

Book IV  
Psalms 90-106

PSALM 90

*A prayer of Moses the man of God.*

Geneva, 1551

1. Lord, you have *been for bygone generations*  
their *dwelling* place, their *haven of salvation*.  
Also for us you are *the rock of ages*,  
our *only refuge when the tempest rages*,  
and you in *generations* yet to come  
will be our *children's everlasting home*.
2. Before you *formed, O powerful Creator*,  
the *soaring mountains, all their peaks and craters*;  
before you set the *earth on its foundations*  
and *made the world a place of habitation*,  
from *everlasting stood your holy throne*,  
to *everlasting you are God alone*.
3. You turn us *back to dust when life is ended*,  
for *so you in these very words commanded*:  
“Return to dust, O mortals.” Thus we perish.  
Brief is our life, and *vain the things we cherish*.  
A thousand of our years are in your sight  
a day gone by, a *watch that ends the night*.
4. We're swept away *as by a mighty river*.  
Like *fleeting dreams are we and our endeavour*,  
like *tender grass that springs up in the morning*,  
like *flowers that, for a while the earth adorning*,  
unfold and *blossom in the early sun*:  
by evening *they are shrivelled up and gone*.
5. For we are *all consumed by your great anger*,  
and *we have seen your indignation linger*.  
You are *with our iniquity acquainted*;  
your *light reveals that all our deeds are tainted*.  
For in your *wrath will all our days go by*,  
until our *lives we finish with a sigh*.
6. Our years are *few: you seventy allow us*,  
or *eighty if you with the strength endow us*.  
Throughout *their span we in our sorrow languish*;  
the *best of them are filled with toil and anguish*.  
They quickly *pass until we reach the day*  
when life is *over and we fly away*.

7. Who feels your *anger's force, O God Almighty?*  
Who *knows how great it is and fears it rightly?*  
Teach *us that we our span of days may number;*  
help *us gain wisdom. LORD, your love remember!*  
We for your *mercy and compassion yearn.*  
How long yet *must we wait? O LORD, return!*
  
8. O LORD, come *in the morning and supply us*  
with *your unfailing love to satisfy us,*  
that *we may then rejoice and sing with gladness*  
as *many days as we have mourned in sadness,*  
as *many years as we have seen distress.*  
Replace our *grief with joy and happiness.*
  
9. Make known to *us your deeds of might and splendour,*  
and *may our children marvel at your grandeur.*  
May *you, O Lord, our gracious God and Saviour,*  
bless *us with all the riches of your favour.*  
Establish *all the labours of our hands;*  
establish *them, that to your praise they stand.*

## PSALM 91

Geneva, 1543/1551

1. Those *dwelling in the* hiding place  
of *God Most High* shall tarry  
where *in the shadow* of his grace  
his *goodness will not* vary.  
My *fortress when I* am beset,  
my *rock – I trust him* ever,  
for *he will from the fowler's* net  
his *faithful ones* deliver.
2. He'll *save you from the* pestilence,  
his *wings as shelter* lending.  
His *pinions are your* sure defence,  
his *truth a shield* unbending.  
At *night you will not* fear the gloom,  
nor, *during day, the* arrow,  
nor *havoc that may spread* at noon,  
nor *nights of plagues and* sorrow.
3. A *thousand at your* side may fall,  
but *you'll be safely* guarded;  
when *tens of thousands* die in all,  
you'll *see the foe* rewarded.  
Since *you the LORD your* refuge made,  
your *rock and habitation*,  
no *evil shall your tents* invade,  
nor *plague and tribulation*.
4. His *hosts of angels* God commands  
for *evermore to* serve you.  
They *will support you* on their hands  
and *from all danger* swerve you,  
lest *ever you your* foot should dash  
*against a stone, or* stumble.  
The *deadly serpent you* will crush;  
the *lion you* will humble.
5. “Because *he on my* love relies,  
I *surely will* defend him.  
He *knows my name; thus*, when he cries,  
my *answer I will* send him.  
I'll *come with rescue* in the strife;  
to *him is honour* owing.  
I'll *bless him with great* length of life,  
to *him salvation* showing.”

