?

Shall the dust praise thee? Shall it declare thy truth?"

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me,

Lord, be thou my helper !

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing ;

Thou hast loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,

To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee and not be silent.

O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to thee forever.

✧ **Seventy-Seven** ✧

The Lord is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ;

He leadeth me beside the still waters ;

He restoreth my soul ;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me,

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

✠ **Seventy-Eight** ✠

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed,
Because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning.

Great is thy faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," saith my soul,

"Therefore will I hope in him."

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him,

To the soul that seeketh him.

It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

For though the fig tree shall not blossom,

Neither shall fruit be in the vines,

The labor of the olive shall fail,

And the fields shall yield no food,

The flock shall be cut off from the fold,

And there shall be no herd in the stalls,

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord;

I will joy in the God of my salvation.

The Lord God is my strength.

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon the high places.

✠ **Sebenty-Nine** ✠

Ye that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy,

And turn not aside lest ye fall.

Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in him,

And your reward shall not fail.

Ye that fear the Lord, hope for good things,

And for eternal gladness and mercy.

Look at the generations of old and see: who did ever put his trust in the Lord and was ashamed?

Or who did abide in his fear and was forsaken? Or who did call upon him and he despised him?

For the Lord is full of compassion and mercy,

And he forgiveth sins and saveth in time of affliction.

Woe unto fearful hearts and to faint hands!

And to the sinner that goeth two ways!

Woe unto the faint heart, for it believeth not!

Therefore it shall not be defended.

Woe unto you that have lost your patience!

And what will ye do when the Lord shall visit you?

They that fear the Lord will not disobey his words,

And they that love him will keep his ways.

They that fear the Lord will seek his good pleasure,

And they that love him shall be filled with the law.

They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts and will humble their souls in his sight.

They will say, "Let us fall into the hands of the Lord and not into the hands of men."

For as his majesty is, so also is his mercy.

✦ **Eighty** ✦

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in him will I trust."

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night nor for the arrow that flieth by day,

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation,

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways;

They shall bear thee up in their hands lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and the adder;

The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under foot.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him;

I will set him on high because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me and I will answer him.

I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him;

With long life will I satisfy him,

And show him my salvation.

✠ Eighty-One ✠

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it ;

Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of toil,

For he giveth to his beloved while they sleep.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved ; he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper ; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve thee from all evil ; he will preserve thy soul.

The Lord will guard thee in thy going out and in thy coming in from this time forth and even forevermore.

✠ Eighty-Two ✠

Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust ; I have said unto the Lord, "Thou art my Lord ; I have no good but in thee."

As for the saints that are in the earth, they are the exalted ones in whom is all my delight.

Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god.

Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup.

Thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places ;

Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who hath given me counsel.

My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

I have set the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoiceth ;

My flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave ;

Neither wilt thou suffer thy beloved to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life ; in thy presence is fulness of joy.

At thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

✠ Eighty-Three ✠

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,

And no torment shall touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,

And their departure was accounted to be their hurt and
their journeying away from us to be their ruin.

But they are in peace.

For even if in the sight of men they be punished, their
hope is full of immortality,

And having borne a little chastening they shall receive great good,

Because God made trial of them and found them worthy
of himself.

As gold in the furnace he proved them,

And as a whole burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine forth,

And as sparks among stubble they shall run to and fro.

They shall judge nations and have dominion over peoples,

And the Lord shall reign over them forevermore.

They that trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful
shall abide with him in love,

Because grace and mercy are to his chosen.

✠ Eighty-Four ✠

Wait thou in stillness, O my soul, upon God only, for my hope cometh from him.

**He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence,
I shall not be moved.**

In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength and my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, ye people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Hear my cry, O God,

Attend unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I cry unto thee when my heart is overwhelmed.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou hast been a shelter for me and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in thy tabernacle forever; I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings.

