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Psalms

Psalms 1

Psalms 1:1

ULT

¹ Blessed is the man who does not walk in the advice of the wicked, or stand in the pathway with sinners, or sit in the assembly of mockers.

UST

¹ How fortunate are those who do not do what the wicked people advise them to do, who do not imitate the behavior of sinful people, and who do not join with people who ridicule God.

Where does the blessed man not walk?

He does not walk in the advice of the wicked.

Where does the blessed man not stand?

He does not stand in the pathway with sinners.

Where does the blessed man not sit?

He does not sit in the assembly of mockers.

Psalms 1:2

ULT

² But his delight is in the law of Yahweh, and on his law he meditates day and night.

UST

² Instead, those with whom Yahweh is pleased delight in understanding what he teaches us. They read and think every day and every night about what Yahweh teaches.

In what does the blessed man delight?

He delights in the law of Yahweh.

When does the blessed man meditate on the law?

He meditates on it day and night.

Psalms 1:3**ULT**

³ He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water that produces its fruit in its season, whose leaves do not wither; whatever he does will prosper.

UST

³ They constantly do things that please God, just as fruit trees that have been planted along the banks of a stream produce fruit at the right time every year. Like trees that never wither, they succeed in everything that they do.

What is the blessed man like?

He is like a tree planted by the streams of water.

What will happen to everything the blessed man does?

Whatever he does will prosper.

Psalms 1:4**ULT**

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are instead like the chaff that the wind drives away.

UST

⁴ But wicked people are not like that! Wicked people are as worthless as chaff that is blown away by the wind.

What are wicked people like?

They are like the chaff that the wind drives away.

Psalms 1:5**ULT**

⁵ So the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

UST

⁵ Therefore, when God judges all mankind, he will condemn the wicked. Furthermore, the wicked will not be present when Yahweh gathers all the righteous people together.

What will happen to wicked people in the judgment?

They will not stand in the judgment.

Psalms 1:6

ULT

⁶ For Yahweh knows of the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

UST

⁶ For Yahweh guides and protects righteous people, but the path that the wicked walk on leads them to where God will destroy them forever.

Who approves of the way of the righteous?

Yahweh approves of the way of the righteous.

What will happen to the way of the wicked?

The way of the wicked will perish.

Psalms 2

Psalms 2:1

ULT

¹ Why do the nations conspire, and why do the peoples make plots in vain?

UST

¹ Why do the leaders of nations rage against Yahweh? Why do people plan to rebel against him, even though it is in vain?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 2:2

ULT

² The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers conspire together against Yahweh and against his anointed,

UST

² The kings of the nations on earth prepare to revolt; the rulers plot together to fight against Yahweh and against his Anointed One.

Who are the rulers conspiring against?

They are conspiring against Yahweh and against his Messiah.

Psalms 2:3

ULT

³ "Let us break their bonds and let us cast their cords away from us."

UST

³ They shout, "We should free ourselves from their control; we should not let them rule over us any longer!"

What do the rulers want to tear off and throw off?

They want to tear off the shackles Yahweh and his Messiah put on them and throw off their chains.

Psalms 2:4**ULT**

⁴ He who sits in the heavens sneers; the Lord mocks them.

UST

⁴ But the one who sits on his throne in heaven laughs at them; the Lord ridicules those rulers.

Who sits in the heavens and mocks the nations who rebel?

The Lord mocks them.

Psalms 2:5**ULT**

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his anger and terrify them in his fury,

UST

⁵ Then, because he is angry with them, he rebukes them. He causes them to be terrified when they realize that he will furiously punish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 2:6**ULT**

⁶ "I myself have anointed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."

UST

⁶ Yahweh says, "I have put my king on a throne on Zion, my sacred hill in Jerusalem."

Who has the Lord anointed?

The Lord has anointed his king on Zion, his holy mountain.

Psalms 2:7**ULT**

⁷ I will announce a decree of Yahweh. He said to me, "You are my son! Today I have fathered you.

UST

⁷ His king says, "I will proclaim what Yahweh has decreed. He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have become your father.

What decree does Yahweh give to the writer?

Yahweh says, "You are my son! This day I have become your father."

Psalms 2:8**ULT**

⁸ Ask of me, and I will give the nations as your inheritance and for your possession the farthestmost regions of the earth.

UST

⁸ Request me to give you the nations so that they belong to you permanently, and I will give them to you. Even the most remote nations will be yours.

What will Yahweh do with the nations and farthestmost regions of the earth?

Yahweh will give them as an inheritance and possession.

Psalms 2:9**ULT**

⁹ You will break them with an iron rod; like a jar of a potter, you will smash them to pieces."

UST

⁹ You will strike them down with an iron rod; like the potter crashes his pot into pieces when he throws it on the ground, that is how you will break them up into small pieces.

What will happen to the nations?

They will be broken and smashed.

Psalms 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So now, you kings, act prudently; be instructed, you rulers of the earth.

UST

¹⁰ So then, you kings and other rulers on the earth, act wisely! Listen to what Yahweh is warning you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ Serve Yahweh in fear and rejoice with trembling.

UST

¹¹ Worship Yahweh; fervently honor him. Rejoice about the things he has done, but tremble before him!

How should the kings and rulers respond to Yahweh's decree?

They should worship Yahweh in fear and rejoice with trembling.

Psalms 2:12**ULT**

¹² Kiss the son lest he be angry, and you die in the way because his anger burns for just a moment. How blessed are all those who seek refuge in him.

UST

¹² Bow down humbly before his son! If you do not do that, he will be angry, and he will suddenly kill you. Do not forget that he can, in one moment, show that he is very angry! But how fortunate are all those who request him to protect them.

Why should the kings give allegiance to Yahweh's son?

They should give him allegiance so that he will not be angry and they will not die.

What happens to all those who take shelter in the son?

They are blessed.

Psalms 3

Psalms 3:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh, how many are my enemies! Many have risen against me.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I have many enemies! There are many people who oppose me.

What have David's enemies done to him?

They have turned away and attacked him.

Psalms 3:2

ULT

² Many say about me, "There is no help for him from God." Selah

UST

² Many people are saying about me, "God will certainly not help him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 3:3

ULT

³ But you, Yahweh, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

UST

³ But Yahweh, you are like a shield that protects me. You greatly honor me, and you encourage me.

To what does David compare Yahweh?

Yahweh is a shield around him, his glory, and the one who lifts his head.

Psalms 3:4**ULT**

⁴ I lift up my voice to Yahweh, and he answers me from his holy hill. Selah

UST

⁴ I cry out to you, Yahweh, and you answer me from Zion, your sacred hill.

What does Yahweh do when David lifts his voice to him?

He answers from his holy hill.

Psalms 3:5**ULT**

⁵ I lay down and slept; I awoke, for Yahweh protected me.

UST

⁵ At night I lay down and slept, and I woke up in the morning because you, Yahweh, took care of me all during the night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 3:6**ULT**

⁶ I will not be afraid of the multitudes of people who have set themselves against me on every side.

UST

⁶ There may be thousands of enemy soldiers who surround me, but I am not afraid.

Who will David not fear because of Yahweh's protection?

David will not be afraid of people who have set themselves against him.

Psalms 3:7**ULT**

⁷ Rise up, Yahweh! Save me, my God! For you will hit all my enemies on the jaw; you will break the teeth of the wicked.

UST

⁷ Yahweh, arise! My God, come and rescue me again! You will insult my enemies by slapping them on their cheeks; when you strike them, you will destroy their power, with the result that they cannot hurt anyone.

What will Yahweh do to David's enemies?

He will hit all his enemies on the jaw; he will break the teeth of the wicked.

Psalms 3:8**ULT**

⁸ Salvation comes from Yahweh. May your blessings be on your people. Selah

UST

⁸ Yahweh, you are the one who saves your people from their enemies. Yahweh, bless your people!

From whom does salvation come?

Salvation comes from Yahweh.

Psalms 4

Psalms 4:1

ULT

¹ Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness; give me room when I am hemmed in. Have mercy on me and listen to my prayer.

UST

¹ God, answer me when I pray to you. You are the one who shows people that I am right to trust in you. You rescued me when I was in great trouble. Act mercifully toward me and listen to me while I pray.

Who does David ask to answer when he calls?

David prays for the God of his righteousness to answer when he calls.

Psalms 4:2

ULT

² You people, how long will you turn my honor into shame? How long will you love that which is worthless and seek after lies? Selah

UST

² How long will you people shame me instead of honoring me? You people love to falsely accuse me.

What are the people doing to David's honor?

They are turning his honor into shame.

Psalms 4:3

ULT

³ But know that Yahweh has set apart the faithful ones for himself. Yahweh will hear when I call to him.

UST

³ All those who honor Yahweh— he has chosen them to belong to him. Yahweh will listen to me when I pray to him.

Who does Yahweh set apart?

He sets apart the godly for himself.

Psalms 4:4**ULT**

⁴ Tremble in fear, but do not sin! Meditate in your heart on your bed and be silent. Selah

UST

⁴ You should be afraid of Yahweh, but do not allow your fear to cause you to sin. While you lie on your bed, silently examine what you are thinking in your inner being.

How does David say to meditate?

He says, "Meditate in your heart on your bed and be silent."

Psalms 4:5**ULT**

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in Yahweh.

UST

⁵ Also, offer to Yahweh the proper sacrifices and continue trusting in him.

What kind of sacrifices does David say to offer?

He says to offer the sacrifices of righteousness.

In whom does David say to trust?

He says to trust in Yahweh.

Psalms 4:6**ULT**

⁶ Many say, "Who will show us anything good?" Yahweh, lift up the light of your face on us.

UST

⁶ Some people ask, "Will someone please bring good things to us?" But I say, "Yahweh, continue to act kindly toward us."

What will many say?

Many will say, "Who will show us anything good?"

What does David ask Yahweh to lift up?

He asks Yahweh to lift up the light of his face on them.

Psalms 4:7

ULT

⁷ You have given my heart more gladness than others have when their grain and new wine abound.

UST

⁷ You have caused me to be very happy; I am happier than people who have harvested a great amount of grain and grapes.

What has Yahweh given David's heart?

Yahweh has given his heart more gladness than others have when their grain and new wine abound.

Psalms 4:8

ULT

⁸ It is in peace that I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Yahweh, make me safe and secure.

UST

⁸ It is in peace and security that I will lie down at night and sleep soundly because I know that it is only you, Yahweh, who will keep me safe."

Who makes David safe and secure when he lies down in peaceful sleep?

Yahweh alone makes David safe and secure.

Psalms 5

Psalms 5:1

ULT

¹ Listen to my call to you, Yahweh; think about my groanings.

UST

¹ Yahweh, listen to me while I pray! Pay attention to me when I am groaning because I am suffering very much.

Who is David asking to listen to his call and think about his groanings?

David is asking Yahweh to listen to his call and think about his groanings.

Psalms 5:2

ULT

² Listen to the sound of my call, my King and my God, for it is to you that I pray.

UST

² You are my king and my God. When I call to you to request you to help me, listen to me because you are the one to whom I pray.

What names does David use for the one who listens to the sound of his call?

David calls him, "my King and my God."

Psalms 5:3

ULT

³ Yahweh, in the morning you hear my cry; in the morning I will bring my petition to you and wait expectantly.

UST

³ You listen to me when I pray to you each morning, and I wait for you to reply.

What will David do in the morning?

He will bring his petition to Yahweh and wait expectantly.

Psalms 5:4**ULT**

⁴ Certainly you are not a God who approves of evil; evil people will not be your guests.

UST

⁴ You are not a god who is pleased with wicked people; you will never welcome those who do what is evil.

What does God certainly not do?

He certainly does not approve of evil, and evil people will not be his guests.

Psalms 5:5**ULT**

⁵ The arrogant will not stand in your presence; you hate all who behave wickedly.

UST

⁵ You do not allow those who are proud to come to you to worship you. You hate all those who do evil things.

Who will not stand in God's presence?

The arrogant will not stand in God's presence.

Who does God hate?

God hates all who behave wickedly.

Psalms 5:6**ULT**

⁶ You will destroy liars; Yahweh despises violent and deceitful men.

UST

⁶ You get rid of liars, and you despise those who murder others and those who deceive others.

What will God do to liars?

God will destroy liars.

Who does Yahweh despise?

Yahweh despises violent and deceitful men.

Psalms 5:7**ULT**

⁷ But as for me, because of your great covenant faithfulness, I will come into your house; in reverence I will bow down toward your holy temple.

UST

⁷ Yahweh, because you greatly and faithfully love me, I come into your temple. I have an awesome respect for you and I will bow down to worship you at your sacred temple.

Why will David come into Yahweh's house?

David will come into Yahweh's house because of Yahweh's great covenant faithfulness.

How will David bow down toward Yahweh's holy temple?

David will bow down in reverence.

Psalms 5:8**ULT**

⁸ Oh Lord, lead me in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your path straight before me.

UST

⁸ Yahweh, because you act righteously toward me, show me what is right for me to do. Because I have many enemies, show me clearly how to live in the right way.

Why does David ask the Lord to lead him in righteousness?

David asks the Lord to lead him in the Lord's righteousness because of David's enemies.

Psalms 5:9**ULT**

⁹ For there is no truth in their mouth; their inward being is wicked; their throat is an open tomb; they flatter with their tongue.

UST

⁹ My enemies never say what is true; in their inner beings they want to destroy others. They speak threats of violence and death. They use their tongues to say good things to please people.

How does David describe his enemies?

David describes his enemies as having no truth in their mouth, their inward being is wicked, their throat is an open sepulchre and they flatter with their tongue.

Psalms 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Declare them guilty, God; may their schemes be their downfall! Drive them out for their many transgressions, for they have rebelled against you.

UST

¹⁰ O God, declare that they are guilty and punish them. Cause them to experience the same disasters that they plan to cause to happen to others. Get rid of them because they have committed many sins, and they have rebelled against you.

What is David asking God to do to David's enemies because of their many transgressions and rebellion against God?

David is asking God to declare that his enemies are guilty.

Psalms 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ But may all those who take refuge in you rejoice; let them always shout for joy because you defend them; let them be joyful in you, those who love your name.

UST

¹¹ But cause that all those who go to you to be protected will rejoice; cause them to sing joyfully to you forever. Protect those who love you; they are truly happy because of what you do for them.

Why should those who take refuge in God shout for joy?

They should shout for joy because God defends them.

Psalms 5:12**ULT**

¹² For you will bless the righteous, Yahweh; you will surround them with favor as with a shield.

UST

¹² Yahweh, you always bless those who act righteously; you protect them as a soldier protects himself with his shield.

What will Yahweh do for the righteous?

Yahweh will bless the righteous and surround them with his favor as with a shield.

Psalms 6

Psalms 6:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

UST

¹ Yahweh, do not correct me when you are angry with me; do not punish me when you are upset.

What is David asking Yahweh not to do?

He asks Yahweh not to rebuke him in his anger or discipline him in his wrath.

Psalms 6:2

ULT

² Have mercy on me, Yahweh, for I am frail; heal me, Yahweh, for my bones are shaking.

UST

² Yahweh, act kindly toward me and heal me because I have become weak. My body shakes because I am experiencing so much sorrow.

What is David asking Yahweh to do because David is frail?

David asks Yahweh to have mercy on him and to heal him.

Psalms 6:3

ULT

³ My soul also is very troubled. But you, Yahweh—how long will this continue?

UST

³ Yahweh, I am greatly troubled in my inner being. How long must I endure this?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 6:4**ULT**

⁴ Return, Yahweh! rescue me. Save me because of your covenant faithfulness!

UST

⁴ Yahweh, please come and rescue me. Save me because you always keep the promises of your covenant.

Why should Yahweh rescue and save David?

Because of Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 6:5**ULT**

⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of you. In Sheol who will give you thanks?

UST

⁵ I will not be able to praise you after I die; no one in the place where the dead are praise you.

What will not be remembered in death?

In death there is no remembrance of Yahweh.

Psalms 6:6**ULT**

⁶ I am weary with my groaning. All night I drench my bed with tears; I wash my couch away with my tears.

UST

⁶ I am exhausted because of my pain. I cry all night long so that my bed and my pillow are drenched by my tears.

What does David do to his bed because he is weary and groaning?

All night he drenches it with his tears.

Psalms 6:7**ULT**

⁷ My eyes grow dim from grief; they grow weak because of all my adversaries.

UST

⁷ Because I cry so much, I cannot see well. My eyes have become weak because I constantly cry in fear of my enemies.

What happens to David's eyes because of his grief and because of all his adversaries?

His eyes grow dim and weak.

Psalms 6:8**ULT**

⁸ Get away from me, all you who practice iniquity; for Yahweh has heard the sound of my weeping.

UST

⁸ You people who do evil things, get away from me, because Yahweh heard me when I was crying!

Why should those who practice iniquity get away from David? (vv8-9)

Because Yahweh has heard the sound of his weeping and his appeal for mercy and has accepted his prayer.

Psalms 6:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh has heard my appeal for mercy; Yahweh has accepted my prayer.

UST

⁹ Yahweh heard me when I called out for him to help me, and he will answer my prayer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 6:10

ULT

¹⁰ All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly troubled. They will turn back and be suddenly humiliated.

UST

¹⁰ When that happens, all my enemies will be ashamed; they will be the ones who are terrified. They will turn away from me and suddenly leave me because they will be disgraced.

What will happen to David's enemies?

All his enemies will be ashamed and greatly troubled and they will turn back and be suddenly humiliated.

Psalms 7

Psalms 7:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh my God, I take refuge in you! Save me from all who chase me, and rescue me.

UST

¹ Yahweh my God, I come to you to protect me. Rescue me, save me from all those who are pursuing me in order to harm me.

In whom does David take refuge?

David takes refuge in Yahweh his God.

What is David asking Yahweh to do?

David is asking Yahweh to save him from those who chase him, and to rescue him.

Psalms 7:2

ULT

² Otherwise, they will rip me apart like a lion, tearing me in pieces with no one else able to bring me to safety.

UST

² If you do not do that, they will tear me into pieces like a lion does when it attacks the animals it wants to kill; no one will save me from them.

What is only Yahweh able to do for David?

No one but Yahweh is able to bring David to safety.

Psalms 7:3

ULT

³ Yahweh my God, if I have done this, and there is guilt on my hands—

UST

³ Yahweh my God, suppose that I have done anything that is wrong,

What did David say that he did not do?

David tells Yahweh that he never did what his enemies said he did and there is no injustice on his hands.

Psalms 7:4**ULT**

⁴ if I have done evil to him who was at peace with me, or senselessly harmed my enemy without cause, then hear my words.

UST

⁴ or that I have done evil to some friend, or that, for no good reason, I have harmed my enemies.

What does David say he has not done to anyone at peace with him or who is against him?

David says he has never done wrong to anyone at peace with him or senselessly harmed any who are against him.

Psalms 7:5**ULT**

⁵ Then let my enemy pursue my life and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground and lay my honor in the dust. Selah

UST

⁵ Then allow my enemies to pursue me and capture me. Allow them to trample me into the ground and leave me lying dead in the dirt.

What does David say Yahweh should do to him if David is not telling the truth?

David says Yahweh should let David's enemy pursue David's life and overtake it, trample his living body, and leave him dishonored in the dust.

Psalms 7:6**ULT**

⁶ Arise, Yahweh, in your anger; stand up against the rage of my enemies; wake up for my sake and carry out the righteous decrees that you have commanded for them.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, because you are very angry with those who pursue me, arise and attack the ones attacking me! Do to them what you have said is just!

What is David asking Yahweh to do in Yahweh's anger?

David is asking Yahweh to arise and stand up against David's enemies.

What does David ask Yahweh to do for David's sake?

David asks Yahweh to wake up and carry out the righteous decrees that Yahweh commanded.

Psalms 7:7**ULT**

⁷ The countries are assembled all around you; take once more your rightful place over them.

UST

⁷ The people of all nations gather around you to attack you, but you will rule them from where you are in heaven.

What does David want Yahweh to do about the countries?

David wants Yahweh to take his rightful place over the countries.

Psalms 7:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh, judge the nations; vindicate me, Yahweh, because I am righteous and innocent, Most High.

UST

⁸ Yahweh, judge the people of all nations! Yahweh, show that I have done nothing wrong.

Who does David want Yahweh to judge?

David wants Yahweh to judge the nations.

Psalms 7:9**ULT**

⁹ May the evil deeds of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous people, righteous God, you who examine hearts and minds.

UST

⁹ God, you know what every person is thinking in his inner being and because you are righteous, you always do what is just. So now stop evil people from doing wicked deeds, and defend all of us who are righteous!

What does David say the righteous God does?

David says God examines hearts and minds.

Psalms 7:10

ULT

¹⁰ My shield comes from God, the one who saves the upright in heart.

UST

¹⁰ God, you protect me as a shield protects soldiers; you rescue all those who are righteous in their inner being.

Where does David's shield come from?

David's shield comes from God.

Who does God save?

God saves the upright in heart.

Psalms 7:11

ULT

¹¹ God is a righteous judge, a God who is indignant each day.

UST

¹¹ You judge everyone correctly, and every day you punish wicked people who insult your law.

How does David describe God?

David describes God as a righteous judge who is indignant each day.

Psalms 7:12

ULT

¹² If a person does not repent, God will sharpen his sword and will prepare his bow for battle.

UST

¹² Whenever your enemies do not repent, it is as though you sharpen your sword and put a string on your bow to get ready to kill them.

What will God do if a person does not repent?

God will sharpen his sword and will prepare his bow for battle.

Psalms 7:13**ULT**

¹³ He prepares to use weapons against him; he makes his arrows flaming shafts.

UST

¹³ You are preparing your weapons to kill those whom you strike; the arrows that you will shoot have flaming tips.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Think about the one who is pregnant with wickedness, who conceives destructive plans, who gives birth to harmful lies.

UST

¹⁴ Wicked people plot their lies and evil things, they plan and take delight in their thoughts like a pregnant woman who is planning to give birth.

How does David describe wickedness in the one who does not repent?

David describes him as pregnant with wickedness, one who conceives destructive plans and gives birth to harmful lies.

Psalms 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He digs a pit and hollows it out and then falls into the hole he has made.

UST

¹⁵ But when they dig a deep pit to trap others, they themselves will fall into it.

What happens to the wicked man who digs a pit?

He falls into the hole he has made.

Psalms 7:16

ULT

¹⁶ His own destructive plans return to his own head, for his violence comes down on his own head.

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¹⁶ They themselves will experience the trouble that they want to cause others to have; they will hurt themselves by the violent things that they want to do to others.

What happens to the destructive plans of the wicked man?

His plans return to his own head and his violence comes down on his own head.

Psalms 7:17

ULT

¹⁷ I will give thanks to Yahweh for his justice; I will sing praise to Yahweh Most High.

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¹⁷ I praise Yahweh because he always acts righteously; I sing to praise Yahweh, the one who is much greater than any other god.

For what will David give thanks to Yahweh?

He will give thanks to Yahweh for his justice.

To whom will David sing praise?

David will sing praise to Yahweh Most High.

Psalms 8

Psalms 8:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh our Lord, how magnificent is your name in all the earth, you who reveal your glory in the heavens above.

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¹ Yahweh our Lord, people all over the world know that you are very great! We see your greatness every time we look toward the heavens!

Whose name is magnificent in all the earth?

The name of Yahweh our Lord is magnificent.

Psalms 8:2

ULT

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants you have established praise ^[1] because of your enemies, so that you might silence both the enemy and the avenger.

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² You have taught little children and infants to praise you; they cause your enemies and those who try to get revenge on you to be silent.

What did Yahweh create out of the mouth of babies and infants?

Yahweh created praise.

Why did Yahweh create praise?

He created praise in order to silence both the enemy and the avenger.

Psalms 8:3**ULT**

³ When I look up at your heavens, which your fingers have made, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

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³ I look up at the sky at night and see the things that you have made— the moon and the stars that you have set in place.

What did David look up at that caused him to think the human race was not important?

He looked up at the heavens, the moon, and the stars.

Psalms 8:4**ULT**

⁴ Of what importance is the human race that you notice them, or mankind that you pay attention to them?

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⁴ It is amazing to me that you think about people, that you are concerned about us humans!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 8:5**ULT**

⁵ Yet you have made them only a little lower than the heavenly beings and have crowned them with glory and honor.

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⁵ You made the angels in heaven to be only a little more important than we are; you caused us to be like kings!

How does the human race compare to the heavenly beings?

Yahweh made humans only a little lower than the heavenly beings.

With what did Yahweh crown humans?

He crowned them with glory and honor.

Psalms 8:6**ULT**

⁶ You make him to rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet:

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⁶ You put us in charge of everything that you made; you gave us authority over all things—

What did Yahweh make mankind to do?

Yahweh made mankind to rule over the works of Yahweh's hands.

Psalms 8:7**ULT**

⁷ all sheep and oxen, and even the animals of the field,

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⁷ the sheep and the cattle, and even the wild animals,

What are some things that Yahweh put under mankind's feet? (vv7-8)

He put all sheep and oxen, and even the animals of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, and everything that passes through the currents of the seas under mankind's feet.

Psalms 8:8**ULT**

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, everything that passes through the currents of the seas.

UST

⁸ the birds, the fish, and everything else that swims in the seas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 8:9

ULT

⁹ Yahweh our Lord, how magnificent is your name in all the earth!

8:2 ^[1] or, .

UST

⁹ Yahweh our Lord, people all over the world know that you are very great!

Whose name is magnificent in all the earth?

The name of Yahweh our Lord is magnificent.

Psalms 9

Psalms 9:1

ULT

¹ I will give thanks to Yahweh with my whole heart; I will tell about all your marvelous deeds.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I will praise you with all of my inner being. I will tell others about all the wonderful things that you have done.

How will David give thanks to Yahweh and of what will he tell?

He will give thanks to Yahweh with his whole heart and tell about all his marvelous deeds.

Psalms 9:2

ULT

² I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, Most High!

UST

² I will sing to celebrate what you, who are much greater than all other gods, have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 9:3

ULT

³ When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before you.

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³ When my enemies realize that you are very powerful, they stumble, and then they are killed.

When David's enemies turn back, what happens to them?

The enemies stumble and perish before Yahweh.

Psalms 9:4**ULT**

⁴ For you have defended my just cause; you sit on your throne, a righteous judge!

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⁴ You sit on your throne to judge people, and you have judged fairly concerning me.

What has the righteous judge done for David?

The righteous judge sits on his throne and has defended David's just cause.

Psalms 9:5**ULT**

⁵ You rebuked the nations; you have destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name forever and ever.

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⁵ You rebuked the people of other nations, and you have gotten rid of the wicked people; you have erased their names forever.

What did the righteous judge do to the nations and the wicked?

He terrified the nations with his battle cry, destroyed the wicked, and blotted out their memory forever.

Psalms 9:6**ULT**

⁶ The enemy crumbled like ruins when you overthrew their cities. All remembrance of them has perished.

UST

⁶ Our enemies have disappeared; you destroyed their cities, and people do not even remember them anymore.

What happened to the enemy when the righteous judge overthrew their cities?

The enemy crumbled like ruins and all remembrance of them perished.

Psalms 9:7**ULT**

⁷ But Yahweh remains forever; he has established his throne for justice.

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⁷ But Yahweh rules forever. He judges people while he sits on his throne.

Who remains forever and establishes his throne for justice?

Yahweh remains forever and establishes his throne for justice.

Psalms 9:8**ULT**

⁸ He will judge the world with righteousness, and he will execute judgment for the nations with fairness.

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⁸ He will judge all the people in the world justly; he will be fair when he judges the people of every nation.

How does Yahweh judge the world and what does he do for the nations?

Yahweh judges the world fairly and makes just decisions for the nations.

Psalms 9:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

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⁹ Yahweh will be a refuge for those who are oppressed; he will be like a shelter for them when they have trouble.

What will Yahweh be for the oppressed?

Yahweh will be a stronghold for the oppressed in times of trouble.

Psalms 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Yahweh, do not abandon those who seek you.

UST

¹⁰ Those who know Yahweh trust in him; he never abandons those who come to him for help.

What does David ask Yahweh do for those who seek him?

David asks Yahweh not to abandon those who seek him.

Psalms 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ Sing praises to Yahweh, who rules in Zion; tell the nations what he has done.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh rules on Mount Zion; praise him and sing to him. Tell the people of all the nations the marvelous things that he has done.

What does David say the people are to do to Yahweh, who rules in Zion?

They are to sing praises to Yahweh and tell the nations what Yahweh has done.

Psalms 9:12**ULT**

¹² For the God who avenges bloodshed remembers; he does not forget the cry of the oppressed.

UST

¹² He does not forget to punish those who have murdered others; he will punish them, and he will not ignore people who are crying because they are suffering.

What does the God not forget?

He does not forget the cry of the oppressed.

Psalms 9:13**ULT**

¹³ Have mercy on me, Yahweh; see how I am oppressed by those who hate me, you who can snatch me from the gates of death.

UST

¹³ Yahweh, act mercifully toward me! Look at the ways that my enemies have injured me. Do not allow me to die because of these injuries.

What is David asking Yahweh to do for him?

He is asking Yahweh to have mercy on him.

By whom is David oppressed?

David is oppressed by those who hate him.

Psalms 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Oh, that I might proclaim all your praise. In the gates of the daughter of Zion I will rejoice in your salvation!

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¹⁴ I want to live in order that I can praise you at the gates of Jerusalem and to rejoice because you rescued me.

Where will David rejoice in salvation?

David will rejoice in salvation in the gates of the daughter of Zion.

Psalms 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The nations have sunk down into the pit that they made; their feet are caught in the net that they hid.

UST

¹⁵ It is as though the wicked people of many nations have dug a pit for me to fall into, but they have fallen into that same pit. It is as though they have spread out a net to catch me, but their feet have been caught in that same net.

What has happened to the nations?

The nations have sunk down into the pit that they made and their feet are caught in the net that they hid.

Psalms 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Yahweh has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked is ensnared by his own actions.
Selah

UST

¹⁶ Because of what you have done, people know that you make justice happen; you allow wicked people to be trapped by the same evil things that they themselves do.

Who has made himself known and executed judgment?

Yahweh has made himself known and executed judgment.

Psalms 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The wicked are turned back and sent to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.

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¹⁷ Wicked people will all die and be buried in their graves; their spirits will go to be with all those who have forgotten about you.

Where are the wicked sent?

They are sent to sheol, which is the destiny of all the nations that forget God.

Psalms 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For the needy will not always be forgotten, nor will the hope of the oppressed be forever dashed.

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¹⁸ But you will not forget those who are needy; what they confidently expect will never be in vain.

What will not happen to the needy and the oppressed?

The needy will not always be forgotten nor will the hopes of the oppressed be forever dashed.

Psalms 9:19

ULT

¹⁹ Arise, Yahweh; do not let man win against you; may the nations be judged in your sight.

UST

¹⁹ Yahweh, do not allow our enemies to conquer us just because they are strong; You see what the people do and you bring justice to them all.

What does David want Yahweh to prevent man from doing?

David wants Yahweh to arise and not let man conquer them.

Psalms 9:20

ULT

²⁰ Terrify them, Yahweh; may the nations know that they are mere men. Selah

UST

²⁰ Yahweh, teach them that they must be afraid of you and honor you. Cause them to know that they are only human beings.

What is David asking Yahweh to do to the nations?

He is asking Yahweh to terrify them and make them know that they are mere men.

Psalms 10

Psalms 10:1

ULT

¹ Why, Yahweh, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

UST

¹ Yahweh, why do you keep yourself far away from us? Why do you not pay attention when we have troubles?

How does the writer feel that Yahweh is treating him?

The writer feels that Yahweh is standing far off and hiding himself.

Psalms 10:2

ULT

² Because of their arrogance, wicked people chase the oppressed; but please let the wicked be trapped by their own schemes that they have devised.

UST

² Proud, wicked people, have a terrible desire within them to make poor people suffer. God, make them fall into their own traps, so that what they did to others may be done to them!

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do to the wicked people?

The writer asks Yahweh to let the wicked be trapped by their own schemes.

Psalms 10:3

ULT

³ For the wicked person boasts of his deepest desires; he blesses the greedy and insults Yahweh.

UST

³ The wicked person boasts about the evil things he wants to do. He desires to own the things that others have, and he does not want them to own more things than he has. He boasts about all the things he owns, while he curses you, Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:4**ULT**

⁴ The wicked man has a raised face; he does not seek God. He never thinks about God because he does not care at all about him.

UST

⁴ The wicked person is so proud he never looks for God and if he did look for God, he would not find him. He is too proud to even think about God.

Why does the wicked man not seek God?

The wicked man does not seek God because he is so proud.

Psalms 10:5**ULT**

⁵ He is secure at all times, but your righteous decrees are too high for him; he snorts at all his enemies.

UST

⁵ But, looking at the life of the wicked man, it seems that everything he does is successful. He cannot even understand your commands, God, and then he mocks his enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:6**ULT**

⁶ He says in his heart, "I will never fail; throughout all generations I will not meet adversity."

UST

⁶ In his mind he thinks, "Nothing bad can happen to me! As long as I live, I will never have troubles."

What does the wicked man say in his heart?

The wicked man says, "I will never fail; throughout all generations I will not meet adversity."

Psalms 10:7**ULT**

⁷ His mouth is full of curses and lies and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and evil.

UST

⁷ When he speaks he always curses and tells lies, and he makes threats against others. When he talks, he only speaks about hurting or destroying other people.

What fills the mouth of the wicked man?

His mouth is full of cursing and deceptive, harmful words.

Psalms 10:8**ULT**

⁸ He waits in ambush near the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent; his eyes look for some helpless victim.

UST

⁸ He makes plans to attack the people living in the villages, people who have done nothing wrong. He waits in places where he can hide while he keeps looking for more people he can attack, people who cannot defend themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:9**ULT**

⁹ He lurks in secret like a lion in the thicket; he lies in wait to catch the oppressed. He catches the oppressed when he pulls in his net.

UST

⁹ He waits for his victims like a lion who crouches down, and just like the lion, he hides in the bushes. He is like the hunter who spreads out the net so he can catch helpless people and drag them away.

What animal is the wicked man like?

He is like a lion that lurks in secret in the thicket and lies in wait to catch the oppressed.

Psalms 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ His victims are crushed and beaten down; they fall into his strong nets.

UST

¹⁰ The helpless people are crushed by the wicked person's plans and all the things he does. He is powerful, and when he opposes the helpless people, he always takes away from them whatever he wants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ He says in his heart, "God has forgotten; he covers his face; he will not bother to look."

UST

¹¹ The wicked person says, "God cannot remember what I did. His eyes are covered, and he cannot see anything that I have done."

What does the wicked man say in his heart about God?

The wicked man says, "God has forgotten; he covers his face; he will not bother to look."

Psalms 10:12**ULT**

¹² Arise, Yahweh! Lift up your hand, God! Do not forget the oppressed.

UST

¹² Yahweh, arise! God, strike him down! Do not forget those who are suffering!

How does the writer want Yahweh to respond to the wicked man?

He wants Yahweh to lift up his hand in judgment and to not forget the oppressed.

Psalms 10:13**ULT**

¹³ Why does the wicked man reject God and say in his heart, "You will not hold me accountable"?

UST

¹³ Why does the most wicked person curse you, God, and turn away from you? Does he think, "God can never punish me"?

What does the wicked man say in his heart to God?

He says, "You will not hold me accountable."

Psalms 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ You have taken notice, for you always see the one who inflicts the misery and sorrow. The helpless entrusts himself to you; you rescue the fatherless.

UST

¹⁴ God, you do see the trouble and the distress that the wicked person causes. And you will strike the wicked man and punish him for all that he does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Break the arm of the wicked and evil man. Make him account for his evil deeds, which he thought you would not discover.

UST

¹⁵ God, destroy the power of the person who is wicked and evil! Make him pay for those evil things he did, those things that he thought God would not find out about him.

What did the wicked and evil man think about his evil deeds?

He thought God would not discover them.

Psalms 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Yahweh is King forever and ever; the nations are driven out of his land.

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh is king forever! He will drive out foreign people from his land.

How does Yahweh respond to the needs of the oppressed?

He strengthens their heart, listens to their prayer, and defends them.

Psalms 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Yahweh, you have heard the needs of the oppressed; you strengthen their heart, you listen to their prayer;

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh, when the people who suffer cry out to you, you listen. You hear them when they pray and you encourage them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ You defend the fatherless and the oppressed so that no man on the earth will cause terror again.

UST

¹⁸ You defend the orphans and oppressed people when the strong and the wicked work to do them harm. And so, no one has to worry or be terrified anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 11

Psalms 11:1

ULT

¹ To the Chief Musician A psalm of David I take refuge in Yahweh; how will you say to me, "Flee like a bird to the mountain"?

UST

¹ I trust that Yahweh will protect me. So I do not fly off to the mountains like birds do.

In whom does David take refuge?

David takes refuge in Yahweh.

What will the people say to David about his soul?

They will tell him to flee like a bird to the mountain.

Psalms 11:2

ULT

² For see! The wicked prepare their bows. They make ready their arrows on the strings to shoot in the darkness at the upright in heart.

UST

² It is true that wicked people have hidden in the darkness, that they have pulled back their bowstrings and aimed their arrows to shoot them at people who honor Yahweh.

How do the wicked prepare to attack the upright in heart?

They prepare their bows and make ready their arrows.

Psalms 11:3

ULT

³ For if the foundations are ruined, what can the righteous do?

UST

³ When wicked people do not suffer for disobeying the laws, what can righteous people do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 11:4**ULT**

⁴ Yahweh is in his holy temple; his eyes watch, his eyes examine the children of mankind.

UST

⁴ But Yahweh is sitting on his throne in his sacred temple in heaven, and he sees everything that people do.

What is Yahweh doing in his holy temple?

His eyes are watching and examining the children of men.

Psalms 11:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh examines both the righteous and the wicked, but he hates those who love to do violence.

UST

⁵ Yahweh examines what righteous people do and what wicked people do, and he hates those who love to injure others.

Who does Yahweh examine?

He examines the righteous and the wicked

Who does Yahweh hate?

He hates those who love to do violence.

Psalms 11:6**ULT**

⁶ He rains burning coals and brimstone upon the wicked; a scorching wind will be their portion from his cup!

UST

⁶ He will send down from the sky flaming coals and burning sulfur on the wicked; he will send scorching hot winds to punish them.

What does Yahweh do to the wicked?

He rains burning coals and brimstone upon them and pours out a scorching wind from his cup.

Psalms 11:7

ULT

⁷ For Yahweh is righteous, and he loves righteousness; the upright will see his face.

UST

⁷ Yahweh does everything that is right, and he loves those who do what is right; such people will come into his presence.

What does Yahweh think of righteousness?

He loves righteousness.

What will happen to the upright?

The upright will see Yahweh's face.

Psalms 12

Psalms 12:1

ULT

¹ Help, Yahweh, for the faithful ones have disappeared; those who have integrity have vanished from the children of men.

UST

¹ Yahweh, help us! It seems like people who honor you are no more, that those who are loyal to you have all vanished.

Why is David asking for Yahweh's help?

David is asking for Yahweh's help because the godly have disappeared and the faithful have vanished.

Psalms 12:2

ULT

² Everyone says empty words to his neighbor; everyone speaks with flattering lips and a double heart.

UST

² Everyone tells lies to other people; they deceive others by flattering them, but they tell lies.

How does everyone speak to his neighbor?

Everyone says empty words to his neighbor, and speaks with flattering lips and a double heart.

Psalms 12:3

ULT

³ Yahweh, cut off all flattering lips, every tongue declaring great things.

UST

³ Yahweh, we wish that you would cut off their tongues so that they cannot continue to boast.

What does David want Yahweh to do to the flattering lips?

David wants Yahweh to cut off all flatterings lips and every tongue declaring great things.

Psalms 12:4**ULT**

⁴ These are those who have said, "With our tongues will we prevail. When our lips speak, who can be master over us?"

UST

⁴ They say, "By telling lies we will get what we want; we control what we say, so no one can tell us what we should do!"

What flattering thing have some said?

Some have said, "With our tongues will we prevail. When our lips speak, who can be lord over us?"

Psalms 12:5**ULT**

⁵ "Because of violence against the poor, because of the groans of the needy, I will arise," says Yahweh. "I will provide the safety for which they long."

UST

⁵ But Yahweh replies, "I have seen the violent things that they have done to helpless people; I have heard those people groaning, so I will arise and rescue the people who are wanting me to help them."

What will Yahweh do for the poor and the needy?

Yahweh will arise and provide safety for which they long.

Psalms 12:6**ULT**

⁶ The words of Yahweh are pure words, like silver purified in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, you always do what you have promised to do; what you have promised is as precious and pure as silver that has been heated seven times in a furnace to get rid of all the impure material.

What are the words of Yahweh like?

Yahweh's words are pure words like silver purified in a furnace and refined seven times.

Psalms 12:7**ULT**

⁷ You are Yahweh! You keep them. You preserve the godly people from this wicked generation and forever.

UST

⁷ Yahweh, we know that you will protect us who honor you from those wicked people,

What does David ask Yahweh to do for godly people?

He asks Yahweh to forever keep and preserve them from this wicked generation.

Psalms 12:8**ULT**

⁸ The wicked walk on every side when evil is exalted among the children of mankind.

UST

⁸ those who strut around proudly, while people praise them for doing evil deeds.

What causes the wicked to walk on every side?

The wicked walk on every side when evil is exalted among the sons of men.

Psalms 13

Psalms 13:1

ULT

¹ How long, Yahweh, will you keep forgetting about me? How long will you hide your face from me?

UST

¹ Yahweh, how long will you continue to forget about me? Will you hide yourself from me forever?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 13:2

ULT

² How long must I worry and have grief in my heart all day? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

UST

² How long must I endure anguish within myself? Must I be miserable every day? How long will my enemies continue to defeat me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 13:3

ULT

³ Look at me and answer me, Yahweh my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death.

UST

³ Yahweh my God, look at me and answer me. Restore my strength, or I will die.

How does David ask Yahweh to respond to his prayer?

He asks Yahweh to look at him, answer him, and enlighten his eyes.

What does David fear will happen if Yahweh does not answer?

David fears he will sleep in death.

Psalms 13:4**ULT**

⁴ Do not let my enemy say, "I have defeated him," so that my enemy may not say, "I have prevailed over my adversary"; otherwise, my enemies will rejoice when I am brought down.

UST

⁴ Do not allow my enemies to boast and to say, "We have defeated him!" Do not allow them to defeat me, with the result that they will rejoice about it!

What does David not want his enemies to say about him?

He does not want them to say they have defeated him and prevailed over their adversary.

What will happen if David is defeated?

His enemies will rejoice when he is brought down.

Psalms 13:5**ULT**

⁵ But I have trusted in your covenant faithfulness; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

UST

⁵ But I trust that you will faithfully love me; I will rejoice when you rescue me.

In what has David trusted?

David has trusted in Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

In what does David's heart rejoice?

His heart rejoices in Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 13:6**ULT**

⁶ I will sing to Yahweh because he has treated me very generously.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, you have done many good things for me, so I will sing to you.

Why will David sing to Yahweh?

David will sing because Yahweh has treated him very generously.

Psalms 14

Psalms 14:1

ULT

¹ To the chief musician A psalm of David A fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt and have done abominable iniquity; there is no one who does good.

UST

¹ Only foolish people say to themselves, "There is no God!" People who say those things only do corrupt deeds; there is not one of them who does what is good.

What does a fool say in his heart?

A fool says, "There is no God."

Psalms 14:2

ULT

² Yahweh looks down from heaven on the children of mankind to see if there are any who understand, who seek after him.

UST

² From heaven Yahweh looks down at everyone; he looks to see if anyone is very wise, wise enough to desire to know him.

Why does Yahweh look down on the sons of mankind?