## PSALM 92

*A psalm. A song. For the Sabbath day.*

Geneva, 1562

1. *It's good with jubilation to praise and glorify  
your name, O LORD Most High, and thank you for salvation,  
at dawn in you rejoicing and in your steadfast love,  
at night the praises of your boundless mercy voicing.*
2. *With song and music blending, let me your praise recite;  
let harp and lute unite in harmony unending.  
My thankfulness expressing, I praise your deeds of might;  
I sing of my delight, your faithfulness confessing.*
3. *Your works are great and splendid. O how profound your thought!  
The senseless fool cannot begin to understand it.  
Though evil men may flourish, though like the grass they sprout,  
LORD, you shall root them out. They shall forever perish.*
4. *You are supreme forever. Doomed is your enemy.  
LORD, see the wicked flee, by none to be delivered!  
With such great strength **you** bless me that, like the wild ox, I  
lift up my horn on high. The finest oils refresh me.*
5. *I have been vindicated! As my own eyes have seen,  
my foes, to their chagrin, lie humbled and defeated.  
The LORD is my salvation; their downfall is assured.  
With my own ears I've heard their cries of desperation.*
6. *The just will he remember, to them his favour show;  
they like the palm tree grow, like Lebanon's fine timber.  
Those whom the LORD will cherish within his house he plants.  
There God his blessing grants: within his courts they flourish.*
7. *Still fruit in old age bearing, they fresh and green remain.  
Their witness makes it plain: the LORD is just and caring.  
His righteousness and favour they shall proclaim in song:  
"In him there is no wrong. He is my rock forever."*

## PSALM 93

Geneva, 1562

1. The LORD is *King, enrobed in majesty*;  
he girds himself *with strength and equity*.  
Therefore the world, *established by his hand*,  
cannot be moved but *shall forever stand*.
2. Firm from of *old has stood, O LORD, your throne*;  
from everlasting *you are God alone*.  
To you the seas have *lifted up their voice*,  
the *pounding waves* that *in their strength rejoice*.
3. But mighty *though the thundering floods may be*,  
far mightier *than the breakers of the sea*  
is *he, the LORD*, who *sits enthroned on high*,  
the *King whose name we praise and glorify*.
4. Your word stands *firm, in your decrees we trust*;  
your statutes *are dependable and just*,  
and *holiness, O LORD whom we adore*,  
*befits your house, now and for evermore*.

## PSALM 94

Geneva, 1562

1. LORD, *God of vengeance, our Defender,*  
in *righteousness your judgment* render!  
Rise up, O Judge of *all the earth*;  
reveal your *justice and shine* forth!  
Give to the *proud their just reward*.  
How long must we still wait, O LORD?
2. How long yet will the *evildoer*  
exult and revel in his power?  
Hear how the *wicked boast* aloud;  
of *all their misdeeds they are* proud.  
They crush your people in their rage  
and they oppress your heritage.
3. When will you come as *our avenger*?  
They slay the *widow and the stranger*  
and put to death the *fatherless*;  
the *poor and helpless they oppress*.  
They say, "*The LORD, he does not see.*  
The *God of Jacob, where is he?*"
4. You *fools who lack all comprehension,*  
mark *these my words and pay attention*.  
When will you *senseless ones be wise*?  
Does he who *fashioned ears and eyes*  
not have the *power to see and hear*?  
Is he not one whom you should fear?
5. Does he who *disciplines the nations*  
not see your *sins and provocations*?  
Does he who teaches *all mankind*  
not probe the *depths of every mind*?  
The LORD well knows that in the end  
your *thoughts are but a puff of wind*.
6. Blest is the man by you instructed  
and by your *discipline corrected* –  
the one to whom you *teach your ways*  
to grant relief in *troubled days*,  
till for the *wicked, one and all*,  
a *pit is dug in which they fall*.
7. God will not leave his *own forsaken*;  
his love is *steadfast, never shaken*.  
His people he again will bless  
with *judgment based on righteousness*,  
and *all who have an upright heart*  
will give his justice *their support*.

8. Who *will*, when wicked men attack me,  
be *on my side*, stand up and back me?  
Who *will* defend me in the strife  
when *foes conspire* to seek my life?  
Without *God's help* I soon would have  
my *dwelling* in the silent grave.
9. When *I* cried out, "My foot is slipping,"  
you *were at hand* for my safekeeping,  
and *in my* great anxiety  
your *steadfast love* supported me.  
Whenever *I* on you would call,  
your *consolation* cheered my soul.
10. O *LORD*, can wicked rulers ever  
serve you as *allies*, gain your favour?  
They *frame their* mischief by decree  
and *make of laws* a mockery.  
They *band together* and consent  
to *put to death* the innocent.
11. The *LORD* is my defence and shelter,  
my *God the rock* that will not falter.  
Our *enemies* he will requite  
for *what was wicked* in his sight.  
All *evildoers* he will rout;  
the *LORD our* God will wipe them out.