For thou, O God, hast heard my vows,

Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

O prepare mercy and truth that they may preserve me!

So will I sing praise unto thy name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.

✠ **Eighty-Five** ✠

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the heart of the sea,

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her and that right early.

The nations raged; the kingdoms were moved; he uttered his voice; the earth melted.

The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth.

He breaketh the bow and snappeth the spear in sunder;

He burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of Hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

✦ Eighty-Six ✦

Give ear, ye heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are just.

A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations.

Ask thy father and he will show thee, thine elders and they will tell thee.

When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

He found him in a desert land, in a waste, a howling wilderness;

He compassed him about; he cared for him; he kept him as the apple of his eye.

As an eagle that stirreth up her nest, hovereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings and beareth them upon her pinions,

So the Lord alone did lead him and there was no strange God with him.

Oh that they were wise to understand this,

That they would consider their latter end!

How should one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight unless their Rock had sold them and the Lord had delivered them up?

For their Rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people!

✠ **Eighty-Seben** ✠

The Spirit of the Lord spake by me,

And his word was upon my tongue.

The God of Israel said,

The rock of Israel spake to me :

“One that ruleth over men righteously, ruling in the fear of God,

**He shall be as the light of the morning when the sun
ariseth, a morning without clouds,**

When the tender grass springeth out of the earth,

Through clear shining after rain.”

For is not my house thus with God?

**For an everlasting covenant he hath made with me,
ordered in all things and sure.**

For all my salvation and all my desire, will he not make it to grow?

✠ Eighty-Eight ✠

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble,

The name of the God of Jacob defend thee,

Send thee help from the sanctuary and strengthen thee out of Zion;

Remember all thine offerings and accept the fat of thy burnt sacrifices;

Grant thee according to thy heart's desire,

And fulfill all thy petitions!

We will rejoice in thy salvation and in the name of our God will we set up our banners.

The Lord fulfill all thy petitions!

Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed;

He will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we by the name of our God are made strong.

They are brought down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright.

Save, Lord, let the King hear us when we call!

The King shall joy in thy strength, O Lord, and in thy salvation how greatly shall he exult!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire and hast not withholden the request of his lips.

For thou hast met him with goodly blessings; thou settest a crown of pure gold upon his head.

He asked life of thee and thou gavest it him,

Even length of days forever and ever.

His glory is great in thy salvation;

Honor and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

For thou hast made him most blessed forever;

Thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy presence.

✠ Eighty-Nine ✠

Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.

Let Israel now say that his mercy endureth forever.

Let the House of Aaron now say that his mercy endureth forever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say that his mercy endureth forever.

The Lord is my strength and song and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted.

The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them and I will praise the name of the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter into it.

I will praise thee, for thou hast heard me and art become my salvation.

I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The stone which the builders refused is become the headstone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

† **Ninety** †

O thou Holy One, thou that art enthroned upon the praises of Israel, in thee our fathers trusted.

They trusted in thee and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee and were delivered.

They trusted in thee and were not confounded.

I will declare thy name unto my brethren ;

In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Ye that fear the Lord, praise him.

All ye seed of Jacob, glorify him, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted ; neither hath he hid his face from him.

When he cried unto him, he heard.

My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation ;

I will pay my vows in the presence of them that fear him.

The meek shall eat and be satisfied.

They that seek the Lord shall praise him ; their hearts shall live forever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the Lord ;

And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's,

And he is the governor among the nations.

A seed shall serve him. It shall be told to a generation to come,

And they shall declare his righteousness unto a people yet to be born that he hath done this.

† **Ninety-One** †

O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his name ;

Make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto him ; sing psalms unto him ;

Talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name ;

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and his strength ;

Seek his face evermore.

Remember the marvellous works that he hath done,

His wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O ye seed of Abraham his servant,

Ye children of Jacob his chosen !

He is the Lord our God ;

His judgments are in all the earth.

