

## Psalm 24

*A psalm of David.*

- 1 The earth and everything in it,  
**the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord;**
- 2 for he laid its foundation on the seas  
**and established it on the rivers.**
- 3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?  
**Who may stand in his holy place?**
- 4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
**who has not appealed to what is false, and who has not sworn deceitfully.**
- 5 He will receive blessing from the Lord,  
**and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**
- 6 Such is the generation of those who inquire of him,  
**who seek the face of the God of Jacob.** *Selah*
- 7 Lift up your heads, you gates! Rise up, ancient doors!  
**Then the King of glory will come in.**
- 8 Who is this King of glory?  
**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.**
- 9 Lift up your heads, you gates! Rise up, ancient doors!  
**Then the King of glory will come in.**
- 10 Who is he, this King of glory?  
**The Lord of Armies, he is the King of glory.** *Selah*

## Psalm 50

*A psalm of Asaph.*

- 1 The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks;  
**he summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**
- 2 From Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
**God appears in radiance.**
- 3 Our God is coming; he will not be silent!  
**Devouring fire precedes him, and a storm rages around him.**
- 4 On high, he summons heaven and earth

- in order to judge his people:**
- 5 “Gather my faithful ones to me,  
**those who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”**
- 6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
**for God is the Judge.** *Selah*
- 7 “Listen, my people, and I will speak;  
**I will testify against you, Israel. I am God, your God.**
- 8 I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or for your burnt offerings,  
**which are continually before me.**
- 9 I will not take a bull from your household  
**or male goats from your pens,**
- 10 for every animal of the forest is mine,  
**the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- 11 I know every bird of the mountains,  
**and the creatures of the field are mine.**
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
**for the world and everything in it is mine.**
- 13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls  
**or drink the blood of goats?**
- 14 Offer a thanksgiving sacrifice to God,  
**and pay your vows to the Most High.**
- 15 Call on me in a day of trouble;  
**I will rescue you, and you will honor me.”**
- 16 But God says to the wicked:  
**“What right do you have to recite my statutes and to take my covenant  
on your lips?**
- 17 You hate instruction  
**and fling my words behind you.**
- 18 When you see a thief, you make friends with him,  
**and you associate with adulterers.**
- 19 You unleash your mouth for evil  
**and harness your tongue for deceit.**
- 20 You sit, maligning your brother,

**slandering your mother's son.**

21 You have done these things, and I kept silent;

**you thought I was just like you.**

But I will rebuke you

**and lay out the case before you.**

22 “Understand this, you who forget God,

**or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to rescue you.**

23 Whoever offers a thanksgiving sacrifice honors me,

**and whoever orders his conduct, I will show him the salvation of God.”**

## Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

**My soul, praise the Lord.**

2 I will praise the Lord all my life;

**I will sing to my God as long as I live.**

3 Do not trust in nobles,

**in a son of man, who cannot save.**

4 When his breath leaves him, he returns to the ground;

**on that day his plans die.**

5 Happy is the one whose help is the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the Lord his God,**

6 the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them.

**He remains faithful forever,**

7 executing justice for the exploited

**and giving food to the hungry.**

The Lord frees prisoners.

**8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord raises up those who are oppressed.

**The Lord loves the righteous.**

9 The Lord protects resident aliens and helps the fatherless and the widow,

**but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

10 The Lord reigns forever;

**Zion, your God reigns for all generations. Hallelujah!**