## PSALM 95

Geneva, 1542/1543

1. Come, praise the LORD! *Let us* rejoice,  
and *let us make a joyful* noise  
to *him, the rock of our salvation*.  
*Let us before his throne* rejoice  
and *thank him with our* joyful noise,  
*our songs of praise and adoration*.
2. The LORD our God, *whose praise* we sing,  
rules *as our great and glorious* King.  
*None equals him, no god is greater*.  
*The deepest caves are in* his hand;  
*the mountains, all the seas, the land*  
*are his, for he is their Creator*.
3. Come, let us *worship and* bow down  
*before this God of great renown*.  
*Our Maker, him our thanks we render*;  
*he led us by his mighty* hand  
*to pastures in a verdant* land.  
*He is our shepherd, our defender*.
4. Today, would you *but hear* his voice:  
*Do not repeat your fathers' choice*,  
*who stubbornly with me contended*;  
*at Massah's rock and Meribah*  
*they tested me although they saw*  
*how they by me had been defended*.
5. For forty years *they wearied* me.  
*I said, "They show no loyalty*.  
*Their hardened hearts resist my favour*;  
*my ways they foolishly ignore."*  
*And so I in my anger swore*:  
*"Into my rest they'll enter never."*

## PSALM 96

Geneva, 1562

1. Sing *to the LORD* with *exultation*.  
O *sing* a new song, *all creation*.  
Sing *to the LORD* and *bless his name*.  
Day *after day* with joy proclaim  
the *wondrous deeds of his salvation*.
2. Make *known his glory to the nations*;  
declare *to all their populations*  
his *marvellous* works, for *he, the LORD*,  
is *to be worshipped* and adored.  
Praise *him with joyful exclamations*.
3. All *gods revered* by *other nations*  
are *merely idols, man's creation*.  
Our *God made* all the *heavens' extent*,  
and *glory dwells within his tent*.  
Before *him kneel in adoration*.
4. *Glory and strength*, O *tribes and nations*,  
ascribe *to God* with *exultation*.  
His *power and majesty* acclaim;  
extol *his great and glorious name*.  
Sing *praise to him with jubilation*.
5. Within *his courts* your *offerings* render  
and *worship him in holy splendour*.  
O *all you nations, far and near*,  
tremble *before him*, quake with fear.  
Bow *down to him in awe and wonder*.
6. Herald *abroad as proclamation*:  
“The *LORD is King of all creation*.”  
The *world is firmly set in place*;  
none *can his handiwork* erase.  
He *will with justice rule the nations*.
7. In *him rejoice*, O *heights of heaven*.  
Let *earth be glad*, to *rapture driven*.  
Rejoice, O *roaring sea's domain*;  
exult, O *fields of golden grain*.  
By *rustling woods let praise be given*.
8. Shout *forth your gladness, all creation!*  
Sing *to the LORD* with *exultation*.  
Behold, *he comes!* Your *joy express!*  
He *comes in truth and righteousness*  
to *judge the earth and rule the nations*.

## PSALM 97

Geneva, 1562

1. The *LORD our God is King!*  
Let *earth rejoice and sing.*  
Let *shores of distant nations*  
*resound with jubilation.*  
Clouds *dark with mystery*  
*enfold his majesty.*  
He *firmly based his throne*  
*on righteousness alone.*  
Our *glorious King is he.*
2. Fire *that consumes his foes*  
*fiercely before him goes.*  
His *thunderbolts are frightening:*  
*the world's lit up with lightning.*  
Earth *trembles at the sight.*  
The *mountains, great in height,*  
*like wax all melt away*  
*in terror and dismay*  
when *God reveals his might.*
3. The *heavens everywhere*  
*his righteousness declare.*  
The *world in awe and wonder*  
*beholds his holy splendour.*  
But *God puts those to shame*  
*who do not fear his name,*  
*who in their idols boast,*  
*and all their worthless host.*  
You *gods, all worship him!*
4. Now *Zion lifts her voice;*  
*all Judah's towns rejoice.*  
They *heard the proclamation*  
*of glorious vindication.*  
LORD, *none with you compare,*  
*for God Most High you are.*  
The *earth is yours alone;*  
*exalted is your throne,*  
*supreme for evermore.*
5. Let *evil be abhorred*  
*by those who love the LORD.*  
The *faithful he will ever*  
*from wicked men deliver.*  
Light *dawns for the upright;*  
*in joy they will delight.*  
You *saints, rejoice in him*  
*and praise his holy name.*  
Extol *his glorious might!*