He hath always been mindful of his covenant

And of the promise that he made to a thousand generations.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord ?

Who can show forth all his praise ?

Blessed are they that keep justice,

And he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy people ;

O visit me with thy salvation,

That I may see the good of thy chosen,

That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation and give thanks with thine inheritance.

✠ **Ninety-Two** ✠

Lord, thou wast favorable unto thy land ;

Thou didst bring back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou forgavest the iniquity of thy people ;

Thou didst cover all their sin ;

Thou didst take away all thy wrath ;

Thou didst turn thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

And cause thine anger towards us to cease !

Wilt thou be angry with us forever ?

Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations ?

Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee ?

Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God, the Lord, will speak,

For he will speak peace unto his people and to his saints.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him,

That glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together ;

Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,

And mercy shall look down from heaven.

Righteousness shall go before him

And peace in the way of his steps.

Yea, the Lord will give that which is good,

And our land will yield her increase.

✠ **Ninety-Three** ✠

Blessed of the Lord be his land!

**For the precious things of the heavens and for the dew,
and for the deep that croucheth beneath,**

And for the precious things brought forth by the sun,

**And for the precious things of the waxing of the moons,
And for the precious things of the ancient mountains,**

**And for the precious things of the everlasting hills,
And for the precious things of the earth and the fulness thereof,**

And for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush.

Israel dwelleth in safety, the fountain of Jacob alone,

**In a land of corn and wine; yea, his heavens drop down
dew.**

Happy art thou, O Israel! Who is like unto thee?

**A people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help and
the sword of thy power!**

Thy gates shall be iron and bronze.

As thy days thy strength shall be.

There is none like unto the God of Israel,

**Who rideth upon the heavens for thy help and in his
glory in the skies.**

The eternal God is thy refuge

And underneath are the everlasting arms.

✠ Ninety-Four ✠

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify to Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment,

Even the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces!

For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within thee!"

Yea, because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will seek thy good.

When the Lord bringeth back the captivity of Zion we shall be like them that dream.

Then will our mouth be filled with laughter and our tongue with singing.

Then will they say among the nations, "The Lord hath done great things for them."

The Lord hath indeed done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south !
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall surely come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

✠ *Ninety-Five* ✠

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

In the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the ridges of the north, the city of the great King.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

For lo, the kings were assembled, they marched by together ;

They looked and so they marvelled ; they were troubled, they hasted away.

Fear took hold upon them there and pain as of a woman in travail.

With an east wind thou breakest the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God.

God will establish it forever.

We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth.

Thy right hand is full of righteousness ; let Mount Zion rejoice ;

Let the daughters of Judah be glad because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion and go round about her ; count the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God forever and ever ;

He will be our guide even unto death.

✠ **Ninety-Six** ✠

O God, my heart is fixed,

I will sing and give praise.

Awake thou, my glory, wake psaltery and harp!

I myself will awake with the dawn.

I will give thanks to thee, O Lord, among the people,

And I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great above the heavens,

And thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered, save with thy right hand and answer me.

The Lord said unto my Lord, "Sit thou at my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion; rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Thy people shall follow thee willingly in the day of thy power, in the beauty of holiness.

From the womb of the morning thou hast the dew of thy youth.

The Lord hath sworn and will not repent: "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord at thy right hand will crush kings in the day of his wrath;

He will judge among the nations,

He will smite the heads of many countries,

He will drink of the brook in the way;

Therefore shall he lift up his head.

✠ Ninety-Seben ✠

I will praise the Lord with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

Majestic and glorious is his work,

And his righteousness endureth forever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given food unto them that fear him; he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hand are truth and justice; all his commandments are established;

They stand fast forever and ever and are done in truth and uprightness.

He hath sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

A good understanding have all they that do his commandments.

His praise endureth forever.

✠ Ninety-Eight ✠

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands ; sing forth the honor of his name ; make his praise glorious.

Say unto God, "How terrible art thou in thy works!"

Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

All the earth shall worship thee and shall sing praises unto thee ; they shall sing praises to thy name.

Come and see the works of the Lord ;

He is terrible in his doings toward the children of men.

He turned the sea into dry land ; they went through the flood on foot.

There did we rejoice in him.

He ruleth by his power forever ; his eyes keep watch over the nations,

Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard,

Who holdeth our soul in life and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us ; thou hast tried us as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net ; thou didst lay affliction upon our loins ;

Thou didst cause men to ride over our head ; we went through fire and water ;

But thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer nor his mercy from me !

† **Ninety-Nine** †

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

The people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven,

He beholdeth all the sons of men;

From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth;

He fashioneth their hearts, all of them; he considereth all their works.

There is no king saved by the multitude of a host; a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

A horse is a vain thing for safety, neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy,

To deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

According as we hope in thee.

✠ **One Hundred** ✠

The Lord is my strength and song,

And he is become my salvation.

This is my God and I will praise him,

My fathers' God and I will exalt him.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods, who is like unto thee,

Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou in thy lovingkindness hast led the people whom thou hast redeemed;

Thou hast guided them in thy strength to thy holy habitation.

Thou hast brought them in and planted them in the mountain of thine inheritance,

The place, O Lord, which thou hast made for them to dwell in, the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

† **One Hundred One** †

O sing unto the Lord a new song,

Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

For he hath done marvellous things,

His right hand and his holy arm hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation,

His righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth,

Make a loud noise and rejoice and sing praise.

Sing unto the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea roar and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord,

For he cometh to judge the earth;

With righteousness shall he judge the world and the people with equity.

✠ One Hundred Two ✠

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves,

The rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed

Saying, "Let us break their bonds asunder and cast away their cords from us."

He that sitteth in the heavens will laugh,

The Lord will have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath and affright them in his sore displeasure,

Saying, "It is I that have set my king upon Zion, my holy hill."

I will tell of the decree: the Lord said unto me,

"Thou art my son. This day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance

And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;

Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

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

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the son lest he be angry and ye perish from the way when his wrath is kindled but a little.

Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

✠ One Hundred Three ✠

Behold my servant whom I uphold,

Mine elect in whom my soul delighteth.

I have put my spirit upon him.

He shall bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry nor lift up his voice nor cause it to be heard in the streets.

A bruised reed will he not break and the dimly burning wick will he not quench.

He shall bring forth justice and truth; he shall not fail nor be discouraged till he have set justice in the earth;

And the isles shall wait for his law.

And many nations shall come and say, "Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

And to the house of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among many peoples and decree concerning strong nations afar off.

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

Neither shall they learn war any more.

But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree,

And none shall make them afraid.

The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

✦ One Hundred Four ✦

Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son,

That he may judge thy people with righteousness and the poor with justice.

The mountains will bring peace to the people,

And the little hills righteousness.

He will judge the poor of the people;

He will save the children of the needy and will break in pieces the oppressor.

He will live as long as the sun and moon endure,

Throughout all generations.

He will come down like rain upon the ripening grain,

As showers that water the earth.

In his days will righteousness flourish,

And abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,

And from the river to the ends of the earth.

He will spare the poor and needy,

And will save the souls of the needy.

He will save their souls from deceit and violence,

And precious shall their blood be in his sight.

So shall he live and to him shall there be given of the gold of Sheba.

Let prayer also be made for him continually and all the day long let blessing be invoked upon him!

There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; its fruit shall shake like Lebanon.

They of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

His name shall endure forever! His name shall be continued as long as the sun!

Men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed!

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever!

Let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen.

✠ One Hundred Five ✠

There shall come forth a shoot out of the stem of Jesse,

And a branch shall grow out of his roots.

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears.

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,

And with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,

And faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,

And the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together.

And a little child shall lead them.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain.

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the seas.