He looks down to see if there are any who understand, who seek after him.

Psalms 14:3

ULT

³ They have all turned away. Together they have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, no, not one.

UST

³ Everyone turns away from Yahweh. They are depraved and do disgusting, filthy things. No one does what is good.

Who has turned aside and become filthy?

Everyone has turned aside and all have become filthy.

Psalms 14:4**ULT**

⁴ Do they not know anything, those who commit iniquity, those who eat up my people as they eat bread, but who do not call on Yahweh?

UST

⁴ Will those evil people never learn what God will do to punish them? They act violently toward Yahweh's people and want to consume them like one who eats food consumes it, and they never pray to Yahweh.

Who does not call on Yahweh?

Those who commit iniquity and who eat up David's people as they eat bread, and do not call on Yahweh.

Psalms 14:5**ULT**

⁵ They tremble with dread, for God is with the righteous assembly!

UST

⁵ But some day they will become very terrified because God helps those who act righteously and will punish those who reject him.

Why do those who do not call on Yahweh tremble with dread?

They tremble with dread because God is with the righteous assembly.

Psalms 14:6**ULT**

⁶ You want to humiliate the poor person even though Yahweh is his refuge.

UST

⁶ Those who do evil may prevent helpless people from doing what they plan to do, but Yahweh protects them.

Who is the refuge of the poor person?

Yahweh is his refuge.

Psalms 14:7

ULT

⁷ Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion! When Yahweh brings back his people from the captivity, then Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad!

UST

⁷ Out of Zion Yahweh will come and rescue the Israelite people! He will make his people free again and will bring them back to their home. On that day all of us Israelite people will rejoice, and we, who are also called the descendants of Jacob, will be happy.

What does David want to come from Zion?

David wants the salvation of Israel to come from Zion.

When will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad?

When Yahweh brings back his people from the captivity.

Psalms 15

Psalms 15:1

ULT

¹ To the chief musician A psalm of David Yahweh, who may stay in your tabernacle? Who may live on your holy hill?

UST

¹ Yahweh, who are allowed to enter your sacred tent? Who are allowed to live on your sacred mountain?

What kind of person may stay in Yahweh's tabernacle and live on his holy hill? (vv1-2)

The person who walks blamelessly, does what is right, and speaks truth from his heart may stay in Yahweh's tabernacle and live on his holy hill.

Psalms 15:2

ULT

² Whoever walks blamelessly, does what is right and speaks truth from his heart.

UST

² Only those who always do what is right and do not sin may do that, those who always speak the truth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 15:3

ULT

³ He does not slander with his tongue, he does not harm others, and he does not insult his neighbor.

UST

³ They do not slander others. They do not do to others things that are wrong, and they do not say bad things about anyone.

What does this blameless person not do with his tongue?

He does not slander with his tongue.

Psalms 15:4**ULT**

⁴ The worthless person is despised in his eyes, but he honors those who fear Yahweh. He swears to his own disadvantage and does not take back his promises.

UST

⁴ People who honor God hate those whom he has rejected, but they respect those who have a fearful respect for Yahweh. They do what they have promised to do even if it causes them trouble to do that.

Who does this blameless person despise?

He despises the worthless person.

Who does this blameless person honor?

He honors those who fear Yahweh.

When this person swears to his own disadvantage, what does he not do?

He does not take back his promises.

Psalms 15:5**ULT**

⁵ He does not charge interest when he lends money. He does not take bribes to testify against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

UST

⁵ They lend money to others without charging interest, and they never accept bribes in order to lie about people who have not done anything wrong. Those who do those things will always live in safety.

When this blameless person lends money, what does he not do?

He does not charge interest.

What does this blameless person not take bribes to do?

He does not take bribes to testify against the innocent.

What will never happen to the blameless person who does these things?

He will never be shaken.

Psalms 16

Psalms 16:1

ULT

¹ A song of David Protect me, God, for I take refuge in you.

UST

¹ God, protect me because I go to you to keep me safe!

What does David ask God to do for him?

David wants God to protect him because he takes refuge in God.

Psalms 16:2

ULT

² You say to Yahweh, "You are my Lord; my goodness is nothing apart from you.

UST

² I said to Yahweh, "You are my Lord; all the good things that I have come from you."

What does David recognize about his relationship to Yahweh?

David recognizes that Yahweh is his Lord, and that David's goodness is nothing apart from Yahweh.

Psalms 16:3

ULT

³ As for the holy ones who are in the land, they are noble people; all my delight is in them.

UST

³ People who try to be holy who live in this land are wonderful; I delight to be with them.

Who are the saints on the earth?

They are the noble people in whom David delights.

Psalms 16:4**ULT**

⁴ Their troubles will increase, those who seek out other gods. I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood or lift up their names with my lips.

UST

⁴ Those who choose to worship other gods will have many things that cause them to be sad. I will not join them when they make sacrifices to their gods; I will not even join them in speaking the names of their gods.

What will happen to those who seek out other gods?

Trouble will be increased to those who seek out other gods.

In what ways will David not worship other gods?

He will not pour out drink offerings of blood to their gods, or lift up their names with his lips.

Psalms 16:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh is the portion of my inheritance and my cup. You hold onto my lot.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, you are the one whom I have chosen, and you give me great blessings. You protect me and control what happens to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 16:6**ULT**

⁶ Measuring lines have been laid for me in pleasant places; surely a pleasing inheritance is mine.

UST

⁶ Yahweh has given me a wonderful place in which to live; I am delighted with all the things that he has given me.

What does David recognize that Yahweh does for him?

Yahweh holds David's destiny, gives him pleasant places, and a pleasing inheritance.

Psalms 16:7**ULT**

⁷ I will bless Yahweh, who counsels me; even at night my mind instructs me.

UST

⁷ I will praise Yahweh, the one who teaches me; even at night he tells my heart what is right for me to do.

Why does David bless Yahweh? (vv7-8)

David blesses Yahweh because Yahweh counsels him.

Psalms 16:8**ULT**

⁸ I set Yahweh before me continually, for he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

UST

⁸ I know that Yahweh is always with me. Nothing will take me from his side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 16:9**ULT**

⁹ Therefore my heart rejoices, and my glory is joyful. Surely my flesh will dwell in security.

UST

⁹ Therefore I am glad; I am honored to praise him, and I can rest securely

How does David's heart respond to Yahweh?

David's heart is glad, and will exalt in Yahweh.

Psalms 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol. You will not let your faithful one see the pit.

UST

¹⁰ because you, Yahweh, will not allow me to remain in the place where the dead people are, and you will not allow me, someone who has been faithful to the covenant, to stay there.

What will Yahweh not allow to happen to the one who has covenant faithfulness?

Yahweh will not let him see the pit.

Psalms 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ You teach me the path of life; abundant joy is in your face; pleasures are at your right hand forever!"

UST

¹¹ You will show me the road that leads to where I receive eternal life, and you will make me joyful when I am with you. I will have pleasure forever when I am at your right hand.

What benefits does David get from Yahweh?

Yahweh teaches David the path of life, gives him joy, and delights that comes from abiding in Yahweh's right hand forever.

Psalms 17

Psalms 17:1

ULT

¹ A prayer of David Listen to my plea for justice, Yahweh; pay attention to my call for help! Give ear to my prayer from lips without deceit.

UST

¹ Yahweh, listen to me while I plead with you to act justly toward me. Hear me while I call out to you to help me. Pay attention to what I say while I pray because I am speaking honestly.

What does David ask God to do for him?

David asks Yahweh to listen to his plea for justice, pay attention to his call for help, and give ear to his prayer.

Psalms 17:2

ULT

² Let my vindication come from your presence; let your eyes see what is right!

UST

² You are the one who is able to declare that I am innocent; please agree to do what is right for me.

What does David pray will come from Yahweh's presence?

David prays that his vindication will come from Yahweh's presence.

Psalms 17:3

ULT

³ If you test my heart, if you come to me in the night, you will purify me and will not find any evil plans; my mouth will not transgress.

UST

³ If you come to me at night to learn what I think, if you see what I think in my heart, you will know that I have determined to never tell any lies; you will find that I do not think evil things.

What will happen to David if Yahweh comes to him in the night?

Yahweh will purify him and not find any evil plans or transgressions in his mouth.

Psalms 17:4**ULT**

⁴ As for the deeds of mankind, it is at the word of your lips that I have kept myself from the ways of the lawless.

UST

⁴ I have not acted like those who do not honor you; I have always acted in the power of what you have instructed me; I have not acted like those who do not know your law.

How has David kept himself from the ways of the lawless?

It is at the word of Yahweh's lips that David has kept himself from lawless ways.

Psalms 17:5**ULT**

⁵ My steps have held firmly to your tracks; my feet have not slipped.

UST

⁵ I have always done what you told me to do; I have never failed to do those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 17:6**ULT**

⁶ I call to you, for you answer me, God; turn your ear to me and listen when I speak.

UST

⁶ O God, I am praying to you because you answer me; please listen to what I am saying.

Why does David call on God?

David calls on God because God answers him.

Psalms 17:7**ULT**

⁷ Show your covenant faithfulness in a wonderful way, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their enemies!

UST

⁷ Continue to show me your love as you promised you would do. By your great power you protect all who trust in you; you keep them safe from their enemies.

What does David ask God to show him?

He asks God to show his covenant faithfulness to him in a wonderful way.

Who does God save by his right hand?

He saves those who take refuge in him from their enemies.

Psalms 17:8**ULT**

⁸ Protect me like the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings

UST

⁸ Protect me as carefully as people protect their own eyes; protect me like birds protect their babies under their wings.

How does David describe the way God protects him from the wicked enemies who assault him? (vv8-9)

God will protect David like the apple of God's eye by hiding David under the shadow of God's wings.

Psalms 17:9**ULT**

⁹ from the presence of the wicked ones who assault me, my enemies who surround me.

UST

⁹ Do not allow wicked people to attack me, those enemies of mine who surround, wanting to kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They have no mercy on anyone; their mouths speak with pride.

UST

¹⁰ They are proud of their riches and success, but they have no mercy on anyone.

How does David describe his enemies?

He says his enemies have no mercy on anyone, and their mouths speak with pride.

Psalms 17:11**ULT**

¹¹ They have surrounded my steps. They set their eyes to strike me to the ground.

UST

¹¹ They have hunted for me and found me. They surround me, watching for an opportunity to throw me to the ground and kill me.

What have David's enemies done to him?

They have surrounded his steps and set their eyes to strike him to the ground.

Psalms 17:12**ULT**

¹² They are like a lion eager for a victim, like a young lion crouching in hidden places.

UST

¹² They are like lions that are ready to tear apart the animals that they capture; They are like young lions that are hiding, waiting to jump on their prey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 17:13**ULT**

¹³ Arise, Yahweh! Attack them! Throw them down on their faces! Rescue my life from the wicked by your sword!

UST

¹³ Yahweh, arise, attack my enemies, and defeat them! With your sword save me from those wicked people!

What does David ask Yahweh to do to his enemies?

He asks Yahweh to arise, attack his enemies, and throw them down on their faces.

Psalms 17:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Rescue me from men by your hand, Yahweh, from men of this world whose prosperity is in this life alone! You will fill the bellies of your treasured ones with riches; they will have many children and will leave their wealth to their children.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh, by your power rescue me from those people who are interested only in things here in this world. But you provide plenty of food for those whom you love dearly; their children also have many things that their grandchildren will inherit.

From whom is David asking Yahweh to rescue him by his hand?

He is asking Yahweh to rescue him from men of this world whose prosperity is in this life alone.

How will Yahweh provide for his treasured ones?

Yahweh will fill their bellies with riches so that they will have many children to whom they will leave their wealth.

Psalms 17:15**ULT**

¹⁵ As for me, I will see your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied, when I awake, with a sight of you.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh, because I act in the right way, I will be with you one day. When I awake after I die, I will see you face to face, and then I will be happy.

What does David expect to happen when he sees Yahweh's face in righteousness?

He will be satisfied with a sight of Yahweh.

Psalms 18

Psalms 18:1

ULT

¹ I love you, Yahweh, my strength.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I love you, the one who enables me to be strong.

What emotion does David express toward Yahweh?

He says, "I love you."

Psalms 18:2

ULT

² Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, the one who brings me to safety; he is my God, my rock; I take refuge in him. He is my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my stronghold.

UST

² Yahweh is like a huge rock; when I am on top of it, my enemies cannot reach me. He is like a strong fortress; I run into it to be safe. He protects me like a shield protects a soldier; he is the one whom I trust to keep me safe; he defends me by his great power!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:3

ULT

³ I will call on Yahweh who is worthy to be praised, and I will be saved from my enemies.

UST

³ I called out to Yahweh, who deserves for me to praise him, and he rescued me from my enemies.

What will happen when David calls on Yahweh?

David will be saved from his enemies.

Psalms 18:4**ULT**

⁴ The cords of death surrounded me, and the rushing waters of worthlessness overwhelmed me.

UST

⁴ All around me were dangerous situations in which I might die; it was as though there were huge waves that almost crashed on me and killed me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:5**ULT**

⁵ The cords of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death trapped me.

UST

⁵ It was as though the place where dead people are had ropes that were wrapped around me, or it was as though there was a trap that would seize and kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:6**ULT**

⁶ In my distress I called to Yahweh; I called for help to my God. He heard my voice from his temple; my call for help went into his presence; it went into his ears.

UST

⁶ But when I was very distressed, I called out to Yahweh, and far off in his temple he heard me. He listened to me when I cried out for help.

Where was Yahweh when he heard David's voice?

Yahweh heard David's voice from his temple.

Psalms 18:7**ULT**

⁷ Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the mountains also trembled and were shaken because God was angry.

UST

⁷ Then Yahweh became angry, and the earth quaked, and the mountains shook to their very foundations!

Why were the foundations of the mountains shaken?

They were shaken because God was angry.

Psalms 18:8**ULT**

⁸ Smoke went up from out of his nostrils, and blazing fire came out of his mouth. Coals were ignited by it.

UST

⁸ He was so angry that it was as though smoke poured out from his nostrils, as though burning coals came out of his mouth!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:9**ULT**

⁹ He opened the heavens and came down, and thick darkness was under his feet.

UST

⁹ He opened the sky and came down with a black cloud under his feet.

How did Yahweh come down from the heavens?

He rode on a cherub and flew; he glided on the wings of the wind.

Psalms 18:10**ULT**

¹⁰ He rode on a cherub and flew; he glided on the wings of the wind.

UST

¹⁰ He flew, riding on the back of an angel traveling fast, which the wind was blowing along.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:11**ULT**

¹¹ He made darkness a tent around him, heavy rainclouds in the skies.

UST

¹¹ Darkness was all around him like a blanket; dark clouds, full of water moisture, covered him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:12**ULT**

¹² Hailstones and coals of fire fell from the lightning before him.

UST

¹² Hailstones and flashes of lightning were around him; hail and burning coals fell down from the sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:13**ULT**

¹³ Yahweh thundered in the heavens! The voice of the Most High shouted hailstones and coals of fire ^[1]

UST

¹³ Then Yahweh shouted loudly from the sky, and to his enemies, it sounded like thunder. Yahweh, the Supreme God, rained hailstones on them and caused lightning to flash against them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He shot his arrows and scattered his enemies; many lightning bolts dispersed them.

UST

¹⁴ He shot his arrows at them and caused them to scatter; his flashes of lightning caused them to become very confused.

How did Yahweh scatter his enemies?

He shot his arrows and scattered them.

Psalms 18:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then the water channels appeared; the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, Yahweh, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

UST

¹⁵ The bottom of the ocean became visible, and the water uncovered the foundations of the earth when Yahweh rebuked his enemies with the breath that came in his anger!

What exposed the foundations of the world?

Yahweh's battle cry and the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

Psalms 18:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He reached down from above; he took hold of me! He pulled me out of the surging water.

UST

¹⁶ It was as though he reached down from heaven and grabbed me and pulled me up out of the deep ocean.

Out of what did Yahweh pull David?

He pulled David out of the surging water.

Psalms 18:17**ULT**

¹⁷ He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.

UST

¹⁷ He rescued me from my strong enemies who hated me; they were very strong, and I could not defeat them by myself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:18**ULT**

¹⁸ They came against me on the day of my distress but Yahweh was my support!

UST

¹⁸ When I was distressed, they attacked me, but Yahweh defended me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:19**ULT**

¹⁹ He set me free in a wide open place; he saved me because he was pleased with me.

UST

¹⁹ He made me completely safe; he rescued me because he was pleased with me.

Why did Yahweh save David?

Yahweh saved David because Yahweh was pleased with him.

Psalms 18:20**ULT**

²⁰ Yahweh has rewarded me because of my righteousness; he has restored me because my hands were clean.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh has rewarded me because I do what is right; he has blessed me because I am innocent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:21**ULT**

²¹ For I have kept the ways of Yahweh and have not wickedly turned away from my God.

UST

²¹ I have obeyed Yahweh's laws; I have not abandoned him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:22**ULT**

²² For all his righteous decrees have been before me; as for his statutes, I have not turned away from them.

UST

²² I have followed his decrees; I have not stopped obeying them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:23**ULT**

²³ I have also been innocent before him, and I have kept myself from sin.

UST

²³ He knows that I have not done what is wrong and that I have kept myself from sinning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:24**ULT**

²⁴ Therefore Yahweh has restored me because of my righteousness, because my hands were clean before his eyes.

UST

²⁴ So he rewards me because I do what is right; he knows that I have not committed sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:25**ULT**

²⁵ To the one who is faithful, you show yourself to be faithful; to a man who is blameless, you show yourself to be blameless.

UST

²⁵ Yahweh, you are faithful to those who faithfully do your covenant; you always do what is good to those who do not do evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:26**ULT**

²⁶ To anyone who is pure, you show yourself pure; but you are clever toward anyone who is twisted.

UST

²⁶ You are kind to those who are honest toward others, but you act wisely toward those who act dishonestly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:27**ULT**

²⁷ For you save afflicted people, but you bring down those with proud, uplifted eyes!

UST

²⁷ You save those who are humble, but you humiliate those who are proud.

What does Yahweh do to afflicted people?

He saves afflicted people.

What does Yahweh do to those with proud, uplifted eyes?

He brings down those with proud, uplifted eyes.

Psalms 18:28**ULT**

²⁸ For you give light to my lamp; Yahweh my God lights up my darkness.

UST

²⁸ You keep me alive, and you will continue to do so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:29**ULT**

²⁹ For by you I can run over a barricade; by my God I can leap over a wall.

UST

²⁹ You enable me to be strong, so that I can attack and defeat a line of enemy soldiers; with your help I can scale the walls that surround my enemies' cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:30**ULT**

³⁰ As for God—his way is perfect! The word of Yahweh is pure! He is a shield to everyone who takes refuge in him.

UST

³⁰ Everything that Yahweh my God does is perfect. We can depend on him to do what he promises. He is like a shield to protect all those who go to him to be safe.

How does David describe Yahweh's way?

He says Yahweh's way is perfect.

Psalms 18:31**ULT**

³¹ For who is God except Yahweh? Who is a rock except our God?

UST

³¹ Yahweh is the only one who is God; only he is like a huge rock on top of which we can be safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:32**ULT**

³² It is God who puts strength on me like a belt, who places the blameless person on his path.

UST

³² God is the one who enables me to be strong and who keeps me safe on the roads that I walk on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:33**ULT**

³³ He makes my feet swift like a deer and places me on the heights!

UST

³³ He enables me to walk swiftly without stumbling as a deer walks in the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:34**ULT**

³⁴ He trains my hands for war and my arms to bend a bow of bronze.

UST

³⁴ He teaches me how to use a strong bow in order that I can use it to fight in battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:35**ULT**

³⁵ You have given me the shield of your salvation. Your right hand has supported me, and your favor has made me great.

UST

³⁵ Yahweh, you protect and save me with your shield; you are strong and have therefore kept me safe. I have become strong because you have helped me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:36**ULT**

³⁶ You have made a wide place for my feet beneath me so that my feet have not slipped.

UST

³⁶ You have made a safe path for me, with the result that now I do not slip.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:37**ULT**

³⁷ I pursued my enemies and caught them; I did not turn back until they were destroyed.

UST

³⁷ I pursued my enemies and caught them; I did not stop until I had defeated them all.

What did David do to his enemies?

David pursued his enemies and caught them.

Psalms 18:38**ULT**

³⁸ I smashed them so that they were unable to rise; they have fallen under my feet.

UST

³⁸ When I strike them, they are not able to get up again; they lie on the ground, defeated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:39**ULT**

³⁹ For you put strength on me like a belt for battle; you put under me those who rise up against me.

UST

³⁹ You have enabled me to be strong in order that I can fight battles and defeat my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ You gave me the back of my enemies' necks; I annihilated those who hated me.

UST

⁴⁰ You delivered my enemies to me, for me to strike them on their necks. I have gotten rid of all those who hated me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:41**ULT**

⁴¹ They called for help, but no one saved them; they called out to Yahweh, but he did not answer them.

UST

⁴¹ They shouted for someone to help them, but no one saved them. They shouted out to Yahweh, but he did not help them.

What happened when David's enemies called to Yahweh?

Yahweh did not answer them.

Psalms 18:42**ULT**

⁴² I beat them into fine pieces like dust before the wind; I threw them out like mud in the streets.

UST

⁴² I crushed them to powder, and they became like the dust that the wind blows away; I threw them out like people throw dirt out into the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:43**ULT**

⁴³ You rescued me from the disputes of people. You have made me the head over nations. People that I have not known serve me.

UST

⁴³ You enabled me to defeat those who fought against me and appointed me to be the ruler of many nations; people whom I did not know about previously are now slaves in my kingdom.

Over what has Yahweh made David the head?

Yahweh made David the head over nations.

Psalms 18:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ As soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me; foreigners were forced to bow to me.

UST

⁴⁴ When foreigners hear about me, they cringe and they obey me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ The foreigners came trembling out of their strongholds.

UST

⁴⁵ They are no longer courageous, and from their holes where they were hiding they come to me trembling.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ Yahweh lives; may my rock be praised. May the God of my salvation be exalted.

UST

⁴⁶ Yahweh is alive! Praise the one who is like a huge rock on top of which I am safe! Exalt the God who saves me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ He is the God who executes vengeance for me, who subdues the nations under me.

UST

⁴⁷ He enables me to get revenge on my enemies; he causes me to defeat nations and to rule over them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ I am set free from my enemies! Indeed, you lifted me above the ones who rose against me! You rescued me from violent men.

UST

⁴⁸ it is Yahweh who rescues me from my enemies. He has lifted me up high so that violent men could not reach me and harm me.

From whom is David set free?

He is set free from his enemies.

Psalms 18:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ Therefore I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the nations; I will sing praises to your name!

UST

⁴⁹ So I praise him, and I tell the nations the great things that he has done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ God gives great victory to his king, and he shows his covenant loyalty to his anointed one, to David and to his descendants forever.

18:13 ^[1] this expression may be an accidental repetition from the previous verse.

UST

⁵⁰ He has enabled me, his king, to powerfully defeat my enemies; he faithfully loves me as he promised in his covenant. He loves me, David, the one he has chosen to be king, and he will faithfully love my descendants forever.

To whom does Yahweh show his covenant loyalty?

He shows his covenant loyalty to his anointed one, to David and to his descendants forever.

Psalms 19

Psalms 19:1

ULT

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies make his handiwork known!

UST

¹ When people look at everything that God has placed in the skies, they can see that he is very great; they can see the great things that he has created.

What do the heavens declare and the skies make known?

The heavens declare God's glory and the skies make his handiwork known.

Psalms 19:2

ULT

² Day after day speech pours out; night after night it reveals knowledge.

UST

² Day after day it is as though the sun proclaims the glory of God, and night after night it is as though the moon and stars say that they know that God made them.

What does the speech that pours out reveal?

The speech that pours out reveals knowledge.

Psalms 19:3

ULT

³ There is no speech or spoken words; their voice is not heard.

UST

³ They do not really speak; they do not say any words. There is no sound from them for anyone to hear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 19:4**ULT**

⁴ Yet their words go out over all the earth, and their speech to the end of the world. He has pitched a tent for the sun among them.

UST

⁴ But what they declare about God goes throughout the world, and even people who live in the most distant places on earth can know it. The sun is in the skies where God placed it;

Where do the words and speech of the heavens and the skies go?

Their words go out over all the earth, to the end of the world.

Psalms 19:5**ULT**

⁵ The sun is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and like a strong man who rejoices when he runs his race.

UST

⁵ it rises each morning like a bridegroom who is happy as he comes out of his bedroom after his wedding. It is like a strong athlete who is very eager to start running in a race.

What is the sun like?

The sun is like a bridegroom, and like a strong man.

Psalms 19:6**ULT**

⁶ The sun rises from the one horizon and crosses the sky to the other; nothing escapes its heat.

UST

⁶ The sun rises at one side of the sky and goes across the sky and sets on the other side; nothing can hide from its heat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 19:7**ULT**

⁷ The law of Yahweh is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of Yahweh is reliable, making the simple wise.

UST

⁷ The instructions that Yahweh has given us are perfect; they revive us. We can be sure that the things that Yahweh has told us will never change, and by learning them people who have not been previously taught will become wise.

What does the law of Yahweh do?

The law of Yahweh restores the soul.

What do the decrees of Yahweh do?

The decrees of Yahweh give wisdom to the inexperienced.

Psalms 19:8**ULT**

⁸ The instructions of Yahweh are right, making the heart glad; the commandment of Yahweh is pure, bringing light to the eyes.

UST

⁸ Yahweh's laws are fair; when we obey them, we become joyful. The commands of Yahweh are clear, and by reading them we start to understand how God wants us to behave.

What do the instructions of Yahweh do?

They make the heart joyful.

What do the commands of Yahweh do?

They give insight to the eyes.

Psalms 19:9**ULT**

⁹ The fear of Yahweh is pure, enduring forever; the righteous decrees of Yahweh are true and altogether right!

UST

⁹ It is good for people to revere Yahweh; that is something that they will do forever. What Yahweh has decreed is fair, and it is always right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They are of greater value than gold, even more than much fine gold; they are sweeter than honey and the dripping honey from the honeycomb.

UST

¹⁰ The things that God has decided are more valuable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey that drips from honeycombs.

How do the righteous decrees of Yahweh compare to gold?

They are of greater value than gold, even much more than much find gold.

Psalms 19:11**ULT**

¹¹ Yes, by them your servant is warned; in obeying them there is great reward.

UST

¹¹ Furthermore, by reading them I learn what things are good to do and what things are evil, and they promise a great reward to us who obey them.

What do the righteous decrees of Yahweh do for Yahweh's servant?

By them his servant is warned, they cause him to obey and receive great reward.

Psalms 19:12**ULT**

¹² Who can discern all his own errors? Cleanse me from hidden faults.

UST

¹² But there is no one who can know all his errors; so Yahweh, forgive me for these things which I do that I do not realize are wrong.

From what does David ask to be cleansed?

He asks to be cleansed from hidden faults.

Psalms 19:13**ULT**

¹³ Keep your servant also from arrogant sins; let them not rule over me. Then I will be perfect, and I will be innocent from many transgressions.

UST

¹³ Keep me from doing things that I know are wrong; do not let me keep doing the evil things I want to do. If you do that, I will no longer be guilty for committing such sins, and I will not commit the great sin of rebelling terribly against you.

What happens when the servant does not let his arrogant sins rule over him?

He will be perfect and innocent from many transgressions.

Psalms 19:14**ULT**

¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your sight, Yahweh, my rock and my redeemer.

UST

¹⁴ O Yahweh, you are like a huge rock on top of which I can be safe; you are the one who protects me. I hope that the things that I say and what I think will always please you.

What does David want to be acceptable in Yahweh's sight.

David wants the words of his mouth and the thoughts of his heart to be acceptable in Yahweh's sight.

Psalms 20

Psalms 20:1

ULT

¹ May Yahweh help you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you

UST

¹ We desire that Yahweh may help you when you call out to him when you have troubles! We desire that God, whom our ancestor Jacob honored, may keep you safe from your enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 20:2

ULT

² and send help from the holy place to support you from Zion.

UST

² We desire that he may reach out from his sacred temple and help you and aid you from where he lives on Mount Zion.

From where does David want God to send help and support?

He asks that Yahweh send help from the sanctuary and support from Zion.

Psalms 20:3

ULT

³ May he call to mind all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah

UST

³ We desire that he may accept all the offerings that you give him to be burned on the altar and all your other offerings.

What does David want Yahweh to call to mind and to accept?

David asks that Yahweh call to mind all of the offerings and accept their burnt sacrifices.

Psalms 20:4**ULT**

⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.

UST

⁴ We desire that he may give to you what you desire in your heart, and that you may be able to accomplish all that you desire to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 20:5**ULT**

⁵ Then we will rejoice in your victory, and, in the name of our God, we will raise banners. May Yahweh grant all your petitions.

UST

⁵ When you defeat your enemies, we will shout joyfully. We will lift up a banner proclaiming that it is God who has helped you. May Yahweh do for you all that you request him to do.

In what does David say they will rejoice?

David says they will rejoice in Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 20:6**ULT**

⁶ Now I know that Yahweh will rescue his anointed one; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the strength of his right hand that can rescue him.

UST

⁶ I know now that Yahweh rescues me, the one whom he has chosen to be king. From his holy place in heaven he will answer me, and he will save me by his great power.

Who does David say that Yahweh will rescue?

David knows that Yahweh will rescue his anointed.

Psalms 20:7**ULT**

⁷ These trust in chariots and others in horses, but we will remember the name of Yahweh our God.

UST

⁷ Some kings trust that because they have chariots they will be able to defeat their enemies, and some trust that their horses will enable them to defeat their enemies, but we will trust in the power of Yahweh our God.

In what do other people trust?

Some trust in chariots and others in horses.

What does David and his people do in order to gain victory?

They call on Yahweh their God.

Psalms 20:8**ULT**

⁸ They will be brought down and fall, but we will rise and stand upright!

UST

⁸ Some will stumble and fall down, but we will be strong and not be moved.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 20:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh, rescue the king; help us when we call.

UST

⁹ Yahweh, help the king defeat our enemies! Answer us when we call out to you to help us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 21

Psalms 21:1

ULT

¹ The king rejoices in your strength, Yahweh! How greatly he rejoices in the salvation you provide!

UST

¹ Yahweh, the man you made king is glad because you have caused him to be strong. He rejoices because you have enabled him to defeat his enemies.

In what does the king rejoice?

He rejoices in Yahweh's strength and in the salvation Yahweh provides.

Psalms 21:2

ULT

² You have given him his heart's desire and have not held back the request of his lips. Selah

UST

² You have given him everything he most desired, and you have not refused to do what he requested you to do.

What has Yahweh done for the king?

Yahweh has given the king his heart's desire and has not held back the request of his lips.

Psalms 21:3

ULT

³ For you bring him rich blessings; you placed on his head a crown of purest gold.

UST

³ You have done so many wonderful things for him. You placed a gold crown on his head.

What has Yahweh brought to the king and placed on his head?

He has brought the king rich blessings and placed a crown of purest gold on his head.

Psalms 21:4**ULT**

⁴ He asked you for life; you gave it to him; you gave him the length of his days forever and ever.

UST

⁴ He asked you to let him live for a long time, and you have enabled him to live for a long time.

What did Yahweh give the king after the king asked for it?

Yahweh gave the king life and long days forever and ever.

Psalms 21:5**ULT**

⁵ His glory is great because of your victory; you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.

UST

⁵ His power as king is very great because you have allowed him to win victories over his enemies.

Why is the king's glory great?

His glory is great because of Yahweh's victory.

What has Yahweh bestowed upon the king?

Yahweh has bestowed splendor and majesty.

Psalms 21:6**ULT**

⁶ For you grant him lasting blessings; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

UST

⁶ You will bless him forever, and you have caused him to be joyful in your presence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 21:7**ULT**

⁷ For the king trusts in Yahweh; through the covenant faithfulness of the Most High he will not be moved.

UST

⁷ Yahweh, you are God Almighty, and the king trusts in you. Because you faithfully love him, disastrous things will never happen to him.

Why will the king not be moved?

He will not be moved because he trusts in Yahweh through the Most High's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 21:8**ULT**

⁸ Your hand will seize all your enemies; your right hand will seize those who hate you.

UST

⁸ You will enable him to kill all his enemies, all those who hate him.

Who will the hand of Yahweh seize?

His hand will seize all the enemies who hate Yahweh.

Psalms 21:9**ULT**

⁹ At the time of your anger, you will burn them up as in a fiery furnace. Yahweh will consume them in his wrath, and the fire will devour them.

UST

⁹ When you appear, you will throw them into a fiery furnace. Because you are angry with them, you will swallow them up; the fire will burn them up.

What will Yahweh do to his enemies?

He will burn them up, and they will be consumed in his wrath.

Psalms 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You will destroy their offspring from the earth and their descendants from among the human race.

UST

¹⁰ You will remove their children from this earth; their descendants will all disappear.

What will Yahweh do to the offspring of his enemies?

He will destroy their offspring and their descendants.

Psalms 21:11**ULT**

¹¹ For they intended evil against you; they conceived a plot with which they will not succeed!

UST

¹¹ They wanted to harm you, but what they plan will never succeed.

Why will Yahweh destroy his enemies?

He will destroy them because they intended evil against him.

Why will the plot of Yahweh's enemies not succeed? (vv11-12)

It will not succeed because Yahweh will turn them back and draw his bow against them.

Psalms 21:12**ULT**

¹² For you will turn them back; you will draw your bow before them.

UST

¹² You will cause them to run away by shooting arrows at them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 21:13

ULT

¹³ Be exalted, Yahweh, in your strength; we will sing and praise your power.

UST

¹³ Yahweh, show us that you are very strong! When you do that, we will sing and praise you because you are very powerful.

How will the people exalt Yahweh?

They will sing and praise his power.

Psalms 22

Psalms 22:1

ULT

¹ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far from saving me and far from the words of my anguish?

UST

¹ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why do you stay so far from me, and why do you not listen to me? Why do you not hear me when I am suffering and groaning?

What is David asking God?

David is asking why God has abandoned him, why he is so far from David.

Psalms 22:2

ULT

² My God, I cry out in the daytime, but you do not answer, and at night I am not silent!

UST

² My God, every day I call to you during the daytime, but you do not answer me. I call to you during the night; I am not silent at all.

What does David do in the daytime and at night?

David cries out in the daytime and at night David is not silent.

Psalms 22:3

ULT

³ Yet you are holy; you sit as king with the praises of Israel.

UST

³ But you are holy. You sit on your throne as king, and we the people of Israel praise you.

How does David refer to God?

David refers to God as Holy, sitting as king with the praises of Israel.

Psalms 22:4**ULT**

⁴ Our ancestors trusted in you; they trusted in you, and you rescued them.

UST

⁴ Our ancestors trusted in you. Because they trusted in you, you rescued them.

What did David's ancestors do and how did God respond? (vv4-5)

They trusted in God, he rescued them, and they were not disappointed.

Psalms 22:5**ULT**

⁵ They cried to you and they were rescued. They trusted in you and were not disappointed.

UST

⁵ When they called out to you for help, you saved them. They trusted in you, and they were not disappointed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:6**ULT**

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, a disgrace to humanity and despised by the people.

UST

⁶ But you have not rescued me! People despise me and consider that I am not a man; they think that I am a worm! Everyone scorns me and despises me.

How does David describe himself?

David says he is a worm and not a man, a disgrace to humanity and despised by the people.

Psalms 22:7**ULT**

⁷ All those who see me taunt me; they mock me; they shake their heads at me.

UST

⁷ Everyone who sees me makes fun of me. They sneer at me and insult me by shaking their heads at me as though I were an evil man. They say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:8**ULT**

⁸ They say, "He trusts in Yahweh; let Yahweh rescue him. Let him rescue him, for he delights in him."

UST

⁸ "He trusts in Yahweh, so Yahweh should save him! He says that Yahweh is very pleased with him; if that is so, Yahweh should rescue him!"

What do the people that taunt and mock David say to him?

They say, "He trusts in Yahweh; let Yahweh rescue him."

Psalms 22:9**ULT**

⁹ For you brought me from the womb; you made me trust you when I was on my mother's breasts.

UST

⁹ You, God, have been with me since I was in my mother's womb, and you taught me to trust you when I was at my mother's breasts.

How long has David trusted God? (vv9-10)

David trusted Yahweh when he was on his mother's breasts and since he was in his mother's womb.

Psalms 22:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I have been thrown on you from the womb; you are my God since I was in my mother's womb!

UST

¹⁰ It was as though you had adopted me right when I was born. You have been my God ever since I was born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:11**ULT**

¹¹ Do not be far away from me, for trouble is near; there is no one to help.

UST

¹¹ So do not stay far from me now because enemies who will cause me much trouble are near me, and there is no one else who can help me.

What is David asking God to do for him?

He is asking God to not be far away from him because trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Psalms 22:12**ULT**

¹² Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

UST

¹² My enemies surround me like a herd of wild bulls. Fierce people, like those strong bulls that graze on the hills in the region of Bashan, surround me.

What is surrounding David like a roaring lion? (vv12-13)

Many strong bulls of Bashan surround him with mouths wide open against him.

Psalms 22:13**ULT**

¹³ They open their mouths wide against me like a roaring lion ripping its victim.

UST

¹³ They are like roaring lions that are attacking the animals that they want to eat; they rush toward me to kill me; they are like lions that have their mouths open, ready to chew their victims to pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I am being poured out like water, and all my bones are dislocated. My heart is like wax; it melts away within my inner parts.

UST

¹⁴ I am completely exhausted, and all my bones are out of their joints. I no longer expect that God will save me; I am completely discouraged.

How does David describe himself? (vv14-15)

He says he is being poured out like water, all his bones are dislocated, his heart is like wax, his strength has dried up, his tongue sticks to the roof of his mouth.

Psalms 22:15**ULT**

¹⁵ My strength has dried up like a piece of pottery; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have laid me in the dust of death.

UST

¹⁵ My strength is all dried up like a broken piece of a clay jar that has dried in the sun. I am so thirsty that my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. God, I think that you are about to let my body die and become dust!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded me; a company of evildoers has encircled me; they have pierced my hands and my feet.

UST

¹⁶ My enemies are like wild dogs that surround me. A group of evil men has encircled me, ready to attack me. They have pierced through my hands and my feet.

What has surrounded David and encircled him?

Dogs have surrounded him and a company of evildoers encircled him, having pierced his hands and feet.

Psalms 22:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They look and stare at me.

UST

¹⁷ I am so weak and thin that I can count all my bones. My enemies stare at me and gloat about what has happened to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:18**ULT**

¹⁸ They divide my garments among themselves, they cast lots for my clothes.

UST

¹⁸ They looked at the clothes that I was wearing and gambled to determine which piece each of them would get.

What was done to the garments and the clothes?

The garments were divided and lots were cast for the clothes.

Psalms 22:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Do not be far away, Yahweh; please hurry to help me, my strength!

UST

¹⁹ Yahweh, be concerned for me! You who are my source of strength, come quickly and help me!

What does David request of Yahweh?

He requests Yahweh to not be far away.

Psalms 22:20**ULT**

²⁰ Rescue my soul from the sword, my only life from the claws of wild dogs.

UST

²⁰ Rescue me from those who want to kill me with their swords. Save my life from the power of those who are like wild dogs.

From what does David want to be rescued and saved? (vv20-21)

He wants his soul rescued from the sword, his precious life from the paws of the dogs, the horns of the wild oxen, and be saved from the lion's mouth.

Psalms 22:21**ULT**

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth; rescue me from the horns of the wild oxen.

UST

²¹ Snatch me away from my enemies who are like lions with jaws open and ready to chew me up! Grab me away from those men who are like wild oxen that attack other animals with their horns!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:22**ULT**

²² I will declare your name to my brothers; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

UST

²² If you save me from them, I will declare to my fellow Israelites how great you are. I will praise you among the group of your people gathered together to worship you.

What will David declare to his brothers and where will he praise Yahweh?

He will declare Yahweh's name to his brothers and praise him in the midst of the assembly.

Psalms 22:23**ULT**

²³ You who fear Yahweh, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Stand in awe of him, all you descendants of Israel!

UST

²³ You people who have an awesome respect for Yahweh, praise him! All you who are descended from Jacob, honor Yahweh! All you Israelite people, revere him!

Who should praise, honor, and stand in awe of Yahweh?

All who fear Yahweh, all descendants of Jacob, and all descendants of Israel should praise, honor, and stand in awe of him.

Psalms 22:24**ULT**

²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred the suffering of the afflicted one; Yahweh has not hidden his face from him; when the afflicted one cried to him, he heard.

UST

²⁴ He does not despise or ignore those who are suffering; he does not hide his face from them. He has listened to them when they cried out to him for help.

When did Yahweh hear the afflicted one?

He heard the afflicted one when he cried to him.

Psalms 22:25**ULT**

²⁵ My praise will be because of you in the great assembly; I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him.

UST

²⁵ Yahweh, in the great gathering of your people, I will praise you for what you have done. In the presence of those who have an awesome respect for you, I will offer the sacrifices that I promised.

Where will David praise and fulfill his vows?

He will praise Yahweh in the great assembly and fulfill his vows before those who fear Yahweh.

Psalms 22:26**ULT**

²⁶ The oppressed will eat and be satisfied; those who seek Yahweh will praise him. May your hearts live forever.

UST

²⁶ The poor people whom I have invited to the meal will eat as much as they want. All who come to worship Yahweh will praise him. I pray that God will enable you all to live a long and happy life!

Who will eat, be satisfied, and praise Yahweh?

The oppressed will eat, be satisfied and those who seek Yahweh will praise him.

Psalms 22:27**ULT**

²⁷ All the peoples of the earth will remember and turn to Yahweh; all the families of the nations will bow down before you.

UST

²⁷ I pray that people in all nations, even in the remote areas, will think about Yahweh and turn to him, and that people from all the clans in the world will bow down before him.

What will all the peoples of the earth and what will the families of the nations do?

The peoples of the earth will remember and turn to Yahweh and all the families of the nations will bow down before him.

Psalms 22:28**ULT**

²⁸ For the kingdom is Yahweh's; he is the ruler over the nations.

UST

²⁸ For Yahweh is the king! He rules all the nations.

Over what does Yahweh rule?

Yahweh rules over the nations.

Psalms 22:29**ULT**

²⁹ All the prosperous people of the earth will feast and will worship; all those who are descending into the dust will bow before him, those who cannot preserve their own lives.

UST

²⁹ All the rich people on the earth will celebrate and bow before him. Some day they will die, for they cannot avoid it, but they will prostrate themselves on the ground in his presence.

Who will bow before Yahweh?

All those who are descending into the dust, who cannot preserve their own souls, will bow before him.

Psalms 22:30**ULT**

³⁰ A generation to come will serve him; they will tell the next generation of the Lord.

UST

³⁰ People in the future generations will also serve Yahweh. They will tell their children about what Yahweh has done.

What will future generations do? (vv30-31)

They will come and tell to a people not yet born what he has done.

Psalms 22:31

ULT

³¹ They will come and tell of his righteousness; they will tell to a people not yet born what he has done!

UST

³¹ People who are not yet born, who will live in future years, will learn how Yahweh rescued his people. People will tell them, "Yahweh did it!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 23

Psalms 23:1

ULT

¹ [A Psalm of David] Yahweh is my shepherd; I will lack nothing.

UST

¹ Yahweh, you care for me like a shepherd cares for his sheep, so I have everything that I need.

Who is David's shepherd?

David's shepherd is Yahweh.

Psalms 23:2

ULT

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside tranquil water.

UST

² You enable me to rest in peace as when a shepherd leads his sheep to places where there is plenty of green grass for them to eat, as when he lets them lie down beside streams where the water is flowing slowly.