## PSALM 98

*A psalm.*

Geneva, 1543/1551

1. Sing to the LORD, a new song voicing,  
for mighty wonders he has done.  
His right hand and his arm most holy  
the victory for him have won.  
The LORD has blessed us with salvation;  
his righteousness has he made known.  
He has revealed to all the nations  
that justice issues from his throne.
2. He has remembered all his mercy,  
his faithfulness to Israel.  
Our God was everywhere triumphant;  
the whole wide world saw him prevail.  
Let all then gather to adore him  
and his victorious might acclaim.  
Now make a joyful noise before him;  
let all creation praise his name.
3. Let all the earth with loud rejoicing  
burst into song to praise the LORD!  
With joyful blasts of horns and trumpets  
let him be worshipped and adored.  
Join in the praise and jubilation,  
make music with the harp, and sing!  
Shout forth your joy in celebration;  
come, praise the LORD, the mighty King.
4. Let seas and oceans roar and thunder.  
Praise God, all you who dwell on earth.  
Let rivers clap their hands rejoicing;  
let every mountain shout with mirth.  
He comes, he comes to rule the nations,  
and every wrong he will redress.  
The mighty God of our salvation  
will judge the world in righteousness.

## PSALM 99

Geneva, 1562

1. God, the *LORD, is King*, throned on cherubim.  
Let the *peoples quake*, earth's *foundations* shake,  
for in *Zion* he shows *his majesty*  
and his *exaltation over every nation*.
2. Let them *spread the fame of his awesome name*;  
holy is the *LORD* and to be adored.  
Let them *praise their King*, of *his justice* sing.  
Worship *him uprightly*. He, *the King, is mighty*.
3. You in *Jacob's land* have by *your own hand*  
right and *truth maintained*, *equity ordained*.  
At his *footstool bow* and *revere him now*.  
Praise him, *high and lowly*, for *the LORD is holy*.
4. Moses to *him prayed*, Aaron *sought his aid*;  
later *Samuel called on him* as well.  
They *cried out to him*, and *he answered* them,  
in all *tribulation* heard *their supplication*.
5. He to *Israel* spoke in a *cloud of smoke*;  
they his *glory saw*, worshipped *him with awe*.  
He, their *God and Shield*, his *commands revealed*,  
which his *chosen nation* kept *with dedication*.
6. You came to *their aid* when to you they prayed;  
you forgave *them then*, though you *punished sin*.  
Come to *Zion's hill* and *perform God's will*;  
praise him, *high and lowly*, for *the LORD is holy*.

## PSALM 100

*A psalm. For giving thanks.*

Geneva, 1551

1. You lands *and peoples* of the earth,  
before the LORD your *joy shout* forth.  
Serve him with *gladness* all your days  
and *come to him* with *songs of praise*.
2. Know that *the LORD is* God alone;  
he *made us*, and we *are his own*,  
the sheep that *he to pasture* leads  
and *as their shepherd guards and feeds*.
3. Come, enter *then his gates with praise*  
and *in his courts* your *voices raise*.  
Give thanks to *him and* bless his name;  
within *his house* your *joy proclaim*.
4. The LORD *is good, and evermore*  
his *love and mercy will endure*.  
All *generations* he will bless  
in *his unchanging faithfulness*.

## PSALM 101

*Of David. A psalm.*

Geneva, 1551

1. LORD, I will *worship you with great rejoicing,*  
my *praise of righteousness and mercy* voicing.  
Of *steadfast love and justice* I will sing  
to you, my King.
2. The path of *blameless living* I will ponder.  
When *will you come to me, lest I should* wander?  
I'll *walk within my house from sin* apart,  
with upright heart.
3. Things base and *worthless* I will *not have* near me.  
The *faithless and their deeds* I hate sincerely.  
I *shun all evil. No disloyalty*  
shall cling to me.
4. If one should *secretly his neighbour* slander,  
I will *not fail to silence the offender.*  
Proud *hearts and haughty eyes* I cannot bear  
and will not spare.
5. Those who are *faithful, without guile or malice,*  
I will *appoint to serve me in my palace.*  
No *liar* and no *scandalmonger* shall  
in my house dwell.
6. The wicked I will *punish without pity,*  
of *evildoers rid God's holy city,*  
and I will rise to *drive them all away*  
day after day.