✠ One Hundred Six ✠

God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause his face to shine upon us,

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving help among all nations.

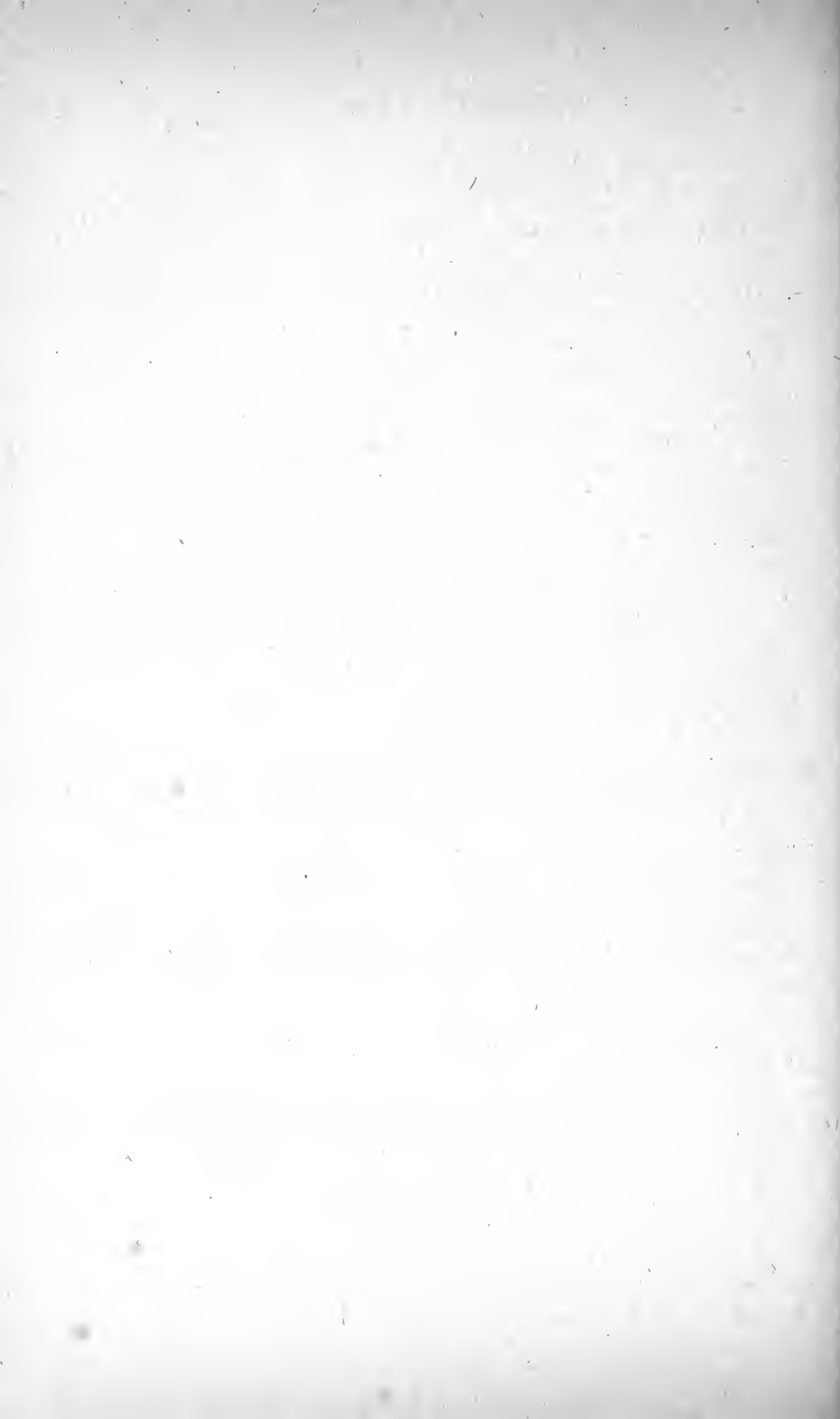
Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.