Where does Yahweh make David lie down?

Yahweh makes David lie down in green pastures.

Where does Yahweh lead David?

Yahweh leads David beside tranquil water.

Psalms 23:3

ULT

³ He brings back my life; he guides me along right paths for the sake of his name.

UST

³ You renew my strength. You show me how to live in the right way, in order that I can honor you.

What does Yahweh restore?

Yahweh restores David's soul.

Where does Yahweh guide David?

Yahweh guides David along right paths.

Psalms 23:4**ULT**

⁴ Even though I walk through a valley of darkest shadow, I will not fear harm since you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

UST

⁴ Even when I am walking in very dangerous places where I might die, I will not be afraid of anything because you are with me. You protect me like a shepherd protects his sheep.

When David walks through a valley of darkest shadow, who is with him?

Yahweh is with David.

Psalms 23:5**ULT**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil; my cup runs over.

UST

⁵ You prepare a great feast for me in a place where my enemies can see me. You welcome me as a guest whom you honor. You have given me very many blessings!

What does Yahweh prepare before David?

Yahweh prepares a table in the presence of David's enemies.

What does Yahweh anoint?

Yahweh anoints David's head with oil.

Psalms 23:6

ULT

⁶ Surely goodness and covenant faithfulness will pursue me all the days of my life; and I will live in the house of Yahweh for the length of my days!

UST

⁶ I am certain that you will be good to me and act mercifully toward me as long as I live; then, O Yahweh, I will live in your home forever.

What will pursue David all the days of his life?

Goodness and covenant faithfulness will pursue David.

Where will David live all the days of his life?

David will live in the house of Yahweh for a very long time.

Psalms 24

Psalms 24:1

ULT

¹ The earth is Yahweh's, and its fullness, the world, and all who live in it.

UST

¹ The earth and everything in it belongs to Yahweh; all the people in the world belong to him, too;

Who founded the earth?

Yahweh founded it upon the seas and established it on the rivers.

Psalms 24:2

ULT

² For he has founded it upon the seas and established it on the rivers.

UST

² he built the land on the water, above the water that is deep below.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 24:3

ULT

³ Who will ascend the mountain of Yahweh? Who will stand in his holy place?

UST

³ Who will be allowed to go up onto Mount Zion in Jerusalem, in order to stand and worship in Yahweh's holy temple?

Who will ascend the mountain of Yahweh and stand in Yahweh's holy place? (vv3-4)

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart; who have not lifted up their soul to what is false, and who have not sworn deceitfully will ascend Yahweh's mountain and stand in his holy place.

Psalms 24:4**ULT**

⁴ The one with clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up my life as a falsehood, and has not sworn an oath in order to deceive.

UST

⁴ Only those whose actions and thoughts are pure, who have not worshiped idols, and who do not tell lies when they have solemnly promised to tell the truth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 24:5**ULT**

⁵ He will receive a blessing from Yahweh and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

UST

⁵ Yahweh will bless them. When God judges them, he will rescue them and say that they have done nothing wrong.

Who will receive a blessing from Yahweh? (vv5-6)

The generation of those who seek him, those who seek the face of the God of Jacob, will receive a blessing.

Psalms 24:6**ULT**

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, those who seek the face of Jacob. Selah

UST

⁶ They are the people who come to God, they are the ones who desire to worship God, and serve the God of Jacob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 24:7**ULT**

⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, everlasting doors, so that the King of glory may come in!

UST

⁷ Open up the temple gates in order that our glorious king may enter!

Why are the gates to be lifted up?

So that the King of glory may come in.

Psalms 24:8**ULT**

⁸ Who is this King of glory? Yahweh, strong and mighty; Yahweh, mighty in battle.

UST

⁸ Do you know who the glorious king is? It is Yahweh, the one who is very strong; It is Yahweh, who conquers all his enemies in battles!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 24:9**ULT**

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UST

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(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 24:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? Yahweh of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

UST

¹⁰ Do you know who the glorious king is? It is Yahweh, commander of the angel armies; he is our glorious king!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25

Psalms 25:1

ULT

¹ David To you, Yahweh, I lift up my life!

UST

¹ Yahweh, I give myself to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:2

ULT

² My God, I trust in you. Do not let me be humiliated; do not let my enemies rejoice triumphantly over me.

UST

² My God, I trust in you. Do not allow my enemies to defeat me and shame me. Do not allow my enemies to defeat me and rejoice over me.

For what does David ask God?

David asks God to not let him be humiliated, and to not let his enemies rejoice over him.

Psalms 25:3

ULT

³ May no one who hopes in you be disgraced may those who act treacherously without cause be ashamed!

UST

³ Do not allow any of those who trust in you to be ashamed. Cause those who act treacherously toward others to be disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:4**ULT**

⁴ Make known to me your ways, Yahweh; teach me your paths.

UST

⁴ Yahweh, show me the way that I should conduct my life, teach me how to act in the manner that you want me to act.

What does David ask Yahweh to make known to him? (vv4-5)

David requests Yahweh to make known to him Yahweh's ways.

Psalms 25:5**ULT**

⁵ Guide me into your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; I hope in you all day long.

UST

⁵ Teach me to conduct my life by obeying your truth because you are my God, the one who saves me. All during the day I trust in you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:6**ULT**

⁶ Call to mind, Yahweh, your acts of compassion and of covenant faithfulness; for they have always existed.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, do not forget how you have acted mercifully to me and have faithfully loved me because of your covenant with me; that is the way that you have acted toward me from long ago.

What does David ask Yahweh to call to mind? (vv6-7)

David asks Yahweh to call to mind his acts of compassion and of covenant faithfulness, but not to think about the sins of David's youth or his rebelliousness.

Psalms 25:7**ULT**

⁷ Do not think about the sins of my youth or my rebelliousness; Call me to mind with covenant faithfulness because of your goodness, Yahweh!

UST

⁷ Forgive me for all the sinful things I did and the ways that I rebelled against you when I was young; I request this because you faithfully love your people and do good things for them, as you promised in your covenant. Yahweh, do not forget me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh is good and upright; therefore he teaches sinners the way.

UST

⁸ Yahweh is good and fair, so he shows sinners how they should conduct their lives.

What does Yahweh do because he is good and upright? (vv8-9)

He teaches sinners the way, guides the humble with justice, and teaches the humble his way.

Psalms 25:9**ULT**

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and he teaches them his way.

UST

⁹ He shows humble people what is right for them to do and teaches them what he wants them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:10**ULT**

¹⁰ All the paths of Yahweh are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his solemn commands.

UST

¹⁰ He always faithfully loves us and does what he has promised for those who obey his covenant and who do what he requires.

From what are the paths of Yahweh made?

They are made from covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness.

Psalms 25:11**ULT**

¹¹ For your name's sake, Yahweh, pardon my sin, for it is great.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh, forgive me for all my sins, which are many, in order that I may honor you.

Why should Yahweh pardon David's sin?

He should pardon David for the sake of Yahweh's name.

Psalms 25:12**ULT**

¹² Who is the man who fears Yahweh? The Lord will instruct him in the way that he should choose.

UST

¹² To all those who have an awesome respect for you, you show them the right way to conduct their lives.

What will Yahweh do for the man who fears Yahweh? (vv12-13)

The Lord will instruct him in the way he should choose.

Psalms 25:13**ULT**

¹³ His life will go along in goodness; and his descendants will inherit the land.

UST

¹³ They will always be prosperous, and their descendants will continue to live in this land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The friendship of Yahweh is for those who honor him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh is a friend of those who have an awesome respect for him, and he teaches them the covenant that he made with them.

What does Yahweh do for those who honor him?

He gives them his friendship and makes his covenant known to them.

Psalms 25:15**ULT**

¹⁵ My eyes are always on Yahweh, for he will free my feet from the net.

UST

¹⁵ I always request Yahweh to help me, and he rescues me from danger.

Why does David always keep his eyes on Yahweh?

Because Yahweh will free David's feet from the net.

Psalms 25:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Turn toward me and have mercy on me; for I am alone and afflicted.

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh, pay attention to me and be merciful to me because I am alone, and I am greatly distressed because I am suffering.

When David is alone and afflicted, what does he request of Yahweh?

David asks Yahweh to turn toward him and have mercy on him.

Psalms 25:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged; draw me out from my distress!

UST

¹⁷ I have many troubles that make me afraid; rescue me from them.

When David's heart is troubled what does he ask of Yahweh? (vv17-19)

David asks Yahweh to see his affliction and his toils, to forgive his sins, and to see his enemies who hate him and are cruel to him.

Psalms 25:18**ULT**

¹⁸ See my affliction and my toils; forgive all my sins.

UST

¹⁸ Note that I am distressed and troubled, and forgive me for all my sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:19**ULT**

¹⁹ See my enemies, for they are many; they hate me with cruel hatred.

UST

¹⁹ Note that I have many enemies; you see that they hate me very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:20**ULT**

²⁰ Protect my life and rescue me; do not let me be humiliated, for I take refuge in you!

UST

²⁰ Protect me and rescue me from them; do not allow them to defeat me with the result that I would be ashamed; I have gone to you to get refuge.

Why will David not be humiliated?

Because he takes refuge in Yahweh.

Psalms 25:21**ULT**

²¹ May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I hope in you.

UST

²¹ Protect me because I do what is good and honest and because I trust in you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:22**ULT**

²² Rescue Israel, God, from all of his troubles!

UST

²² God, rescue us Israelite people from all of our troubles!

From what does David ask God to rescue Israel?

He asks God to rescue Israel from all of its troubles.

Psalms 26

Psalms 26:1

ULT

¹ David Judge me, Yahweh, for I have walked with integrity; I have trusted in Yahweh without wavering.

UST

¹ Yahweh, show that I am innocent. I always do what is right; I have trusted in you and never doubted that you would help me.

How does David say that he has walked?

David says he has walked with integrity and has trusted in Yahweh without wavering.

Psalms 26:2

ULT

² Examine me, Yahweh, and test me; test the purity of my inner parts and my heart!

UST

² Yahweh, examine what I have done and test me; thoroughly evaluate what I think in my inner being.

What does David ask Yahweh to examine and test?

He asks Yahweh to test the purity of his inner parts and heart.

Psalms 26:3

ULT

³ For your covenant faithfulness is before my eyes, and I walk about in your faithfulness.

UST

³ I never forget that you are true to your covenant and faithfully love me; I conduct my life according to your faithfulness.

What is before David's eyes?

Yahweh's covenant faithfulness is before David's eyes.

Psalms 26:4**ULT**

⁴ I do not associate with deceitful people, nor do I mingle with dishonest people.

UST

⁴ I do not spend my time with liars, and I stay away from hypocrites.

With whom does David not associate or mingle?

David does not associate with deceitful people or mingle with dishonest people.

Psalms 26:5**ULT**

⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I do not live with the wicked.

UST

⁵ I do not like to be with evil people, and I avoid wicked people.

What does David hate?

David hates the assembly of evildoers.

With whom does David not live?

He does not live with the wicked.

Psalms 26:6**ULT**

⁶ I wash my hands in innocence, and I go around your altar, Yahweh,

UST

⁶ Yahweh, I wash my hands to show that I am innocent. As I join with others marching around your altar,

What does David do as he goes around Yahweh's altar? (vv6-7)

He sings a loud song of praise and reports all of Yahweh's wonderful deeds.

Psalms 26:7**ULT**

⁷ to sing a loud song of praise and report all your wonderful deeds.

UST

⁷ we sing songs to thank you, and we tell others the wonderful things that you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 26:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory lives!

UST

⁸ Yahweh, I love to be in the house where you live, in the place where your glory appears.

How does David feel about the house where Yahweh lives?

He loves the house where Yahweh lives.

Psalms 26:9**ULT**

⁹ Do not sweep me away with sinners, or my life with people who are bloodthirsty,

UST

⁹ Do not get rid of me like you get rid of sinners; do not cause me to die like you cause those who murder people to die,

What does David asking Yahweh not to do?

David asks Yahweh not to sweep his soul away with the sinners, or his life with bloodthirsty men.

Psalms 26:10**ULT**

¹⁰ in whose hands there is a plot, and whose right hand is full of bribes.

UST

¹⁰ people who are ready to do wicked things and those who are always taking bribes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 26:11

ULT

¹¹ But as for me, I will walk in integrity; redeem me and have mercy on me.

UST

¹¹ But as for me, I always try to do what is right. So act kindly toward me and rescue me.

How does David say that he will walk?

David says that he will walk in integrity.

Psalms 26:12

ULT

¹² My foot stands on level ground; in the assemblies will I bless Yahweh!

UST

¹² I stand in places where I am safe, and when all your people gather together, I praise you.

Where does David's foot stand and where will he bless Yahweh?

His foot stands on level ground and he will bless Yahweh in the assemblies.

Psalms 27

Psalms 27:1

ULT

¹ David Yahweh is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? Yahweh is my life's refuge; whom should I dread?

UST

¹ Yahweh is the one who gives me life and the one who saves me, so I do not need to be afraid of anyone. Yahweh is the one to whom I go for refuge, so I will never be afraid.

Why should David not fear anyone?

David should not fear anyone since Yahweh is his light, his salvation, and his life's refuge.

Psalms 27:2

ULT

² When evildoers approached me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies stumbled and fell.

UST

² When those who do evil come near me to destroy me, they stumble and fall down.

What happened when evildoers drew near to David?

His adversaries and enemies stumbled and fell.

Psalms 27:3

ULT

³ Though an army encamps against me, my heart will not fear; though war rises up against me, even then I will remain confident.

UST

³ Even if an army surrounds me, I will not be afraid. Even if they attack me, I will trust in God.

In what situations will David not fear but rather remain confident?

His heart will not fear even though an army encamps against him and war rises up against him.

Psalms 27:4**ULT**

⁴ One thing have I asked of Yahweh, and I will seek that: that I may live in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life, to see the beauty of Yahweh and to meditate in his temple.

UST

⁴ There is one thing that I have requested from Yahweh; this is the one thing that I desire: that I may worship in Yahweh's house every day during my life, that I may see how wonderful Yahweh is, and that I may ask him what he wants me to do.

What has David asked of Yahweh?

David has asked that he may live in the house of Yahweh all the days of his life, to see the beauty of Yahweh, and to meditate in his temple.

Psalms 27:5**ULT**

⁵ For in the day of trouble he will hide me in his shelter; in the cover of his tent he will conceal me. He will lift me high on a rock!

UST

⁵ He will protect me when I have troubles; he will keep me safe in his sacred tent. He will set me safely on a high rock.

What will Yahweh do for David in the day of trouble?

Yahweh will shelter him in his booth, hide him in the cover of his tent, and lift him high on a rock.

Psalms 27:6**ULT**

⁶ Then my head will be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tent! I will sing and make songs to Yahweh!

UST

⁶ Then I will triumph over my enemies. I will shout joyfully as I offer sacrifices in his sacred tent, and I will praise Yahweh as I sing.

How will David offer worship to Yahweh?

David will offer sacrifices of joy, sing, and make songs to Yahweh.

Psalms 27:7**ULT**

⁷ Hear, Yahweh, my voice when I cry out! Have mercy on me, and answer me!

UST

⁷ Yahweh, listen to me while I call to you. Act kindly toward me and answer my prayer.

What does David ask Yahweh to do?

David asks Yahweh to hear his voice, to have mercy on him, and to answer him.

Psalms 27:8**ULT**

⁸ My heart says about you, "Seek his face!" I seek your face, Yahweh!

UST

⁸ Within my inner being I desire to worship you, so, Yahweh, I will come to your temple to pray to you.

What does David's heart say about Yahweh?

David's heart says, "Seek his face!"

Psalms 27:9**ULT**

⁹ Do not hide your face from me; do not turn your servant away in anger! You have been my helper; do not forsake me or abandon me, God of my salvation!

UST

⁹ I am your servant; do not be angry with me, or turn away from me. You have always helped me. You are the one who has saved me, so do not abandon me now.

What does David ask Yahweh not to do?

David asks Yahweh not to hide his face from him, not to strike his servant in anger, nor to forsake or abandon him.

Psalms 27:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Even if my father and my mother forsake me, Yahweh will take me in.

UST

¹⁰ Even if my father and mother desert me, Yahweh always takes care of me.

In what situation will Yahweh take David in?

Yahweh will take David in even if his father and mother forsake him.

Psalms 27:11**ULT**

¹¹ Teach me your way, Yahweh! Lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh, teach me to do what you want me to do, and lead me on a safe path because I have many enemies.

How does David ask Yahweh to do because of David's enemies?

David asks Yahweh to teach him Yahweh's ways and to lead him on a level path because of his enemies.

Psalms 27:12**ULT**

¹² Do not give me up to the desires of my enemies, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and they breathe out violence!

UST

¹² Do not allow my enemies to do to me what they want; they say many false things about me and threaten to do violent things to me.

Why does David ask that Yahweh not give his soul to his enemies?

David asks that Yahweh not give his soul to his enemies because false witnesses have risen up against him, and they breathe out violence.

Psalms 27:13

ULT

¹³ What would have happened to me if I had not believed that I would see the goodness of Yahweh in the land of the living?

UST

¹³ I would have died if I had not trusted you to be good to me as long as I live.

What did David believe that helped him?

He believed that he would see the goodness of Yahweh in the land of the living.

Psalms 27:14

ULT

¹⁴ Wait for Yahweh; be strong, and let your heart be courageous! Wait for Yahweh!

UST

¹⁴ So trust in Yahweh! Be strong and courageous, and wait expectantly for him to help you!

What does David encourage the people to do?

David encourages the people to wait for Yahweh, to be strong, and to let their heart be courageous.

Psalms 28

Psalms 28:1

ULT

¹ David To you, Yahweh, I cry out; my rock, do not ignore me. If you do not respond to me, I will join those who go down to the grave.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I call out to you; You are like a huge rock on top of which I am safe. Do not refuse to answer me because if you are silent, I will soon be with those who are in their graves.

To whom does David cry out?

David cries out to Yahweh, his rock.

What will happen to David if Yahweh does not respond to him?

David will join those who go down to the grave.

Psalms 28:2

ULT

² Hear the sound of my pleading when I call for help from you, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy place!

UST

² Listen to me when I call out for you to help me, when I lift up my hands as I face your very holy place in your sacred tent.

Who does David want to hear the sound of his pleading?

David wants Yahweh to hear the sound of his pleading.

Psalms 28:3**ULT**

³ Do not drag me away with the wicked, those who do iniquity, who speak peace with their neighbors but have evil in their hearts.

UST

³ Do not drag me away with wicked people, with those who do wicked deeds, with those who pretend to act peacefully toward others while in their inner beings, they hate them.

What does David ask Yahweh not to do?

David asks Yahweh not to drag him away with the wicked.

Psalms 28:4**ULT**

⁴ Give them what their deeds deserve and repay them what their wickedness demands, repay them for the work of their hands and render to them their due.

UST

⁴ Punish those people in the way that they deserve for what they have done; punish them for their evil deeds.

What does David ask Yahweh to give the wicked?

David asks Yahweh to give them what their deeds deserve and to repay them for what their wickedness demands.

Psalms 28:5**ULT**

⁵ Because they do not understand the deeds of Yahweh or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and never rebuild them.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, they do not pay attention to the wonderful things that you have done and that you have created; so get rid of them permanently and do not let them appear again!

What does the wicked not understand?

The wicked does not understand the ways of Yahweh or the work of his hands.

Psalms 28:6**ULT**

⁶ Blessed be Yahweh because he has heard the sound of my pleading!

UST

⁶ Praise Yahweh because he has heard me when I called out for him to help me!

What has Yahweh heard?

Yahweh has heard the sound of David's pleading.

Psalms 28:7**ULT**

⁷ Yahweh is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and I will praise him with singing.

UST

⁷ Yahweh makes me strong and protects me like a shield; I trust in him, and he helps me. So I was glad in my inner being, and from my inner being I praise him as I sing to him.

Who is David's strength and shield?

Yahweh is David's strength and shield.

In whom does David's heart trust?

David's heart trusts in Yahweh and greatly rejoices.

Psalms 28:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh is the strength of his people, and he is the saving refuge of his anointed one.

UST

⁸ Yahweh causes us to be strong and protects us; he saves me, the one he appointed to be king.

Who is the strength of his people?

Yahweh is the strength of his people.

Who is the saving refuge of his anointed one?

Yahweh is the saving refuge of his anointed one.

Psalms 28:9

ULT

⁹ Save your people and bless your inheritance. Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

UST

⁹ Yahweh, save your people; bless those who belong to you. Take care of them like a shepherd takes care of his sheep; take care of them forever.

Who does David want Yahweh to save and bless?

David wants Yahweh to save his people and bless his inheritance,

Psalms 29

Psalms 29:1

ULT

¹ A Psalm of David Ascribe to Yahweh, you sons of God, ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength!

UST

¹ Mighty people, praise Yahweh! Praise him because he is very glorious and powerful.

Who does David say should acknowledge Yahweh has glory and power?

David says the sons of the mighty should acknowledge Yahweh's glory and power.

Psalms 29:2

ULT

² Ascribe to Yahweh the glory his name deserves. Bow down to Yahweh in the splendor of holiness!

UST

² Praise Yahweh with the glory his names deserves. Bow down and worship Yahweh because he is holy and his holiness shines out from him with wonderful beauty.

What does the name of Yahweh deserve?

Yahweh's name deserves honor.

Psalms 29:3

ULT

³ The voice of Yahweh is heard over the waters; the God of glory thunders, Yahweh thunders over many waters.

UST

³ Yahweh's voice is heard above the oceans; the glorious God thunders. He appears over the huge oceans.

To what does David compares the voice of Yahweh?

He compares the voice of Yahweh to thunder.

Psalms 29:4**ULT**

⁴ The voice of Yahweh is powerful; the voice of Yahweh is majestic.

UST

⁴ His voice is powerful and majestic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 29:5**ULT**

⁵ The voice of Yahweh breaks the cedars; Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

UST

⁵ Yahweh's voice breaks great cedar trees, the cedars that grow in Lebanon.

What does Yahweh break in pieces?

Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

Psalms 29:6**ULT**

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young ox.

UST

⁶ He causes earthquakes to shake the region of Lebanon as a young cow jumps; he causes Sirion (also called Mount Hermon) to shake as a young bull jumps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 29:7**ULT**

⁷ The voice of Yahweh sends out flames of fire.

UST

⁷ Yahweh's voice tells the lightning to flash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 29:8**ULT**

⁸ The voice of Yahweh shakes the wilderness; Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

UST

⁸ His voice causes the desert to shake; he shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

What does Yahweh shake?

Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Psalms 29:9**ULT**

⁹ The voice of Yahweh causes the oaks to twist and strips the forests bare. Everyone in his temple says, "Glory!"

UST

⁹ Yahweh's voice makes the large trees shake, and strips the leaves from the trees while the people in the temple shout, "Praise God!"

What does everyone in Yahweh's temple say?

Everyone in his temple says, "Glory!"

Psalms 29:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Yahweh sits as king over the flood; Yahweh sits as king forever.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh rules over the flood that covered the earth; he is our king who will rule forever.

How long will Yahweh sit as king?

Yahweh sits as king forever.

Psalms 29:11

ULT

¹¹ Yahweh gives strength to his people; Yahweh blesses his people with peace.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh enables his people to be strong, and he blesses them by causing things to go well for them.

What two things does Yahweh give his people?

Yahweh gives strength to his people and blesses his people with peace.

Psalms 30

Psalms 30:1

ULT

¹ I will exalt you, Yahweh, for you have raised me up and have not allowed my enemies to rejoice over me.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I praise you because you rescued me. You did not allow me to die or my enemies to gloat over me.

Why does David exalt Yahweh?

He exalts Yahweh because Yahweh has raised David up and not allowed David's enemies to rejoice over him.

Psalms 30:2

ULT

² Yahweh my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.

UST

² Yahweh, my God, I called out for you to help me when I was wounded, and you healed me.

What did Yahweh do when David cried for help?

Yahweh healed David.

Psalms 30:3

ULT

³ Yahweh, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you have kept me alive from going down to the grave.

UST

³ You saved me from death. I was nearly dead, but you caused me to become healthy again.

From where did Yahweh bring up David's soul?

Yahweh brought up David's soul from sheol.

Psalms 30:4**ULT**

⁴ Sing praises to Yahweh, you his faithful ones! Give thanks when you remember his holiness.

UST

⁴ All you who are faithful to the covenant with Yahweh, sing to praise him! Remember what God, the holy one, has done and thank him!

What are the faithful told to do in remembrance of Yahweh's holiness?

The faithful are told to sing praise to Yahweh and to give him thanks.

Psalms 30:5**ULT**

⁵ For his anger is only for a moment; but his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping comes for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

UST

⁵ When he becomes angry, he is angry for only a very short time, but he is good to us all of our lives. We may cry during the night, but the next morning we will be joyful.

How long does Yahweh's anger and favor last?

Yahweh's anger is only for a moment, but his favor is for a lifetime.

What happens after weeping comes for a night?

Joy comes in the morning.

Psalms 30:6**ULT**

⁶ In confidence I said, "I will never be shaken."

UST

⁶ As for me, I was calm when I said to myself, "No one will defeat me!"

What did David say in confidence?

David said, "I will never be shaken."

Psalms 30:7**ULT**

⁷ Yahweh, by your favor you established me as a strong mountain; but when you hid your face, I was troubled.

UST

⁷ Yahweh, because you were good to me, at first you caused me to be secure as though I were a high mountain. But then I thought that you had turned away from me, and I became afraid.

What happened to David when Yahweh hid his face?

When Yahweh hid his face, David was troubled.

Psalms 30:8**ULT**

⁸ I cried to you, Yahweh, and sought favor from my Lord!

UST

⁸ So I called out to you, and I pleaded for you to help me.

What did David seek from the Lord?

David sought favor from the Lord.

Psalms 30:9**ULT**

⁹ What advantage is there in my death, if I go down to the grave? Will the dust praise you? Will it declare your trustworthiness?

UST

⁹ I said, "Yahweh, what will you gain if I die? In what way will it benefit you if I go to the place where the dead people are? When I am dead I will certainly not be able to praise you, and I will not be able to tell others that you are trustworthy!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 30:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Hear, Yahweh, and have mercy on me! Yahweh, be my helper.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh, listen to me, and act mercifully to me! Yahweh, help me!"

What things is David asking Yahweh to do for him?

David is asking Yahweh to hear him, to have mercy on him, and be his helper.

Psalms 30:11**ULT**

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.

UST

¹¹ But now you have healed me, and you have changed me from being sad to dancing joyfully. You have taken away the clothes that showed that I was very sad and given me clothes that showed that I was very joyful.

What has Yahweh done for David?

Yahweh has turned David's mourning into dancing, removed his sackcloth and clothed him with gladness.

Psalms 30:12**ULT**

¹² So now my glory will sing praise to you and not be silent; Yahweh my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

UST

¹² So I will not be silent; I will sing out and praise you. Yahweh, you are my God, and I will thank you forever.

What will David's honored heart do?

David's heart will sing praise to Yahweh and not be silent. He will give thanks to Yahweh his God forever.

Psalms 31

Psalms 31:1

ULT

¹ In you, Yahweh, I take refuge; never let me be humiliated. Rescue me in your righteousness.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I have come to you to be protected; do not allow me to be defeated and disgraced. Since you always do what is fair, rescue me!

In whom does David take refuge?

David takes refuge in Yahweh.

What does David ask Yahweh to become for David? (vv1-2)

He asks Yahweh to become his rock of refuge and a stronghold to save him.

Psalms 31:2

ULT

² Listen to me; rescue me quickly; be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to save me.

UST

² Listen to me, and save me right now! Be like a huge rock on which I can be safe and like a strong fort in which I will be secure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 31:3

ULT

³ For you are my rock and my fortress; therefore for your name's sake, lead and guide me.

UST

³ Yes, you are like my huge rock and my fort; guide me and lead me because I worship you.

Why does David ask God to lead and guide him?

David asks God to lead and guide him for Yahweh's name sake.

Psalms 31:4**ULT**

⁴ Pluck me out of the net that they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

UST

⁴ You are the one who protects me, so keep me from falling into the hidden traps that my enemies have set for me.

Why does David believe that Yahweh will pluck him out of the net his enemies have hidden for him?

Yahweh will pluck him out of the net because Yahweh is his refuge.

Psalms 31:5**ULT**

⁵ Into your hands I entrust my spirit; you will redeem me, Yahweh, God of trustworthiness.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, you are a God whom I can trust, so I put myself into your care because you will rescue me.

Into what does David entrust his spirit?

David entrusts his spirit into the hands of Yahweh.

Psalms 31:6**ULT**

⁶ I hate those who serve worthless idols, but I trust in Yahweh.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, I hate those who worship useless idols, but I trust in you.

Who does David hate?

He hates those who serve worthless idols.

Psalms 31:7**ULT**

⁷ I will be glad and rejoice in your covenant faithfulness, for you saw my affliction; you knew the distress of my soul.

UST

⁷ I will be very glad because you faithfully love me. You see me when I have been afflicted, and you know when I have had troubles.

Why will David be glad and rejoice in Yahweh's covenant faithfulness?

David will be glad and rejoice because Yahweh has seen his affliction and known the distress of his soul.

Psalms 31:8**ULT**

⁸ You have not given me into the hand of my enemy. You have set my feet in a wide open place.

UST

⁸ You have not allowed my enemies to capture me; instead, you have rescued me from danger.

Where has Yahweh set David's feet?

Yahweh has set David's feet in a wide open place.

Psalms 31:9**ULT**

⁹ Have mercy upon me, Yahweh, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weary with grief with my soul and my body.

UST

⁹ But now, Yahweh, act kindly toward me because I am distressed. Because I cry so much, I cannot see well, and I am completely exhausted.

Why does David want Yahweh to have mercy upon him?

He wants Yahweh to have mercy upon him because he is in distress and his eyes grow weary with grief.

Psalms 31:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For my life is weary with sorrow and my years with groaning. My strength fails because of my sin, and my bones are wasting away.

UST

¹⁰ I have become very weak because I am so miserable; my life is getting shorter. I have become weak because of all my troubles; even my bones are becoming weaker.

Why does David's strength fail and his bones waste away?

His strength fails and his bones waste away because of his sin.

Psalms 31:11**ULT**

¹¹ Because of all my enemies, people disdain me; my neighbors are appalled at my situation, and those who know me are horrified. Those who see me in the street run from me.

UST

¹¹ All of my enemies make fun of me, and even my neighbors despise me. Even my friends are afraid of me because they think that you are punishing me. When they see me on the streets, they run away.

How did people respond to David's situation?

People disdain him, his neighbors are appalled and horrified at his situation, and those who see him in the street run from him.

Psalms 31:12**ULT**

¹² I am forgotten as a dead man whom no one thinks about. I am like a broken pot.

UST

¹² People have forgotten me like they forget people who are dead. They think I am as useless as a broken pot.

To what does David compare himself?

David says he is as forgotten as a dead man whom no one thinks about, and that he is like a broken pot.

Psalms 31:13**ULT**

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of many, terrifying news from every side as they plot together against me. They plot to take away my life.

UST

¹³ I have heard people slandering me, and they have terrified me. My enemies are making plans to kill me.

Why is David so troubled?

He has heard the whispering of many, terrifying news from every side as they plot together to take away his life.

Psalms 31:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But I trust in you, Yahweh; I say, "You are my God."

UST

¹⁴ But Yahweh, I trust in you. I say confidently that you are the God I worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 31:15**ULT**

¹⁵ My times are in your hand. Rescue me from the hands of my enemies and from those who pursue me.

UST

¹⁵ My whole life is in your hands; save me from my enemies, from those who pursue me.

From whom does David ask God to rescue him?

He asks God to rescue him from his enemies and from those who pursue him.

Psalms 31:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your covenant faithfulness.

UST

¹⁶ Act kindly toward me and rescue me because you always faithfully love me.

What does David ask God to do for his servant?

David asks God to make his face shine upon David, and to save him in Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 31:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Do not let me be humiliated, Yahweh; for I call out to you! May the wicked be humiliated! May they be silent in Sheol.

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh, I call out to you, so do not allow others to disgrace me. I wish that wicked people may be disgraced; I wish that they may go down to the place where the people are silent and dead.

What does David ask God to not let happen to David?

David asks Yahweh to not to let him be humiliated.

Psalms 31:18**ULT**

¹⁸ May lying lips be silenced that speak against the righteous defiantly with arrogance and contempt.

UST

¹⁸ I wish that you may cause people who tell lies to be unable to speak. Do that to people who are proud and to those who arrogantly accuse others.

Why should lying lips be silenced?

They speak against the righteous defiantly with arrogance and contempt.

Psalms 31:19**ULT**

¹⁹ How great is your goodness that you have stored up for those who revere you, that you perform for those who take refuge in you before all the children of mankind!

UST

¹⁹ You have stored up many great and good things to do for those who have great respect for you. You do good things for those who go to you to be protected; everyone sees you doing that.

For whom is God's goodness stored up?

Yahweh's goodness is stored up for those who revere him.

Psalms 31:20**ULT**

²⁰ In the shelter of your presence, you hide them from the plots of men. You hide them in a shelter from the violence of tongues.

UST

²⁰ You hide people in your presence where it is safe, and you protect them from others who plot to kill them. You hide them in safe places where their enemies cannot speak evil at them.

From what does Yahweh hide those who revere him?

He hides them from the plots of men and from the violence of tongues.

Psalms 31:21**ULT**

²¹ Blessed be Yahweh, for he showed me his marvelous covenant faithfulness when I was in a besieged city.

UST

²¹ Praise Yahweh! When my enemies surrounded the city in which I was living, he showed me wonderfully that he faithfully loves me.

Why is Yahweh to be blessed?

Yahweh showed David his marvelous covenant faithfulness when David was in a besieged city.

Psalms 31:22**ULT**

²² Though I said in my haste, "I am cut off from your eyes," yet you heard my plea for help when I cried to you.

UST

²² I was afraid and cried out in a hurry, "I have been separated from Yahweh!" but you heard me and answered my cry for help.

What did Yahweh do for David even though David said that he was cut off from God's eyes?

Yahweh heard his plea for help when David cried to him.

Psalms 31:23**ULT**

²³ Love Yahweh, all you faithful ones. Yahweh protects the faithful, but he pays back the arrogant in full.

UST

²³ You people who belong to Yahweh, love him! He protects those who are loyal to him, but he punishes the proud; he punishes them severely as they deserve.

What does Yahweh do for his faithful followers?

Yahweh protects the faithful but pays back the arrogant in full.

Psalms 31:24**ULT**

²⁴ Be strong and confident, all you who trust in Yahweh for help.

UST

²⁴ You who confidently expect Yahweh to do great things for you, be strong and be courageous!

How advice does David give to those who trust in Yahweh?

He tells them to be strong and confident.

Psalms 32

Psalms 32:1

ULT

¹ A writing of David Blessed is the person whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

UST

¹ Those whom God has forgiven for rebelling against him and those whose sin God does not look at, these are the ones who are truly fortunate!

How does Yahweh bless people?

Yahweh blesses people by forgiving their transgression and covering their sin.

Psalms 32:2

ULT

² Blessed is the man to whom Yahweh reckons no guilt and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

UST

² Those whose record of sins Yahweh has erased and those who no longer do deceitful things, these are the ones who are truly fortunate!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 32:3

ULT

³ When I remained silent, my bones were wasting away while I groaned all day long.

UST

³ When I did not confess my sins, my body was very weak and sick, and I groaned all day long.

What happened to David when he remained silent? (vv3-4)

His bones wasted away and he groaned all day long. God's hand was heavy on David and his strength withered.

Psalms 32:4**ULT**

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me. My strength withered as in summer drought. Selah

UST

⁴ Day and night, Yahweh, you punished me severely. My strength disappeared like water that evaporates on a hot summer day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 32:5**ULT**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I no longer hid my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

UST

⁵ Then I confessed my sins to you; I stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will tell Yahweh the wrong things that I have done." When I confessed them, you forgave me, so now I am no longer guilty for my sins.

What did God do when David acknowledged his sin and no longer hid his iniquity?

God forgave the guilt of David's sin.

Psalms 32:6**ULT**

⁶ For this reason every one of your faithful followers should pray to you at a time of great distress. When the surging waters overflow, the waters will not reach them.

UST

⁶ Therefore the people who honor you should pray to you when they are in great trouble. If they do that, difficulties will not come on them like a great flood.

What should godly people do?

They should pray to Yahweh at a time of great distress.

What will happen to the godly who pray to Yahweh at a time of great distress?

When the surging waters overflow, they will not reach those people.

Psalms 32:7**ULT**

⁷ You are my hiding place; you will guard me from trouble. You will surround me with the songs of victory.
Selah

UST

⁷ You are like a place where I can hide from my enemies; you protect me from troubles and enable me to shout, praising you for saving me from my enemies.

With what does God surround David?

God surrounds him with the songs of victory.

Psalms 32:8**ULT**

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go. I will instruct you with my eye upon you.

UST

⁸ Yahweh says to me, "I will instruct you about how you should conduct your life. I will teach you and watch over you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 32:9**ULT**

⁹ Do not be like a horse or like a mule, which have no understanding; it is only with bridle and bit to control them that they will go where you want them to.

UST

⁹ Do not be stupid like horses and mules that do not understand anything; they need bits so they will go in the direction you want them to go."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 32:10

ULT

¹⁰ The wicked have many sorrows, but Yahweh's covenant faithfulness will surround the one who trusts in him.

UST

¹⁰ Wicked people will have many troubles that will make them sad, but those who trust in Yahweh will experience him faithfully loving them all the time.

What will happen to the one who trusts in Yahweh?

Yahweh's covenant faithfulness will surround him.

Psalms 32:11

ULT

¹¹ Be glad in Yahweh, and rejoice, you righteous; shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

UST

¹¹ So, all you righteous people, rejoice about what Yahweh has done for you; you whose heart are pure, be glad and shout joyfully!

What should the righteous and the upright in heart do for Yahweh?

The upright in heart should rejoice and shout for joy.

Psalms 33

Psalms 33:1

ULT

¹ Rejoice in Yahweh, you righteous; praise is appropriate for the upright.

UST

¹ You righteous people should shout joyfully to Yahweh because that is what he deserves.

In whom does the writer say the righteous should rejoice?

The righteous should rejoice in Yahweh.

Psalms 33:2

ULT

² Give thanks to Yahweh with the harp; sing praises to him with the harp of ten strings.

UST

² Praise Yahweh as you play songs on the harp. Praise him as you play harps that have ten strings.

With what instrument does the writer say to give thanks to Yahweh?

The writer says to give thanks to Yahweh with the harp.

Psalms 33:3

ULT

³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully and sing with joy.

UST

³ Sing a new song to him; play those instruments well, and shout joyfully as you play them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:4**ULT**

⁴ For Yahweh's word is upright, and everything he does is fair.

UST

⁴ Yahweh always does what he says that he will do; we can trust that everything that he does is right.

How does the writer describe Yahweh's word and actions?

Yahweh's word is upright and everything he does is fair.

Psalms 33:5**ULT**

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

UST

⁵ He loves everything that we do that is just and right. Yahweh helps people all over the earth because he always loves them.

What does Yahweh love?

Yahweh loves righteousness and justice.

Psalms 33:6**ULT**

⁶ By the word of Yahweh the heavens were made, and all the stars were made by the breath of his mouth.

UST

⁶ Yahweh created everything in the sky by commanding it. By what he commanded, he created all the stars.

What was made by the word of Yahweh?

The heavens were made by the word of Yahweh.

What was made by the breath of Yahweh's mouth?

All the stars were made by the breath of Yahweh's mouth.

Psalms 33:7**ULT**

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together like a heap; he puts the oceans in storehouses.

UST

⁷ He gathered all the water into one huge mass like someone scoops liquid into a container.

What does the writer say Yahweh does to the waters of the sea?

He gathers the waters of the sea together like a heap.

Psalms 33:8**ULT**

⁸ Let the whole earth fear Yahweh; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

UST

⁸ Everyone on the earth should honor Yahweh; everyone on the earth should honor him.

What does the writer say all the inhabitants of the world should do?

All the inhabitants of the world should stand in awe of Yahweh.

Psalms 33:9**ULT**

⁹ For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood in place.

UST

⁹ When he spoke, he created the world. Everything started to exist when he commanded it to be.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Yahweh frustrates the alliances of nations; he overrules the plans of the peoples.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh stops the other nations from doing the things they want to do. He prevents them from doing the evil things that they plan to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:11**ULT**

¹¹ The plans of Yahweh stand forever, the plans of his heart for all generations.

UST

¹¹ But what Yahweh decides to do will last forever. What he plans to do will never change.

How long will Yahweh's plans stand?

The plans of Yahweh stand forever, the plans of his heart for all generations.

Psalms 33:12**ULT**

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh, the people whom he has chosen as his own inheritance.

UST

¹² Yahweh blesses our nation, we who worship him; How fortunate are we, the nation that belongs to him forever!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:13**ULT**

¹³ Yahweh looks from heaven; he sees all the people.

UST

¹³ Yahweh looks down from heaven and sees all people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:14**ULT**

¹⁴ From the place where he lives, he looks down on all who live on the earth.

UST

¹⁴ From where he rules, he looks down on all the people who live on the earth.

On whom does Yahweh look down from where he lives?

Yahweh looks down on all the people, on all who live on the earth.

Psalms 33:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He who shapes the hearts of them all observes all their deeds.

UST

¹⁵ He forms our inner beings, and he sees everything that we do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:16**ULT**

¹⁶ No king is saved by a vast army; a warrior is not saved by his great strength.

UST

¹⁶ It is not because a king has a great army that he is able to win battles, and it is not because a soldier is very strong that he is able to defeat his enemy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:17**ULT**

¹⁷ A horse is a false hope for victory; in spite of his great strength, he cannot rescue.

UST

¹⁷ It is foolish to think that because horses are very strong, they will be able to win a battle and save their riders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:18**ULT**

¹⁸ See, Yahweh's eye is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his covenant faithfulness

UST

¹⁸ Do not forget that Yahweh watches over those who honor him, those who confidently expect him to faithfully love them.

On whom is Yahweh's eye?

Yahweh's eye is on those who fear him.

Psalms 33:19**ULT**

¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death and to keep them alive in times of famine.

UST

¹⁹ He saves them from dying before they should die; he preserves them when there is a famine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:20**ULT**

²⁰ We wait for Yahweh; he is our help and our shield.

UST

²⁰ We trust Yahweh to help us; he protects us as a shield protects a soldier.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:21**ULT**

²¹ Our hearts rejoice in him, for we trust in his holy name.

UST

²¹ We rejoice because of what he has done for us; we trust in him because he is holy.

Why should our hearts rejoice in Yahweh?

Our hearts should rejoice in him, for we trust in his holy name.

Psalms 33:22**ULT**

²² Let your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, be with us as we put our hope in you.

UST

²² Yahweh, we pray that you will always faithfully love us while we confidently expect you to do great things for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 34

Psalms 34:1

ULT

¹ I will praise Yahweh at all times, his praise will always be in my mouth.

UST

¹ I will always thank Yahweh; I will constantly praise him.

How often will David praise Yahweh?

David will praise Yahweh at all times.

Psalms 34:2

ULT

² I will praise Yahweh! May the oppressed hear and rejoice.

UST

² I will praise Yahweh for what he has done. All those who are oppressed should listen to me and rejoice.

Who does David want to hear when he praises Yahweh?

David wants the oppressed to hear it and rejoice.

Psalms 34:3

ULT

³ Praise Yahweh with me, let us lift up his name together.

UST

³ Join with me in telling others that Yahweh is great! You and I should together proclaim how glorious he is!

What is David asking people to do with him?

David is asking them to praise Yahweh and lift up his name together.