## PSALM 102

*A prayer of an afflicted man.  
When he is faint and pours out his lament before the LORD.*

Geneva, 1562

1. Heed my *prayer, O LORD, be near me;*  
turn your *ear to me and hear me.*  
In my *woes and misery,*  
do not *hide your face from me;*  
when I *pray in grief and worry,*  
LORD, to me your *answer hurry.*  
Listen to my *lamentation;*  
quickly *come with consolation.*
2. For my *days, like smoke, have vanished,*  
and my *life will soon be finished.*  
Like a *hearth my bones all burn*  
while I *for your answer yearn.*  
For my *heart is so dejected*  
that my *bread I have neglected.*  
While I *groan, my strength is going;*  
through my *skin my bones are showing.*
3. While I *lie awake in sorrow,*  
I am *like a lonely sparrow*  
perching *on a housetop high.*  
Like a *pelican am I,*  
like an *owl, whose habitation*  
is a *place of desolation.*  
In my *loneliness I languish,*  
for I *suffer constant anguish.*
4. All day *long my foes deride me;*  
they with *curses have defied me.*  
I no *longer eat my bread,*  
but with *ashes I am fed;*  
with my *drink my tears are blended,*  
for your *wrath has not yet ended.*  
You have *cast me off in fury*  
and have *left me sad and weary.*
5. Like an *evening shadow, fleeting,*  
swiftly *its brief span completing,*  
so my *days all quickly pass,*  
for I *wither like the grass.*  
But you, *LORD, enthroned forever,*  
are the *one who changes never;*  
every *passing generation*  
sees your *glorious exaltation.*

6. LORD, you *will arise in* pity  
on your *house and holy* city.  
It is *time to show your* face,  
the *appointed time for* grace.  
You will *hear our supplication*  
when we *pray for restoration*.  
Those who *serve you, LORD, sincerely*  
love the *stones of Zion* dearly.
7. All the *nations will* revere you;  
all the *kings of earth will* fear you,  
for your *city you shall* build,  
to be *with your glory* filled.  
You will *set your congregation*  
firm on *Zion's strong* foundation.  
When we *pray, LORD, you will* hear us;  
when we *suffer, you are* near us.
8. May a *future generation*  
praise the *LORD for such* salvation:  
“He looked *down from heaven* on high  
to *release those doomed to* die!”  
So in *Zion, in his* dwelling,  
all will *praise his love* unfailing  
when the *peoples there* adore him  
and the *kingdoms kneel* before him.
9. God has *tried me in his* rigour,  
and he *broke my strength and* vigour.  
“O my *God, my God,*” I pray,  
“do not *yet take me* away.  
You whose *years go on* forever,  
do not *yet my life-thread* sever.  
Listen *to my supplication*;  
grant me *life and restoration*.”
10. Mighty *God of all* creation,  
you have *laid the earth's* foundation,  
and you *framed the vast* extent  
of the *spacious firmament*.  
But they *both will fall and* tumble;  
what may *seem secure will* crumble.  
Like a *garment one may* cherish,  
so will *they wear out and* perish.
11. Like a *cloak, your whole* creation,  
from the *skies to earth's* foundation,  
will be *changed and cast* aside,  
but you *evermore* abide.  
LORD, the *children of your* servants,  
all the *line of their* descendants,  
will in *safety dwell* before you,  
for your *steadfast love* adore you.

## PSALM 103

*Of David.*

Strasbourg, 1539 / Geneva, 1543

1. *O bless the LORD, my soul, bless your preserver!*  
*My inmost being, praise his name with fervour.*  
*Do not forget his deeds of love and grace.*  
*O bless the LORD, who pardons your transgressions,*  
*who heals your illnesses in his compassion,*  
*and who redeems your life from death's abyss.*
2. *O bless the LORD, who with his mercy crowns you,*  
*who with his love and faithfulness surrounds you,*  
*who grants his bounteous gifts your whole life through.*  
*To him who shows his righteousness, sing praises;*  
*from their affliction he his people raises.*  
*Your youth he, like the eagle's, will renew.*
3. *To the oppressed his justice he discloses.*  
*His ways he long ago revealed to Moses;*  
*his deeds he has to Israel made known.*  
*Great is his love! The LORD is slow to anger.*  
*He will not let his wrath forever linger*  
*and will not endlessly accuse his own.*
4. *The LORD has dealt with us in great compassion,*  
*not punished us according to transgression.*  
*High as the vault of heaven, without end,*  
*so great his mercy is to those who fear him;*  
*he sweeps the sins of all those who revere him*  
*as far away as east from west extends.*
5. *In tender mercy, like that of a father*  
*who has compassion on his sons and daughters,*  
*God looks on those who put in him their trust.*  
*On all who fear him, he will have compassion,*  
*for well he knows how we were formed and fashioned;*  
*the LORD remembers that we're only dust.*
6. *Life is like grass, so quick to fade and perish,*  
*or like a flower that will but briefly flourish,*  
*that sears and withers in the blowing wind;*  
*soon it is gone, not leaving any traces.*  
*But God is ever merciful and gracious:*  
*his love stands firm, abiding without end.*
7. *God's mercy, everlasting and unfailing,*  
*his righteousness, for evermore prevailing,*  
*will rest on those who worship him with awe.*  
*God will be faithful through the generations*  
*to children's children who with dedication*  
*uphold his covenant and obey his laws.*