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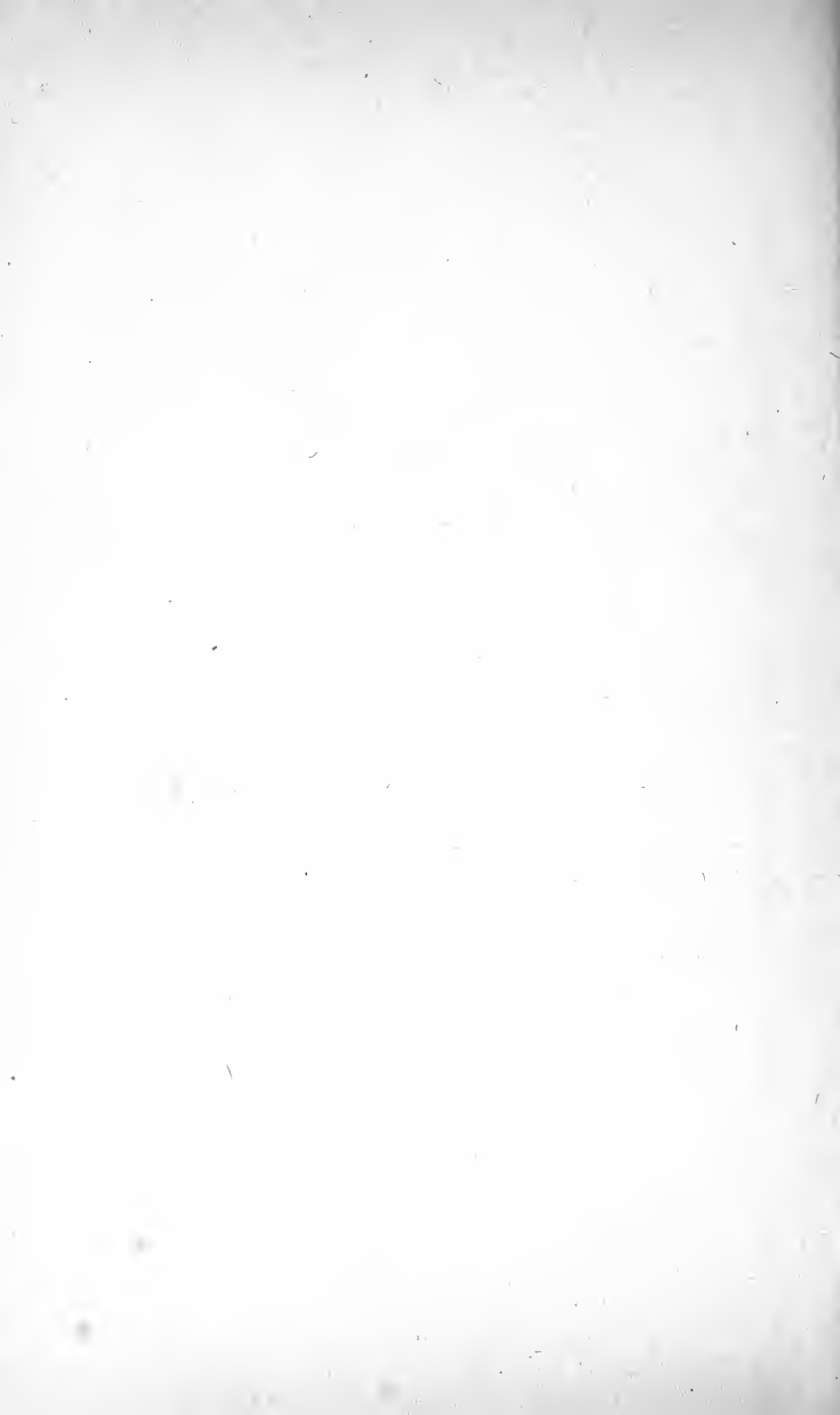
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