Psalms 34:4**ULT**

⁴ I sought Yahweh and he answered me, and he gave me victory over all my fears.

UST

⁴ I prayed to Yahweh, and he answered my prayer; he rescued me from all those who caused me to be afraid.

What happened when David sought Yahweh?

Yahweh answered David and gave him victory over all his fears.

Psalms 34:5**ULT**

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces are not ashamed.

UST

⁵ Those who trust that he will help them will be joyful; they will never have to look down in disgrace.

What happens to those who look to Yahweh?

They are radiant and their faces are not ashamed.

Psalms 34:6**ULT**

⁶ This oppressed man cried and Yahweh heard him and saved him from all his troubles.

UST

⁶ I was miserable, but I called out to Yahweh, and he heard me. He rescued me from all my troubles.

What did Yahweh do when he heard this oppressed man cry?

Yahweh saved him from all his troubles.

Psalms 34:7**ULT**

⁷ The angel of Yahweh camps around those who fear him and rescues them.

UST

⁷ An angel from Yahweh guards those who have an awesome respect for him, and the angel rescues them.

What does the angel of Yahweh do when he camps around those who fear him?

The angel of Yahweh rescues them.

Psalms 34:8**ULT**

⁸ Taste and see that Yahweh is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

UST

⁸ Try for yourself, and you will experience that Yahweh is good to you! How fortunate are those who trust him to protect them.

Who is the man who is blessed?

The man is blessed who takes refuge in Yahweh.

Psalms 34:9**ULT**

⁹ Fear Yahweh, you his holy people. There is no lack for those who fear him.

UST

⁹ All you who belong to him, have an awesome respect for him! Those who do that will always have the things that they need.

What to Yahweh's chosen people who fear him?

There is no lack for those who fear Yahweh.

Psalms 34:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The young lions sometimes lack food and suffer hunger, but those who seek Yahweh will not lack anything good.

UST

¹⁰ Lions are usually very strong, but sometimes even young lions are hungry and become weak. However, those who trust in Yahweh will have everything that they need.

What does David say about those who seek Yahweh?

Those who seek Yahweh will not lack anything good.

Psalms 34:11**ULT**

¹¹ Come, sons, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of Yahweh.

UST

¹¹ You who are my students, come and listen to me, and I will teach you how to have an awesome respect for Yahweh.

What does David say to the children?

David says, "Come, listen and I will teach you the fear of Yahweh."

Psalms 34:12**ULT**

¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

UST

¹² If any of you wants to enjoy life and have a good long life,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 34:13**ULT**

¹³ Then keep your tongue from evil and keep your lips from speaking lies.

UST

¹³ do not speak what is evil! Do not tell lies!

What does David say a man who desire life should do? (vv13-14)

David says he should keep from speaking evil, keep from speaking lies, turn from evil, do good and seek peace and promote it.

Psalms 34:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good. Seek peace and go after it.

UST

¹⁴ Refuse to do evil; instead, do what is good! Always try hard to enable people to live peacefully with each other!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 34:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The eyes of Yahweh are on the righteous and his ears are directed toward their cry.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh carefully watches over those who act righteously; he always responds to them when they call to him for help.

How does Yahweh respond to the cry of the righteous?

His eyes are on the righteous and his ears are directed toward their cry.

Psalms 34:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The face of Yahweh is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

UST

¹⁶ But Yahweh works against those who do what is evil. After they die, people here on earth will forget them completely.

What will Yahweh do to the evildoers, whom his is against?

He will wipe out their memory from the earth.

Psalms 34:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The righteous cry out and Yahweh hears and he rescues them from all their troubles.

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh hears righteous people when they call out to him; he rescues them from all their troubles.

What does Yahweh do when the righteous cry out?

He hears and rescues them from all their troubles.

Psalms 34:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Yahweh is close to the brokenhearted, and he saves those who are crushed in spirit.

UST

¹⁸ Yahweh is always ready to help those who are discouraged; he rescues those who have no hope for anything good.

To Whom is Yahweh near?

He is near the brokenhearted.

Who does Yahweh save?

Yahweh saves those with a crushed spirit.

Psalms 34:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous, but Yahweh delivers them out of them all.

UST

¹⁹ Righteous people may have many troubles, but Yahweh rescues them from all those troubles.

What happens to the righteous who have many troubles? (vv19-20)

Yahweh gives him victory over them all and protects all his bones.

Psalms 34:20**ULT**

²⁰ He keeps all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh protects them from being harmed; when their enemies attack them, they will not break any bones of those righteous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 34:21**ULT**

²¹ Evil will kill the wicked. Those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

UST

²¹ Disasters will kill the wicked people, and Yahweh will punish those who oppose righteous people.

What will happen to the wicked?

Evil will kill the wicked.

What will happen to those who hate the righteous?

They will be condemned.

Psalms 34:22

ULT

²² Yahweh rescues the lives of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

UST

²² Yahweh will save those who serve him. He will not condemn those who trust in him.

What does Yahweh do for his servants who take refuge in him?

He redeems their souls and they will not be condemned.

Psalms 35

Psalms 35:1

ULT

¹ David Yahweh, work against those who work against me; fight against those who fight against me.

UST

¹ Yahweh, fight against those who fight against me! Fight with my enemies when they fight me!

What does David ask Yahweh to do for him?

David asks Yahweh to work against those who work against him, and fight against those who fight against him.

Psalms 35:2

ULT

² Grab your small shield and large shield; rise up and help me.

UST

² Be like a shield to protect me and come to help me!

What weapons does David ask Yahweh to use to help him? (vv2-3)

He asks Yahweh to use his small and large shield, his spear, and his battle axe.

Psalms 35:3

ULT

³ Use your spear and battle ax against those who chase me; say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

UST

³ Lift up your spear and throw it at those who pursue me! Promise me that you will enable me to defeat my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:4**ULT**

⁴ May those who seek my life be shamed and dishonored. May those who plan to harm me be turned back and confounded.

UST

⁴ Those who are trying to kill me—make others disgrace and dishonor them. Push back and confuse those who are planning to do evil things to me.

What does David want to happen to those who plan to harm him?

David wants them to be turned back and confounded.

Psalms 35:5**ULT**

⁵ May they be as chaff before the wind, as the angel of Yahweh drives them away.

UST

⁵ Send your angel to pursue them and to make them disappear like chaff that the wind blows away.

Who does David want to drive away his enemies?

He wants the angel of Yahweh to drive them away.

Psalms 35:6**ULT**

⁶ May their way be dark and slippery, as the angel of Yahweh chases them.

UST

⁶ Cause the path on which they run to be dark and slippery as your angel pursues them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:7**ULT**

⁷ Without cause they set their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life.

UST

⁷ Although I did not do anything wrong to them, they dug a deep pit for me to fall into; they hid a net in which they would catch me.

What did David's enemies do without cause?

They set their net and dug a pit for David.

Psalms 35:8**ULT**

⁸ Let destruction overtake them by surprise. Let the net that they have set catch them. Let them fall into it, to their destruction.

UST

⁸ Cause them to suddenly experience disaster! Cause their own nets to trap them. Cause them to fall into the pits that they have dug for me, and make them die in them!

What does David want to happen to his enemies?

David wants destruction to overtake them by surprise, for them to be caught in their own nets, and for them to fall to their destruction.

Psalms 35:9**ULT**

⁹ But I will be joyful in Yahweh and rejoice in his salvation.

UST

⁹ Then I will rejoice in what you, Yahweh, have done for me; I will be glad that you have rescued me.

In what will David rejoice?

He will rejoice in Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 35:10**ULT**

¹⁰ All my bones will say, "Yahweh, who is like you, who rescues the oppressed from those who are too strong for them and the poor and needy from those who try to rob them?"

UST

¹⁰ With my whole inner being I will say, "There is no one like Yahweh! No one else can rescue helpless people from powerful people. No one else can rescue weak and needy people from those who want to rob them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:11**ULT**

¹¹ Unrighteous witnesses rise up; they accuse me falsely.

UST

¹¹ People who tell lies stand in court and accuse me of doing things that I do not know anything about.

Why is David sorrowful? (vv11-12)

He is sorrowful because unrighteous witnesses rise up to accuse him falsely, and repay him evil for good.

Psalms 35:12**ULT**

¹² They repay me evil for good. I am sorrowful.

UST

¹² In return for my doing good things for them, they do evil things to me, with the result that I feel that I am alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:13**ULT**

¹³ But, when they were sick, I wore sackcloth; I fasted for them with my head bowed on my chest.

UST

¹³ When they were ill, I showed that I was sad. I did not eat any food, and I bowed my head as I prayed for them.

How did David respond to his enemies' troubles? (vv13-14)

David wore sackcloth, fasted for them, went about in grief and bent down in mourning for them.

Psalms 35:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I went about in grief as for my brother; I bent down in mourning as for my mother.

UST

¹⁴ I mourned and bowed my head as I prayed as though it were a friend or my mother for whom I was grieving.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But when I stumbled, they rejoiced and gathered together; they gathered together against me, and I was surprised by them. They tore at me without stopping.

UST

¹⁵ But when I had troubles, they were all happy about it. They unexpectedly gathered around to make fun of me. Strangers kept striking me; they would not stop.

How did the enemies respond to David's troubles? (vv15-16)

They rejoiced, gathered against him, tore at him, taunted him, and gnashed at him with their teeth.

Psalms 35:16**ULT**

¹⁶ With no respect at all they mocked me; they grind their teeth at me in rage.

UST

¹⁶ People who respect no one ridiculed me and snarled at me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue my soul from their destructive attacks, my life from the lions.

UST

¹⁷ Lord, how long will you only watch them doing this? Rescue me from their attacks; Save me from being killed by these men who are attacking me as lions attack other animals!

When will David thank Yahweh in the assembly? (vv17-18)

He will thank Yahweh when his soul is rescued from their destructive attacks.

Psalms 35:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then I will thank you in the great assembly; I will praise you among many people.

UST

¹⁸ Then, when many of your people gather, I will praise you, and I will thank you in front of all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Do not let my deceitful enemies rejoice over me; do not let them carry out their wicked schemes.

UST

¹⁹ Do not allow my enemies, who tell lies about me, defeat me and then rejoice about it! Do not allow those who hate me when there is no reason to hate me to laugh about how I suffer!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:20**ULT**

²⁰ For they do not speak peace, but they devise deceitful words against those in our land who live in peace.

UST

²⁰ They do not speak peacefully to people; instead, they look for ways to tell lies about people in our land who do no harm to anyone.

What do David's enemies do instead of speaking peace?

They devise deceitful words against those who live in peace.

Psalms 35:21**ULT**

²¹ They open their mouths wide against me; they said, "Aha, Aha, our eyes have seen it."

UST

²¹ They shout at me in order to accuse me; they say, "We saw the wrong things that you did!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:22**ULT**

²² You have seen it, Yahweh, do not be silent; Lord, do not be far from me.

UST

²² Yahweh, you have seen these things, so do not be silent! Do not stay far from me!

What does David want Yahweh to do since he has seen David's troubles? (vv22-23)

He wants Yahweh to not be silent, to not be far away, and to arouse and awake to his defense.

Psalms 35:23**ULT**

²³ Arouse yourself and awake to my defense; My God and my Lord, defend my cause.

UST

²³ Arise, my God, plead my case in court, and successfully defend me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:24**ULT**

²⁴ Defend me, Yahweh my God, because of your righteousness; do not let them rejoice over me.

UST

²⁴ Yahweh, my God, because you are righteous, prove that I am innocent so that my enemies will not be able to gloat that I was judged to be guilty.

Why does David say Yahweh should defend him?

He says Yahweh should defend him because of Yahweh's righteousness.

Psalms 35:25**ULT**

²⁵ Do not let them say in their heart, "Aha, we have what we wanted." Do not let them say, "We have devoured him."

UST

²⁵ Do not allow them to be able to say to themselves, "Yes, we have gotten rid of him just like we desired!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:26**ULT**

²⁶ May they be put to shame and may they be confounded who rejoice at my distress. May those who exalt themselves over me be clothed with shame and dishonor.

UST

²⁶ Cause those who rejoice about my misfortunes to be completely confused and disgraced; cause those who boast that they are much greater than I am to be disgraced and dishonored!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:27

ULT

²⁷ Let those who desire my vindication shout for joy and be glad; may they say continually, "Yahweh be praised, he who delights in the welfare of his servant."

UST

²⁷ But cause those who desire that you declare me innocent to be happy and shout joyfully; cause them to always say, "Yahweh is great! He is delighted to cause things to go well for those who serve him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:28

ULT

²⁸ Then I will tell of your justice and praise you all day long.

UST

²⁸ Then I will proclaim that you act in the right way, and I will praise you all the time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 36

Psalms 36:1

ULT

¹ An evil man speaks of his transgression from deep in his heart, there is no fear of God before his eyes.

UST

¹ A continual desire to sin is in the inner beings of wicked people. They consider that they do not need to have an awesome respect for God.

How does sin speak in the heart of the wicked man?

Sin speaks like an oracle in the heart of the wicked man.

Psalms 36:2

ULT

² For he comforts himself, thinking that his sin will not be discovered and be hated.

UST

² Because they want to believe good things about themselves, they do not think that God knows and hates their sins.

How does the wicked man comfort himself?

He thinks that his sin will not be discovered and be hated.

Psalms 36:3

ULT

³ His words are sinful and deceitful; he does not want to be wise and do good.

UST

³ Everything that they say is deceitful and full of lies; they no longer do what is good and are no longer wise.

What are the wicked man's words like?

His words are sinful and deceitful.

What does the wicked man not want to be?

He does not want to be wise and to do good.

Psalms 36:4**ULT**

⁴ While he lies in bed, he plans ways to sin; he sets out on an evil way; he does not reject evil.

UST

⁴ While they are lying on their beds, they plan to do things to harm others; they are determined to do things that are not good, and they never refuse to do what is evil.

What does the wicked man do while he lies in bed?

He plans ways to sin while he lies in bed.

Psalms 36:5**ULT**

⁵ Your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, reaches to the heavens; your loyalty reaches to the clouds.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, your faithful love for us reaches as high as the heavens; your faithfulness in doing what you have promised extends up to the clouds.

What reaches to the heavens and to the clouds?

Yahweh's covenant faithfulness reached to the heavens, and his loyalty reaches to the clouds.

Psalms 36:6**ULT**

⁶ Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep. Yahweh, you preserve both mankind and the animals.

UST

⁶ Your righteous behavior is as permanent as the highest mountains; your acting justly will continue as long as the deepest oceans will continue. You take care of people and you take care of animals.

What is Yahweh's justice like?

His justice is like the highest mountains and the deepest sea.

What does Yahweh preserve?

Yahweh preserves both mankind and the animals.

Psalms 36:7**ULT**

⁷ How precious is your covenant faithfulness, God! Humanity takes refuge under the shadow of your wings.

UST

⁷ God, your faithful love for us is very precious. You protect us like birds protect their baby birds under their wings.

Who takes refuge under the shadow of God's wings?

Humanity takes refuge under the shadow of God's wings.

Psalms 36:8**ULT**

⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house; you let them drink from the river of your delights.

UST

⁸ You provide for us plenty of food from the abundant supply that you have; your great gifts flow to us like a river.

What will abundantly satisfy humanity?

The richness of the food of God's house will satisfy humanity.

Psalms 36:9**ULT**

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we will see light.

UST

⁹ You are the one who causes everything to live; your light is what enables us to know the truth about you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 36:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Extend your covenant faithfulness fully to those who know you, your defense to the upright of heart.

UST

¹⁰ Continue to faithfully love those who are faithful to you, and protect those who act righteously.

To whom does David ask God to extend his covenant faithfulness?

David asks God to extend God's covenant faithfulness fully to those who know God.

Psalms 36:11**ULT**

¹¹ Do not let the foot of the arrogant man come near to me. Do not let the hand of the wicked drive me away.

UST

¹¹ Do not allow proud people to attack me, or allow wicked people to chase me away.

What does David ask God not to let happen?

David asks God not to let the foot of the arrogant man come near him, and the hand of the wicked to drive him away.

Psalms 36:12**ULT**

¹² Over there the evildoers have fallen; they are knocked down and are not able to get up.

UST

¹² Look where evil people have fallen on the ground, defeated; they were thrown down, and they will never rise again.

What will happen to the evildoers who have fallen?

They are knocked down and not able to get up.

Psalms 37

Psalms 37:1

ULT

¹ David Do not be irritated because of evildoers; do not be envious of those who act unrighteously.

UST

¹ Do not be bothered by what wicked people do. Do not desire to have the things that people who do wrong have

Why does David say to not be irritated because of evildoers? (vv1-2)

He says to not be irritated because of evildoers because they will soon dry up as the grass and wither as the green plants.

Psalms 37:2

ULT

² For they will soon dry up as the grass and wither as the green plants.

UST

² because they will soon disappear like grass withers in the hot sun and dries up. Just like some green plants come up but die during the hot summer, evil people will soon die also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:3

ULT

³ Trust in Yahweh and do what is good; settle in the land and graze in faithfulness.

UST

³ Trust in Yahweh and do what is good. If you do that, then you will live safely in the land he has given you, and that land will be a place where you can be faithful to God as you live your lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:4**ULT**

⁴ Then delight yourself in Yahweh, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

UST

⁴ Be delighted with all that Yahweh does for you; if you do that, he will give you the things that you desire most.

Why does David say to delight in Yahweh?

He says to delight in Yahweh so he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:5**ULT**

⁵ Give your ways to Yahweh; trust in him, and he will act on your behalf.

UST

⁵ Commit to Yahweh all the things that you plan to do; trust in him, and he will do whatever is needed to help you.

Why does David say to trust in Yahweh? (vv5-6)

He says to trust in Yahweh so that he will act on your behalf, display your justice like the daylight, and your innocence like the day at noon.

Psalms 37:6**ULT**

⁶ He will display your justice like the daylight and your innocence like the day at noon.

UST

⁶ He will show as clearly as the sunlight that you are innocent; he will show as clearly as the sun at noontime that all the things that you have decided are just.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:7**ULT**

⁷ Be still before Yahweh and wait patiently for him. Do not be angry if someone succeeds in what he does, or when he makes evil plots.

UST

⁷ Be quiet in Yahweh's presence and wait patiently for him to do what you want him to do. Do not be bothered when what evil men do is successful, when they are able to do the wicked things that they plan.

What does David say we should do before Yahweh?

He says to be still before him and wait patiently for him, and to not worry if someone tries to make his evil ways succeed.

Psalms 37:8**ULT**

⁸ Do not be angry and frustrated. Do not worry. This only makes trouble.

UST

⁸ Do not be angry about what wicked people do. Do not want to punish them yourself. Do not be envious of such people because you will only harm yourself if you try to do that.

Why does David say to not be angry and frustrated or to worry about evildoers? (vv8-10)

They will be cut off and disappear, but those who wait for Yahweh will inherit the land.

Psalms 37:9**ULT**

⁹ Evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait for Yahweh will inherit the land.

UST

⁹ Someday Yahweh will get rid of wicked people, but those who trust in him will live safely in the land that he has given to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:10**ULT**

¹⁰ In a little while the evil man will disappear; you will look at his place, but he will be gone.

UST

¹⁰ Soon the wicked will disappear. You will look for them, but they will be gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:11**ULT**

¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and will delight in great prosperity.

UST

¹¹ But those who are humble will live safely in their land. They will happily enjoy living peacefully and having the other good things that Yahweh gives them.

What will happen to the meek?

They will inherit the land and delight in great prosperity.

Psalms 37:12**ULT**

¹² The wicked man plots against the righteous and he grinds his teeth in rage against him.

UST

¹² Wicked people plan to harm righteous people; they snarl at them like wild animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:13**ULT**

¹³ The Lord laughs at him, for he sees that his day is coming.

UST

¹³ But Yahweh laughs at them because he knows that someday he will judge and punish the wicked people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The wicked have drawn out their swords and have bent their bows to cast down the oppressed and needy, to kill those who are upright.

UST

¹⁴ Wicked people pull out their swords and they put strings on their bows, ready to kill people who are poor and to slaughter those who live righteously.

What will happen to the wicked who have tried to kill those who are upright? (vv14-15)

The swords of the wicked will pierce their own hearts and their bows will be broken.

Psalms 37:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.

UST

¹⁵ But they will be killed by their own swords, and their bows will be broken.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked people.

UST

¹⁶ It is good to be righteous even if you do not have many possessions, but it is bad to be wicked even if you are very wealthy

Why is the little that the righteous have better than the abundance of many wicked people? (vv16-17)

The little that the righteous have is better because the arms of the wicked people will be broken, but Yahweh will support the righteous people.

Psalms 37:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked people will be broken, but Yahweh supports the righteous people.

UST

¹⁷ because Yahweh will completely remove the strength of wicked people, but he will sustain people who live righteously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Yahweh watches over the blameless day by day, and their heritage will be forever.

UST

¹⁸ Day by day Yahweh protects those who have not done any evil things; the things that Yahweh gives them will last forever.

How will Yahweh provide for the blameless? (vv18-19)

The blameless will not be ashamed when times are bad, they will have enough to eat, and their heritage will be forever.

Psalms 37:19**ULT**

¹⁹ They will not be ashamed when times are bad. When famine comes, they will have enough to eat.

UST

¹⁹ They will survive when calamities occur; when there are famines, they will still have plenty to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:20**ULT**

²⁰ But evil men will perish. Yahweh's enemies will be like the glory of the pastures; they will be consumed and disappear in the smoke.

UST

²⁰ But wicked people will die; just as the beautiful wild flowers in the fields die under the hot sun and disappear like smoke, Yahweh will cause his enemies to suddenly disappear.

What will happen to Yahweh's enemies?

His enemies will be like the glory of the pastures which will be consumed and disappear in the smoke.

Psalms 37:21**ULT**

²¹ The wicked person borrows but does not repay, but the righteous person is generous and gives.

UST

²¹ The wicked people borrow money, but they are not able to repay it; righteous people, in contrast, have enough money to give generously to others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:22**ULT**

²² Those who are blessed by God will inherit the land; those who are cursed by him will be cut off.

UST

²² Those whom Yahweh has blessed will live safely in the land that he has given to them, but he will get rid of those people whom he has cursed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:23**ULT**

²³ It is by Yahweh that a man's steps are established, the man whose way is commendable in God's sight.

UST

²³ Yahweh protects those who do what is pleasing to him, and he will enable them to walk confidently wherever they go;

What is the benefit of having Yahweh establish a man's steps? (vv23-24)

Even though he stumbles, he will not fall down for Yahweh is holding him with his hand.

Psalms 37:24**ULT**

²⁴ Though he stumbles, he will not fall down, for Yahweh is holding him with his hand.

UST

²⁴ even if they stumble, they will not fall down because Yahweh holds them by his hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:25**ULT**

²⁵ I was young and now am old; I have never seen the righteous person abandoned or his children begging for bread.

UST

²⁵ I was young previously, and now I am an old man, but in all those years, I have never seen that righteous people have been abandoned by Yahweh, nor have I seen that their children needed to beg for food.

What has David not seen happen to the righteous person?

He has not seen that the righteous person abandoned or his children begging for bread.

Psalms 37:26**ULT**

²⁶ All the day long he is gracious and lends, and his children become a blessing.

UST

²⁶ Righteous people are generous and happily lend money to others, and their children are a blessing to them.

How does the righteous person act?

He is gracious all the day long and lends.

Psalms 37:27**ULT**

²⁷ Turn away from evil and do what is right; then you will be safe forever.

UST

²⁷ Turn away from doing evil, and do what is good. If you do that, you and your descendants will live in your land forever.

What should people do to be safe forever?

They should turn away from evil and do what is right.

Psalms 37:28**ULT**

²⁸ For Yahweh loves justice and does not abandon his faithful ones. They are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.

UST

²⁸ This will happen because Yahweh likes to see people doing what is just, and he will never forsake righteous people. He will protect them forever; but he will get rid of the children of wicked people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:29**ULT**

²⁹ The righteous will inherit the land and live there forever.

UST

²⁹ Righteous people will own the land that Yahweh promised to give to them, and they will live there forever.

What will the righteous inherit?

They will inherit the land and live there forever.

Psalms 37:30**ULT**

³⁰ The mouth of the righteous person speaks wisdom and increases justice.

UST

³⁰ Righteous people give wise advice to others, and they encourage other people to live rightly.

What does the mouth of the righteous person speak?

The mouth of the righteous person speaks wisdom and increases justice.

Psalms 37:31**ULT**

³¹ The law of his God is in his heart; his feet will not slip.

UST

³¹ They fill their minds with God's laws; they do not stray from walking on God's path.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:32**ULT**

³² The wicked person watches the righteous person and seeks to kill him.

UST

³² Those who are evil wait in ambush for righteous people in order to kill them as they walk by.

What will happen to the righteous person whom the wicked person seeks to kill? (vv32-33)

Yahweh will not abandon him into the wicked person's hand nor condemn him when he is judged.

Psalms 37:33**ULT**

³³ Yahweh will not abandon him into the evil person's hand or condemn him when he is judged.

UST

³³ But Yahweh will not abandon righteous people and let them fall into their enemies' hands. He will not allow righteous people to be condemned when someone takes them to a judge to be put on trial.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:34**ULT**

³⁴ Wait for Yahweh and keep his way, and he will raise you up to possess the land. You will see when the wicked are cut off.

UST

³⁴ Be patient and trust that Yahweh will help you, and walk on his paths. If you do that, he will honor you by giving you the land that he promised, and when he gets rid of the wicked, you will see it happen.

What will happen to those who wait for Yahweh?

Yahweh will raise them up to possess the land.

Psalms 37:35**ULT**

³⁵ I have seen the wicked and terrifying person spread out like a green tree in its native soil.

UST

³⁵ I have seen that wicked people who act like tyrants sometimes prosper like trees that grow well in fertile soil,

What will happen to the wicked and terrifying person? (vv35-36)

He will spread out like a green tree in its native soil, but later he will not be found.

Psalms 37:36**ULT**

³⁶ But when I passed by again, he was not there. I looked for him, but he could not be found.

UST

³⁶ but when I looked later, they were gone! I searched for them, but Yahweh had caused them to disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:37**ULT**

³⁷ Observe the man of integrity, and mark the upright; there is a good future for a man of peace.

UST

³⁷ Notice the people who have not done evil things, those who act righteously; their descendants will have peace in their inner beings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:38**ULT**

³⁸ Sinners will be totally destroyed; the future for the wicked man is cut off.

UST

³⁸ But Yahweh will get rid of the wicked; he will also get rid of their descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:39**ULT**

³⁹ Salvation of the righteous comes from Yahweh; he protects them in the times of trouble.

UST

³⁹ Yahweh rescues righteous people; in times of trouble he protects them.

What does Yahweh do for the righteous? (vv39-40)

Yahweh protects them in time of trouble, and helps and rescues them.

Psalms 37:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ Yahweh helps them and rescues them. He rescues them from evil men and saves them because they have taken refuge in him.

UST

⁴⁰ Yahweh helps them and saves them; he rescues them from being attacked by wicked people because they go to him to be protected.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38

Psalms 38:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh, do not rebuke me in your anger; do not punish me in your wrath.

UST

¹ Yahweh, when you are angry with me, do not rebuke me and punish me!

What does David ask Yahweh not to do in his anger?

He asks Yahweh not to rebuke him in his anger, or punish him in his wrath.

Psalms 38:2

ULT

² For your arrows pierce me, and your hand presses me down.

UST

² Now it is as though you have shot your arrows at me and wounded me; it is as though you have struck me and knocked me down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:3

ULT

³ My whole body is sick because of your anger; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

UST

³ Because you have been angry with me, I am suffering great pain. Because of my sin, my whole body is diseased.

Why does David say, "There is no health in my bones?"

He says there is no health in his bones because of his sin.

Psalms 38:4**ULT**

⁴ For my iniquities overwhelm me; they are a burden too heavy for me.

UST

⁴ All my sins are like a flood that covers my head; they are like a load that is very heavy; I cannot carry them.

What has overwhelmed David?

His iniquities have overwhelmed him.

Psalms 38:5**ULT**

⁵ My wounds are infected and smell because of my foolish sins.

UST

⁵ Because I have done foolish things, I have sores that have become worse, and they stink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:6**ULT**

⁶ I am stooped over and humiliated every day; I go about mourning all day long.

UST

⁶ Sometimes I am bent over, and sometimes I lie prostrate; I mourn all day.

What does David do all day long?

He goes about mourning all day long.

Psalms 38:7**ULT**

⁷ For within me, I am filled with burning; there is no health in my flesh.

UST

⁷ My body is burning with fever, and I am very ill.

With what is David overcome?

He is overcome with shame.

Psalms 38:8**ULT**

⁸ I am numb and utterly crushed; I groan because of the anguish of my heart.

UST

⁸ I am completely exhausted, and I have no strength. I am very distressed in my inner being, and I groan with pain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:9**ULT**

⁹ Lord, you understand my heart's deepest yearnings, and my groanings are not hidden from you.

UST

⁹ Yahweh, you know that I desire you to heal me; you hear me while I am groaning.

What does David say the Lord understands?

He says the Lord understands his heart's deepest yearnings.

Psalms 38:10**ULT**

¹⁰ My heart pounds, my strength fades, and my eyesight dims.

UST

¹⁰ My heart pounds heavily, and all my strength is gone. I am no longer able to see well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:11**ULT**

¹¹ My friends and companions shun me because of my condition; my neighbors stand far off.

UST

¹¹ My friends and neighbors stay away from me because of my sores; even my own family stays far from me.

Why do David's friends and companions shun him?

David's friends and companions shun him because of his condition.

Psalms 38:12**ULT**

¹² Those who seek my life lay snares for me. They who seek my harm speak destructive words and say deceitful words all day long.

UST

¹² Those who want to kill me set traps to catch me; those who want to harm me discuss the ways that they can get rid of me; they plot against me all day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:13**ULT**

¹³ But I, I am like a deaf man and hear nothing; I am like a mute man who says nothing.

UST

¹³ Now I act like a deaf man and do not listen to what they say. I act like a man who cannot talk, and I say nothing to reply to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I am like a man who does not hear and who has no reply.

UST

¹⁴ I act like a man who does not answer when people talk to him because he cannot hear anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Surely I wait for you, Yahweh; you will answer, Lord my God.

UST

¹⁵ But Yahweh, I trust in you. My Lord God, you will answer me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For I said "Hear me, so that they will not gloat over me. If my foot slips, they will do terrible things to me.

UST

¹⁶ I said to you, "Do not cause me to die so that my enemies will rejoice! If troubles overwhelm me, my enemies will do very bad things to me!"

What does David fear his enemies will do if his foot slips?

If David's foot slips, his enemies will do terrible things to him.

Psalms 38:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For I am about to stumble, and I am in constant pain.

UST

¹⁷ I say that because I am about to fall down, and I constantly have pain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:18**ULT**

¹⁸ I confess my guilt; I am concerned about my sin.

UST

¹⁸ I confess the wrong things that I have done; I am very sorry for the sins that I have committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But my enemies are numerous; those who hate me wrongfully are many.

UST

¹⁹ My enemies are healthy and strong; there are many people who hate me for no reason.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:20**ULT**

²⁰ They repay me evil for good; they hurl accusations at me although I have pursued what is good.

UST

²⁰ Those who do evil things to me in return for my doing good things to them oppose me because I try to do what is right.

How do his enemies repay the good he has done?

They repay David evil for good and they hurl accusations at him.

Psalms 38:21**ULT**

²¹ Do not abandon me, Yahweh; my God, do not stay far away from me.

UST

²¹ Yahweh, do not abandon me! My God, do not stay far from me!

What names does David use when he asks Yahweh for help? (vv21-22)

He calls him, "Yahweh", "God", "Lord", and "my salvation."

Psalms 38:22**ULT**

²² Come quickly to help me, Lord, my salvation.

UST

²² Lord, you are the one who saves me; Quickly come and help me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 39

Psalms 39:1

ULT

¹ I decided, "I will watch what I say so that I do not sin with my tongue. I will muzzle my mouth while in the presence of an evil man."

UST

¹ I said to myself, "I will be careful not to sin by the things that I say. I will not say anything to complain to you while wicked people are near to me and can hear me."

What did David decide he will do?

David decided to watch what he says and he to muzzle his mouth while in the presence of an evil man.

Psalms 39:2

ULT

² I kept silent; I kept back my words even from saying anything good, and my pain grew worse.

UST

² So I was completely silent, and I did not even talk about things that were good; but it was useless because I began to suffer even more.

What happened when David kept silent and kept back his words from saying anything good? (vv2-3)

David's pain grew worse and his heart became hot like a fire.

Psalms 39:3

ULT

³ My heart became hot; when I thought about these things, it burned like a fire. Then finally I spoke.

UST

³ I became very anxious in my inner being. As I thought about my troubles, I became more worried. Then finally I said this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 39:4**ULT**

⁴ "Yahweh, make me know when will be the end of my life and the extent of my days. Show me how transient I am.

UST

⁴ "Yahweh, show me how long I will live. Tell me when I will die. Tell me how many years I will live!

What does David want to know about his life?

David wants to know when will his life end, the extent of his days, and how transient he is.

Psalms 39:5**ULT**

⁵ See, you have made my days only the width of my hand, and my lifetime is like nothing before you. Surely every man is a single breath. Selah

UST

⁵ It seems that you have caused me to live only a short time; my lifetime seems nothing to you. The time that all we humans live is as short as a puff of air.

What does David say his life is like before Yahweh?

David's lifetime is like nothing before Yahweh.

Psalms 39:6**ULT**

⁶ Surely every man walks about like a shadow. Surely everyone hurries about to accumulate riches although they do not know who will receive them.

UST

⁶ Then we disappear like a shadow does. It seems that all that we do is for nothing. We sometimes get a lot of money, but we do not even know who will get it after we die.

What does everyone hurry about to do?

Everyone who hurries about to accumulate riches.

Psalms 39:7**ULT**

⁷ Now, Lord, for what am I waiting? You are my only hope.

UST

⁷ So now, Yahweh, I can expect to receive nothing from anyone else. You are the only one from whom I confidently expect to receive blessings.

What is David's only hope?

The Lord is David's only hope.

Psalms 39:8**ULT**

⁸ Rescue me from my sins; do not make me the reproach of fools.

UST

⁸ Deliver me from the sins that I have committed. Do not allow foolish people to make fun of me.

What victory does David ask Yahweh to give him?

David ask Yahweh to give him victory over all his sins.

Of what does David not want to be the object?

David does not want to be the object of insults of fools.

Psalms 39:9**ULT**

⁹ I am silent and cannot open my mouth, because it is you who has done it.

UST

⁹ I did not say anything when you punished me because I knew that you were the one who caused me to suffer.

How does David respond to what the Lord did?

David is silent and does not open his mouth.

Psalms 39:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Stop wounding me; I am overwhelmed by the blow of your hand.

UST

¹⁰ But now, please stop punishing me! If you do not do that, I am about to die because of how you make me suffer.

By what is David overwhelmed?

David is overwhelmed by the blow of the Lord's hand.

Psalms 39:11**ULT**

¹¹ When you discipline people for sin, you consume the things they desire like a moth; surely all people are nothing but vapor. Selah

UST

¹¹ When you rebuke someone and punish him for the sin that he has committed, you destroy the things he loves like moths eat away at clothing. Our lives disappear like a puff of air.

What happens when the Lord disciplines people for sin?

The Lord consumes their strength like a moth and they are nothing but vapor.

Psalms 39:12**ULT**

¹² Hear my prayer, Yahweh, and listen to me; listen to my weeping! Do not be deaf to me, for I am like a foreigner with you, a refugee like all my ancestors were.

UST

¹² Yahweh, listen to me while I pray; pay attention to me while I cry out to you. Help me while I am crying. I am here on the earth for only a short time, like all my ancestors.

Why does David ask Yahweh to listen to his weeping and to not be deaf to him?

He asks Yahweh to listen because David is like a foreigner with him and a refugee like all his ancestors were.

Psalms 39:13

ULT

¹³ Turn your gaze from me so that I may smile again before I die.”

UST

¹³ Now please allow me to be alone and do not punish me anymore so that I may smile and be happy for a while before I die.”

What does David ask Yahweh to do before David dies?

He asks Yahweh to turn his gaze from David so that David may smile again.

Psalms 40

Psalms 40:1

ULT

¹ I waited patiently for Yahweh; he listened to me and heard my cry.

UST

¹ I waited patiently for Yahweh to help me, and he listened to me when I called out to him.

What did Yahweh do after David waited patiently for him?

Yahweh listened to David and heard his cry.

Psalms 40:2

ULT

² He brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and he set my feet on a rock and made my steps secure.

UST

² When I had many troubles, it was as though I was in a deep pit. But he lifted me up out of the mud and slime of that pit; he set my feet on a solid rock and enabled me to walk safely.

What else did Yahweh do for David?

Yahweh brought David out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set his feet on a rock.

Psalms 40:3

ULT

³ He has put a new song in my mouth, praise to our God. Many will see it and honor him and will trust in Yahweh.

UST

³ He has given me a new song to sing, a song to praise him who is our God. Many people will find out what he has done for me, and they will revere and trust him.

What will many do because God has put a new song of praise in David's mouth?

Many will see it and honor Yahweh and trust in Yahweh.

Psalms 40:4**ULT**

⁴ Blessed is the man who makes Yahweh his trust and does not honor the proud or those who turn away from him to lies.

UST

⁴ How fortunate are those who trust Yahweh to protect them, those who do not trust in idols or join with those who worship those false gods.

Who is blessed?

The man who makes Yahweh his trust and does not honor the proud or those who turn away from God is blessed.

Psalms 40:5**ULT**

⁵ Many, Yahweh my God, are the wonderful deeds that you have done, and your thoughts which are about us cannot be numbered; if I declared and spoke of them, they would be more than could be counted.

UST

⁵ O Yahweh, my God, you have done many wonderful things! No one can list all the wonderful things that you have planned for us. If I tried to tell others about all those wonderful things, I would not be able to because there would be too many for me to mention.

How does David describe God's deeds and thoughts?

God's wonderful deeds are many and his thoughts about us cannot be numbered.

Psalms 40:6**ULT**

⁶ You have no delight in sacrifice or offering, but you have opened my ears; you have not required burnt offerings or sin offerings.

UST

⁶ Sacrifices and other offerings are not the things that delight you most. But you have enabled me to hear your commands. Animals burned on the altar and other offerings for our sins are not what you require most.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 40:7**ULT**

⁷ Then said I, "See, I have come; it is written about me in the scroll of the document.

UST

⁷ So I said to you, "Yahweh, here I am, to obey the laws that have been written in the scroll, things that you want me to do."

What is written about David in the scroll of the document? (vv7-8)

It is written that he delights to do God's will and that God's laws are in his heart.

Psalms 40:8**ULT**

⁸ I delight to do your will, my God; your laws are in my heart."

UST

⁸ O my God, I enjoy doing what you desire; I am always thinking about your laws within my inner being.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 40:9**ULT**

⁹ I have proclaimed good news of your righteousness in the great assembly; Yahweh, you know that my lips have not kept back from doing this.

UST

⁹ When all your people were gathered together, I told them about how you do what is right and how you rescue us. Yahweh, you know that I have not refused to tell that to them.

What has David proclaimed in the great assembly?

He has proclaimed good news of God's righteousness in the great assembly.

Psalms 40:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I have not concealed your righteousness in my heart; I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your covenant faithfulness or your trustworthiness from the great assembly.

UST

¹⁰ I have not kept within me the news that you always act justly; when many of your people have gathered together to worship you, I have told them that you are faithful to us and save us. I have not concealed that you faithfully love us and act loyally toward us.

What has David not concealed?

He has not concealed God's righteousness in his heart nor God's covenant faithfulness nor trustworthiness from the great assembly.

Psalms 40:11**ULT**

¹¹ Do not keep back your acts of mercy from me, Yahweh; let your covenant faithfulness and your trustworthiness always preserve me.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh, do not stop acting mercifully toward me. Because you faithfully love me and are loyal to me, protect me always.

What does David pray that Yahweh will do for him?

David prays that Yahweh not keep back his acts of mercy from David but rather let Yahweh's covenant faithfulness and his trustworthiness always preserve David.

Psalms 40:12**ULT**

¹² Troubles that cannot be numbered surround me; my iniquities have caught up with me so that I am no longer able to see anything; they are more than the hairs on my head, and my heart has failed me.

UST

¹² I have many troubles; I cannot count them. I am now suffering the things that happened because I sinned. I can no longer see because of my tears. The sins that I have committed are more than the hairs on my head. I am very discouraged.

Why is David afraid?

He is afraid because troubles that cannot be numbered surround him and his iniquities have overtaken him. His heart has failed him.

Psalms 40:13**ULT**

¹³ Be pleased, Yahweh, to rescue me; hurry to help me, Yahweh.

UST

¹³ O Yahweh, please save me! Come quickly to help me!

What does he pray that Yahweh will be pleased to do?

He prays that Yahweh will be pleased to rescue him.

Psalms 40:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Let them be ashamed and completely disappointed who pursue my life to take it away. Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor, those who delight in hurting me.

UST

¹⁴ Humble those who are happy about my troubles, and cause them to be disgraced. Chase away those who are trying to get rid of me.

What does David pray will happen to those who pursue his life?

He prays that they be put to shame and confused, turned back and brought to dishonor.

Psalms 40:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Let them be shocked because of their shame, those who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

UST

¹⁵ I hope that those who make fun of me will be dismayed when you defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 40:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But may all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let everyone who loves your salvation say continually, "May Yahweh be praised."

UST

¹⁶ But I hope that all those who go to worship you will be very joyful. I hope that those who love you because you saved them will shout repeatedly, "Yahweh is great!"

What does David pray for those who seek God and love his salvation?

He prays that they rejoice and be glad in God, and that they say continually, "May Yahweh be praised."

Psalms 40:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinks about me. You are my help and you come to my rescue; do not delay, my God.

UST

¹⁷ As for me, I am poor and needy, but I know that the Lord has not forgotten me. O my God, you are the one who saves and helps me, so please come quickly and help me!

How does David describe the Lord?

The Lord thinks about him, is his help, and comes to David's rescue.

Psalms 41

Psalms 41:1

ULT

¹ Blessed is he who is concerned for the weak; in the day of trouble, Yahweh will rescue him.

UST

¹ How fortunate are those who provide for the poor; Yahweh will rescue those people when they have troubles.

Who does David say is the one who is blessed?

The one who is concerned for the weak is blessed.

What will Yahweh do for the blessed person? (vv1-2)

Yahweh will rescue him, preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth.

Psalms 41:2

ULT

² Yahweh will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; Yahweh will not turn him over to the will of his enemies.

UST

² Yahweh will protect them and allow them to live for a long time. He will enable them to be happy in the land of Israel and will rescue them from their enemies.

What will Yahweh not do to the blessed person?

Yahweh will not turn him over to the will of his enemies.

Psalms 41:3

ULT

³ Yahweh will support him on the bed of suffering; you will make his bed of sickness into a bed of healing.

UST

³ When they are sick, Yahweh will strengthen them and will heal them.

What will Yahweh do for the blessed person on the bed of suffering?

Yahweh will support him on the bed of suffering and make his bed of sickness into a bed of healing.

Psalms 41:4**ULT**

⁴ I said, "Yahweh, have mercy on me! Heal me, for I have sinned against you."

UST

⁴ When I was sick, I said, "Yahweh, act mercifully toward me and heal me; I know that I am sick because I have sinned against you."

Why did David ask Yahweh to have mercy on him?

He asked Yahweh to have mercy on him because he had sinned against Yahweh.

Psalms 41:5**ULT**

⁵ My enemies speak evil against me, saying, "When will he die and his name perish?"