8. His *holy* throne the *LORD in heaven* has founded;  
from *there* he rules with *sovereign* power unbounded,  
*for* all the universe is his domain.  
Praise *him*, you angels, *great in might and splendour*.  
You *loyal* servants, *in your awe and wonder*  
*shout* forth the praise of *his eternal* reign!
  
9. You *hosts of* angels, *worship and adore* him.  
All *you who* serve and *minister* before him,  
*his* justice and his *majesty* extol!  
Let *all created things in glad communion*  
*exalt* his name throughout *his vast* dominion.  
*Come*, praise the LORD and *bless him, O my* soul!

## PSALM 104

Geneva, 1542/1543

1. O bless the LORD, my *soul*, and *praise his name*.  
O LORD, how great you *are*, how bright your fame!  
You *who are* clothed in *majesty* and splendour,  
enrobed in light, to *you my praise I* render.  
The *heavens* you have *stretched out like a tent*,  
your *palace* founded on *the firmament*.  
Clouds *are your chariots*, storms *lend you their pinions*;  
winds *are your heralds*, *fire and flame your minions*.
2. The earth, which you have *founded*, *none can* shake.  
The raging deep you *as its cloak* did make,  
and *even mountains were concealed* thereunder;  
the waters fled at *your rebuke*, *your thunder*.  
They *down the hills* their way to *valleys* found;  
the *mighty waters you with limits* bound.  
So you *assigned their place to them*, that never  
their *roaring floods the earth again might* cover.
3. You, LORD, let water *gush from springs and wells*;  
*it flows in valleys in among the hills*.  
You *quench the thirst of every creature living*,  
to roaming beasts *refreshing waters* giving.  
There *by the riverside nest many birds*;  
*among the branches is their singing* heard.  
From *your high halls you water all the mountains*;  
you *bless the earth from overflowing fountains*.
4. For cattle you cause *grass to sprout and grow*,  
*and you to man give plants to reap and sow*.  
You *in his bread and wine let him take pleasure*;  
in oil of joy, *supplied in richest measure*.  
On *cedars* that you *planted rains pour* down;  
well *watered* are the *trees of Lebanon*.  
There *dwells the stork with birds of every feather*;  
goats *roam the rocky crags where coney*s gather.
5. To mark the seasons you, LORD, *made the moon*.  
At your command the *sun turns* dusk to noon,  
and *when the day by night is overtaken*,  
then in the forest *all the beasts awaken*.  
Young *lions* roar and *seek from God their prey*,  
but *when the dawn appears, they steal away*  
and *in their dens lie down, the sunlight* scorning.  
Man *then awakes and greets the dewy morning*.

6. Off to his work man *goes when morning* calls  
and labours till the *evening* shadow falls.  
O LORD, your many *glorious* works astound us.  
In wisdom you made *everything* around us;  
its *fullness* earth to you as *tribute* brings.  
Your *ocean* teems with *countless living* things.  
There *sail the ships in coming and in going*;  
there *plays Leviathan, its pleasure* showing.
  
7. All creatures, LORD, look *to your open* hand  
to give them food, for *they on* you depend.  
They *gather* up its *plenty* when you beckon;  
avert your face, and *they are panic-stricken*,  
for *when you take away their breath, they die*.  
They *are created when you from on high*  
give *them their life: it is your Spirit's* doing;  
the *face of all the earth you keep* renewing.
  
8. For evermore God's *radiant glory* stands;  
*may* he rejoice in *all that* he commands.  
He *looks at* earth and *makes it* shake and shiver;  
he touches mountains, *and they smoke and* quiver.  
God *I will* praise as *long as I shall* live;  
*may to the LORD my worship pleasure* give.  
But *may the wicked from the earth be* driven.  
Bless *God, my soul! To him all praise be* given.