UST

⁵ My enemies say cruel things about me; they say, "How soon will he die, and then everyone will forget about him?"

What evil do his enemies speak against David?

They ask when he will die and his name perish.

Psalms 41:6**ULT**

⁶ If my enemy comes to see me, he says worthless things; his heart gathers up my disaster for itself; when he goes away from me, he tells others about it.

UST

⁶ When my enemies come to me, they pretend to be concerned about me. They eagerly listen to all the bad news about me. Then they go away and tell everyone what is happening to me.

What does David's enemy say to him?

His enemy says worthless things.

Psalms 41:7**ULT**

⁷ All who hate me whisper together against me; against me they hope for my hurt.

UST

⁷ All those who hate me whisper to others about me, and they hope that very bad things will happen to me.

What do those who hate David whisper and hope for?

Those who hate David whisper together against him and hope for his hurt.

Psalms 41:8**ULT**

⁸ They say, "An evil disease holds on tightly to him; now that he is lying down, he will rise up no more."

UST

⁸ They say, "He will soon die because of his being sick; he will never get up from his bed before he dies."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 41:9**ULT**

⁹ Indeed, even my own close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

UST

⁹ Even a very close friend, whom I trusted very much, who often ate with me, has betrayed me.

What has David's own close friend in whom he trusted done?

His own close friend has lifted his heel against him.

Psalms 41:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But you, Yahweh, have mercy on me and raise me up so that I may pay them back.

UST

¹⁰ But Yahweh, act mercifully to me, and enable me to become healthy again. When you do that, I will be able to pay back my enemies.

What has Yahweh done for David?

Yahweh had mercy on him and raised him up so that he may pay back the ones who hate him.

Psalms 41:11**ULT**

¹¹ By this I know that you delight in me, for my enemy does not triumph over me.

UST

¹¹ If you enable me to do that, with the result that my enemies do not defeat me, I will know that you are pleased with me.

How does David know that Yahweh delights in him?

David knows this because his enemy does not triumph over him.

Psalms 41:12**ULT**

¹² As for me, you support me in my integrity and will keep me before your face forever.

UST

¹² I will know that it is because I have done what is right that you have helped me, and I will know that you will enable me to be with you forever.

How does Yahweh support David?

Yahweh supports him in his integrity and will keep him before Yahweh's face forever.

Psalms 41:13

ULT

¹³ May Yahweh, the God of Israel be praised from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

Book Two

UST

¹³ Praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship; Praise him forever! Amen! I desire that it will be so!

Book Two

When may Yahweh be praised?

Yahweh may be praised from everlasting to everlasting.

Psalms 42

Psalms 42:1

ULT

¹ As the deer pants after streams of water, so I thirst for you, God.

UST

¹ O God, I need you very much as a deer needs to drink water from a cool stream.

How does the writer's soul pant after God?

His soul pants after God as the deer pants after streams of water.

Psalms 42:2

ULT

² I thirst for God, for the living God, when will I come and appear before God?

UST

² I desire to be with you, the all-powerful God. I say to myself, "When will I be able to go back to the temple in Israel and worship in your presence again?"

What does the writer's say about his soul?

His soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Psalms 42:3

ULT

³ My tears have been my food day and night, while my enemies are always saying to me, "Where is your God?"

UST

³ Every day and every night I weep; the only thing I have to drink is my tears; and while I do that, my enemies are always asking me, "Why does your God not help you?"

What have the writer's tears become for him?

His tears have been his food day and night.

Psalms 42:4**ULT**

⁴ These things I call to mind as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them to the house of God with the voice of joy and praise, a multitude celebrating a festival.

UST

⁴ I pray earnestly to God as I remember when I used to go with the crowd of people to the temple in Jerusalem. I used to lead them as we walked along; we were all shouting joyfully and singing to thank God for what he had done; we were a large group who were celebrating.

What things does the writer call to mind?

He calls to mind how he went with the throng and led them to the house of God with the voice of joy and praise.

Psalms 42:5**ULT**

⁵ Why are you bowed down, my soul? Why are you upset within me? Hope in God, for again I will praise him who is my salvation.

UST

⁵ So now I say to myself, "Why am I in a panic? I confidently expect God to bless me, and again I will praise him, my God, the one who saves me."

What does the writer tell his soul to do?

He tells his soul to hope in God, for he will yet praise God for the help of God's presence.

Psalms 42:6**ULT**

⁶ My God, my soul is bowed down within me, therefore I call you to mind from the land of the Jordan, from the three peaks of Mount Hermon, and from the hill of Mizar.

UST

⁶ But now, Yahweh, I was panicking, so I think about you. You are there in Israel where the Jordan River rushes down from the bottom of the peaks of Mount Hermon and from Mount Mizar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 42:7**ULT**

⁷ Deep calls to deep at the noise of your waterfalls; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

UST

⁷ But here, the great sorrow that I feel is like water that you send down; it is like a waterfall that tumbles down and floods over me.

What has gone over the writer?

All God's waves and billows have gone over the writer.

Psalms 42:8**ULT**

⁸ Yet Yahweh will command his covenant faithfulness in the daytime; in the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

UST

⁸ I desire that Yahweh will show me each day that he faithfully loves me, in order that each night I may sing to him and pray to him, the God who causes me to live.

What will Yahweh command in the daytime?

Yahweh will command his covenant faithfulness in the daytime.

What will happen in the night?

In the night God's song will be with the writer, a prayer to the God of his life.

Psalms 42:9**ULT**

⁹ I will say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

UST

⁹ I say to God, who is like a huge rock on top of which I am safe, "Why have you forgotten me? You know the hardships that my enemies bring on me."

What will the writer ask God, his rock?

He will ask why God has forgotten him, and why he must mourn because of the oppression of the enemy.

Psalms 42:10

ULT

¹⁰ As with a sword in my bones, my adversaries rebuke me, while they always say to me, "Where is your God?"

UST

¹⁰ They are always making fun of me; they keep asking, "Why does your God not help you?" When they insult me like that, it is like wounds that shatter my bones.

To what does the writer compare the rebukes of his adversaries?

He says they are like wounds that shatter his bones.

Psalms 42:11

ULT

¹¹ Why are you bowed down, my soul? Why are you upset within me? Hope in God, for again I will praise him who is my salvation and my God.

UST

¹¹ But I say to myself, "Why am I in a panic? I will confidently expect God to bless me, and I will praise him again, my God, the one who saves me."

What will the writer expect God to do?

He will confidently expect God to bless him.

Psalms 43

Psalms 43:1

ULT

¹ Bring me justice, God, and plead my cause against a nation that is not faithful. Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

UST

¹ God, declare that I am innocent. Defend me when people say things against me—those people who do not honor you! Rescue me from people who deceive me and say things about me that are not true.

What does the writer ask God to do for him?

He asks God to judge him and to plead his cause against an ungodly nation.

Psalms 43:2

ULT

² For you are the God of my strength. Why have you rejected me? Why do I go about in mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

UST

² You are God, the one who protects me; why have you abandoned me? It does not seem right that I should always have to be sad because of my enemies acting cruelly toward me.

Why should God judge him and plead his cause?

God should judge him because God is the God of his strength.

Psalms 43:3

ULT

³ Oh, send out your light and your truth, let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

UST

³ Speak true words that help me to live. Give a command that will allow me to go back to Zion, your sacred hill in Jerusalem, and to your temple where you live.

What does the writer ask God to let his light and truth do?

He asks God to let his light and truth lead him and bring him to God's holy hill and tabernacles.

Psalms 43:4

ULT

⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy. I will praise you with the harp, God, my God.

UST

⁴ When you do that, I will go to your altar to worship you, my God, who causes me to be very joyful. There I will praise you, the God whom I worship, and I will play my harp.

Where will the writer go when God bring him to the tabernacle?

He will go to the altar of God.

What will the writer do on his harp?

He will praise God on his harp.

Psalms 43:5

ULT

⁵ Why are you bowed down, my soul? Why are you upset within me? Hope in God, for again I will praise him who is my salvation and my God.

UST

⁵ So why am I sad and discouraged? I confidently expect God to bless me, and again I will praise him, my God, the one who saves me.

Why should the writer's soul not be discouraged nor disquieted within himself?

His soul should hope in God for he will yet praise God, who is his help and his God.

Psalms 44

Psalms 44:1

ULT

¹ We have heard with our ears, God, our fathers have told us what work you did in their days, in the days of old.

UST

¹ God, we ourselves have heard what our parents and grandparents told us. They told us about the miracles that you performed long ago.

What have the writers heard with their ears?

They have heard what work God did in their days, in the days of old.

Psalms 44:2

ULT

² You drove out the nations with your hand, but you planted our people; you afflicted the peoples, but you spread our people out in the land.

UST

² They told us how you expelled the ungodly people and enabled us to live in their land. They told us that you punished those ungodly people and enabled your own people to possess the land.

What did God do with his hand?

God drove out the nations with his hand and planted the people of Israel.

Psalms 44:3

ULT

³ For they did not obtain the land for their possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, because you were favorable to them.

UST

³ It was not by using their own swords that they conquered the people that lived in that land, and it was not by their own power that they were victorious; it was only by your power that they did those things; and they were sure that you were with them, showing that you were pleased with them.

How did the Israelites obtain the land and save themselves?

They did not obtain the land for their possession by their own sword or by their own arm, but by God's right arm because he was favorable to them.

Psalms 44:4**ULT**

⁴ God, You are my King; command victory for Jacob.

UST

⁴ You are my king and my God; Make us, your people, able to defeat our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:5**ULT**

⁵ Through you we will push down our adversaries; through your name we will tread them under, those who rise up against us.

UST

⁵ It is by your power that we knock our enemies down and tramp on them.

What will the Israelites do through God?

They will push down their adversaries and through God's name tread them under.

Psalms 44:6**ULT**

⁶ For I will not trust in my bow, neither will my sword save me.

UST

⁶ I do not trust that I can save myself by using my bow and arrows and my sword.

In what will the writer not trust?

He will not trust in his bow, neither will his sword save him.

Psalms 44:7**ULT**

⁷ But you have saved us from our adversaries, and have put to shame those who hate us.

UST

⁷ No, it is you who have rescued us from our enemies; it is you who have caused those who hate us to become ashamed because they were defeated.

From what has God saved them?

God has saved them from their adversaries and put to shame those who hate them.

Psalms 44:8**ULT**

⁸ In God we have made our boast all the day long, and we will give thanks to your name forever. Selah

UST

⁸ We have always been proud about what God has done for us, and we will thank him forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:9**ULT**

⁹ But now you have thrown us off and brought us dishonor, and you do not go out with our armies.

UST

⁹ But now you have rejected us and caused us to be disgraced; when our armies march out to fight a battle, you no longer go with them.

What has God now done?

God has now thrown them off and brought them dishonor, and does not go out with their armies.

Psalms 44:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You make us turn back from the adversary; and those who hate us take spoil for themselves.

UST

¹⁰ You have caused us to run away from our enemies, with the result that they captured the things that belonged to us.

What does God make the Israelites do?

God makes them turn back from the adversary.

What do those who hate the Israelites do?

Those who hate them take spoil for themselves.

Psalms 44:11**ULT**

¹¹ You have made us like sheep to be slaughtered and have scattered us among the nations.

UST

¹¹ You have allowed us to become like sheep that were ready to be slaughtered; you scattered us far away among other nations.

What has God made the Israelites like?

God has made them like sheep destined for food and has scattered them among the nations.

Psalms 44:12**ULT**

¹² You sell your people for nothing; you have not increased your wealth by doing so.

UST

¹² It is as though you sold us, your people, to our enemies for a very small price, although you did not gain any profit from selling us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:13**ULT**

¹³ You make us a rebuke to our neighbors, scoffed and mocked by those around us.

UST

¹³ People who live in nations near us make fun of us; they laugh at us and deride us.

What does God make the Israelites to their neighbors?

God makes them a rebuke to their neighbors, a scoffing and a derision to those who are around them.

Psalms 44:14**ULT**

¹⁴ You make us an insult among the nations, a shaking of the head among the peoples.

UST

¹⁴ They make jokes using the name of our country, they shake their heads to indicate that they despise us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:15**ULT**

¹⁵ All the day long my dishonor is before me, and the shame of my face has covered me

UST

¹⁵ All day I am disgraced; from seeing my face, people know that I am ashamed.

Why is the writer's dishonor before him all the day long?

His dishonor is before him, and the shame of his face has covered him because of the voice of him who rebukes and insults, because of the enemy and the avenger.

Psalms 44:16**ULT**

¹⁶ because of the voice of him who rebukes and insults, because of the enemy and the avenger.

UST

¹⁶ I hear what those who sneer at me and revile me say; I am ashamed in front of my enemies and those who want to harm me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:17**ULT**

¹⁷ All this has come on us; yet we have not forgotten you or dealt falsely with your covenant.

UST

¹⁷ All these things have happened to us even though we have not forgotten you, and we are not the ones who disobeyed the covenant you made with our ancestors.

What have the Israelites not done?

They have not forgotten God nor dealt falsely with God's covenant.

Psalms 44:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Our heart has not turned back; our steps have not gone from your way.

UST

¹⁸ We have not stopped being loyal to you, and we have not stopped doing what you want us to do.

What have the Israelites' heart and steps not done?

Their heart has not turned back nor have their steps gone from God's way.

Psalms 44:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Yet you have severely broken us in the place of jackals and covered us with the shadow of death.

UST

¹⁹ But it is as though you have allowed us to be helpless among wild animals and you have abandoned us in a deep dark ravine.

What has God done anyway?

God has severely broken them in the place of jackals and covered them with the shadow of death.

Psalms 44:20**ULT**

²⁰ If we have forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a strange god,

UST

²⁰ If we had forgotten to worship our God, or if we had spread out our hands to worship a foreign god,

What would God surely search out? (vv20-21)

God would search out whether they have forgotten the name of their God or spread out their hands to a strange god.

Psalms 44:21**ULT**

²¹ would not God search this out? For he knows the secrets of the heart.

UST

²¹ you certainly would have known that because you know even what we secretly think.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:22**ULT**

²² Indeed, for your sake we are being killed all day long; we are considered to be sheep for the slaughter.

UST

²² But it is because we belong to you that our enemies are constantly killing us. They act toward us as though we were only sheep that they were going to slaughter.

What are the Israelites considered to be for God's sake?

They are considered to be sheep for the slaughter.

Psalms 44:23**ULT**

²³ Awake, why do you sleep, Lord? Arise, do not throw us off permanently.

UST

²³ So Yahweh, arise! Why are you asleep? Get up! Do not reject us forever!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:24**ULT**

²⁴ Why do you hide your face and forget our affliction and our oppression?

UST

²⁴ Why are you not looking at us? Why are you forgetting that we are suffering, that our enemies are oppressing us?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:25

ULT

²⁵ For we have sunk down into the dust; our bodies cling to the earth.

UST

²⁵ We are in complete panic; we cannot do anything; we are as good as dead.

What have the Israelites' souls done?

Their souls have melted away into the dust and their bodies cling to the earth.

Psalms 44:26

ULT

²⁶ Rise up for our help and redeem us for the sake of your covenant faithfulness.

UST

²⁶ Do something! Come and help us! Rescue us because you love us as you promised to do.

What does the writer pray that God would do?

He prays that God might rise up for their help and redeem them for the sake of God's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 45

Psalms 45:1

ULT

¹ My heart overflows on a good subject; I will read aloud the words I have composed about the king; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

UST

¹ In my inner being I am aroused by something beautiful to write about, a song that I will sing to the king. The words of this song will be written by me, a skilled writer.

What will the writer read aloud?

He will read aloud the words he has composed about the king.

Psalms 45:2

ULT

² You are fairer than the children of mankind; grace is poured onto your lips; therefore we know that God has blessed you forever.

UST

² O King, you are the most handsome man in the world, and you always speak eloquently! So we know that God has always blessed you.

How does the writer describe the king?

The king is fairer than the children of men, grace is poured onto his lips, and God has blessed him forever.

Psalms 45:3

ULT

³ Put your sword on your side, mighty one, in your glory and your majesty.

UST

³ You who are a mighty warrior, put on your sword! You are glorious and majestic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 45:4**ULT**

⁴ In your majesty ride on triumphantly because of trustworthiness, meekness, and righteousness; your right hand will teach you fearful things.

UST

⁴ Ride on like a great king to defend the truth that you speak and the fair decisions that you make! Because you fight in many battles, you will learn to do deeds that your enemies will fear.

Why should the king ride on triumphantly?

The king should ride on triumphantly because of trustworthiness, meekness, and righteousness.

Psalms 45:5**ULT**

⁵ Your arrows are sharp; the peoples fall under you; your arrows are in the hearts of the king's enemies.

UST

⁵ Your arrows are sharp, and they pierce the hearts of your enemies. Soldiers of many nations will fall at your feet.

How are the king's arrows described?

His arrows are sharp and in the hearts of the king's enemies.

Psalms 45:6**ULT**

⁶ Your throne, God, is forever and ever; a scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom.

UST

⁶ The kingdom that God will give to you will remain forever. You rule over people justly.

How is God's throne and a scepter of justice described?

His throne is forever and ever, and a scepter of justice is the scepter of God's kingdom.

Psalms 45:7**ULT**

⁷ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions.

UST

⁷ You love right actions, and you hate evil actions. Therefore God, your God, has chosen you to be king and has caused you to be happier than any other king.

What has the king loved and hated?

He has loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Psalms 45:8**ULT**

⁸ All your garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia; out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made you glad.

UST

⁸ The perfume of various spices is on your robes. Musicians entertain you in ivory palaces by playing stringed instruments.

Of what do all of the king's garments smell?

All of his garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia.

Psalms 45:9**ULT**

⁹ Kings' daughters are among your honorable women; at your right hand stands the queen clothed in gold of Ophir.

UST

⁹ Among your wives are daughters of other kings. At your right hand stands your bride, the queen, wearing beautiful ornaments of gold that comes from Ophir.

Where are kings' daughters and the queen?

Kings' daughters are among God's honorable women and at God's right hand stands the queen clothed in gold of Ophir.

Psalms 45:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Listen, daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your own people and your father's house.

UST

¹⁰ Now I will say something to your bride: "Listen to me carefully! Forget the people who live in your home country, forget your relatives!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 45:11**ULT**

¹¹ In this way the king will desire your beauty; he is your master; revere him.

UST

¹¹ Because you are very beautiful, the king will desire to be with you. He is your master, so you must obey him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 45:12**ULT**

¹² The daughter of Tyre will be there with a gift; the rich among the people will beg for your favor.

UST

¹² The people from the city of Tyre will bring gifts to you; their rich people will try to persuade you to do favors for them.

What will the rich do?

The rich among the people will beg for a favor.

Psalms 45:13**ULT**

¹³ The royal daughter in the palace is all glorious; her clothing is worked with gold.

UST

¹³ You, the king's bride, enter the palace wearing beautiful robes made from gold thread."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 45:14**ULT**

¹⁴ She will be led to the king in embroidered dress; the virgins, her companions who follow her, will be brought to you.

UST

¹⁴ O king, while she is wearing a gown that has many colors, her woman servants will lead her to you. She will have many other young women who accompany her.

Where will the royal daughter be led?

She will be led to the king in embroidered dress.

Psalms 45:15**ULT**

¹⁵ They will be led by gladness and rejoicing; they will enter into the king's palace.

UST

¹⁵ They will be very joyful as they are led along to enter your palace.

How and where will the virgins be led?

They will be led by gladness and rejoicing; they will enter into the king's palace.

Psalms 45:16**ULT**

¹⁶ In the place of your fathers will be your children, whom you will make princes in all the earth.

UST

¹⁶ Someday, your sons and your grandsons will become kings, just as your ancestors were. You will enable them to become rulers in many countries.

Who will be in the place of the king's fathers?

In the place of your fathers will be your children, whom you will make princes in all the earth.

Psalms 45:17

ULT

¹⁷ I will make your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the peoples will give you thanks forever and ever.

UST

¹⁷ As for me, I will enable people in every generation to remember the great things that you have done, and people will praise you forever.

What will be made of the king's name?

It will be a name to be remembered in all generations.

Psalms 46

Psalms 46:1

ULT

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

UST

¹ God is the one who protects us and causes us to be strong; he is always ready to help us when we have troubles.

How does the writer describe God?

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:2

ULT

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains should be shaken into the heart of the seas,

UST

² So, even if the earth shakes, we will not be afraid. Even if the mountains fall into the middle of the sea,

What will the Israelites not do, even though the earth should change and the mountains should be shaken into the heart of the seas?

Therefore, they will not fear.

Psalms 46:3

ULT

³ though its waters roar and rage, and though the mountains tremble with their swelling. Selah

UST

³ and if the water in the sea roars and foams, and if the hills shake violently, we will not be afraid!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 46:4**ULT**

⁴ There is a river whose streams make the city of God happy, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

UST

⁴ Blessings that come from God are like a river that makes everyone in the city joyful, there where we worship him. It is the city where the temple of God, who is greater than any other god, exists.

What makes the city of God happy?

There is a river, the streams of which make the city happy.

Psalms 46:5**ULT**

⁵ God is in the middle of her; she will not be moved; God will help her, and he will do so at the dawn of morning.

UST

⁵ God is in this city, and it will never be destroyed; he will come to help the people in that city at dawn every day.

What will the city of God not do?

The city will not be moved.

Psalms 46:6**ULT**

⁶ The nations raged and the kingdoms were shaken; he lifted up his voice, and the earth melted.

UST

⁶ Sometimes the people of many nations are terrified; kingdoms are overthrown; God speaks loudly like thunder, and the earth melts.

What happened to the earth when God lifted up his voice after the nations raged and the kingdoms were shaken?

The earth melted.

Psalms 46:7**ULT**

⁷ Yahweh of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

UST

⁷ But Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is with us; the God whom Jacob worshiped is our refuge.

Where and what is Yahweh of hosts, the God of Jacob?

Yahweh of hosts is with Israel, and the God of Jacob is their refuge.

Psalms 46:8**ULT**

⁸ Come, behold the deeds of Yahweh, the destruction he has caused on earth.

UST

⁸ Come and see the things that Yahweh does! Come and see the things he has destroyed all over the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 46:9**ULT**

⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and cuts the spear into pieces; he burns up the shields.

UST

⁹ He stops wars all over the world; he breaks bows and arrows; he destroys spears; he burns up shields.

What does Yahweh do to wars?

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth, and he breaks the bow, cuts the spear into pieces, and burns up the shields.

Psalms 46:10

ULT

¹⁰ Be quiet and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted on the earth.

UST

¹⁰ God says, "Be quiet and remember that I am God! People of all nations will honor me. People all over the earth will honor me."

What does God tell the people to do?

Be quiet and know that he is God.

What will happen to God among the nations?

He will be exalted among the nations and on the earth.

Psalms 46:11

ULT

¹¹ Yahweh of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

UST

¹¹ So never forget that Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is with us; the God whom Jacob worshiped is our refuge.

What is the God of Jacob for Israel?

He is their refuge.

Psalms 47**Psalms 47:1****ULT**

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with the sound of triumph.

UST

¹ You people all over the world, clap your hands! Shout joyfully to praise God!

Why should everyone clap their hands and shout to God with the sound of triumph? (vv1-2)

They should clap and shout because Yahweh Most High is terrifying and a great King over all the earth.

Psalms 47:2**ULT**

² For Yahweh Most High is terrifying; he is a great King over all the earth.

UST

² Yahweh, who is much greater than any other god, is awesome; he is a king who rules over all the world!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 47:3**ULT**

³ He subdues peoples under us and nations under our feet.

UST

³ He enabled us to defeat the armies of the people groups that lived in Canaan.

What does Yahweh do to peoples and nations?

He subdues peoples under the Israelites and the nations under their feet.

Psalms 47:4**ULT**

⁴ He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of Jacob whom he loved. Selah

UST

⁴ He chose for us this land where we now live; we Israelite people, whom he loves, are proud that we own this land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 47:5**ULT**

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet.

UST

⁵ God has gone up into his temple. The people shouted joyfully and blew trumpets as he went up.

How has God gone up?

God has gone up with a shout and the sound of a trumpet.

Psalms 47:6**ULT**

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

UST

⁶ Sing songs to praise our God! Sing to praise him! Sing to God, our king!

Why should everyone sing praises to God? (vv6-7)

They should sing praises because God is the King over all the earth.

Psalms 47:7**ULT**

⁷ For God is the King over all the earth; sing praises with understanding.

UST

⁷ God is the one who rules over everything in the world; sing a psalm to him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 47:8

ULT

⁸ God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

UST

⁸ God sits on his sacred throne as he rules over the people of all ethnic groups.

Where does God reign?

God reigns over the nations.

Where does God sit?

God sits on his holy throne.

Psalms 47:9

ULT

⁹ The princes of the peoples have gathered together to the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

UST

⁹ The rulers of those people groups gather in front of God's people, the people descended from Abraham. God has more power than the weapons of all the kings on the earth; he is great, and all people everywhere will honor him.

Where have the princes of the peoples gathered together?

They have gathered together to the people of the God of Abraham.

Why have the princes gathered to the people of Abraham?

They have gathered to the people of Abraham because he is greatly exalted.

Psalms 48

Psalms 48:1

ULT

¹ Great is Yahweh and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God on his holy mountain.

UST

¹ Yahweh is great, and he deserves to be greatly praised in the city where he lives, which is built on Zion, his sacred hill.

How does the writer describe Yahweh?

Great is Yahweh and greatly to be praised.

Psalms 48:2

ULT

² Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

UST

² That city on a high hill is beautiful; it is the city where the true God, the great king, lives, and it causes people all over the world to rejoice when they see it.

How is Mount Zion described?

Mount Zion is beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth.

Psalms 48:3

ULT

³ God has made himself known in her palaces as a refuge.

UST

³ God is in the strong towers there, and he shows that he protects the people in that city.

How has God made himself known?

God has made himself known as a refuge.

Psalms 48:4**ULT**

⁴ For, see, the kings assembled themselves; they passed by together.

UST

⁴ Many kings gathered with their armies to attack our city,

What happened when the kings assembled themselves together and saw Mount Zion? (vv4-6)

They were amazed, dismayed, and hurried away; trembling took hold of them there.

Psalms 48:5**ULT**

⁵ They saw it, then they were amazed; they were dismayed, and they hurried away.

UST

⁵ but when they saw it, they were amazed; they became terrified, and ran away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 48:6**ULT**

⁶ Trembling took hold of them there, pain as when a woman is in labor.

UST

⁶ Because they were very afraid, they trembled like a woman who is about to give birth to a child.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 48:7**ULT**

⁷ With the east wind you break the ships of Tarshish.

UST

⁷ They shook as ships sailing from Tarshish shake in a strong wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 48:8**ULT**

⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of Yahweh of hosts, in the city of our God; God will establish it forever. Selah

UST

⁸ We had heard that this city was glorious, and now we have seen that it is. It is the city in which Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, lives. It is the city that God will preserve forever.

What will God do for the city of Yahweh of hosts?

God will establish it forever.

Psalms 48:9**ULT**

⁹ We have thought about your covenant faithfulness, God, in the middle of your temple.

UST

⁹ God, here in your temple we think about how you love us as you promised to do.

What have the Israelites thought about in the middle of God's temple?

They have thought about God's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 48:10**ULT**

¹⁰ As your name is, God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness.

UST

¹⁰ People all over the earth will praise you because you rule powerfully and justly.

How does the writer describe God's right hand?

His right hand is full of righteousness.

Psalms 48:11**ULT**

¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad, let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your righteous decrees.

UST

¹¹ The people who live at Mount Zion should be happy! The people in all the cities of Judah should rejoice because you judge people fairly.

Why should Mount Zion be glad and the daughters of Judah rejoice?

It should be glad and they should rejoice because of God's righteous decrees.

Psalms 48:12**ULT**

¹² Walk around Mount Zion, go round about her; count her towers,

UST

¹² You Israelite people should walk around Mount Zion and count the towers there;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 48:13**ULT**

¹³ notice well her walls, and look at her palaces so that you may tell it to the next generation.

UST

¹³ notice the walls there and examine their strongest parts so that you can tell your children about them.

Why should the Israelites walk around Mount Zion, count her towers, and look at her palaces?

They should do these things so that they may tell it to the next generation.

Psalms 48:14

ULT

14 For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide to death.

UST

14 Say to your children, "This is the city of our God, the one who lives forever; he will guide us during all of our lives."

What will God be for the Israelites?

He will be their guide until death.

Psalms 49

Psalms 49:1

ULT

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world,

UST

¹ You people of all people groups, listen! You people all over the world,

Who does the writer tell to hear and to give ear? (vv1-2)

He tells to all the peoples to give hear, and all the inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together, to give ear.

Psalms 49:2

ULT

² both low and high, rich and poor together.

UST

² important people and unimportant people, rich people and poor people, everyone, listen to what I am saying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:3

ULT

³ My mouth will speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart will be of understanding.

UST

³ For what I am thinking is very sensible, and what I say will enable you to become wise.

What will the writer's mouth speak?

His mouth will speak wisdom.

What will be the meditation of the writer's heart?

The meditation of his heart will be of understanding.

Psalms 49:4**ULT**

⁴ I will incline my ear to a parable; I will begin my parable with the harp.

UST

⁴ I think about wise words to tell you, and while I play my harp, I explain what they mean.

To what will the writer incline his ear and how will he begin it?

He will incline his ear to a parable which he will begin with the harp.

Psalms 49:5**ULT**

⁵ Why should I fear the days of evil, when iniquity surrounds me at my heels?

UST

⁵ I do not worry when I am in trouble, when I am surrounded by my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:6**ULT**

⁶ Why should I fear those who trust in their wealth and boast about the amount of their riches?

UST

⁶ These are evil men who trust that things will always go well for them because they are wealthy and who boast about being very rich.

What can those who trust in their wealth not do? (vv6-7)

None of them can by any means redeem his brother nor give God a ransom for him.

Psalms 49:7**ULT**

⁷ It is certain that no one can redeem his brother or give God a ransom for him,

UST

⁷ They may be rich, but no one can pay God money so that he can live forever! No one can pay God enough so that God will allow him to continue to live

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:8**ULT**

⁸ For the redemption of one's life is costly, and no one can pay what we owe.

UST

⁸ because that cost is too much, and he will never be able to pay enough.

How does the writer describe the redemption of one's life?

The redemption of one's life is costly and always costs too much.

Psalms 49:9**ULT**

⁹ No one can live forever so that his body should not decay.

UST

⁹ No one can pay God enough money so that he will live forever and never die and be buried!

Who can live forever?

No one can live forever so that his body should not decay.

Psalms 49:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For he will see decay. Wise men die; the fool and the brute alike perish and leave their wealth to others.

UST

¹⁰ We see that foolish and stupid people die, but we see that wise people also die; they all leave their wealth, and others inherit it.

What happens to wise men, the fool, and the brute alike?

Wise men die; the fool and the brute alike perish and leave their wealth to others.

Psalms 49:11**ULT**

¹¹ Their inner thought is that their families will continue forever, and the places where they live, to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

UST

¹¹ They once had houses on land that they owned, but now their graves are their homes forever, the place where they will stay for all time!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:12**ULT**

¹² But man, having wealth, does not remain alive; he is like the beasts that perish.

UST

¹² Even if people are great, that cannot prevent them from dying; people all die, the same as the animals do.

What happens to mankind?

Man, having wealth, does not remain alive.

Psalms 49:13**ULT**

¹³ This, their way, is their folly; yet after them, men approve of their sayings. Selah

UST

¹³ That is what happens to those who foolishly trust in what they have accomplished, to those who are delighted in all that they possess.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol, and death will be their shepherd. The upright will rule over them in the morning, and their bodies will be consumed in Sheol, with no place for them to live.

UST

¹⁴ They are certain to die just like sheep when a shepherd leads them away to be slaughtered. In the morning the righteous people will rule over them, and then those wealthy people will die and their bodies will quickly decay in their graves; they will be where dead people are, far from their homes.

Who will be mankind's shepherd?

Death will be their shepherd.

What will happen to mankind in the morning?

The upright will have power over them in the morning.

Psalms 49:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But God will redeem my life from the power of Sheol; he will receive me. Selah

UST

¹⁵ But it is certain that God will rescue me so that I am not held fast in the place of the dead; he will take me to himself.

What will God do for the writer?

God will redeem his soul from the power of sheol; he will receive him.

Psalms 49:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, and the glory of his house increases.

UST

¹⁶ So do not be dismayed when someone becomes rich and the houses where they live become more and more luxurious;

When does the writer say not to be afraid?

People should not be afraid when one becomes rich, when the power of his house increases.

Why does the writer say not to be afraid? (vv16-17)

He says not to be afraid because when the rich one dies, he will take nothing away, and his power will not descend with him.

Psalms 49:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For when he dies he will take nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.

UST

¹⁷ for when he dies, he will take nothing with him; his wealth will not go with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:18**ULT**

¹⁸ He blessed his soul while he lived— and men praise you when you live for yourself—

UST

¹⁸ While a rich person is alive, he congratulates himself, and people praise him for being successful,

When do men praise other people?

Men praise other people who live for themselves.

Psalms 49:19

ULT

¹⁹ he will go to the generation of his fathers and they will never see the light again.

UST

¹⁹ but he will die and join his ancestors, who will never see daylight again.

To whom will the rich go?

He will go to the generation of his fathers.

What will the rich and his fathers not see?

They will never see the light again.

Psalms 49:20

ULT

²⁰ One who has wealth but no understanding is like the beasts, which perish.

UST

²⁰ Even if someone is great, that cannot prevent him from dying; he will die, the same as the animals do.

What is a person who has wealth but no understanding like?

He is like the beasts, which perish.

Psalms 50

Psalms 50:1

ULT

¹ A Psalm of Asaph The Mighty One, God, Yahweh, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

UST

¹ God, the all-powerful one, speaks; he summons all people, from the east to the west.

What three names of God does Asaph use to refer to God?

He uses the names "Mighty One", "God", and "Yahweh".

Psalms 50:2

ULT

² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone.

UST

² His glory shines from Mount Zion in Jerusalem, an extremely beautiful city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:3

ULT

³ Our God comes and does not stay silent; a fire devours before him, and it is very stormy around him.

UST

³ Our God comes to us, and he is not silent. A great fire is in front of him, and a storm is around him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:4**ULT**

⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth so that he may judge his people:

UST

⁴ He comes to judge his people. He shouts to the angels in heaven and to the people on the earth.

Why does God call to the heavens above and to the earth?

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth so that he may judge his people.

Psalms 50:5**ULT**

⁵ "Gather my faithful ones together to me, those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

UST

⁵ He says, "Summon those who faithfully worship me, those who made a covenant with me by offering sacrifices to me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:6**ULT**

⁶ The heavens will declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

UST

⁶ The angels in heaven declare, "God is righteous, and he is the supreme judge."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:7**ULT**

⁷ "Israel, I will testify against you. Hear, my people, and I will speak; I am God, your God.

UST

⁷ God says, "My people, listen! You Israelite people, listen, as I, your God, say what you have done that is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:8**ULT**

⁸ I will not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.

UST

⁸ I am not rebuking you for making sacrifices to me, for the offerings that you always burn on the altar for me.

What does God tell his people that he will not reprove?

God tells them that he will not reprove them for their sacrifices.

Psalms 50:9**ULT**

⁹ I will take no bull out of your house, or male goats out of your folds.

UST

⁹ But I do not really need the bulls from your barns and the goats from your pens that you sacrifice,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

UST

¹⁰ because all the animals in the forest belong to me, and all the cattle on a thousand hills also belong to me.

Why does God say that he will take no bull or goat from his people?

God says that every beast of the forest is his, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

Psalms 50:11**ULT**

¹¹ I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

UST

¹¹ I know and own all the birds in the mountains, and all the creatures that move around in the fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:12**ULT**

¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is mine, and everything in it.

UST

¹² So if I were hungry, I would not tell you to bring me some food because everything in the world belongs to me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:13**ULT**

¹³ Will I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

UST

¹³ I do not eat the flesh of the bulls that you sacrifice, and I do not drink the blood of the goats that you offer to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

UST

¹⁴ The sacrifice that I really want is that you thank me and do all that you have promised to do.

What does Asaph say everyone should offer and to pay to God?

Everyone should offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay their vows to the Most High.

Psalms 50:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble; I will rescue you, and you will glorify me."

UST

¹⁵ Pray to me when you have troubles. If you do that, I will rescue you, and then you will praise me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But to the wicked God says, "What have you to do with declaring my statutes, that you have taken my covenant in your mouth,

UST

¹⁶ But I say this to the wicked people: Why do you recite my commandments or talk about the covenant that I made with you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:17**ULT**

¹⁷ since you hate instruction and throw my words away?

UST

¹⁷ For you have refused to allow me to discipline you, and you have rejected what I told you to do.

What does God say the wicked hate and throw away?

God says that the wicked hate instruction and throw away his words.

Psalms 50:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When you see a thief, you agree with him; you participate with those who commit adultery.

UST

¹⁸ Every time that you see a thief, you become his friend, and you spend much time with those who commit adultery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue expresses deceit.

UST

¹⁹ You are always talking about doing wicked things, and you are always trying to deceive people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:20**ULT**

²⁰ You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.

UST

²⁰ You are always accusing members of your own family and slandering them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:21**ULT**

²¹ You have done these things, but I have kept silent, so you thought that I was someone just like yourself. But I will reprove you and bring up, right before your eyes, all the things you have done.

UST

²¹ You did all those things, and I did not say anything to you, so you thought that I was a sinner just like you. But now I rebuke you and accuse you, right in front of you.

What does God say that the wicked think about him when God keeps silent?

They thought that he was someone just like them.

Psalms 50:22**ULT**

²² Give this careful consideration, you who forget God, otherwise I will tear you to pieces, and there will be no one to come to help you!

UST

²² So, all you who have ignored me, pay attention to this, because if you do not, I will tear you to pieces, and there will be no one to rescue you.

Who will help the wicked when God tears them in pieces?

There will be no one to come to help them.

Psalms 50:23

ULT

²³ The one who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving praises me, and to anyone who plans his path in the right way I will show God's salvation."

UST

²³ The sacrifice that truly honors me is to thank me for what I have done; and I will save those who always do the things that I want them to."

To whom will God show his salvation?

God will show his salvation to whoever offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving and plans his path in the right way.

Psalms 51

Psalms 51:1

ULT

¹ Have mercy on me, God, because of your covenant faithfulness; for the sake of the multitude of your merciful actions, blot out my transgressions.

UST

¹ O God, act mercifully toward me because you love me faithfully; because you are very merciful, forget the ways that I disobeyed you!

Why does David say that God should have mercy on him?

He says God should have mercy because of his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 51:2

ULT

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

UST

² Make me acceptable to you again, even though I did wrong things; forgive the guilt of my sin and accept me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:3

ULT

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

UST

³ I say that because I know the ways that I have disobeyed you; I cannot forget them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:4**ULT**

⁴ Against you, you only, I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight; you are right when you speak; you are correct when you judge.

UST

⁴ You, you only, are the one I have really sinned against, and you have seen the evil things that I have done. When you say that I am guilty, you are right, and when you judge me, you justly say that I deserve to be punished.

Against whom does David say he has sinned?

He says he has sinned against God, and only against God.

Psalms 51:5**ULT**

⁵ See, I was born in iniquity; as soon as my mother conceived me, I was in sin.

UST

⁵ I have been a sinner since the day that I was born; truly, I have been like that since my mother conceived me.

When does David say that his sin began?

He says he was born in iniquity, and as soon as his mother conceived him, he was in sin.

Psalms 51:6**ULT**

⁶ See, you desire trustworthiness in my inner self; and you teach me wisdom in the secret place within.

UST

⁶ What you desire is that in my inner being I desire what is true in order that you can teach me how to act wisely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:7**ULT**

⁷ Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

UST

⁷ Forgive the guilt of my sins, and after that happens, I will be completely acceptable to you; if you forgive me, then I will be absolutely right with you.

What does David ask God to do so that he may be purified?

He asks God to purify him with hyssop so he will be clean, and to wash him so he will be whiter than snow.

Psalms 51:8**ULT**

⁸ Make me hear joy and gladness so that the bones that you have broken may rejoice.

UST

⁸ Allow me to rejoice again; you have made me immeasurably sad, but now let me rejoice again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:9**ULT**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

UST

⁹ Do not continue to remember the sins that I have committed; forget the evil things that I have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, God, and renew a right spirit within me.

UST

¹⁰ O God, make me want to do the things that you approve of. Make me want to do only what is right.

What does David ask God to create and renew in him?

He asks God to create in him a clean heart, and to renew a right spirit within him.

Psalms 51:11**ULT**

¹¹ Do not drive me away from your presence, and do not take your holy Spirit from me.

UST

¹¹ Do not reject me as one of your people, and do not make your holy Spirit leave me.

What does David ask God to not do to him?

He asks God not to drive him away from his presence, and to not take his holy Spirit from him.

Psalms 51:12**ULT**

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit.

UST

¹² Make me happy again by rescuing me from my guilt, and always help me by making me sincerely want to obey you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:13**ULT**

¹³ Then will I teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will be converted to you.

UST

¹³ If you do that, I will teach other sinners what you want them to do; they will repent and obey you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Forgive me for shedding blood, God of my salvation, and I will shout for the joy of your righteousness.

UST

¹⁴ O God, you are the one who saves me; forgive me for being guilty of causing someone who was not my enemy to die. When you do that, I will sing joyfully about your being very good and righteous.

What sin does David ask God to forgive?

He asks God to forgive him for shedding blood.

Psalms 51:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will express your praise.

UST

¹⁵ O Yahweh, help me to speak in order that I may praise you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you have no pleasure in burnt offerings.

UST

¹⁶ When people only bring sacrifices to you, that does not please you. If that were enough to please you, I would do the same. But you are not pleased with burnt offerings alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. You, God, will not despise a broken and a contrite heart.

UST

¹⁷ The sacrifice that you really want is for people to be truly humble and sorry for having sinned. O God, you will not refuse that kind of sacrifice.

What are the sacrifices of God?

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. He will not despise a broken and a contrite heart.

Psalms 51:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Do good in your good pleasure to Zion; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁸ O God, be good to the people who live in Jerusalem; make them able to rebuild the city walls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then will you delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then our people will offer bulls on your altar.

UST

¹⁹ When that happens, they will bring you the proper sacrifices: normal animal sacrifices and sacrifices to be completely burned. They will burn young bulls on your altar, and you will be pleased.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 52

Psalms 52:1

ULT

¹ Why are you proud of making trouble, you mighty man? The covenant faithfulness of God comes every day.

UST

¹ You proud man, you think that you are strong; you boast about the trouble that you make for others, but God faithfully protects people from you every day.

What comes from God every day?

The covenant faithfulness of God comes every day.

Psalms 52:2

ULT

² Your tongue plans destruction like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

UST

² All during the day you plan to get rid of others; what you say is like a sharp blade, and you are always deceiving others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 52:3

ULT

³ You love evil more than good and lying rather than speaking righteousness. Selah

UST

³ You like doing what is evil more than you like doing what is good, and you like telling lies more than you like telling the truth.

What does the mighty man love more than good?

He loves evil more than good.

Psalms 52:4**ULT**

⁴ You love all words that devour others, you deceitful tongue.

UST

⁴ You, the one who says things to deceive people, you like to say things that hurt people!

What kind of words does the mighty man love?

He loves all words that devour others.

Psalms 52:5**ULT**

⁵ God will likewise destroy you forever; he will take you up and pluck you out of your tent and root you out of the land of the living. Selah

UST

⁵ But God will get rid of you forever; he will grab you and drag you from your home and take you away from this world where people are alive.

What will God do to the mighty man?

God will destroy him forever.