## PSALM 105

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1. O *thank the* LORD with *great rejoicing*,  
his *deeds* among the *peoples* voicing.  
Praise *him*, his *wondrous* works *proclaim*  
and *glory in* his *holy* name.  
Let *those who seek him* praise the LORD,  
their *hearts exulting* in his word.
2. Turn *to the* LORD, who *fails us* never,  
and *seek his* face, his *strength*, forever.  
Recall *the wonders* he *has* wrought,  
the *righteous judgments* he *has* taught.  
Remember *these*, you *chosen ones*,  
O *Abraham's* offspring, Jacob's sons.
3. He *is the* LORD, our *God unfailing*,  
his *judgments* everywhere *prevailing*.  
He *will remember* and *uphold*  
his *covenant* made in days *of old*.  
The *steadfast words* of his command  
a *thousand generations* stand.
4. Firm *stands his* word to *Abraham* spoken,  
his *oath to* Isaac, *never broken*.  
His *everlasting* covenant  
the *LORD our God* will not *recant*.  
He *promised Israel*, "You I'll give  
the *land where you as* heirs may live."
5. When *few in* number *and neglected*,  
they *by the* nations *were rejected*;  
they *had to* wander far *and wide*,  
but *God remained* their *faithful* guide,  
and *kings he* would *rebuke* and *warn*:  
"Do *my anointed* ones no harm."
6. Where *Jacob* dwelt *among the* nations,  
God *summoned* famine *and starvation*,  
*destroying every* source *of bread*.  
But *he had sent* a man *ahead*,  
that *he his* chosen ones might *save*.  
This *man was Joseph*, sold as *slave*.
7. In *Egypt* he *endured great* anguish;  
in *prison* he was *left to* languish.  
His *feet were bruised*, with *shackles* chained;  
his *neck in* irons long *remained*.  
But *when the LORD'S* word *proved him* right,  
he *was delivered* from this *plight*.

8. The *king called Joseph and released him*;  
his *prophecies and counsel pleased him*.  
He *made him master of the land*,  
gave *all he had into his hand*,  
to *guide his princes on their course*,  
to *show his elders wisdom's source*.
9. Then *Israel with kin and cattle*  
went *down to Egypt there to settle*.  
Rich *blessings did the LORD bestow*;  
soon *they were stronger than their foe*.  
Then *God made the Egyptians treat*  
his *chosen servants with deceit*.
10. The *LORD sent Moses as their saviour*  
with *Aaron, whom he chose to favour*,  
and *through their words he wrought for them*  
great *wonders in the land of Ham*.  
Though *darkness covered it by day*,  
the *foe would not God's word obey*.
11. To *blood he turned both stream and river*.  
He *all their land to frogs delivered*;  
they *into inner chambers went*.  
Then *swarming flies and gnats he sent*.  
Their *fields and orchards hailstorms lashed*;  
throughout *the land the lightning flashed*.
12. Their *fig trees and their vines were shattered*,  
their *fields by swarms of locusts battered*,  
which *ate their crops and all things green*  
till *only barren ground was seen*.  
Then *God in anger raised his hand*  
and *smote the firstborn in the land*.
13. With *silver and with gold provided*,  
they *went, by God their shepherd guided*.  
How *glad was Egypt when they left*;  
of *all its pride it was bereft*.  
God *spread a cloud and gave a light*  
to *point the way by day and night*.
14. He *gave them quail as they demanded*,  
and *bread from heaven on them descended*.  
Out *of the rock God's mighty hand*  
made *rivers flow in desert land*.  
His *promise, made to Abraham*,  
he *kept and safely guided them*.
15. God *led them forth with joy and singing*,  
their *voices with his praises ringing*.  
He *gave to them the nations' land*,  
filled *with their fruit his people's hand*,  
that *they might serve him all their days*.  
O *Israel, to the LORD give praise*.

## PSALM 106

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1. O thank *the* LORD, *bring him your* praise,  
extol *his goodness* all your days;  
his *steadfast* love endures forever.  
Who *can* proclaim his *deeds of* might?  
Blest *those who* constantly endeavour  
to *keep to what is* just and right.
2. When you *deliver Israel*,  
O LORD, *remember* me as well.  
Come to *my* aid and *show your* favour,  
that *with your* flock I *may* engage  
in *praising* you, O *gracious* Giver,  
and *glory with your* heritage.
3. We, as *our fathers did* before,  
have *done what you, O* LORD, abhor;  
we *all are* guilty of *transgression*.  
Your *chosen* ones in *Egypt's* land  
forgot *your* kindness and *compassion*,  
*ignored the wonders* of your hand.
4. Though at *the Red Sea* they rebelled,  
with *mighty hand* he them upheld  
and *for his* name's sake *aid* provided.  
At *his* rebuke the *waters* fled;  
his *own, as* through a *desert* guided,  
were *through the deep* to safety led.
5. God in *his* mercy *set them* free,  
*redeemed them from the* enemy.  
Before *his* wrath all *Egypt* cowered;  
not *one* escaped his *anger's* blaze.  
His *people's* foes the *sea* devoured.  
Then *they believed* and sang his praise.
6. His mighty works *they soon* forgot;  
his *counsel* they no longer sought  
but *him with* lustful *cravings* taunted.  
His *people* boldly *challenged* him,  
and *so he* gave them *all they* wanted  
but *sent a plague* to punish them.
7. Some in *their* pride and *envy* rose  
God's *chosen* leaders to oppose.  
The *earth then* opened up and swallowed  
all *who with* Dathan had *conspired*  
and *who* Abiram's *lead* had followed.  
The *wicked* perished in the fire.