Psalms 52:6**ULT**

⁶ The righteous will also see it and fear; they will laugh at him and say,

UST

⁶ When righteous people see that, they will be awestruck, and they will laugh at what happened to you, and say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 52:7**ULT**

⁷ “See, this is a man who did not make God his refuge, but he trusted in the abundance of his wealth, and he was strong when he destroyed others.”

UST

⁷ “Look what happened to the man who would not ask God to protect him; he trusted that his great wealth would save him; he grew more powerful by wickedly hurting other people.”

In what did the man trust?

He trusted in the abundance of his riches.

Psalms 52:8**ULT**

⁸ But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in God’s house; I will trust in the covenant faithfulness of God forever and ever.

UST

⁸ But I am secure because I worship in God’s temple; I am like a strong green olive tree. I trust in God, who faithfully loves us forever.

In what will David place his own trust?

He will trust in the covenant faithfulness of God forever and ever.

Psalms 52:9**ULT**

⁹ I will give you thanks forever for what you have done. I will wait for your name, because it is good, in the presence of your faithful ones.

UST

⁹ God, I will always thank you for everything you have done. I will wait patiently because you are so good, especially when I stand before your faithful people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 53

Psalms 53:1

ULT

¹ A fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt and have done abominable iniquity; there is no one who does good.

UST

¹ Only foolish people say to themselves, "There is no God!" People who say that are corrupt; they commit terrible sins; there is not one of them who does what is good.

What does the fool say in his heart?

He says, "There is no God."

Psalms 53:2

ULT

² God looks down from heaven on the children of mankind to see if there are any who understand, who seek after him.

UST

² God looks down from heaven and sees humans; he looks to see if any man is very wise and seeks to know God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 53:3

ULT

³ They have all turned away. Together they have become corrupt. There is not one who does good, not even one.

UST

³ But everyone has turned away from God. They are depraved and do disgusting, filthy things. No one does what is good.

When God looks down on the sons of mankind, does he find anyone who understands and seeks after him?

No, they have all become filthy, and there is no one who does good.

Psalms 53:4**ULT**

⁴ Do those who commit iniquity have no understanding— those who devour my people as if they were eating bread and they do not call on God?

UST

⁴ Will all these evil people never learn what God will do to them? They hurt Yahweh's people with terrible violence. They had no guilt in what they did. They had the same expression on their faces as people eating bread at dinner. And what is worse is that they never prayed to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 53:5**ULT**

⁵ They were in great fear, although no reason to fear was there; for God will scatter the bones of whoever will camp against you; such people will be put to shame because God has rejected them.

UST

⁵ But someday those people will become very terrified, although they have nothing to fear. For God will cause those who attack you to die, and he will scatter their bones. They have rejected God, so he will cause them to be defeated and completely disgraced.

Why will people who do not call on God will be put to shame?

They will be put to shame because God has rejected them.

Psalms 53:6**ULT**

⁶ Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion! When God brings back his people from the captivity, then Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad!

UST

⁶ I wish that God would come and rescue the Israelite people! God, when you bless your people again, all the Israelite people, all the descendants of Jacob, will rejoice.

From where did David hope that salvation for Israel would come?

He hoped that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion!

Psalms 54

Psalms 54:1

ULT

¹ Save me, God, by your name, and judge me in your might.

UST

¹ God, by your power save me from my enemies, and show people that I have not done anything that is wrong!

By what did David ask God to save him?

He asked God to save him by God's name.

Psalms 54:2

ULT

² Hear my prayer, God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

UST

² God, listen to my prayer; listen to what I say to you

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 54:3

ULT

³ For strangers have risen up against me, and pitiless men have sought after my life; they have not set God before them. Selah

UST

³ because strangers are trying to attack me; proud men are wanting to kill me, men who have no respect for you.

Who has risen up and sought David's soul?

Strangers have risen up against him, and pitiless men have sought after his soul.

Psalms 54:4**ULT**

⁴ See, God is my helper; the Lord is the one who upholds me.

UST

⁴ But God is the one who helps me; Yahweh defends me from my enemies.

Who sustains David's soul?

The Lord is the one who sustains his soul.

Psalms 54:5**ULT**

⁵ He will repay my enemies with evil; in your faithfulness, destroy them!

UST

⁵ He will cause the evil things that they want to do to me to happen to them instead; because you faithfully do what you have promised to me, destroy them.

What will God repay David's enemies?

He will repay the evil to them.

Psalms 54:6**ULT**

⁶ I will sacrifice to you with a freewill offering; I will give thanks to your name, Yahweh, for it is good.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, I will gladly give an offering to you because I want to, and I will thank you, for you are good to me;

Why will David give thanks to the name of Yahweh?

He will give thanks to his name for it is good.

Psalms 54:7

ULT

⁷ For he has rescued me from every trouble; my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

UST

⁷ you have rescued me from all my troubles, and I have seen that you have defeated my enemies.

How has David looked on his enemies?

His eye has looked in triumph on his enemies.

Psalms 55

Psalms 55:1

ULT

¹ Give ear to my prayer, God; and do not hide yourself from my plea.

UST

¹ God, listen to my prayer, and do not turn away from me while I am pleading with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:2

ULT

² Pay attention to me and answer me; I have no rest in my troubles

UST

² Listen to me and answer me because I am overwhelmed by all my troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:3

ULT

³ because of the voice of my enemies, because of the oppression of the wicked; for they bring trouble on me and persecute me in anger.

UST

³ My enemies terrify me; wicked people oppress me. They cause me to have great troubles; they are angry with me, and they hate me.

Why does David have no rest in his troubles?

He has no rest because of the voice of his enemies, and because of the oppression of the wicked.

Psalms 55:4**ULT**

⁴ My heart trembles within me, and the terrors of death have fallen on me.

UST

⁴ I am terrified, and I am very much afraid that I will die.

What kind of terrors have fallen on David?

The terrors of death have fallen on him.

Psalms 55:5**ULT**

⁵ Fearfulness and trembling have come on me, and horror has overwhelmed me.

UST

⁵ I am very fearful and I tremble; I am completely terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:6**ULT**

⁶ I said, "Oh, if only I had wings like a dove! Then would I fly away and be at rest.

UST

⁶ I said, "I wish that I had wings like a dove! If I had wings, I would fly away and find a place to rest.

Why does David wish that he had wings like a dove?

If he had wings like a dove, he could fly away and be at rest.

Psalms 55:7**ULT**

⁷ See, then I would wander far away; I would stay in the wilderness. Selah

UST

⁷ I would fly far away and live in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:8**ULT**

⁸ I would hurry to a shelter from the stormy wind and tempest.”

UST

⁸ I would quickly find a safe place where my enemies could not strike me like a strong wind and rainstorm.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:9**ULT**

⁹ Devour them, Lord, confuse their language! For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

UST

⁹ Lord, confuse my enemies and cause their plans to fail. I saw them hurting others by their violence and causing riots throughout the city.

What does David ask the Lord to do to David’s enemies?

He asks the Lord to destroy them, and to confuse their languages.

Psalms 55:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Day and night they go about on its walls; wickedness and trouble are in the middle of it.

UST

¹⁰ During each day and night they march around on top of its walls, committing crimes and causing trouble.

What is found in the middle of the city? (vv10-11)

Iniquity, mischief and wickedness are in the middle of the city.

Psalms 55:11**ULT**

¹¹ Wickedness is in the middle of it; oppression and deceit do not leave its streets.

UST

¹¹ They destroy things everywhere. They oppress people and defraud people in the marketplaces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:12**ULT**

¹² For it was not an enemy who rebuked me, then I could have borne it; neither was it he who hated me who raised himself up against me, then I would have hidden myself from him.

UST

¹² If it were an enemy who was making fun of me, I could endure it. If it were someone who hates me, who despises me, I could hide from him.

Who rebuked David and raised himself up against David? (vv12-13)

David's companion and close friend rebuked David and raised himself up against him.

Psalms 55:13**ULT**

¹³ But it was you, a man equal to myself, my companion and my close friend.

UST

¹³ But it is someone who is just like me, my companion, someone who was my friend who is doing this to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:14**ULT**

¹⁴ We had sweet fellowship together; we walked in the house of God with the throng.

UST

¹⁴ We previously had many good talks together; we walked around together in God's temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Let death come suddenly on them; let them go down alive to Sheol, for wickedness is where they live, right among them.

UST

¹⁵ I desire that my enemies will go down alive to the place where the dead people are. I want this because they do evil things in their homes.

What does David want to come suddenly upon his enemies?

He want death to come suddenly on them, and for them to go down alive to sheol.

Psalms 55:16**ULT**

¹⁶ As for me, I will call on God, and Yahweh will save me.

UST

¹⁶ But I will ask Yahweh, my God, to help me, and he will save me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:17**ULT**

¹⁷ In the evening, morning and at noonday I complain and moan; he will hear my voice.

UST

¹⁷ Each morning, noontime, and evening I tell him what I am concerned about, and I moan, and he hears my voice.

What does David do at evening, morning and noonday?

He complains and moans to God.

Psalms 55:18**ULT**

¹⁸ He will safely rescue my life from the battle that was against me, for those who fought against me were many.

UST

¹⁸ He saves my life and makes me safe when I am fighting a terrible battle against my enemies. There are many enemies coming to fight against me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:19**ULT**

¹⁹ God, the one who rules from eternity, will hear them and humiliate them. Selah They never change, and they do not fear God.

UST

¹⁹ God is the one who has ruled everything forever, and he will put those who fought against me in their place. He will cause my enemies to be defeated and disgraced because they do not change their evil behavior and because they do not have any respect for God.

Why will God hear and respond to David's enemies?

He will hear and respond because they do not change, and they do not fear God.

Psalms 55:20**ULT**

²⁰ My friend has raised his hands against those who were at peace with him; he has not respected the covenant that he had.

UST

²⁰ My companion, whom I mentioned previously, betrayed his friends and broke the agreement that he made with them.

What did David's friend do the covenant that he made?

He has not respected the covenant that he made.

Psalms 55:21**ULT**

²¹ His mouth was smooth as butter, but his heart was hostile; his words were softer than oil, yet they were actually drawn swords.

UST

²¹ What he said was as easy to listen to as butter is easy to swallow, but in his inner being he hated people; his words were as soothing as olive oil, but they hurt people as sharp swords do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:22**ULT**

²² Place your burdens on Yahweh, and he will sustain you; he will never allow a righteous person to totter.

UST

²² Put your troubles in Yahweh's hands, and he will take care of you; he will never allow disaster to destroy righteous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:23**ULT**

²³ But you, God, will bring the wicked down into the pit of destruction; bloodthirsty and deceitful men will not live even half as long as others, but I will trust in you.

UST

²³ God, you will cause murderers and liars to die before they have lived half as long as they expect to live; but as for me, I will trust in you.

To where will God bring the wicked down?

He will bring the wicked down into the pit of destruction.

Psalms 56

Psalms 56:1

ULT

¹ Be merciful to me, God, for men are attacking me! All the day long those who fight me press their assault.

UST

¹ God, act mercifully toward me because men are attacking me! All day long an enemy presses closer and closer to me because they want to take my life.

Why does David ask God to be merciful to him?

He asks God to be merciful because someone wishes to swallow him up.

Psalms 56:2

ULT

² My enemies trample me all day long; for there are many who arrogantly fight against me.

UST

² All day long my enemies seek to crush the life from me, there are many enemies attacking me!

When do David's enemies wish to swallow him up?

David's enemies wish to swallow him up all the day long.

Psalms 56:3

ULT

³ When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.

UST

³ But whenever I am afraid, I trust in you.

David vows to do what when he is afraid?

When David is afraid, he will put his trust in God.

Psalms 56:4**ULT**

⁴ In God, whose word I praise— in God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid; what can mere man do to me?

UST

⁴ God, I praise you because you do what you have promised; I trust in you, and then I am not afraid. Ordinary humans certainly cannot harm me!

What is the result of David's trust in God?

David put his trust in God so he will not be afraid.

Psalms 56:5**ULT**

⁵ All the day long they twist my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil.

UST

⁵ All day long my enemies claim that I said things that I did not say; they are always thinking of ways to harm me.

What do David's enemies do with David's words?

They twist David's words.

What are David's enemies thoughts toward David?

All their thoughts are against David for evil.

Psalms 56:6**ULT**

⁶ They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, and they mark my steps, just as they have waited for my life.

UST

⁶ In order to cause trouble for me, they hide and watch everything that I do, waiting for an opportunity to kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 56:7**ULT**

⁷ Do not let them escape doing iniquity. Bring down the peoples in your anger, God.

UST

⁷ So, God, punish them for the wicked things that they are doing; show that you are angry by defeating those people!

How does David ask God to bring down David's enemies?

David asks God to bring them down in God's anger.

Psalms 56:8**ULT**

⁸ You number my wanderings and put my tears into your bottle; are they not in your book?

UST

⁸ You have counted all the times that I have been wandering alone; it is as though you have put all my tears in a bottle so that you can see how much I have cried. You have counted my tears and written the number in your book.

What does David ask God to do what with his tears?

David asks God to put David's tears in God's bottle.

Psalms 56:9**ULT**

⁹ Then my enemies will turn back on the day that I call to you; this I know, that God is for me.

UST

⁹ When I call out to you, my God, my enemies will be defeated; I know that will happen because you are fighting for me.

When will David's enemies turn back?

David's enemies will turn back on the day that he calls to God.

Psalms 56:10**ULT**

¹⁰ In God—whose word I praise, in Yahweh—whose word I praise,

UST

¹⁰ I praise you that you do what you have promised; Yahweh, I will always praise you for that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 56:11**ULT**

¹¹ in God I trust, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?

UST

¹¹ I trust in you, and as a result, I will not be afraid. I know that humans cannot really harm me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 56:12**ULT**

¹² The duty to fulfill my vows to you is on me, God; I will give thank offerings to you.

UST

¹² I will bring to you the offering that I promised; I will bring an offering to you to thank you

What does David vow to give to God?

David vows that he will give thank offerings to God.

Psalms 56:13

ULT

¹³ For you have rescued my life from death; you have kept my feet from falling, so that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

UST

¹³ because you have rescued me from being killed; you have kept me from stumbling. And so I will continue to live with God every day in his light that gives me life.

Where does David walk before God?

David walks before God in the light of the living.

Psalms 57

Psalms 57:1

ULT

¹ Be merciful to me, God, be merciful to me, for I take refuge in you until these troubles are over. I stay under your wings for protection until this destruction is over.

UST

¹ God, act mercifully toward me! Act mercifully toward me because I am coming to you to protect me. I request you to protect me as little birds are protected under their mother's wings until the storm is ended.

Why does David ask God to be merciful to him?

He asks God to be merciful to him, for his soul takes refuge in God.

For how long does David take refuge in God?

David takes refuge in God until these troubles are over.

Psalms 57:2

ULT

² I will cry to God Most High, to God, who does all things for me.

UST

² God, you who are greater than all other gods, I cry out to you, the one who enables me to be all that you desire.

What does David say God does for him?

David says God does all things for him.

Psalms 57:3

ULT

³ He will send help from heaven and save me, he is angry with those who crush me. Selah God will send me his loving kindness and his faithfulness.

UST

³ You will answer me from heaven and rescue me, but you will cause those who oppress me to be defeated and disgraced! God will always faithfully love me as he has promised me.

What does David say God will send out to him?

David says that God will send out to him God's covenant faithfulness and his trustworthiness.

Psalms 57:4**ULT**

⁴ My life is among lions; I am among those who are ready to devour me. I am among people whose teeth are spears and arrows, and whose tongues are sharp swords.

UST

⁴ Sometimes I am surrounded by my enemies, who are as ready to kill me as lions are to kill people; they are like lions that chew to bits the animals that they kill. But my enemies are human, and they have spears and arrows, not teeth; they say false things about me.

Among whom does David lie?

He lies among those who are set on fire.

Psalms 57:5**ULT**

⁵ Be exalted, God, above the heavens; let your glory be above all the earth.

UST

⁵ God, show in the heavens that you are very great! Show your glory to people all over the earth!

Where does David ask God to let his glory be?

David asked God to let God's glory be above all the earth.

Psalms 57:6**ULT**

⁶ They spread out a net for my feet; I was distressed. They dug a pit in front of me. They themselves have fallen into the middle of it! Selah

UST

⁶ It is as if my enemies have spread a net to seize me, and I became very distressed. It is as if they have dug a deep pit along the path where I walk, but they themselves fell into it!

What happened to those who dug a pit in front of David?

They themselves have fallen into the middle of it.

Psalms 57:7**ULT**

⁷ My heart is fixed, God, my heart is fixed; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises.

UST

⁷ God, I am very confident in you. I will sing to you, and I will praise you while I sing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 57:8**ULT**

⁸ Wake up, my honored heart; wake up, lute and harp; I will wake up the dawn.

UST

⁸ It is an honor to wake up and praise you. I will arise before the sun rises and praise you while I play my big harp or my lyre.

What musical instruments does David call to wake up?

David calls to the lute and harp to wake up.

Psalms 57:9**ULT**

⁹ I will give thanks to you, Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

UST

⁹ Lord, I will thank you among all the people; and I will sing songs of praise about you to many people groups.

Where will David give thanks to the Lord?

David will give thanks to the Lord among the peoples.

Where will David sing praise to the Lord?

David will sing praises to the Lord among the nations.

Psalms 57:10

ULT

¹⁰ For great is your unfailing love, reaching to the heavens; and your faithfulness to the clouds.

UST

¹⁰ For your love for us is as great as the distance from the earth to the sky, and your faithfulness to us goes up to the clouds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 57:11

ULT

¹¹ Be exalted, God, above the heavens; may your glory be exalted over all the earth.

UST

¹¹ God, show in the heavens that you are very great! Show your glory to people all over the earth!

Where does David asks for God's glory to be exalted?

David asks for God's glory to be exalted over all the earth.

Psalms 58

Psalms 58:1

ULT

¹ Do you indeed rulers speak righteousness you silent ones? Do you judge uprightly, you people?

UST

¹ When you rulers speak, you never say what is right; you people never justly decide disputes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:2

ULT

² No, you commit wickedness in your heart; you distribute violence throughout the land with your hands.

UST

² No, in your inner beings you think only about doing what is wrong, and you commit violent crimes everywhere in this land of Israel.

What does David say the sons of men distribute through the lands?

They distribute violence through the land with their hands.

Psalms 58:3

ULT

³ The wicked go astray even when they are in the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.

UST

³ Wicked people do wrong things and tell lies from the time that they are born.

When does David say the wicked go astray?

They go astray as soon as they are born.

Psalms 58:4**ULT**

⁴ Their poison is like a snake's poison; they are like a deaf adder that stops up its ears,

UST

⁴ What wicked people say injures people like the venom of a snake. They refuse to listen to commands; it is as though they were deaf cobras.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:5**ULT**

⁵ that pays no attention to the voice of charmers, no matter how skillful they are.

UST

⁵ As a result, like a snake that does not respond when a charmer plays a flute or when someone sings magic songs, they do not pay attention when others rebuke them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:6**ULT**

⁶ Break their teeth in their mouths, God; break out the great teeth of the young lions, Yahweh.

UST

⁶ God, as for these enemies who want to attack me like young lions, break the teeth in their mouths!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:7**ULT**

⁷ Let them melt away as water that runs off; when they shoot their arrows, let them be as though they had no points.

UST

⁷ Cause them to disappear as water disappears in dry ground! Cause the arrows that they shoot to have no heads!

What does David ask God to do when the wicked shoot their arrows?

David asks God to let the arrows be as though they had no points.

Psalms 58:8**ULT**

⁸ Let them be like a snail that melts and passes away, like the untimely-born child of a woman that never sees the sunlight.

UST

⁸ Cause them to become like snails that disappear in the slime; cause them to be like a baby that is born dead!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:9**ULT**

⁹ Before your pots can feel the thorn's burning heat, he will take them away with a whirlwind, the green thorns and the burning thorns alike.

UST

⁹ I hope that you will get rid of them as fast as thornbushes are blown away after they are cut.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The righteous will rejoice when he sees God's vengeance; he will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked,

UST

¹⁰ People who do what is right will rejoice when they see God punish the wicked people; they will wash their feet in the blood of wicked people.

When will the righteous rejoice?

The righteous will rejoice when he sees God's vengeance.

Psalms 58:11

ULT

¹¹ so that men will say, "Truly, there is a reward for the righteous person; truly there is a God who judges the earth."

UST

¹¹ Then people will say, "It is true that there is a reward for righteous people; and there is indeed a God who judges people justly here on the earth!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59

Psalms 59:1

ULT

¹ Rescue me from my enemies, my God; set me on high away from those who rise up against me.

UST

¹ God, save me from my enemies! Protect me from those who want to attack me!

How does David ask God to rescue him from his enemies?

He asks God to set him on high away from those who rise up against him.

Psalms 59:2

ULT

² Keep me safe from the workers of iniquity, and save me from the bloodthirsty men.

UST

² Keep me safe from men who want to do what is wicked, from men who are murderers!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:3

ULT

³ For, see, they wait in ambush to take my life. The powerful men gather themselves together against me, but not because of my transgression or my sin, Yahweh.

UST

³ Look! They are waiting to kill me! Fierce men have gathered to assault me. Yahweh, they are doing that even though I have not done what is wrong!

Who gather themselves together against David?

The mighty evildoers gather themselves together against David.

Psalms 59:4**ULT**

⁴ They prepare to run at me although I am without fault; awake and help me and see.

UST

⁴ It is not because I have committed any sin against them that they run and get ready to attack me. Please look at my situation and help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:5**ULT**

⁵ You, Yahweh God of hosts, the God of Israel, arise and punish all the nations; do not be merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah

UST

⁵ Yahweh my God, commander of the angel armies, the one we Israelites worship, arise and punish the people of all the nations who do not honor you; do not act mercifully toward those wicked people who have acted treacherously toward us.

Who does David ask Yahweh to not be merciful to?

He asks Yahweh to not be merciful to any wicked transgressors.

Psalms 59:6**ULT**

⁶ They return at evening, they howl like dogs and go around the city.

UST

⁶ They return each evening, snarling like vicious dogs as they prowl around this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:7**ULT**

⁷ See, they belch out with their mouths; swords are in their lips, for they say, "Who hears us?"

UST

⁷ They loudly say terrible things; they say things that destroy as much as swords do, because they are saying, "No one will hear us!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:8**ULT**

⁸ But you, Yahweh, laugh at them; you hold all the nations in derision.

UST

⁸ But Yahweh, you laugh at them. You scoff at the people of the pagan nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:9**ULT**

⁹ God, my strength, I will pay attention to you; you are my high tower.

UST

⁹ God, I have confidence in you because you are very strong; you are my refuge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:10**ULT**

¹⁰ My God will meet me with his covenant faithfulness; God will let me see my desire on my enemies.

UST

¹⁰ Because you love me, you will come to save me as you have promised; you will allow me to watch while you defeat my enemies.

How does David expect his God to meet him?

God will meet him with his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 59:11**ULT**

¹¹ Do not kill them, or my people will forget. Scatter them by your power and make them fall, Lord our shield.

UST

¹¹ But do not kill them immediately; it is good that my people should not forget how you punished them! Instead, Lord, you who are like a shield that protects us, scatter them by your power, and then defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:12**ULT**

¹² For the sins of their mouths and the words of their lips, let them be captured in their pride, and for the curses and lies that they express.

UST

¹² Because what they say is sinful, allow them to be trapped for being proud. Because they are always cursing and telling lies,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:13**ULT**

¹³ Consume them in wrath, consume them so that they will be no more; let them know that God rules in Jacob and to the ends of the earth. Selah

UST

¹³ because you are angry, get rid of them; destroy them completely so that people will know that you rule over us, your Israelite people, and that you rule over all the earth.

How does David ask God to consume his enemies?

He asks God to consume them in wrath, and to consume them so that they will be no more.

Psalms 59:14**ULT**

¹⁴ At evening they return, howling like dogs going around the city.

UST

¹⁴ They return each evening, snarling like vicious dogs as they prowl around this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:15**ULT**

¹⁵ They wander about looking for food and they growl like a dog if they are not satisfied.

UST

¹⁵ They roam around, searching for food and if they do not find enough, they growl like dogs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But I will sing about your strength, and in the morning I will sing about your steadfast love! For you have been my high tower and a refuge in the day of my distress.

UST

¹⁶ But as for me, I will sing about your power; every morning I will sing joyfully about your faithfully loving us. I will sing about how you protected me when I was very distressed.

How does David sing about God's strength?

He says God has been his high tower and a refuge in the day of his distress.

Psalms 59:17**ULT**

¹⁷ To you, my strength, I will sing praises; for God is my high tower, the God of covenant faithfulness.

UST

¹⁷ God, you are the one who enables me to be strong; you are my refuge; you faithfully love me, just as you have promised in your covenant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 60

Psalms 60:1

ULT

¹ God, you have cast us off; you have broken through our defenses; you have been angry; restore us again.

UST

¹ I prayed, "God, you have rejected us Israelites! Because you have been angry with us, you have enabled our enemies to break through our ranks. Please enable us to be strong again!

What has God done to the Israelies?

He has cast them off, broken them down, and has been angry with them.

Psalms 60:2

ULT

² You have made the land tremble; you have torn it apart; heal its fissures, for it is shaking.

UST

² It was as though you made a big earthquake in which the ground split open. So now, make us strong again, because it is as though our country is falling apart.

What has God done to the land?

He has made the land tremble and torn it apart.

Psalms 60:3

ULT

³ You have made your people see difficult things; you have made us drink the wine of staggering.

UST

³ You have caused us, your people, to suffer very much; it is as though you had taken away our strength by making us drink strong wine.

What has God shown to his people and made them drink?

He has shown them severe things and made them drink the wine of staggering.

Psalms 60:4**ULT**

⁴ For those who honor you, you have set up a banner to be displayed against those who carry the bow. Selah

UST

⁴ But you have raised a battle flag for those who honor you. They will show your banner when they face the enemies' arrows.

To whom has God given a banner?

He gave a banner to those that honor him.

Psalms 60:5**ULT**

⁵ So that those you love may be rescued, rescue us with your right hand and answer me.

UST

⁵ Answer our prayers and enable us by your power to defeat our enemies so that we, the people you love, will be saved."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 60:6**ULT**

⁶ God has spoken in his holiness, "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem and apportion out the Valley of Succoth.

UST

⁶ Then God answered my prayer and spoke from his temple, saying, "Because I have conquered your enemies, I will divide the city of Shechem, and I will distribute among my people the land in Succoth Valley.

What will God do to Shechem and the valley of Succoth?

He will divide Shechem and apportion out the valley of Succoth.

Psalms 60:7**ULT**

⁷ Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is my helmet; Judah is my scepter.

UST

⁷ The region of Gilead is mine; the people of the tribe of Manasseh are mine; the tribe of Ephraim is like my helmet; and the tribe of Judah is like the scepter with which I rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 60:8**ULT**

⁸ Moab is my washbasin; over Edom I will throw my shoe; I will shout in triumph because of Philistia.”

UST

⁸ The region of Moab is like my washbasin; I throw my sandal into the region of Edom to show that it belongs to me; I shout triumphantly because I have defeated the people of all the region of Philistia.

What will God do to Edom?

He will throw his shoe over Edom.

Psalms 60:9**ULT**

⁹ Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?

UST

⁹ Because I want to defeat the people of Edom, who will lead my army to their capital city that has strong walls around it?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 60:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But you, God, have you not rejected us? You do not go into battle with our army.

UST

¹⁰ So, God, it seems that you have truly abandoned us; it seems that you do not go with us when our armies march out to fight our enemies.

What did God not do for the army?

He did not go into battle with them.

Psalms 60:11**ULT**

¹¹ Give us help against the enemy, for man's help is futile.

UST

¹¹ We need you to help us when we fight against our enemies because the help that humans can give us is worthless.

How will the Israelites be able to triumph? (vv11-12)

They will triumph with God's help, for he will trample down the enemy.

Psalms 60:12**ULT**

¹² We will triumph with God's help; he will trample down our enemies.

UST

¹² But with you helping us, we will win; you will enable us to defeat our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 61

Psalms 61:1

ULT

¹ Hear my cry, God; attend to my prayer.

UST

¹ God, listen to me and answer my prayer.

What does David ask God to do for him?

David asks God to hear his cry, and to attend to his prayer.

Psalms 61:2

ULT

² From the ends of the earth will I call to you when my heart is faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

UST

² While I am discouraged and far from my home, I am calling out to you. Lead me to a place that will be like a high rock on top of which I will be safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 61:3

ULT

³ For you have been a refuge for me, a strong tower from the enemy.

UST

³ You have been my refuge; you have been like a strong tower in which my enemies cannot attack me.

What has God been like for David?

God has been a refuge and a strong tower from the enemy for David.

Psalms 61:4**ULT**

⁴ Let me live in your tabernacle forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings. Selah

UST

⁴ Allow me to live close to your sacred tent all during my life! Allow me to be safe as a little bird is safe under its mother's wings.

Where will David live and take refuge?

David will live in God's tabernacle forever and take refuge in the hiding place under God's wings.

Psalms 61:5**ULT**

⁵ For you, God, have heard my vows, you have given me the inheritance of those who honor your name.

UST

⁵ God, you heard me when I solemnly promised to give offerings to you; you have given to me the blessings that belong to those who have an awesome respect for you.

What did God do for David when he heard his vows?

God gave him the inheritance of those who honor God's name.

Psalms 61:6**ULT**

⁶ You will prolong the king's life; his years will be like many generations.

UST

⁶ I am the king of Israel; please allow me to live and rule for many years, and allow my descendants to rule also.

What will God do for the king's life?

God will prolong the king's life so that his years will be like many generations.

Psalms 61:7**ULT**

⁷ Oh prepare mercy and truth which may preserve him. He will remain before God forever.

UST

⁷ Allow us to rule forever while you observe us; watch over us while you faithfully love us and do for us what you promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 61:8**ULT**

⁸ I will sing praise to your name forever so that I may perform my vows every day.

UST

⁸ If you do that, I will always sing to praise you while I offer to you each day the sacrifices that I promised to give to you.

Why will David sing praise to God's name forever?

David will sing praise to God's name forever so that he may perform his vows every day.

Psalms 62

Psalms 62:1

ULT

¹ I wait in silence for God alone; my salvation comes from him.

UST

¹ God is the only one who can give me peace in my inner being, and he is the one who saves me from my enemies.

Why does David wait in silence for God alone?

David waits in silence for God because his salvation comes from God.

Psalms 62:2

ULT

² He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my high tower; I will not be greatly moved.

UST

² Only he is like a huge rock on which I can be safe; he is like a fortress high up that my enemies cannot climb.

What does David say God is to him?

David says God alone is his rock and salvation, and his high tower.

Psalms 62:3

ULT

³ How long, all of you, will you attack a man, that you may tip him over like a leaning wall or a shaky fence?

UST

³ When will you, my enemies, stop attacking me? I feel that I am as weak against you as a leaning wall or a broken-down fence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 62:4**ULT**

⁴ They consult with him only to bring him down from his honorable position; they love to tell lies; they bless him with their mouths, but in their hearts they curse him. Selah

UST

⁴ My enemies plan to remove me from my important position so that people no longer honor me. They delight in telling lies. They bless people by what they say, but in their inner beings they curse those people.

How do they treat a man in his honorable position?

They consult with him only to bring him down, they love to tell lies, and they bless him with their mouths, but in their hearts they curse him.

Psalms 62:5**ULT**

⁵ I wait in silence for God alone; for my hope is set on him.

UST

⁵ God is the only one who gives me peace in my inner being; he is the one whom I confidently expect to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 62:6**ULT**

⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my high tower; I will not be moved.

UST

⁶ Only he is like a huge rock on which I can be safe; he is like a shelter; my enemies can never reach me there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 62:7**ULT**

⁷ With God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength and my refuge are in God.

UST

⁷ God is the one who saves me and honors me. He is like a huge, strong rock on which I can find shelter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 62:8**ULT**

⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

UST

⁸ You my people, always trust in him. Tell him all your troubles because we go to him for safety.

What does David tell the people to do?

He tells the people to trust in God at all times and to pour out their heart before God.

Psalms 62:9**ULT**

⁹ Surely men of low standing are vanity, and men of high standing are a lie; they will weigh lightly in the scales; weighed together, they are lighter than nothing.

UST

⁹ People who are considered to be unimportant are as unreliable as a breath of air; people who are considered to be important also really amount to nothing. If you put them all on a scale, it would be as if they weighed less than a puff of air.

How does David describe men of low and high standing?

Men of low standing are vanity, and men of high standing are a lie, weighed together they are lighter than nothing.

Psalms 62:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Do not trust in oppression or robbery; and do not hope uselessly in riches, for they will bear no fruit; do not fix your heart on them.

UST

¹⁰ Do not trust in money gained by extorting it from others; do not try to gain anything by robbing others. If you become very wealthy, do not trust in your money.

On what does David say people should not fix their hearts?

He says they should not trust in oppression or robbery and not hope uselessly in riches, because they will bear no fruit.

Psalms 62:11

ULT

¹¹ God has spoken once, twice have I heard this: power belongs to God.

UST

¹¹ I have heard God say more than once that he is the one who really has power,

What has David heard when God has spoken?

David has heard that power belongs to God.

Psalms 62:12

ULT

¹² Also to you, Lord, belongs covenant faithfulness, for you pay back every person for what he has done.

UST

¹² and that he is the one who faithfully loves us, as he promised. He rewards every one of us according to the deeds that we do.

To whom does covenant faithfulness belong?

Covenant faithfulness belongs to the Lord because the Lord pays back every person for what he has done.

Psalms 63

Psalms 63:1

ULT

¹ God, you are my God! I earnestly search for you, my soul thirsts for you, and my flesh longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

UST

¹ God, you are the God whom I worship. I greatly desire to be with you as a person in a dry hot wilderness greatly desires some water.

How does David seek God?

He seeks God earnestly, his soul thirsts for him, and his flesh longs for God.

Psalms 63:2

ULT

² So I have looked on you in the sanctuary, to see your power and your glory.

UST

² I have been with you in your temple In order to see that you are loving and powerful.

When David looks for God in the sanctuary, what does he see?

He sees God's power and glory.

Psalms 63:3

ULT

³ Because your covenant faithfulness is better than life, my lips will praise you.

UST

³ You always love me, as you promised in your covenant; this is worth more than my entire life, so I will always praise you.

What will David do because of God's covenant faithfulness? (vv3-4)

David's lips will praise God, he will bless God while he lives, and he will lift up his hands in God's name.

Psalms 63:4**ULT**

⁴ So I will bless you with my life; I will lift up my hands in your name.

UST

⁴ I will praise you all the time that I live; I will lift up my hands to you while I pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 63:5**ULT**

⁵ It will be like when my throat is satisfied with fatty meats and rich foods; with joyful lips my mouth will praise you,

UST

⁵ You fill me up and you meet every need I have. My response to you is much like when I eat a delicious banquet of rich foods and the food fills me. I will have great happiness when I praise you with the words that I speak about you.

What satisfies David's soul and causes him to praise God? (vv5-6)

He is satisfied and praises when he thinks about God on his bed and meditates on him in the night.

Psalms 63:6**ULT**

⁶ when I remember you on my bed and meditate on you in the night hours.

UST

⁶ While I lie on my bed, I think about you. I think about you all during the night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 63:7**ULT**

⁷ For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

UST

⁷ For you have always helped me, and I sing joyfully knowing that you protect me as a bird protects her young under her wings.

Where does David rejoice?

He rejoices in the shadow of God's wings.

Psalms 63:8**ULT**

⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand supports me.

UST

⁸ I follow you closely, and your hand protects me.

What supports David?

God's right hand supports David.

Psalms 63:9**ULT**

⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life will go down into the lowest parts of the earth;

UST

⁹ But those who are trying to kill me will die and descend into the place of the dead;

What will happen to those who seek to destroy David's soul? (vv9-10)

They will go into the lower parts of the earth, they will be given over to the power of the sword, and given to jackals.

Psalms 63:10**ULT**

¹⁰ they will be given over to the power of the sword, and they will become food for the jackals.

UST

¹⁰ they will be killed in battles and their corpses will be eaten by dogs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 63:11**ULT**

¹¹ But the king will rejoice in God; everyone who swears by him will exult, but the mouth of those who speak lies will be shut.

UST

¹¹ But I, the king of Israel, will rejoice in what God has done; and all those who ask God to confirm their word will praise him, but he will not allow liars to say anything.

What will happen to those who swear by God?

Those that swear by him will be proud of him.

What will happen to those who speak lies?

Those who speak lies will have their mouths stopped up.

Psalms 64

Psalms 64:1

ULT

¹ Hear my voice, God, listen to my complaint; preserve my life from fear of my enemies.

UST

¹ God, listen to me as I tell you the things about which I am worried. I am afraid of my enemies; please save me from them.

What is David asking of God to hear?

He wants God to hear his voice and to listen to his complaint.

Psalms 64:2

ULT

² Hide me from the secret plotting of evildoers, from the commotion of the doers of iniquity.

UST

² Protect me from what wicked men are planning to do to me; protect me from that group of men who do what is evil.

From what does David ask God to hide him?

He asks God to hide him from the secret plotting of evildoers and from the commotion of the doers of iniquity.

Psalms 64:3

ULT

³ They have sharpened their tongues like swords; they have aimed their arrows, bitter words,

UST

³ The hostile things they say are like sharp swords; their cruel words are like arrows.

What have David's enemies done to their tongues?

They have sharpened their tongues as swords.

Psalms 64:4**ULT**

⁴ so that they may shoot from secret places at someone who is innocent; suddenly they shoot at him and fear nothing.

UST

⁴ They are not afraid of anyone; they lie about people and slander those who have done no wrong. They are like someone who suddenly jumps up from where he is hiding and shoots arrows at his enemies.

At whom do David's enemies shoot?

They shoot at someone who is innocent.

Psalms 64:5**ULT**

⁵ They encourage themselves in an evil plan; they consult privately together in order to set traps; they say, "Who will see us?"

UST

⁵ They encourage each other about doing the evil things that they are planning to do; they talk with each other about where they can set traps to catch people. They say, "No one will see what we are doing

What do David's enemies say when they consult privately together to plan evil and set traps?

They say, "Who will see us?"

Psalms 64:6**ULT**

⁶ They invent sinful plans; "We have finished," they say, "a careful plan." The inner thoughts and hearts of man are deep.

UST

⁶ because we have planned very well the things that we are going to do." What people can think and plan in their inner beings is truly amazing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 64:7**ULT**

⁷ But God will shoot them; suddenly they will be wounded with his arrows.

UST

⁷ But it will be as though God will shoot his arrows at them, and suddenly they will be wounded.

How will God respond to David's enemies?

God will shoot them and suddenly and they will be wounded with his arrows.

Psalms 64:8**ULT**

⁸ They will be made to stumble, since their own tongues are against them; all who see them will wag their heads.

UST

⁸ Because what they say proves they are guilty, God will get rid of them. Everyone who sees what has happened to them will shake their heads to mock them.

Because of God's actions, what will happen to the enemy?

The enemy will be made to stumble and all who see them will wag their heads.

Psalms 64:9**ULT**

⁹ All people will fear and will declare God's deeds. They will wisely think about what he has done.

UST

⁹ Then everyone will be afraid to sin because of what might happen to them also; they will tell others what God has done, and they themselves will think much about it.

How will all people respond when God judges David's enemies?

All people will fear, declare God's deeds, and think wisely about what God has done.

Psalms 64:10

ULT

¹⁰ The righteous will be glad about Yahweh and will take refuge in him; all the upright in heart will take pride in him.

UST

¹⁰ Righteous people should rejoice because of what Yahweh has done; they should go to him to find refuge; and all those who honor him will praise him.

What will the righteous and all the upright in heart do?

The righteous will be glad about Yahweh and will take refuge in him; all the upright in heart will take pride in him.

Psalms 65

Psalms 65:1

ULT

¹ For you, God in Zion, our praise waits; our vows will be carried out to you.

UST

¹ God, it is right for us to praise you in Jerusalem and to do what we have promised you that we would do

To whom does David say their vows will be carried?

Their vows will be carried to God in Zion.

Psalms 65:2

ULT

² You who hear prayer, to you all flesh will come.

UST

² because you answer our prayers. People everywhere will come to you

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 65:3

ULT

³ Iniquities prevail against us; as for our transgressions, you will forgive them.

UST

³ Our many sins are like a very heavy burden to us, but you forgive us.

What does David say God will do about their transgressions?

He says God will forgive their transgressions.

Psalms 65:4**ULT**

⁴ Blessed is the man whom you choose to bring near to you so that he may live in your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

UST

⁴ How fortunate are those whom you have chosen to always be in your temple courtyards. We will be satisfied with all the blessings that you will give us because we worship you in your sacred temple.

Who does David say is the blessed man?

Blessed is the man whom God chooses to bring near and live in his courts; he will be satisfied with the goodness of God's house.

Psalms 65:5**ULT**

⁵ In righteousness you will answer us by doing amazing things, God of our salvation; you who are hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far across the sea.

UST

⁵ God, when we pray to you, you answer us and save us by doing awesome deeds; you are the one who rescues us; people who live in very remote places on the earth, on the other side of the oceans, trust in you.

How will God of their salvation answer their prayer?

God will answer in righteousness by doing amazing things.

Psalms 65:6**ULT**

⁶ For it is you who made the mountains firm, you who are belted with strength.

UST

⁶ You are the one who put the mountains in their places, showing that you are very powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 65:7**ULT**

⁷ It is you who quiet the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the commotion of the peoples.

UST

⁷ You are the one who calms the seas when they roar, and stop the waves from pounding on the shore; you also calm people when they cause a lot of trouble.

What does God quiet?

He quiets the roaring seas, the roaring waves, and the commotion of the peoples.

Psalms 65:8**ULT**

⁸ Those who live in the uttermost parts of the earth are afraid of the evidence of your deeds; you make the east and the west rejoice.

UST

⁸ People who live in very remote places on the earth are awed by the miracles that you perform; because of what you do, people who live far to the west and far to the east shout joyfully.

Who is afraid of the evidence of God's deeds?

Those who live in the uppermost parts of the earth are afraid of the evidence of God's deeds.

Psalms 65:9**ULT**

⁹ You come to help the earth; you water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide mankind grain when you have prepared the earth.

UST

⁹ You take care of the soil and send rain, causing many good things to grow; you fill the streams with water and cause grain to grow. This is what you have determined would happen.

How does David say God helps the earth?

God waters it, enriches it, and prepares the earth to provide mankind with grain.

Psalms 65:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly; you settle down the furrows' ridges; you make them soft with rain showers; you bless the sprouts between them.

UST

¹⁰ You send plenty of rain on the fields that have been plowed, and you fill the furrows with water. With showers you soften the hard clods of soil, and you bless the soil by causing young plants to grow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 65:11**ULT**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

UST

¹¹ Because you bless the soil, there are very good crops at harvest season; wherever you have gone, good crops are very abundant.

What happens to the earth behind God's chariot?

The tracks behind his chariot drop fatness down to the earth.

Psalms 65:12**ULT**

¹² The pastures in the wilderness drip with dew, and the hills are clothed with joy.

UST

¹² The pastures in the wilderness are wet with the morning dew, it is as though the hills are singing joyful songs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 65:13

ULT

¹³ The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain; they shout for joy, and they sing.

UST

¹³ The meadows are covered with sheep and goats, and the valleys are full of grain; it is as though they also sing and shout joyfully.

With what are the pastures clothed, and the valleys covered?

The pastures are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are covered over with grain.

Psalms 66

Psalms 66:1

ULT

¹ To the chief musician. A song. A psalm. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

UST

¹ Tell everyone on the earth that they should sing joyfully to praise God!

What does the writer tell all the earth to do?

He tells everyone to make a joyful noise to God, sing out the glory of his name, and make his praise glorious.

Psalms 66:2

ULT

² Sing out the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

UST

² They should sing songs that say that God is very great, and they should tell everyone that he is very glorious!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:3

ULT

³ Say to God, "How terrifying are your deeds! By the greatness of your power your enemies will submit to you.

UST

³ They should say to God, "The things that you do are awesome! Your power is very great, with the result that your enemies cringe in front of you."

What will cause God's enemies to submit to him?

The greatness of God's power will cause his enemies to submit to him.

Psalms 66:4**ULT**

⁴ All the earth will worship you and will sing to you; they will sing to your name." Selah

UST

⁴ Everyone on the earth will worship God, sing to praise him, and honor him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:5**ULT**

⁵ Come and see the works of God; he is fearsome in his deeds toward the sons of mankind.

UST

⁵ Come and think about what God has done! Think about the awesome things that he has done among people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:6**ULT**

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; they went through the river on foot; there we rejoiced in him.

UST

⁶ He caused the sea to become dry land, with the result that our ancestors were able to walk right through it. There we rejoiced because of what he had done.

What miraculous deed did God do for the children of men?

He turned the sea into dry land so that the people went through the river on foot.

Psalms 66:7**ULT**

⁷ He rules forever by his might; his eyes observe the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah

UST

⁷ He rules forever by his power, and he keeps watching all the nations to see what evil things they do. The nations that want to rebel against him should not be proud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:8**ULT**

⁸ Give blessing to God, you people, let the sound of his praise be heard.

UST

⁸ You people of all nations, praise our God! Praise him loudly in order that people will hear you as you praise him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:9**ULT**

⁹ He keeps us among the living, and he does not permit our feet to slip.

UST

⁹ He has kept us alive, and he has not allowed us to fall into disaster.

What does God do for his people in life?

He keeps their souls in life and does not allow their feet to be moved.

Psalms 66:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For you, God, have tested us; you have tested us as silver is tested.

UST

¹⁰ God, you have tested us; you have allowed us to experience great difficulties to make our lives become pure as people put precious metals in a hot fire to burn out what is impure.

How has God tested his people and where has he brought them?

God has tested them as silver is tested.

Psalms 66:11**ULT**

¹¹ You brought us into a net; you laid a heavy burden on our backs.

UST

¹¹ It is as if you allowed us to fall into traps, and you forced us to endure difficult things that were like heavy loads to carry on our backs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:12**ULT**

¹² You made people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a spacious place.

UST

¹² You allowed our enemies to trample on us; we experienced difficulties walking through fires and floods, but now you have made us safe.

Where did God bring his people out?

He brought them out into a spacious place.

Psalms 66:13**ULT**

¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows

UST

¹³ I will bring to your temple offerings that are to be completely burned on the altar; I will offer to you what I promised.

With what will the writer come into God's house?

He will come into God's house with burnt offerings.

Psalms 66:14**ULT**

¹⁴ which my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in distress.

UST

¹⁴ When I was experiencing much trouble, I said that I would bring offerings to you if you rescued me; and you did rescue me, so I will bring to you what I promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:15**ULT**

¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fat animals with the sweet aroma of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.
Selah

UST

¹⁵ I will bring sheep to be burned on the altar, and I will also sacrifice bulls and goats; when they are burning, you will be pleased as the smoke rises up to you.

What will the writer offer to God?

He will offer burnt offerings of fat animals, the sweet aroma of rams, and bulls and goats.

Psalms 66:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will declare what he has done for my soul.

UST

¹⁶ All you people who have a reverential respect for God, come and listen, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

What will the writer declare to all who fear God?

He will declare what God has done for his soul.

Psalms 66:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I cried to him with my mouth, and he was praised with my tongue.

UST

¹⁷ I called out to him to help me, and I praised him while I was speaking to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:18**ULT**

¹⁸ If I had seen sin within my heart, the Lord would not have listened to me.

UST

¹⁸ If I had ignored the sins that I had committed, the Lord would not have paid any attention to me.

What will the Lord do if the writer looks at iniquity in his heart?

The Lord will not hear him if the writer looks at iniquity in his heart.

Psalms 66:19**ULT**

¹⁹ But God has truly heard; he has paid attention to the voice of my prayer.

UST

¹⁹ But because I confessed my sins, God has listened to me and has paid attention to my prayers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:20**ULT**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer or his covenant faithfulness from me.

UST

²⁰ I praise God because he has not ignored my prayers; he continues to love me as he promised in his covenant to do.

From what has God not turned away?

He has not turned away from the writer's prayer and from his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 67**Psalms 67:1****ULT**

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and cause his face to shine on us Selah

UST

¹ God, act mercifully toward us and bless us; act kindly toward us.

Why should God be merciful to his people and bless them? (vv1-2)

He should bless them so that his ways may be known on the earth, and his salvation among all nations.

Psalms 67:2**ULT**

² so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

UST

² Do this in order that everyone in the world may know what you want them to do, and the people of all nations may know that you have the power to save them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 67:3**ULT**

³ Let the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise you.

UST

³ God, I desire that all people groups may praise you; I want them all to praise you!

Who should praise God?

All the peoples should praise God.

Psalms 67:4**ULT**

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you will judge the peoples with uprightness and govern the nations on earth. Selah

UST

⁴ I desire that the people of all nations will be glad and sing joyfully because you judge the people groups equally, and you guide all the nations in the world.

Why should the nations be glad and sing?

The nations should be glad and sing because God will judge the peoples with justice and govern the nations on earth.

Psalms 67:5**ULT**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise you.

UST

⁵ God, I desire that the people groups may praise you; I want them all to praise you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 67:6**ULT**

⁶ The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, will bless us.

UST

⁶ Good crops have grown on our land; God, our God, has blessed us.

Why has the earth yielded its harvest?

The earth yielded its harvest because God has blessed the peoples.

Psalms 67:7

ULT

⁷ May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him.

UST

⁷ Because God has blessed us, I desire that all people everywhere on the earth may have an awesome respect for him.

What should happen because God has blessed the peoples?

All the ends of the earth should honor him.

Psalms 68

Psalms 68:1

ULT

¹ Let God arise; let his enemies be scattered; let those also who hate him flee before him.

UST

¹ God, arise and scatter your enemies, and cause those who hate you to run away from you.

What does David want to happen to God's enemies and to those who hate God?

He wants God's enemies to be scattered, and those who hate God to flee before him.

Psalms 68:2

ULT

² As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish in the presence of God.

UST

² As wind blows smoke away, you chase your enemies away. As wax melts when it is near a fire, may you cause wicked people to disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:3

ULT

³ But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God; may they rejoice and be happy.

UST

³ But may the righteous people be joyful; may they rejoice when they are in God's presence; may they be happy and very joyful.

What should the righteous do?

The righteous should be glad, rejoice, sing and be happy before Yahweh.

Psalms 68:4**ULT**

⁴ Sing to God! Sing praises to his name! Praise the one who rides through the plains of the Jordan River valley! Yahweh is his name! Rejoice before him!

UST

⁴ Sing to God; sing to praise him; sing a song for him who rides in the desert plains; his name is Yahweh; be glad when you are in his presence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:5**ULT**

⁵ A father of the fatherless, a judge of the widows, is God in the holy place where he lives.

UST

⁵ God, who lives in his sacred temple, is like a father to those who are orphans, and he is the one who protects widows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:6**ULT**

⁶ God puts the lonely into families; he brings out the prisoners to live in prosperity; but the rebellious live in a parched land.

UST

⁶ He provides families for those who have no one to live with. He frees prisoners and enables them to be successful, but those who rebel against him will be forced to live in a very hot and dry land.

What does God do for the lonely and the prisoners?

He puts the lonely into families, and brings out the prisoners with singing.

Psalms 68:7**ULT**

⁷ God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah

UST

⁷ God, you led your people out of Egypt, and then you marched with them through the desert.

What did the earth and heavens do when God went out before his people? (vv7-8)

The earth trembled and the heavens dropped rain in God's presence.

Psalms 68:8**ULT**

⁸ The earth trembled; the heavens also dropped rain in God's presence, in the presence of God when he came to Sinai, in the presence of God, the God of Israel.

UST

⁸ After you did that, the earth shook at Mount Sinai when you appeared to your people, and rain poured down from the sky, and your people worshiped you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:9**ULT**

⁹ You, God, sent a plentiful rain; you strengthened your inheritance when it was weary.

UST

⁹ You caused plenty of rain to fall there in the wilderness, and so you enabled good crops to grow again on that land that you gave to us Israelites.

What did God send for his people? (vv9-10)

God sent a plentiful rain to strengthen his inheritance when it was weary.

Psalms 68:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Your people lived in it; You, God, gave from your goodness to the poor.

UST

¹⁰ Your people built homes there; because you were good to them, you provided food for those who were poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:11**ULT**

¹¹ The Lord gave the orders, and those who announced them were a great army.

UST

¹¹ The Lord spoke this message, and many people took his message to other places.

What did the great army announce?

The army announced the Lord's orders.

Psalms 68:12**ULT**

¹² Kings of armies flee, they flee, and the women waiting at home divide the plunder:

UST

¹²⁻¹³ They proclaimed, "Many kings and their armies are running away from our army!" When our army brought back to their homes the things that they captured, the women who were at home divided up those things among themselves and among their families. They got statues of pigeons whose wings were covered with silver and whose feathers were covered with pure yellow gold. But some of the people stayed with the sheep and did not go to fight in the battle. Why did you not go?

What do the women waiting at home do after the kings of armies flee? (vv12-13)

They divide the plunder of silver and gold doves.

Psalms 68:13**ULT**

¹³ Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, You will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, And her feathers with yellow gold

UST

¹²⁻¹³ They proclaimed, "Many kings and their armies are running away from our army!" When our army brought back to their homes the things that they captured, the women who were at home divided up those things among themselves and among their families. They got statues of pigeons whose wings were covered with silver and whose feathers were covered with pure yellow gold. But some of the people stayed with the sheep and did not go to fight in the battle. Why did you not go?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The Almighty scattered kings there, it was as when it snowed on Mount Zalmon.

UST

¹⁴ When Almighty God scattered the enemy kings and their armies, it reminded me of a snowstorm on Mount Zalmon!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:15**ULT**

¹⁵ A mighty mountain is the hill country of Bashan; a high mountain is the hill country of Bashan.

UST

¹⁵ There is a very high mountain in the Bashan hills, a mountain that has many peaks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Why do you look in envy, you high hill country, at the mountain which God desires for the place he will live? Indeed, Yahweh will live in it forever.

UST

¹⁶ But the people who live near that mountain should not envy those who live near Mount Zion, the mountain on which God chose to live! Yahweh will live there forever!

At what is the hill country looking in envy?

The hill country is looking in envy at the mountain which God desires for the place where he will live forever.

Psalms 68:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The chariots of God are twenty thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them in the holy place, as at Sinai.

UST

¹⁷ After we defeated all our enemies, it was as though the Lord, surrounded by many thousands of strong chariots, descended from Mount Sinai and came into the sacred temple in Jerusalem.

How many chariots of God are there?

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, thousands upon thousands.

Psalms 68:18**ULT**

¹⁸ You have ascended on high; you have led away captives; you have received gifts from among men, even from those who fought against you, so that you, Yahweh God, might live there.

UST

¹⁸ He ascended the sacred mountain where his temple is and took with him many people who had been captured in battles; he received gifts from the enemies whom he had defeated. He received gifts even from those who had rebelled against him, and Yahweh, our God, will live there in his sacred temple forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burdens, the God who is our salvation. Selah

UST

¹⁹ Praise the Lord, who helps us carry our heavy loads every day; he is the one who saves us.

What does the Lord do for his people daily?

The Lord daily bears their burdens.

Psalms 68:20**ULT**

²⁰ Our God is a God who saves; Yahweh the Lord is the one who is able to rescue us from death.

UST

²⁰ Our God is the God who saves us; He is Yahweh, our Lord, the one who allows us to escape from dying in battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:21**ULT**

²¹ But God will strike through the heads of his enemies, through the hairy scalps of those who walk in offenses against him.

UST

²¹ But God will smash the heads of his enemies, the long-haired skulls of those who continue to behave sinfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:22**ULT**

²² The Lord said, "I will bring my enemies back from Bashan; I will bring them back from the depths of the sea

UST

²² The Lord said, "I will bring back the corpses of my enemies who were killed in Bashan, and I will bring back those who sank deep in the ocean and drowned.

From where will the Lord bring back his people?

The Lord will bring his people from Bashan and from the depths of the sea.

Psalms 68:23**ULT**

²³ so that you may crush your enemies, dipping your foot in blood, and so that the tongues of your dogs may have their share from your enemies."

UST

²³ I will do that so that you may wash your feet in their blood, and your dogs can also lap up some of your enemies' blood."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:24**ULT**

²⁴ They have seen your processions, God, the processions of my God, my King, into the holy place.

UST

²⁴ God, many people see you march triumphantly into your sacred temple, celebrating that you have defeated your enemies. You march like a king does, and a large crowd walks with you.

What order did the procession of God take place into the sanctuary? (vv24-25)

The singers went first, the minstrels followed after, and in the middle were the unmarried girls playing small drums.

Psalms 68:25**ULT**

²⁵ The singers went first, the minstrels followed after, and in the middle were the unmarried girls playing tambourines.

UST

²⁵ The singers are in front, and the people who play stringed instruments are at the rear, and young women who are beating their tambourines are between them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:26**ULT**

²⁶ Bless God in the assemblies; praise Yahweh, you who are from the fountain ^[1] of Israel.

UST

²⁶ They are all singing, "You Israelite people, praise God when you gather together; praise Yahweh, all you who are descendants of Jacob!"

Who should bless and praise God in the assembly?

The true descendants of Israel should bless and praise God.

Psalms 68:27**ULT**

²⁷ There is first Benjamin, the smallest tribe, then the leaders of Judah and their multitudes, the leaders of Zebulun and the leaders of Naphtali.

UST

²⁷ First come the people of the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest tribe, and following them come the leaders of the tribe of Judah and their group, and following them come the leaders of the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali.

Who is the smallest tribe?

Benjamin is the smallest tribe.

Psalms 68:28**ULT**

²⁸ Your God, Israel, has decreed your strength; reveal to us your power, God, as you have revealed it in times past.

UST

²⁸ You people of Israel, God made our tribes very strong. God, help us with your power as you helped us in the past.

What does David ask God to reveal to his people?

He asks God to reveal to them God's power as in times past.

Psalms 68:29**ULT**

²⁹ Reveal your power to us from your temple at Jerusalem, where kings bring gifts to you.

UST

²⁹ Show us that you are strong, there where you are in your temple in Jerusalem; kings bring gifts to you there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:30**ULT**

³⁰ Shout in battle against the wild beasts in the reeds, against the peoples, that multitude of bulls and calves. Humiliate them and make them bring you gifts; scatter the peoples who love to wage war.

UST

³⁰ Shout as you defeat your enemies, such as those in Egypt, who are like wild animals living in the reeds. Shout as you defeat the powerful nations, who are like herds of bulls. Shame them; make them bow down and give you gifts. Drive away and scatter the people groups who love to attack other nations.

What does David say to rebuke?

David says to rebuke the wild beast of the reeds and the bulls and calves of the peoples.

Psalms 68:31**ULT**

³¹ Princes will come out of Egypt; Cush will hurry to reach out with her hands to God.

UST

³¹ Then the leaders of Egypt will bring gifts to you. then the people in Ethiopia will rush to lift up their hands to praise you.

Who will come out of Egypt?

Princes will come out of Egypt.

Psalms 68:32**ULT**

³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; Selah Sing praises to Yahweh.

UST

³² You people who are citizens of kingdoms all over the world, sing to God! Sing praises to Yahweh!

Who should sing to God?

The kingdoms of the earth should sing praises to Yahweh.

Psalms 68:33**ULT**

³³ To him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which exist from ancient times; see, he lifts up his voice with power.

UST

³³ Sing to the God, the one who rides in the sky, the sky that he created long ago. Listen as he shouts with a very powerful voice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:34**ULT**

³⁴ Ascribe strength to God; his majesty is over Israel, and his strength is in the skies.

UST

³⁴ Proclaim that God is very powerful; he is the king that rules over Israel, and in the skies he also shows that he is powerful.

To whom does David say strength should be ascribed?

David says ascribe strength to God.

Psalms 68:35**ULT**

³⁵ God, you are fearsome in your holy place; the God of Israel—he gives strength and power to his people. Blessed be God.

68:26 ^[1] or, .

UST

³⁵ God is awesome as he comes out of his sacred temple; he is the God whom we Israelite people worship. He gives power and strength to his people. Praise God!

What does God give to his people?

He gives strength and power to his people.

Psalms 69

Psalms 69:1

ULT

¹ Save me, God; for the waters have put my life in danger.

UST

¹ O God, save me because I am in great danger. It is as though the flood water were up to my neck, and I were about to drown.

From what does David ask God to save him?

He asks God to save him from the deep waters that have come in to his soul.

Psalms 69:2

ULT

² I sink in deep mire, where there is no place to stand; I have come into deep waters, where the floods flow over me.

UST

² I continue to sink in the deep mud, and there is no solid ground for me to stand on. I am in deep water, and the flood is swirling around me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:3

ULT

³ I am weary with my crying; my throat is dry; my eyes fail while I wait for my God.

UST

³ I am exhausted from calling out for help; my throat is very dry. Because I have cried so much as I have waited for God to help me, my eyes are swollen from tears.

What is happening to David as he waits for his God?

He is weary from crying, his throat is dry, and his eyes fail.

Psalms 69:4**ULT**

⁴ Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs on my head; those who would cut me off, being my enemies for wrong reasons, are mighty; what I did not steal, I have to give back.

UST

⁴ Those who hate me when there is no reason to hate me are more than the number of hairs on my head! Those who want to get rid of me are strong, and they tell lies about me. They demand that I return to them things that I did not steal!

How many are David's enemies who hate him?

His enemies are more than the hairs on his head.

Psalms 69:5**ULT**

⁵ God, you know my foolishness, and my sins are not hidden from you.

UST

⁵ O God, you see the sins that I have committed. You know that I have foolishly disobeyed your laws.

What does God know about David?

God knows about David's foolishness and his sins are not hidden from God.

Psalms 69:6**ULT**

⁶ Let not those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, Lord Yahweh of hosts; let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor because of me, God of Israel.

UST

⁶ O Yahweh God, commander of the angel armies, do not allow the wrong things that I have done cause those who trust in you to be disappointed. O God, whom we Israelite people worship, do not allow me to cause them to be shamed.

What does David not want to happen to those who wait for and seek God?

David asks that they not be put to shame or brought to dishonor because of David.

Psalms 69:7**ULT**

⁷ For your sake I have borne rebuke; shame has covered my face.

UST

⁷ People have insulted me because I am devoted to you. They have thoroughly humiliated me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:8**ULT**

⁸ I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's children.

UST

⁸ Even my own older brothers act as if they do not know me; they treat me like a foreigner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:9**ULT**

⁹ For the zeal of your house has eaten me up, and the rebukes of those who rebuke you have fallen on me.

UST

⁹ Some people have despised your temple; but because I have tried to keep your temple holy, people have caused trouble for me. So it is as though those who are insulting you are also insulting me.

What has eaten up David?

Zeal for God's house has eaten him up.

Psalms 69:10**ULT**

¹⁰ When I wept and did not eat food, they insulted me.

UST

¹⁰ When I have humbled myself and fasted to show my sadness about the disgraceful things that they have done to your temple, they just insult me.

What did David do as a rebuke to himself?

He wept and punished his soul with fasting.

Psalms 69:11**ULT**

¹¹ When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became the object of a proverb to them.

UST

¹¹ When I put on rough sackcloth to show that I am sad, they laugh at me.

When did David become the object of a proverb? (vv11-12)

He made sackcloth of his clothing.

Psalms 69:12**ULT**

¹² Those who sit in the city gate talk about me; I am a song of drunkards.

UST

¹² Even the elders of the city say bad things about me. The drunkards of the city sing disgusting songs about me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:13**ULT**

¹³ But as for me, my prayer is to you, Yahweh, in the acceptable time; in the multitude of your mercy, hear me in the truth of your salvation.

UST

¹³ But Yahweh, I will continue praying to you. At the time that you choose, answer me and rescue me because you faithfully love me, as you have promised to do.

How does David want Yahweh to answer his prayer?

He asks Yahweh to answer him in the trustworthiness of Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 69:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Pull me out of the mire, and do not let me sink; let me be taken away from those who hate me and rescued out of the deep waters.

UST

¹⁴ Do not allow me to sink anymore in the mud. Rescue me from those who hate me! Lift me up out of these deep waters!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Do not let the floods of water overwhelm me, neither let the deep swallow me up. Do not let the pit shut its mouth on me.

UST

¹⁵ Do not allow the floods to swirl around me; do not allow the deep mud to swallow me; keep me from sinking into the pit of death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Answer me, Yahweh, for your covenant faithfulness is good; because your mercies for me are many, turn to me.

UST

¹⁶ O Yahweh, answer my prayer and help me because you are good and I can depend on your love for me. You have not punished me for what I deserve. I know you will listen to me!

Why should Yahweh turn to David?

He should turn to David because Yahweh's mercies for David are many.

Psalms 69:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress; answer me quickly.

UST

¹⁷ Do not hide yourself from me; answer me quickly because I am in great trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Come to me and redeem me. Because of my enemies, ransom me.

UST

¹⁸ Come near to me and save me; rescue me from my enemies.

What does David want Yahweh to do because of David's enemies?

He wants Yahweh to draw near his soul and to redeem it.

Psalms 69:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You know my rebuke, my shame, and my dishonor; my adversaries are all before you.

UST

¹⁹ You know that I am insulted and that people shame and dishonor me; you know who all my enemies are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:20**ULT**

²⁰ Rebuke has broken my heart; I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; I looked for comforters, but I found none.

UST

²⁰ Their insults have deeply offended me, and I feel helpless. I searched for someone who would pity me, but there was no one. I wanted someone to encourage me, but there was no one.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:21**ULT**

²¹ They gave me poison for my food; in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

UST

²¹ Instead, they gave me food that tasted like poison, and when I was thirsty, they gave me sour wine to drink.

What did David's enemies give him to eat and drink?

They gave him poison for food and vinegar to drink.

Psalms 69:22**ULT**

²² Let their table before them become a snare; when they think they are in safety, let it become a trap.

UST

²² I hope their own food will kill them; I hope that this will happen when they think that they are completely safe.

What does David want the table of his enemies to become?

He wants his enemies' table to become a snare and a trap for them.

Psalms 69:23**ULT**

²³ Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see; and always make their loins shake.

UST

²³ I hope that their eyes become dim so that they cannot see anything and that their backs will become weaker and weaker.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:24**ULT**

²⁴ Pour out your indignation on them, and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

UST

²⁴ Show them that you are very angry with them! Because of your great anger, chase them and catch them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:25**ULT**

²⁵ Let their place be a desolation; let no one live in their tents.

UST

²⁵ Cause their towns to become abandoned; may there be no one to live in their tents.

What does David want to happen to his enemies' place?

He wants their place to be a desolation, and no one to live in their tents.

Psalms 69:26**ULT**

²⁶ For they persecuted the one you struck down. They repeated the account of the pain of those you have wounded.

UST

²⁶ Do this because they persecute those whom you have punished, they look at how those whom you have punished suffer, and they tell others about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:27**ULT**

²⁷ Accuse them of having committed iniquity after iniquity; do not let them come into your righteous victory.

UST

²⁷ Keep making a record of all their sins, do not fail to punish them for the evil things that they have done.

Of what does David want Yahweh to accuse his enemies?

He wants Yahweh to accuse them of having committed iniquity after iniquity.

Psalms 69:28**ULT**

²⁸ Let them be blotted out of the Book of Life and not be written down along with the righteous.

UST

²⁸ Erase their names from the book containing the names of those who have eternal life; do not include them in the list of righteous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:29**ULT**

²⁹ But I am poor and sorrowful; let your salvation, God, set me up on high.

UST

²⁹ As for me, I have pain and am suffering. O God, protect me and rescue me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:30**ULT**

³⁰ I will praise the name of God with a song and will exalt him with thanksgiving.

UST

³⁰ When God does that, I will sing as I praise God, and I will honor him by thanking him.

What will please God more than an ox or a bull? (vv30-31)

David's praise to his name with a song and his thanksgiving will please Yahweh.

Psalms 69:31**ULT**

³¹ That will please Yahweh better than an ox or a bull that has horns and hooves.

UST

³¹ My doing that will please Yahweh more than sacrificing oxen, more than offering him full grown bulls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:32**ULT**

³² The meek have seen it and are glad; you who seek after God, let your hearts live.

UST

³² Oppressed people will see that God has rescued me, and they will be glad. I desire that all who request God to help them may be encouraged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:33**ULT**

³³ For Yahweh hears the needy and does not despise his prisoners.

UST

³³ Yahweh listens to those who are needy; he does not ignore those who have suffered for him.

How does Yahweh respond to the needy and his prisoners?

Yahweh hears the needy and does not despise his prisoners.

Psalms 69:34**ULT**

³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

UST

³⁴ I desire that everything will praise God— everything that is in heaven and on earth and all the creatures that are in the seas.

What does David say should praise God?

Heaven, earth, the seas, and everything that moves should praise God.

Psalms 69:35**ULT**

³⁵ For God will save Zion and will rebuild the cities of Judah; the people will live there and have it as a possession.

UST

³⁵ God will rescue the people of Jerusalem from their enemies, and he will rebuild the towns that are in Judah. His people will live there and again possess the land.

What will God do to Zion and the cities of Judah? (vv35-36)

God will save Zion and will rebuild the cities of Judah, and the people will live there and have it as a possession.

Psalms 69:36**ULT**

³⁶ His servants' descendants will inherit it; and those who love his name will live there.

UST

³⁶ The descendants of his people will inherit it, and those who love him will live there safely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 70

Psalms 70:1

ULT

¹ Save me, God! Yahweh, come quickly and help me.

UST

¹ God, please save me! Yahweh, come quickly to help me!

What is David asking God to do?

David is asking God to save him and to come quickly and help him.

Psalms 70:2

ULT

² Let those who try to take my life be ashamed and humiliated; let them be turned back and brought to dishonor, those who take pleasure in my pain.

UST

² Disgrace those who are happy about my troubles, those who are trying to kill me. Chase them away; make everyone shame them, for they want to see me suffer.

What does David want God to do to those who seek after his soul? (vv2-3)

David wants God to put them to shame and confound them, to turn them backward and bring them to dishonor.

Psalms 70:3

ULT

³ Let them be turned back because of their shame, those who say, "Aha, aha."

UST

³ I hope that you will cause them to become dismayed and ashamed because they have been happy about my troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 70:4**ULT**

⁴ Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation always say, "May God be praised."

UST

⁴ But I hope that everyone who prays to you will rejoice because of you. I hope that everyone who waits for you to rescue them will say, "God is great!"

What does David want all those who seek Yahweh to do?

He wants them to rejoice and be glad and say, "May God be praised."

Psalms 70:5**ULT**

⁵ But I am poor and needy; hurry to me, God; you are my help and you rescue me. Yahweh, do not delay.

UST

⁵ As for me, I am poor and needy; so God, come quickly to help me! Yahweh, you are the one who saves and helps me, so please come quickly!

What does David need from God because he is poor and needy?

David needs God to hurry to help and rescue him.

Psalms 71**Psalms 71:1****ULT**

¹ In you, Yahweh, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I have come to you to be safe; never allow me to become ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:2**ULT**

² Rescue me and make me safe in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me.

UST

² Because you always do what is right, help me and rescue me; listen to me, and save me!

What does the writer tell Yahweh he wants him to do?

The writer wants him to rescue him, make him safe, turn his ear to him and save him.

Psalms 71:3**ULT**

³ Be to me a rock for refuge where I may always go; you have given a command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

UST

³ Be like a huge rock on top of which I can be safe; be like a strong fortress in which I am safe. You have commanded your angels to rescue me.

What does the writer want Yahweh to be to him?

The writer wants Yahweh to be his rock and his fortress.

Psalms 71:4**ULT**

⁴ Rescue me, my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel.

UST

⁴ God, rescue me from wicked people, from the power of unjust and evil men.

From whose hand does the writer want to be rescued?

He wants to be rescued from the hand of the wicked, and from the unrighteous and cruel man.

Psalms 71:5**ULT**

⁵ For you are my hope, Lord Yahweh. I have trusted in you ever since I was a child.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, my Lord, you are the one whom I confidently expect to help me; I have trusted in you ever since I was young.

How long has the writer trusted in Yahweh?

He has trusted in Yahweh since he was a child.

Psalms 71:6**ULT**

⁶ By you I have been supported from the womb; you are he who took me out of my mother's belly; my praise will be always about you.

UST

⁶ I have depended on you all my life; you have taken care of me since the day that I was born, so I will always praise you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:7**ULT**

⁷ I am an example to many people; you are my strong refuge.

UST

⁷ The manner in which you have rescued me has been an example to many people because they realize that you have been my strong defender.

What has the writer become for many people?

He has become an example for many people.

Psalms 71:8**ULT**

⁸ My mouth will be filled with your praise, all the day with your honor.

UST

⁸ I praise you all during the day, and I proclaim that you are glorious.

What does the writer do with his mouth all day?

He fills his mouth with praise and honor all the day.

Psalms 71:9**ULT**

⁹ Do not throw me away in my time of old age; do not abandon me when my strength fails.

UST

⁹ Now when I have become an old man, do not reject me; do not abandon me now when I am not strong anymore.

What does the writer ask God not to do when the writer is old and his strength fails?

He asks Yahweh to not throw him away or abandon him.

Psalms 71:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For my enemies are talking about me; those who watch for my life are plotting together.

UST

¹⁰ My enemies say that they want to kill me; they talk together and plan how they can do that.

**What do the enemies of the writer say as they are plotting together against him?
(vv10-11)**

They say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and take him, for there is no one to save him."

Psalms 71:11**ULT**

¹¹ They say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and take him, for there is no one to save him."

UST

¹¹ They say, "God has abandoned him; so now we can pursue him and seize him because there is no one who will rescue him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:12**ULT**

¹² God, do not be far from me; my God, hurry to help me.

UST

¹² God, do not stay far away from me; hurry to help me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:13**ULT**

¹³ Let them be put to shame and destroyed, those who are hostile to my life; let them be covered with rebuke and dishonor, those who seek my hurt.

UST

¹³ Cause those who accuse me to be defeated and destroyed; cause those who want to harm me to be shamed and disgraced.

What does the writer want to happen to those who are hostile to his life.

He wants them to be put to shame and consumed, and covered with rebuke and dishonor.

Psalms 71:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But I will always hope in you and will praise you more and more.

UST

¹⁴ But as for me, I will continually and confidently expect you to do great things for me, and I will praise you more and more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:15**ULT**

¹⁵ My mouth will tell about your righteousness and your salvation all the day, although I cannot understand it.

UST

¹⁵ I will tell people that you do what is right; all during the day I will tell people how you have saved me, although what you have done is more than I can fully understand.

What will the writer proclaim with his mouth about Yahweh?

His mouth will tell of Yahweh's righteousness and salvation.

Psalms 71:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I will come with the mighty acts of the Lord Yahweh; I will make mention of your righteousness, yours alone.

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh, my Lord, I will praise you for your mighty deeds; I will proclaim that only you always act justly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:17**ULT**

¹⁷ God, you have taught me from my youth; even now I declare your wonderful deeds.

UST

¹⁷ God, you have taught me many things ever since I was young, and I still tell people about your wonderful deeds.

Why should Yahweh not forsake the writer? (vv17-18)

Yahweh should not forsake him because the writer is declaring Yahweh's strength to the next generation, and his power to everyone who is to come.

Psalms 71:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Indeed, even when I am old and gray-headed, God, do not forsake me, as I have been declaring your strength to the next generation, your power to everyone who is to come.

UST

¹⁸ Now, God, when I am old and my hair is gray, do not abandon me. Stay with me while I continue to proclaim to my children and grandchildren.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Your righteousness also, God, is very high; you who have done great things, God, who is like you?

UST

¹⁹ God, you do many righteous deeds; it is as though they extend up to the sky. You have done great things; there is no one like you.

What does the writer say is very high?

God's righteousness is very high.

Psalms 71:20**ULT**

²⁰ You who made me see many troubles will revive us again and will bring us up again from the depths of the earth.

UST

²⁰ You have caused us to have many troubles and to suffer much, but you will cause us to become strong again; when I am almost dead, you will keep us alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:21**ULT**

²¹ May you increase my honor; turn again and comfort me.

UST

²¹ You will cause me to be greatly honored, and you will encourage me again.

For what does the writer give thanks with his harp? (vv21-22)

He gives thanks to God for God's trustworthiness.

Psalms 71:22**ULT**

²² I will also give thanks to you with the harp for your trustworthiness, my God; to you I will sing praises with the harp, Holy One of Israel.

UST

²² I will also praise you while I play my harp; I will praise you, my God, for faithfully doing what you have promised to do. I will play hymns to praise you, the holy God whom we Israelites worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:23**ULT**

²³ My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you— even my soul, which you have redeemed.

UST

²³ I will shout joyfully while I sing; with my entire inner being I will sing because you have rescued me.

What does the writer's tongue do all day long? (vv23-24)

It will talk about God's righteousness all day long.

Psalms 71:24**ULT**

²⁴ My tongue will also talk about your righteousness all day long; for they have been put to shame and are confused, those who sought my hurt.

UST

²⁴ All during the day I will tell people that you act righteously because those who wanted to harm me will have been defeated and disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72

Psalms 72:1

ULT

¹ A Psalm of Solomon Give the king your righteous decrees, God, your righteousness to the king's son.

UST

¹ O God, enable the king whom you appointed in Israel to rule justly. Show him how to judge matters fairly

What does Solomon ask God to give to the king and his son?

Solomon asks God to give the king his righteous decrees, and to give his son God's righteousness.

Psalms 72:2

ULT

² May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

UST

² so that he may judge your people fairly and that he may govern your oppressed people justly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:3

ULT

³ May the mountains produce peace for the people; may the hills produce righteousness.

UST

³ I desire that all over the country—even on the hills and mountains — people will live peacefully and righteously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:4**ULT**

⁴ May he judge the poor of the people; may he save the children of the needy and break in pieces the oppressor.

UST

⁴ Help your king to defend the poor people and to rescue needy people and to defeat those who oppress them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:5**ULT**

⁵ May they honor you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon lasts throughout all generations.

UST

⁵ I desire that your king may live as long as the sun shines, as long as the moon shines, forever.

How long does Solomon want the people to honor God?

He wants them to honor God while the sun endures and as long as the moon lasts throughout all generations.

Psalms 72:6**ULT**

⁶ May he come down like rain on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

UST

⁶ I desire that his rule may be enjoyed by the people as they enjoy rain on the growing crops, as they enjoy the showers that fall on the land.

What does Solomon want the king days to be like?

He wants them to be like rain on the mown grass, and showers that water the earth.

Psalms 72:7**ULT**

⁷ May the righteous flourish in his days, and may there be an abundance of peace till the moon is no more.

UST

⁷ I hope that people may live righteously during the years that he rules and that the people may live peacefully and prosperously as long as the moon shines.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:8**ULT**

⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

UST

⁸ I hope that the king of Israel may rule the people in all the area from one sea in the east to another in the west and from the Euphrates River to the most remote places on earth.

How far will the king's dominion reach?

His dominion will reach from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalms 72:9**ULT**

⁹ May those who live in the wilderness bow down before him; may his enemies lick the dust.

UST

⁹ I hope that those who live in the wilderness may bow down before him and that his enemies may throw themselves on the ground in submission to our king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:10**ULT**

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the islands render tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

UST

¹⁰ I hope that the king of the land of Tarshish and the kings of the islands in the sea may pay taxes to the king of Israel. I hope that the king of Sheba to the south and the king of Seba to the southwest may bring him gifts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:11**ULT**

¹¹ Indeed, may all kings fall down before him; may all nations serve him.

UST

¹¹ I hope that all the other kings in the world may bow before the king of Israel and that people of all nations may serve our king.

What will all kings and nations do before the king?

All the kings will fall down before him and serve him.

Psalms 72:12**ULT**

¹² For he helps the needy person who cries out and the poor person who has no other helper.

UST

¹² He rescues poor people when they cry out for help, and he helps those who are needy and those who have no one to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:13**ULT**

¹³ He has pity on the poor and needy, and he saves the lives of needy people.

UST

¹³ He pities those who are weak and needy; he saves the people's lives.

How does the king treat the poor and the needy?

He has pity on the poor and needy, and the souls of the needy he saves.

Psalms 72:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He redeems their lives from oppression and violence, and their blood is precious in his sight.

UST

¹⁴ Our king rescues people from being oppressed and from being treated cruelly because their lives are precious to our king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:15**ULT**

¹⁵ May he live! May the gold of Sheba be given to him. May people always pray for him; may God bless him all day long.

UST

¹⁵ I hope that our king may live a long time! I hope that he may be given gold from Sheba. I desire that people may always pray for our king and praise him all the time, every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:16**ULT**

¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the mountaintops may their crops wave. May the fruit of it be like Lebanon; may the people flourish in the cities like the grass of the field.

UST

¹⁶ I hope that the fields may produce plenty of grain everywhere, even on the tops of the hills in the land where he rules, like the grain that grows on the hills in Lebanon. I hope that the cities in Israel will be as full of people as the fields are full of grass.

What are the signs of God's blessing on the king?

The signs of blessing are an abundance of grain, and the people in the cities will flourish.

Psalms 72:17**ULT**

¹⁷ May his name endure forever; may his name continue as long as the sun; may people be blessed in him; may all nations call him blessed.

UST

¹⁷ I desire that the name of the king may never be forgotten. I hope that people may remember him as long as the sun shines. I hope that all people will praise Yahweh, the God of Israel, just as he has blessed the king of Israel.

How long does Solomon ask that the king's name endure?

He asks that the king's name endure forever, and continue as long as the sun.

Psalms 72:18**ULT**

¹⁸ May Yahweh God, the God of Israel, be blessed, who alone does wonderful things.

UST

¹⁸ Praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship; he is the only one who does wonderful things.

What does Yahweh alone do?

He alone does wonderful things.

Psalms 72:19

ULT

¹⁹ May his glorious name be blessed forever, and may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

UST

¹⁹ Praise him forever! I desire that his glory may fill the whole world! Amen! May it be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:20

ULT

²⁰ The prayers of David son of Jesse are finished.

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UST

²⁰ This is the end of the prayers written by David, son of Jesse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73

Psalms 73:1

ULT

¹ A Psalm of Asaph Surely God is good to Israel, to those with a pure heart.

UST

¹ God truly is good to us Israelite people, to those who, with all their inner being, want to do all that he desires.

To whom is God good?

God is good to Israel, to those with a pure heart.

Psalms 73:2

ULT

² But as for me, my feet almost slipped; my feet almost slipped out from under me

UST

² As for me, I almost stopped trusting in God; I was almost guilty of committing a great sin against him

Why did Asaph's feet nearly slip? (vv2-3)

He nearly slipped because he was envious of the arrogant when he saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Psalms 73:3

ULT

³ because I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

UST

³ because I saw those who proudly said that they did not need God, and I wanted to be like them. I saw that they became wealthy even though they were wicked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:4**ULT**

⁴ For they have no pain until their death, but they are strong and well fed.

UST

⁴ Those people do not suffer from sickness; they are always strong and healthy.

How did Asaph describe the arrogant and wicked? (vv4-5)

He said they had no pain, they are strong and well fed, they are free from burdens, and are not afflicted like other men.

Psalms 73:5**ULT**

⁵ They are free from the burdens of other men; they are not afflicted like other men.

UST

⁵ They do not have the troubles that other people have; they do not have problems as others do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:6**ULT**

⁶ Pride adorns them like a necklace around their neck; violence clothes them like a robe.

UST

⁶ So they are proud, as proud as a woman with a beautiful necklace. They are as proud of their violent actions as some people are proud of their beautiful robes.

What is pride and violence like to the wicked?

Pride is like a necklace around their neck, and violence clothes them like a robe.

Psalms 73:7**ULT**

⁷ Out of such blindness comes sin; evil thoughts pass through their hearts.

UST

⁷ From their inner beings pour out evil deeds, and in their inner beings they are always thinking about more evil things to do.

What is the result of the blindness of the wicked?

Out of this blindness comes sin and evil thoughts.

Psalms 73:8**ULT**

⁸ They mock and speak wickedly; in their arrogance they threaten oppression.

UST

⁸ They scoff at other people, and they talk about doing evil things to them; they are proud while they plan to oppress others.

What things do the wicked say? (vv8-9)

They mock, say evil things, threaten violence, and speak against heaven.

Psalms 73:9**ULT**

⁹ They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongues march through the earth.

UST

⁹ They say evil things about God, who is in heaven, and they talk boastfully about things that they have done here on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Therefore his people turn to them and abundant waters are drained out.

UST

¹⁰ The result is that people pay attention to them and listen to everything they say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:11**ULT**

¹¹ They say, "How does God know? Is there knowledge with the Most High?"

UST

¹¹ Wicked people say to themselves, "God will certainly not know what we have done; people say that he is greater than any other god, but he cannot find out."

What do the wicked say about God?

They say, "How does God know? Does God know what goes on?"

Psalms 73:12**ULT**

¹² Take notice: these people are wicked; they are always carefree, becoming richer and richer.

UST

¹² That is what wicked people are like; they never worry about anything, and they are always becoming richer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:13**ULT**

¹³ Surely it is in vain that I have guarded my heart and washed my hands in innocence.

UST

¹³ So, God, I think it is useless that I have always done what you want me to and that I have not committed sins.

Why does Asaph feel he guarded his heart in vain? (vv13-14)

Asaph has been afflicted all day long and disciplined every morning.

Psalms 73:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For all the day long I have been afflicted and disciplined every morning.

UST

¹⁴ During each day I have problems, and every morning you punish me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:15**ULT**

¹⁵ If I had said, "I will say these things," then I would have betrayed this generation of your children.

UST

¹⁵ But if I had said these things out loud in front of others, I would have been sinning against your people.

What will happen if Asaph says these things?

He will betray this generation of God's children.

Psalms 73:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Though I tried to understand these things, it was too difficult for me.

UST

¹⁶ When I tried to think completely about these things, it was too hard for me to understand them.

Where did Asaph go to gain understanding of these things? (vv16-17)

Asaph went to God's sanctuary.

Psalms 73:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then I went into God's sanctuary and came to understand their fate.

UST

¹⁷ But when I went to your temple, you spoke to me, and I understood what will happen to the wicked people after they die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Surely you put them in slippery places; you bring them down to ruin.

UST

¹⁸ Now I know that you will surely put them in dangerous places where they will fall down and die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:19**ULT**

¹⁹ How they become a wilderness in a moment! They come to an end and are finished in awful terrors.

UST

¹⁹ They will be destroyed instantly; they will die in terrible ways.

What will the wicked become in a moment?

They will become a wilderness in a moment.

Psalms 73:20**ULT**

²⁰ They are like a dream after one wakes up; Lord, when you arise, you will think nothing of those dreams.

UST

²⁰ They will disappear as quickly as a dream disappears when a person awakes in the morning; Lord, when you arise, you will cause them to disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:21**ULT**

²¹ For my heart was grieved, and I was deeply wounded.

UST

²¹ When I felt sad in my inner being and my feelings were hurt,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:22**ULT**

²² I was ignorant and lacked insight; I was like a senseless animal before you.

UST

²² I was stupid and ignorant, and I behaved like an animal toward you.