8. At Horeb's mount a calf they made  
and to a metal image prayed;  
for *this* they traded God's great splendour,  
the *glory* nothing can surpass.  
They, *scorning* him, their *great* defender,  
revered a bull that feeds on grass.
9. Their God and Saviour they forgot,  
who *wondrous things* for them had wrought,  
*astounding* Egypt by his power;  
whose *deeds of* might and *majesty*  
caused *all the* land of Ham to cower,  
struck *them with* terror by the sea.
10. His people he would then have slain,  
for *they continued* to complain,  
but *Moses*, whom he *greatly* favoured,  
stood *in the* breach, *confronting* him.  
So *they were* from God's *wrath* delivered,  
from *the destruction* threatening them.
11. Then they despised the *pleasant* land,  
bestowed on them by God's own hand.  
His *steadfast* promise *not* believing,  
they *sulked and* grumbled *in their* tents.  
God *with their* *disobedience* grieving,  
they *stubbornly* would not repent.
12. He swore *that he would* *slay them* all,  
that *in the* desert they would fall  
because of all their *provocations*,  
and *that their* sons at *his* command  
would be dispersed among the nations  
and scattered over all the lands.
13. By Baal-Peor's *lure* misled,  
they ate from *offerings* for the dead,  
and so *provoked* the LORD to anger.  
He saw *their* deeds; his *wrath* arose.  
He let a plague among them linger  
because they *lifeless* idols chose.
14. Then Phinehas rose to *intervene*;  
the *plague was* stopped when God had seen  
how, *acting* with *determination*,  
he put an end to *wickedness*.  
Thus he for endless generations  
was credited with *righteousness*.
15. At Meribah they *spurned* God's will,  
and *there with* Moses it went ill.  
The *people* by their *profanations*  
caused *Moses* rashly to *provoke*  
the LORD their God to *indignation*,  
for he with *undue* anger spoke.

16. They disobeyed *the LORD'S* command  
to *slay the peoples* of the land,  
but, *mingling* with the *heathen* nations,  
they *learned their* wicked *customs* there,  
served *Canaan's* vain *abominations*;  
its *gods became for* them a snare.
17. To *heathen wickedness* enticed,  
they *to the demons* sacrificed  
their *own beloved sons and* daughters,  
poured *out their* children's *guiltless* blood.  
They *sought by* such *abhorrent* slaughter  
to *satisfy some* pagan god.
18. To *Canaan's idols, gods of* vice,  
they *gave their sons as* sacrifice;  
the *land was* with their *blood polluted*.  
God's *chosen* people *openly*  
themselves *defiled* and *prostituted*  
by *unclean acts* for all to see.
19. Therefore *the LORD stood up in* rage  
and *he abhorred his* heritage.  
He *turned them over to the* nations;  
to *slavery* did the *LORD condemn*  
those *who had* roused his *indignation*.  
Their *enemies ruled* over them.
20. Time after time *he set them* free,  
though *they refused to* bow their knee;  
*bent on* rebellion, *they defied* him.  
They *sank into* iniquity;  
God *made their enemies* deride them  
till *they lamented* bitterly.
21. Then he *took note of their* distress;  
he *heard their cry and* gave redress.  
God *in his* steadfast *love* relented;  
no *longer* did he *those condemn*  
who *of their* evil *had repented*.  
He *caused their foes* to pity them.
22. Save us, O LORD *our God, we* pray;  
bring *back your people* gone astray,  
and *take us* from *among the* nations,  
that *to your* great and *holy* name  
we *may give* thanks with *jubilation*  
and *glory in your* wondrous fame.
23. Blest be *the God of* Israel,  
whose *deeds in* majesty excel.  
Extol *his holy name* forever;  
let *never-ending praise* ring out.  
Blest be *the LORD* who *fails us* never.  
Let *all the people* "Amen!" shout.