What did Asaph say he was like before God?

He was like a senseless animal before God.

Psalms 73:23**ULT**

²³ Yet I am always with you; you hold my right hand.

UST

²³ But I am always close to you, and you hold my hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:24**ULT**

²⁴ You will guide me with your advice and afterward receive me to glory.

UST

²⁴ You guide me by teaching me, and at the end of my life, you will receive me and honor me.

What will God do for Asaph after he guides him with his advice?

Afterward, God will receive Asaph into glory.

Psalms 73:25**ULT**

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? There is no one on earth that I desire but you.

UST

²⁵ You are in heaven, and I belong to you; there is nothing on this earth that I desire more than that.

What is Asaph's only desire on earth?

The God of heaven is all he desires.

Psalms 73:26**ULT**

²⁶ My flesh and my heart grow weak, but God is the strength of my heart forever.

UST

²⁶ My body and my mind may become very weak, but, God, you continue to enable me to be strong; I belong to you forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:27

ULT

²⁷ Those indeed who are far from you will perish; you will destroy all those who are unfaithful to you.

UST

²⁷ Those who remain far from you will be destroyed; you will get rid of those who abandon you.

Who will perish?

Those who are far from God will perish, and he will destroy all those who are unfaithful to him.

Psalms 73:28

ULT

²⁸ But as for me, all I need to do is to approach God. I have made the Lord Yahweh my refuge. I will declare all your deeds.

UST

²⁸ But as for me, it is wonderful to be near to God and to have Yahweh protect me and to proclaim to others all that he has done for me.

What is the one thing that Asaph needs to do?

He needs to draw near to God.

Psalms 74

Psalms 74:1

ULT

¹ A writing of Asaph God, why have you rejected us forever? Why does your anger burn against the sheep of your pasture?

UST

¹ God, why have you abandoned us? Will you keep rejecting us forever? Why are you angry with us since we are like sheep in your pasture and you are like our shepherd?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:2

ULT

² Call to mind your people, whom you purchased in ancient times, the tribe whom you have redeemed to be your own heritage, and Mount Zion, where you live.

UST

² Do not forget your people whom you chose long ago, the people whom you freed from being slaves in Egypt and caused to become your tribe. Do not forget Jerusalem, which is your home on this earth.

What does Asaph ask God to remember that he did for his people in ancient times?

God redeemed them in ancient times, and purchased them to be his own heritage.

Psalms 74:3

ULT

³ Come look at the complete ruins, all the damage that the enemy has done in the holy place.

UST

³ Walk along and see where everything has been totally ruined; our enemies have destroyed everything in the sacred temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:4**ULT**

⁴ Your adversaries roared in the middle of your appointed place; they set up their battle flags.

UST

⁴ Your enemies shouted triumphantly in this sacred place; they erected their banners to show they had defeated us.

What damage did the enemy do in the sanctuary? (vv4-6)

They set up their battle flags, hacked with axes, smashed and broke the engravings.

Psalms 74:5**ULT**

⁵ They seem like men who lift up Axes among the thick trees.

UST

⁵ They cut down all the engraved objects in the temple as woodsmen cut down trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:6**ULT**

⁶ They smashed and broke down all the engravings; they broke them with axes and hammers.

UST

⁶ Then they smashed all the carved wood with their axes and hammers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:7**ULT**

⁷ They set your sanctuary on fire; they desecrated where you live, knocking it to the ground.

UST

⁷ Then they burned your temple to the ground; they caused that place where you were worshiped to be unfit for people to worship in.

What else did they do to the sanctuary?

They set it on fire, and desecrated it by knocking it to the ground,

Psalms 74:8**ULT**

⁸ They said in their hearts, "We will destroy them all." They burned up all of your meeting places in the land.

UST

⁸ They said to themselves, "We will destroy the Israelites completely," and they also burned down all the other places where we gathered to worship you.

What did the enemy do to the meeting places?

They burned them all of the meeting places in the land.

Psalms 74:9**ULT**

⁹ We do not see any more signs; there is no prophet any more, and no one among us knows how long this will last.

UST

⁹ All our sacred symbols are gone; there are no prophets now, and no one knows how long this situation will continue.

What did God's people not see anymore?

They did not see any more miraculous signs, there is no prophet any more.

Psalms 74:10**ULT**

¹⁰ How long, God, will the enemy throw insults at you? Will the enemy blaspheme your name forever?

UST

¹⁰ God, how long will our enemies make fun of you? Will they insult you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:11**ULT**

¹¹ Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand? Take your right hand from your garment and destroy them.

UST

¹¹ Why do you refuse to help us? Why do you keep your hand inside your cloak instead of using it to destroy our enemies?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:12**ULT**

¹² Yet God has been my king from ancient times, bringing salvation on the earth.

UST

¹² God, you have been our king during all the years since we came out of Egypt, and you have enabled us to defeat our enemies in the land of Israel.

What are signs that God has been Asaph's king since ancient times? (vv12-13)

God divided the sea and smashed the heads of sea monsters.

Psalms 74:13**ULT**

¹³ You divided the sea by your strength; you smashed the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.

UST

¹³ By your power you caused the sea to divide; it was as though you had smashed the heads of the rulers of Egypt who were like huge sea dragons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:14**ULT**

¹⁴ You crushed the heads of leviathan; you fed him to those living in the wilderness.

UST

¹⁴ It was as though you crushed the head of the king of Egypt and gave his body to the animals in the desert to eat.

What did God do to the leviathan?

He crushed the heads of leviathan, and fed him to those living in the wilderness.

Psalms 74:15**ULT**

¹⁵ You broke open springs and streams; you dried up flowing rivers.

UST

¹⁵ You caused springs and streams to flow, and you also dried up rivers that had never dried up previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The day is yours, and the night is yours also; you set the sun and moon in place.

UST

¹⁶ You created the days and the nights, and you put the sun and the moon in their places.

What did God set in place? (vv16-17)

He set the sun and moon in place, and set all the borders of the earth.

Psalms 74:17**ULT**

¹⁷ You have set all the borders of the earth; you have made summer and winter.

UST

¹⁷ You determined where the oceans end and the land begins, and you created the summer season and the winter season.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Call to mind how the enemy hurled insults at you, Yahweh, and that a foolish people has blasphemed your name.

UST

¹⁸ Yahweh, do not forget that your enemies laugh at you and that it is foolish people who despise you.

What does the enemy do that Asaph wants Yahweh to remember?

The enemy hurled insults at Yahweh and blasphemed his name.

Psalms 74:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Do not give the life of your dove to a wild animal. Do not forget forever the life of your oppressed people.

UST

¹⁹ Do not abandon your helpless people into the hands of their cruel enemies; do not forget your suffering people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:20**ULT**

²⁰ Remember your covenant, for the dark regions of the land are full of places of violence.

UST

²⁰ Continue thinking about the covenant that you made with us; remember that there are violent people in every dark place on the earth.

Why does Asaph ask God to remember his covenant?

He wants Yahweh to remember his covenant because the earth is full of violence.

Psalms 74:21**ULT**

²¹ Do not let the oppressed be turned back in shame; let the poor and oppressed praise your name.

UST

²¹ Do not allow your oppressed people to be disgraced; help those poor and needy people in order that they will again praise you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:22**ULT**

²² Arise, God; defend your own honor; call to mind how fools insult you all day long.

UST

²² God, arise and defend yourself by defending your people! Do not forget that foolish people laugh at you all during the day!

What does Asaph want God to defend?

Asaph wants God to arise and defend his own honor.

Psalms 74:23

ULT

²³ Do not forget the voice of your adversaries or the uproar of those who continually defy you.

UST

²³ Do not forget that your enemies shout angrily at you; the uproar that they make while they oppose you never stops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 75

Psalms 75:1

ULT

¹ We give thanks to you, God; we give thanks, for you reveal your presence; people tell of your wondrous works.

UST

¹ We give thanks to you; our God, we thank you. You are close to us, and we proclaim to others the wonderful things that you have done for us.

For what do the people give thanks?

They give thanks because God reveals his presence.

Psalms 75:2

ULT

² At the appointed time I will judge fairly.

UST

² You have said, "I have appointed a time when I will judge people, and I will judge everyone fairly.

What will God do at the appointed time? (vv2-3)

He will judge fairly, and make steady the earth's pillars.

Psalms 75:3

ULT

³ Though the earth and all the inhabitants shake in fear, I make steady the earth's pillars. Selah

UST

³ When the earth shakes and all the creatures on the earth tremble, I am the one who will keep its foundations steady.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 75:4**ULT**

⁴ I said to the arrogant, "Do not be arrogant," and to the wicked, "Do not lift up the horn.

UST

⁴ I say to people who boast, 'Stop bragging!' and I say to wicked people, 'Do not proudly do things to show how great you are!'"

What does Asaph tell the arrogant and wicked not to do? (vv4-5)

He tells them not to be arrogant or confident of victory, and not to speak with their head held high.

Psalms 75:5**ULT**

⁵ Do not lift up your horn to the heights; do not speak with an insolent neck."

UST

⁵ Do not be arrogant, and do not speak so boastfully!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 75:6**ULT**

⁶ It is not from the east or from the west, and it is not from the wilderness that lifting up comes.

UST

⁶ The one who judges people does not come from the east or from the west, and he does not come from the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 75:7**ULT**

⁷ But God is the judge; he brings down one and he lifts up another.

UST

⁷ God is the one who judges people; he shames and punishes some, and he honors others.

What does Asaph say about God?

God is judge and brings one down and raises up another.

Psalms 75:8**ULT**

⁸ For Yahweh holds in his hand a cup full of foaming wine, which is mixed with spices, and pours it out. Surely all the wicked of the earth will drink it to the last drop.

UST

⁸ It is as though Yahweh held a cup in his hand; it is filled with wine that has spices mixed in it to cause those who drink it to become more drunk; and when Yahweh pours it out, he will force all the wicked people to drink it; they will drink every drop of it; yes, he will punish them fully.

What will the wicked do with the cup of foaming wine in Yahweh's hand?

They will drink it to the last drop.

Psalms 75:9**ULT**

⁹ But I will continually tell what you have done; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

UST

⁹ But as for me, I will never stop saying what the God whom Jacob worshiped has done; I will never stop singing to praise him.

How will Asaph praise the God of Jacob?

He will continually tell what God has done and sing praises to him.

Psalms 75:10

ULT

¹⁰ He says, "I will cut off all the horns of the wicked, but the horns of the righteous will be raised up."

UST

¹⁰ He promises this: "I will destroy the power of wicked people, but I will increase the power of righteous people."

What does God say he will do to the horns of the wicked and the righteous?

He will cut off the horns of the wicked and raise up the horns of the righteous.

Psalms 76

Psalms 76:1

ULT

¹ God has made himself known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

UST

¹ God has made the people in Judah to know him; the Israelite people honor him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 76:2

ULT

² His tent is in Salem; his dwelling place is in Zion.

UST

² In Jerusalem is where he resides; he lives on Mount Zion.

Where is the dwelling place of the God of Judah?

His dwelling place is in Zion.

Psalms 76:3

ULT

³ There he broke the arrows of the bow, the shield, the sword, and the other weapons of war. Selah

UST

³ There he broke the flaming arrows that his enemies shot, and he also broke their shields and swords and other weapons that they used in battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 76:4**ULT**

⁴ You shine brightly and reveal your glory, as you descend from the mountains, where you killed your victims.

UST

⁴ God, you are powerful! You are like a great king as you return from the mountains where you defeated your enemies.

As he descends from the mountains, what does God look like?

God shines brightly and reveals his glory.

Psalms 76:5**ULT**

⁵ The bravehearted were plundered; they fell asleep. All the warriors were helpless.

UST

⁵ Their brave soldiers were killed, and then those who killed them took away everything that those soldiers had. Those enemies died; indeed, none of them were able to fight any longer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 76:6**ULT**

⁶ At your rebuke, God of Jacob, both rider and horse fell asleep.

UST

⁶ When you, the God whom Jacob worshiped, rebuked your enemies, their horses and their riders fell down dead.

What happened when the God of Jacob rebuked his enemies?

At his rebuke, both horse and rider died.

Psalms 76:7**ULT**

⁷ You, yes you, are to be feared; who can stand in your sight when you are angry?

UST

⁷ Truly, you cause everyone to be afraid. When you are angry and you punish people, no one can endure it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 76:8**ULT**

⁸ From heaven you made your judgment heard; the earth was afraid and silent

UST

⁸ From heaven you proclaimed that you would judge people, and then everyone on the earth was afraid and did not say anything more

What happened when God's judgment came from heaven?

When his judgment came, the earth was afraid and silent.

Psalms 76:9**ULT**

⁹ when you, God, arose to execute judgment and to save all the oppressed of the earth. Selah

UST

⁹ when you arose to declare that you would punish wicked people and rescue all those whom they had oppressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 76:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Surely your angry judgment against humanity will bring you praise; you gird yourself with what is left of your anger.

UST

¹⁰ When you punish those with whom you are angry, your people will praise you, and your enemies who survive will worship you on your festival days.

What will God's angry judgment of his enemies bring him?

His angry judgment of his enemies will bring him praise.

Psalms 76:11**ULT**

¹¹ Make vows to Yahweh your God and keep them. May all who surround him bring gifts to him who is to be feared.

UST

¹¹ So give to Yahweh the offerings that you promised to give to him; all the people of nearby people groups should also bring gifts to him, the one who is awesome.

What should people about the vows they make to Yahweh their God?

They should keep their vows.

Psalms 76:12**ULT**

¹² He cuts off the spirit of the princes; he is feared by the kings of the earth.

UST

¹² He humbles the leaders, and terrifies all the kings.

How do the princes and kings respond to Yahweh?

He humbles the spirit of the princes, and he is feared by the kings.

Psalms 77**Psalms 77:1****ULT**

¹ I will call out with my voice to God; I will call with my voice to God, and my God will hear me.

UST

¹ I will cry out to God; I will cry aloud to him, and he will listen to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:2**ULT**

² In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; at night I stretched my hands out, and they would not become tired. My soul refused to be comforted.

UST

² At the time that I had trouble, I prayed to the Lord; all during the night I lifted up my hands while I prayed, but nothing could comfort me.

What did Asaph do in the day of his trouble? (vv2-3)

He sought the Lord, prayed all night, and reached out his hands.

Psalms 77:3**ULT**

³ I thought of God as I groaned; I thought about him as I grew faint. Selah

UST

³ When I thought about God, I despaired; when I meditated about him, I grew discouraged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:4**ULT**

⁴ You held my eyes open; I was too troubled to speak.

UST

⁴ All during the night he prevented me from sleeping; I was so worried that I did not know what to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:5**ULT**

⁵ I thought about the days of old, about times long past.

UST

⁵ I thought about days that had passed; I remembered what had happened in previous years.

What did Asaph think about when he could not sleep at night?

He thought about the days of old, about times long past.

Psalms 77:6**ULT**

⁶ I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, And my spirit makes diligent search.

UST

⁶ I spent all the night thinking about things; I meditated, and this is what I asked myself:

What did Asaph recall to mind during the night?

He called to mind the song he once sang.

Psalms 77:7**ULT**

⁷ Will the Lord reject me forever? Will he never again show me favor?

UST

⁷ "Will the Lord always reject me? Will he never again be pleased with me?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:8**ULT**

⁸ Was his covenant faithfulness gone forever? Had his promise failed forever?

UST

⁸ Has he stopped faithfully loving me? Will he not do for me what he promised to do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:9**ULT**

⁹ Had God forgotten to be gracious? Had his anger shut off his compassion? Selah

UST

⁹ God promised to act mercifully toward me; has he forgotten that? Because he is angry with me, has he decided not to be kind to me?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I said, "This is my sorrow: the changing of the right hand of the Most High toward us."

UST

¹⁰ I said, "What causes me to be sad the most is that it seems that God, who is greater than any other god, is no longer using his power for us."

What is Asaph's sorrow?

His sorrow is the changing of the Almighty's right hand toward him and his people.

Psalms 77:11**ULT**

¹¹ But I will call to mind your deeds, Yahweh; I will think about your wonderful deeds of old.

UST

¹¹ But then, Yahweh, I recall your great deeds; I remember the wonderful things that you did in the past.

Which deeds of Yahweh does Asaph think about?

He thinks about Yahweh's wonderful deeds of old.

Psalms 77:12**ULT**

¹² I will ponder all your deeds and will reflect on them.

UST

¹² I meditate on all that you have done, and I think about your mighty acts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:13**ULT**

¹³ Your way, God, is holy; what god compares to our great God?

UST

¹³ God, everything that you do is amazing; there is certainly no god who is great like you are!

How is God different from all other gods? (vv13-15)

God is extraordinary, he does wonders, he reveals his strength, and he gives his people victory.

Psalms 77:14**ULT**

¹⁴ You are the God who does wonders; you have revealed your strength among the peoples.

UST

¹⁴ You are God, the one who performs miracles; you showed to the people of many people groups that you are powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:15**ULT**

¹⁵ You gave your people victory by your great power— the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

UST

¹⁵ By your power you rescued your people from Egypt; you saved those who were descendants of Jacob and his son Joseph.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The waters saw you, God; the waters saw you, and they were afraid; the depths trembled.

UST

¹⁶ It was as though the waters saw you and became very afraid, and even the deepest part of the water shook.

How did nature react to God. (vv16-17)

The waters were afraid and trembled. The clouds poured water and the skies thundered.

Psalms 77:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The clouds poured down water; the cloudy skies also gave voice; your arrows flew about.

UST

¹⁷ Rain poured down from the clouds; it thundered very loudly, and lightning flashed in all directions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Your thunderous voice was heard in the wind; the lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

UST

¹⁸ Thunder crashed in the whirlwind—your voice! Lightning lit up, and the earth shook violently.

Where did God's path go? (vv18-20)

His path went through the sea, and his way through the surging waters, but his footprints were not seen.

Psalms 77:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Your path went through the sea and your way through the surging waters, but your footprints were not seen.

UST

¹⁹ Then you walked through the sea in a path that you made through the deep water, but your footprints could not be seen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:20**ULT**

²⁰ You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

UST

²⁰ You led your people as a shepherd leads his flock of sheep while Moses and Aaron were the leaders of your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78

Psalms 78:1

ULT

¹ A writing of Asaph Hear my teaching, my people, listen to the words of my mouth.

UST

¹ My friends, listen to what I am going to teach you; pay careful attention to what I will say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:2

ULT

² I will open my mouth in parables; I will sing about hidden things about the past.

UST

² I am going to give you some sayings that wise people have said. They will be sayings about things that happened long ago, things that were difficult to understand.

How will Asaph teach his people?

Asaph will open his mouth in parables and sing about hidden things about the past.

Psalms 78:3

ULT

³ These are things that we have heard and learned, things that our ancestors have told us.

UST

³ These are things that we have heard and known previously, things that our parents and grandparents told us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:4**ULT**

⁴ We will not keep them from their descendants. We will tell the next generation about the praiseworthy deeds of Yahweh, his strength, and the wonders that he has done.

UST

⁴ We will tell these things to our children, but we will also tell our grandchildren about Yahweh's power and the glorious things that he has done.

What will Asaph pass on to the next generation?

Asaph will tell the next generation about the praise worthy deeds of Yahweh, his strength, and the wonders that he has done.

Psalms 78:5**ULT**

⁵ For he established covenant decrees in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel. He commanded our ancestors that they were to teach them to their children.

UST

⁵ He gave laws and commandments to the Israelite people, those who are the descendants of Jacob, and he told our ancestors to teach them to their children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:6**ULT**

⁶ He commanded this so that the generation to come might know his decrees, the children not yet born, who should tell them in turn to their own children.

UST

⁶ He commanded this so that their children would also know them and so that they would teach them to their own children.

Why did Yahweh command Asaph's ancestors to teach Yahweh's decrees to their children?

Yahweh commanded this so that the generation to come might know his decrees so that the children not yet born should tell them in turn to their own children.

Psalms 78:7**ULT**

⁷ Then they would place their hope in God and not forget his deeds but keep his commandments.

UST

⁷ In that way, they also would trust in God and would not forget the things that he has done; instead, they would obey his commandments.

Why was it important for Asaph's ancestors to teach Yahweh's decrees to their children? (vv7-8)

It was important for them to teach Yahweh's decrees to their children so the children would not be like their ancestors who were a stubborn and rebellious generation.

Psalms 78:8**ULT**

⁸ Then they would not be like their ancestors, who were a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose hearts were not right, and whose spirits were not committed and faithful to God.

UST

⁸ They would not be like their ancestors, who were very stubborn and kept rebelling against God; they did not continue firmly trusting in God, and they did not worship him alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:9**ULT**

⁹ The Ephraimites were armed with bows, but they turned back on the day of battle.

UST

⁹ The soldiers of the tribe of Ephraim had bows and arrows, but they ran away from their enemies on the day that they fought with their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They did not keep the covenant with God, and they refused to obey his law.

UST

¹⁰ They did not do what they had agreed with God that they would do; they refused to obey his laws.

How did Israel do that was wrong in God's sight?

They did not keep the covenant with God, and refused to obey his law.

Psalms 78:11**ULT**

¹¹ They forgot his deeds, the wonderful things that he had shown them.

UST

¹¹ They forgot what he had done; they forgot about the miracles that they had seen him perform.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:12**ULT**

¹² They forgot the marvelous things he did in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the land of Zoan.

UST

¹² While our ancestors were watching, God performed miracles in the area around the city of Zoan in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:13**ULT**

¹³ He divided the sea and led them across it; he made the waters to stand like walls.

UST

¹³ Then he caused the Sea of Reeds to divide, causing the water on each side to pile up like a wall, with the result that our ancestors walked through it on dry ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:14**ULT**

¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud and all the night with the light of fire.

UST

¹⁴ He led them by a bright cloud during the day and by a fiery light during the night.

How did God lead Israel?

He led them in the daytime with a cloud and at night with the light of fire.

Psalms 78:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He split the rocks in the wilderness, and he gave them water abundantly, enough to fill the depths of the sea.

UST

¹⁵ He split rocks open in the wilderness and gave to our ancestors plenty of water from deep inside the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He made streams flow out of the rock and made the water flow like rivers.

UST

¹⁶ He caused a stream of water to flow from the rock; the water flowed like a river.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Yet they continued to sin against him, rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.

UST

¹⁷ But our ancestors continued to sin against God; in the wilderness they rebelled against the one who is greater than any other god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:18**ULT**

¹⁸ They challenged God in their hearts by asking for food to satisfy their appetites.

UST

¹⁸ By demanding that God give them the food that they desired, they tried to find out if he would always do what they requested him to do.

How did Israel challenge God?

They challenged God in their hearts by asking for food to satisfy their appetites.

Psalms 78:19**ULT**

¹⁹ They spoke against God; they said, "Can God really lay out a table for us in the wilderness?"

UST

¹⁹ They insulted God by saying, "Can God supply food for us here in this desert?"

What did Israel speak against God?

They spoke against God saying, "Can God really lay out a table for us in the wilderness?"

Psalms 78:20**ULT**

²⁰ See, when he struck the rock, waters gushed out and streams overflowed. But can he give bread also? Will he provide meat for his people?"

UST

²⁰ It is true that he struck the rock, with the result that water gushed out, but can he also provide bread and meat for us, his people?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:21**ULT**

²¹ When Yahweh heard this, he was angry; so his fire burned against Jacob, and his anger attacked Israel,

UST

²¹ So when Yahweh heard that, he became very angry, and he sent a fire to burn up some of his Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:22**ULT**

²² because they did not believe in God and did not trust in his salvation.

UST

²² He did that because they did not trust in him, and they did not believe that he would rescue them.

Why did Yahweh become angry and attack Israel in his anger?

Yahweh became angry with Israel because they did not believe in him and trust in his salvation.

Psalms 78:23**ULT**

²³ Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of the sky.

UST

²³ But God spoke to the sky above them and commanded it to open like a door,

How did God provide for Israel even though they did not believe in him? (vv23-24)

God provide for them by raining down manna and meat in abundance for them to eat so they were full.

Psalms 78:24**ULT**

²⁴ He rained down manna for them to eat, and gave them the grain from heaven.

UST

²⁴ and then food fell down like rain, food that they named "manna." God gave them grain from heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:25**ULT**

²⁵ People ate the bread of angels. He sent them food in abundance.

UST

²⁵ So the people ate the food that angels eat, and God gave to them all the manna that they wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:26**ULT**

²⁶ He caused the east wind to blow in the sky, and by his power he guided the south wind.

UST

²⁶ Later, he caused the wind to blow from the east, and by his power he also sent wind from the south,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:27**ULT**

²⁷ He rained down meat on them like dust, birds as numerous as the sands of the sea.

UST

²⁷ and the wind brought birds which were as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:28**ULT**

²⁸ They fell in the middle of their camp, all around their tents.

UST

²⁸ God caused those birds to fall in the middle of their camp. There were birds all around their tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:29**ULT**

²⁹ So they ate and were full. He gave them what they craved.

UST

²⁹ So the people cooked the birds and ate the meat; their stomachs were full because God had given them what they wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:30**ULT**

³⁰ But they had not yet filled up; their food was still in their mouths.

UST

³⁰ But they had not yet eaten all that they wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:31**ULT**

³¹ Then God's anger attacked them and killed the strongest of them. He brought down the young men of Israel.

UST

³¹ At that point, God was still very angry with them, and he caused their strongest men to die; he got rid of many of the finest young Israelite men.

What did God do to Israel in his anger?

He attacked and killed the strongest of them, and brought down the young men.

Psalms 78:32**ULT**

³² Despite this, they continued to sin and did not believe his wonderful deeds.

UST

³² In spite of all this, the people continued to sin; in spite of all the miracles that God had performed, they still did not trust that he would take care of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:33**ULT**

³³ Therefore God cut short their days; their years were filled with terror.

UST

³³ So he made them terrified all their lives; he made them die young.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:34**ULT**

³⁴ Whenever God afflicted them, they would start to seek him, and they would return and look earnestly for him.

UST

³⁴ Whenever God caused some of the Israelites to die, the others would repent; they would be sorry and seriously ask God to save them.

How did the people of Israel respond whenever God afflicted them?

They would start to seek him, and would return and look earnestly for him.

Psalms 78:35**ULT**

³⁵ They would call to mind that God was their rock and that the Most High God was their rescuer.

UST

³⁵ They would remember that God was like a huge rock on which they would be safe, and that he, who was greater than any other god, was the one who protected them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:36**ULT**

³⁶ But they would flatter him with their mouth and lie to him with their words.

UST

³⁶ But they tried to deceive God by what they said; their words were all lies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:37**ULT**

³⁷ For their hearts were not firmly fixed on him, and they were not faithful to his covenant.

UST

³⁷ They were not loyal to him; they ignored the covenant that he had made with them.

What was the condition of Israel's hearts before God?

Their hearts were not firmly fixed on God, and they were not faithful to his covenant.

Psalms 78:38**ULT**

³⁸ Yet he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them. Yes, many times he held back his anger and did not stir up all his wrath.

UST

³⁸ But God acted mercifully toward his people. He forgave them for having sinned and did not get rid of them. Many times he refrained from becoming angry with them and restrained himself from furiously punishing them.

How did God show mercy to the people of Israel?

He forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them because he remembered they were made of flesh.

Psalms 78:39**ULT**

³⁹ He called to mind that they were made of flesh, a wind that passes away and does not return.

UST

³⁹ He remembered that they were only humans who die, humans who disappear as quickly as a wind that blows by and then is gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the barren regions!

UST

⁴⁰ Many times our ancestors rebelled against God in the wilderness and made him very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:41**ULT**

⁴¹ Again and again they challenged God and offended the Holy One of Israel.

UST

⁴¹ Many times they did evil things to find out if they could do those things without God punishing them. They frequently caused the holy God of Israel to become angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:42**ULT**

⁴² They did not think about his power, how he had rescued them from the enemy

UST

⁴² They forgot about his great power, and they forgot about the time when he rescued them from their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:43**ULT**

⁴³ when he performed his terrifying signs in Egypt and his wonders in the region of Zoan.

UST

⁴³ They forgot about when he performed many miracles in the area near the city of Zoan in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ He turned the Egyptians' rivers to blood so that they could not drink from their streams.

UST

⁴⁴ He caused the Nile River to become red like blood so that the people of Egypt had no water to drink.

What did God do to the Egyptians' rivers?

He turned the Egyptians' rivers to blood, so they could not drink from their streams.

Psalms 78:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ He sent swarms of flies that devoured them and frogs that overran their land.

UST

⁴⁵ He sent among the people of Egypt swarms of flies that bit them, and he sent frogs that ate up everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ He gave their crops to the grasshopper and their labor to the locust.

UST

⁴⁶ He sent locusts to eat their crops and the other things that grew in their fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ He destroyed their vines with hail and their sycamore trees with more hail.

UST

⁴⁷ He sent hail that destroyed the grapevines, and he sent more hail that ruined the figs on the sycamore trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ He rained hail on their cattle and hurled lightning bolts at their livestock.

UST

⁴⁸ He sent hail that killed their cattle and lightning that killed their sheep and cows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ The fierceness of his anger lashed out against them. He sent wrath, fury, and trouble like agents who bring disaster.

UST

⁴⁹ Because God was fiercely angry with the people of Egypt, he caused them to be very distressed. The disasters that struck them were like a group of angels that destroyed everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ He leveled a path for his anger; he did not spare them from death but gave them over to the plague.

UST

⁵⁰ He did not lessen his anger with them, and he did not spare their lives; he sent a plague that killed many of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:51**ULT**

⁵¹ He killed all the firstborn in Egypt, the firstborn of their strength in the tents of Ham.

UST

⁵¹ In that plague he caused all the firstborn sons of the people of Egypt to die.

What did God do to the firstborn of the Egyptians?

He killed all the firstborn in Egypt, the firstborn of their strength.

Psalms 78:52**ULT**

⁵² He led his own people out like sheep and guided them through the wilderness like a flock.

UST

⁵² Then he led his people out of Egypt as a shepherd leads his sheep, and he guided them while they walked through the wilderness.

How did God lead his own people?

He led them out like sheep, and guided them through the wilderness like a flock.

Psalms 78:53**ULT**

⁵³ He led them secure and unafraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

UST

⁵³ He led them safely, and they were not afraid, but their enemies were drowned in the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:54**ULT**

⁵⁴ Then he brought them to the border of his holy land, to this mountain that his right hand acquired.

UST

⁵⁴ Later he brought them to Canaan, his sacred land, to Mount Zion, and by his power he enabled them to conquer the people who were living there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:55**ULT**

⁵⁵ He drove out the nations from before them and assigned them their inheritance. He settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.

UST

⁵⁵ He expelled the people groups while his people were advancing; he assigned part of the land for each tribe to possess, and he gave the houses of those people to the Israelites.

What did God do to the nations?

He drove out the nations before the Israelites and assigned their inheritance to Israel.

Psalms 78:56**ULT**

⁵⁶ Yet they challenged and defied the Most High God and did not keep his solemn commands.

UST

⁵⁶ However, the Israelites rebelled against God, who is greater than any other God, and they did many evil things to see if they could do those things without God punishing them; they did not obey his commandments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:57**ULT**

⁵⁷ They were unfaithful and acted treacherously like their fathers; they were as undependable as a faulty bow.

UST

⁵⁷ Instead, as their ancestors did, they rebelled against God and were not loyal to him; they were as unreliable as a bow that breaks when you try to shoot with it.

How did the people of Israel act like their fathers?

They were unfaithful and acted treacherously like their fathers.

Psalms 78:58**ULT**

⁵⁸ For they made him angry with their high places and provoked him to jealous anger with their idols.

UST

⁵⁸ Because they worshiped carved images of their gods on the tops of hills, they caused God to become angry.

With what did Israel make God angry?

They made him angry with their pagan shrines and provoked him to jealous anger with their idols.

Psalms 78:59**ULT**

⁵⁹ When God heard this, he was angry and completely rejected Israel.

UST

⁵⁹ He saw what they were doing and became very angry, so he rejected the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:60**ULT**

⁶⁰ He abandoned the sanctuary of Shiloh, the tent where he had lived among people.

UST

⁶⁰ He no longer appeared to them at Shiloh in the sacred tent where he had lived among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:61**ULT**

⁶¹ He allowed his strength to be captured and gave his glory into the enemy's hand.

UST

⁶¹ He allowed their enemies to capture the sacred chest, which was the symbol of his power and his glory.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:62**ULT**

⁶² He handed his people over to the sword, and he was angry with his heritage.

UST

⁶² Because he was angry with his people, he allowed their enemies to kill them.

To what did God hand over his people? (vv62-63)

He handed them over to the sword, and fire devoured their young men.

Psalms 78:63**ULT**

⁶³ Fire devoured their young men, and their young women had no wedding songs.

UST

⁶³ Young men were killed in battles, with the result that the young women had no one to marry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:64**ULT**

⁶⁴ Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows could not weep.

UST

⁶⁴ Many priests were killed by their enemies' swords, and the people did not allow the priests' widows to mourn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:65**ULT**

⁶⁵ Then the Lord awakened as one from sleep, like a warrior who shouts because of wine.

UST

⁶⁵ Later, it was as though the Lord awoke from sleeping; he was like a strong man who became angry because he drank a lot of wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:66**ULT**

⁶⁶ He drove his adversaries back; he put them to everlasting shame.

UST

⁶⁶ He pushed his enemies back and caused them to be very ashamed for a long time because they had been defeated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:67**ULT**

⁶⁷ He rejected the tent of Joseph, and he did not chose the tribe of Ephraim.

UST

⁶⁷ But he did not set up his tent where the people of the tribe of Ephraim lived; he did not choose their area to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:68**ULT**

⁶⁸ He chose the tribe of Judah and Mount Zion that he loved.

UST

⁶⁸ Instead he chose the area where the tribe of Judah lived; he chose Mount Zion, which he loves.

Which tribe did God chose from Israel?

God chose the tribe of Judah and Mount Zion that he loved.

Psalms 78:69**ULT**

⁶⁹ He built his sanctuary like the heavens, like the earth that he has established forever.

UST

⁶⁹ He decided to have his temple built there, high up, like his home in heaven; he caused it to be firm, like the earth, and intended that his temple would last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:70**ULT**

⁷⁰ He chose David, his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds.

UST

⁷⁰ He chose David, who served him faithfully, and took him from the pastures

Who did God choose to be the shepherd of Israel?

He chose David, his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds.

Psalms 78:71**ULT**

⁷¹ He took him from following the ewes with their young, and he brought him to be shepherd of Jacob, his people, and of Israel, his heritage.

UST

⁷¹ where he was taking care of his father's sheep, and appointed him to be the leader of the Israelites, the people who would always belong to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:72**ULT**

⁷² David shepherded them with the integrity of his heart, and he guided them with the skill of his hands.

UST

⁷² David took care of the Israelite people sincerely and wholeheartedly, and he guided them skillfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79

Psalms 79:1

ULT

¹ A Psalm of Asaph God, foreign nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have turned Jerusalem into a heap of ruins.

UST

¹ God, other people groups have invaded your own land. They have desecrated your temple, and they have destroyed all the buildings in Jerusalem.

What happened when the foreign nations came into Israel?

They defiled the temple, they turned Jerusalem into a heap of ruins.

Psalms 79:2

ULT

² They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food to the birds of the skies, the bodies of your faithful ones to the beasts of the earth.

UST

² Instead of burying the corpses of your people whom they killed, they allowed the vultures to eat the flesh of those corpses, and they also allowed wild animals to eat the corpses of your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:3

ULT

³ They have shed their blood like water around Jerusalem, and there was none to bury them.

UST

³ When they killed your people, your people's blood flowed like water through the streets of Jerusalem, and there was almost no one left to bury their corpses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:4**ULT**

⁴ We have become a reproach for our neighbors, mocking and derision to those who are around us.

UST

⁴ The people groups that live in countries that surround our land insult us; they laugh at us and mock us.

What has Israel become to their neighbors?

They have become a reproach for their neighbors to make, and a mocking and derision to those around them.

Psalms 79:5**ULT**

⁵ How long, Yahweh? Will you stay angry forever? How long will your jealous anger burn like fire?

UST

⁵ Yahweh, how long will this continue? Will you be angry with us forever? Will your anger be like a fire burning within you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:6**ULT**

⁶ Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you and on the kingdoms that do not call upon your name.

UST

⁶ Instead of being angry with us, be angry with the people groups that do not know you! Be angry with kingdoms whose people do not pray to you

On whom does Asaph ask God to pour out his wrath?

He asks God to pour out his wrath on the nations that do not know God and on the kingdoms that do not call upon God's name.

Psalms 79:7**ULT**

⁷ For they have devoured Jacob and destroyed his villages.

UST

⁷ because they have killed Israelite people and they have ruined your country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:8**ULT**

⁸ Do not hold the sins of our forefathers against us; may your merciful actions come to us, for we are very low.

UST

⁸ Do not punish us because of the sins that our ancestors committed! Act mercifully toward us now because we are very discouraged.

What does Asaph not want God to hold against Israel?

He wants God to not hold the sins of their forefathers against them.

Psalms 79:9**ULT**

⁹ Help us, God of our salvation, for the sake of the glory of your name; save us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

UST

⁹ God, you have saved us many times, so help us now; rescue us and forgive us for having sinned so that other people will honor you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" May the blood of your servants that was shed be avenged on the nations before our eyes.

UST

¹⁰ It is not right that the other people groups say about us, "If their God is very powerful, why does he not help them?" Allow us to see you punishing the people of other nations in return for their shedding our blood and killing many of us, your people.

What does Asaph not want the nations to say?

He does not want the nations to say, "Where is their God?"

Psalms 79:11**ULT**

¹¹ May the groans of the prisoners come before you; with the greatness of your power keep the children of death alive.

UST

¹¹ Listen to your people groaning while they are in prison, and by your great power, free those whom our enemies say they will certainly execute.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:12**ULT**

¹² Pay back into the laps of our neighboring countries seven times as much as the insults with which they have insulted you, Lord.

UST

¹² In return for their having often insulted you, punish them seven times as much!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:13

ULT

¹³ So we your people and sheep of your pasture will give you thanks forever. We will tell your praises to all generations.

UST

¹³ After you do that, we, whom you take care of as a shepherd takes care of his sheep, will continue praising you; we will continue to praise you from generation to generation forever.

What does Asaph say that Israel is to God?

He says they are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Psalms 80

Psalms 80:1

ULT

¹ Pay attention, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who sit above the cherubim, shine on us!

UST

¹ Yahweh, you who lead us as a shepherd leads his flock of sheep, you who sit on your throne in the Very Holy Place in the temple, above the figures of winged creatures, come and do powerful things for us Israelite people.

What is the writer asking the Shepherd of Israel to do?

The writer is asking him to pay attention and to shine on them.

Psalms 80:2

ULT

² In the sight of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your power; come and save us.

UST

² Show yourself to the people of the tribes of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh! Show us that you are powerful and come and rescue us!

What is the writer asking the Shepherd of Israel to do in the sight of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh?

He is asking the Spherd of Israel to stir up his power and come and save them.

Psalms 80:3

ULT

³ God, restore us; make your face shine on us, and we will be saved.

UST

³ God, cause our nation to be strong like it was before; act kindly toward us so that we may be saved from our enemies!

What is the writer asking God to do?

He is asking God to restore them, shine his face on them and they will be saved

Psalms 80:4**ULT**

⁴ Yahweh God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people when they pray?

UST

⁴ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, how long will you be angry with us, your people, when we pray to you?

What was Yahweh's response when his people prayed?

He was angry at his people when they prayed.

Psalms 80:5**ULT**

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in great quantities.

UST

⁵ It is as though the only food and drink that you have given us is a cup full of our tears!

What has Yahweh given them eat and to drink?

He has fed them with tears and given them tears to drink.

Psalms 80:6**ULT**

⁶ You make us something for our neighbors to argue over, and our enemies laugh about us among themselves.

UST

⁶ You have allowed the people groups that surround us to argue with each other to decide which part of our land each of them will take; they laugh at us.

What are Israel's neighbors and enemies doing to them?

Their neighbors are arguing over them and their enemies are laughing about them.

Psalms 80:7**ULT**

⁷ God of hosts, restore us; make your face shine on us, and we will be saved.

UST

⁷ God, Commander of the angel armies, make our nation strong as it was before! Act kindly toward us so that we may be saved!

What will happen when the God of hosts restores them and shines his face on them?

They will be saved.

Psalms 80:8**ULT**

⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out nations and transplanted it.

UST

⁸ Our ancestors were like a grapevine that you brought out of Egypt; you drove out the other people groups from this land, and you put your people in their land.

What did the God of hosts do with the vine that he brought out of Egypt?

He drove out nations and transplanted it.

Psalms 80:9**ULT**

⁹ You cleared the land for it; it took root and filled the land.

UST

⁹ As people clear ground to plant a grapevine, you cleared out the people who were living in this land for us to live in it. As the roots of a grapevine go deep down into the ground and spread, you enabled our ancestors to prosper and start living in towns all over this land.

What did God do to prepare for planting the vine?

God cleared the land for it.

Psalms 80:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade, the cedars of God by its branches.

UST

¹⁰ As huge grapevines cover the hills with their shade and as their branches are taller than big cedar trees,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 80:11**ULT**

¹¹ It sent out its branches as far as the sea and its shoots to the Euphrates River.

UST

¹¹ your people ruled all of Canaan, from the Mediterranean Sea in the west to the Euphrates River in the east.

What did the vine's branches cover?

The vine covered the mountains and the highest cedars.

How far did the vine send out its branches and shoots?

The vine sent its branches as far as the sea and sent its shoots to the Euphrates River.

Psalms 80:12**ULT**

¹² Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by along the road pluck its fruit?

UST

¹² So why have you abandoned us and allowed our enemies to tear down our walls? You are like someone who tears down the fences around his vineyard, so that all the people who pass by can steal the grapes;

What will happen since the walls of the vine are broken down?

All who pass by will pluck its fruit.

Psalms 80:13**ULT**

¹³ The boars out of the forest ruin it, and the beasts of the field feed on it.

UST

¹³ wild pigs can trample the vines, and wild animals can also eat the grapes.

What will the boars and beasts do to the vine?

The boars ruin it and the beasts feed on it.

Psalms 80:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Turn back, God of hosts; look down from heaven and take notice and take care of this vine.

UST

¹⁴ You who are the commander of the angel armies, turn to us! Look down from heaven and see what is happening to us! Come and rescue us who are like your grapevine,

What does the writer ask the God of hosts to do for the vine?

He asks the God of hosts to turn back, look down from heaven, take notice and take care of this vine.

Psalms 80:15**ULT**

¹⁵ This is the root that your right hand planted, the shoot that you made to grow.

UST

¹⁵ who are like the young vine that you planted and caused to grow!

Who planted the root of the vine and made the shoot grow?

The right hand of the God of hosts planted the root and made the shoot grow.

Psalms 80:16

ULT

¹⁶ It has been burned and cut down; they perish because of your rebuke.

UST

¹⁶ Our enemies have torn down and burned everything in our land; look at them angrily and get rid of them!

What is happening to the vine?

The vine is burned and cut down.

What does the writer want to happen to the enemies of the God of hosts?

The writer want the enemies of the God of hosts to perish because of his rebuke.

Psalms 80:17

ULT

¹⁷ May your hand be on the man of your right hand, on the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.

UST

¹⁷ But strengthen us people whom you have chosen, us Israelite people, whom you previously caused to be very strong.

What does the writer want God to do to the man of God's right hand?

The writer wants God's hand to be on that man.

What did God do for the son of man?

God made him strong for himself.

Psalms 80:18

ULT

¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

UST

¹⁸ When you do that, we will never turn away from you again; revive us, and then we will praise you.

What will the people do if God revives them?

They will call on God's name.

Psalms 80:19

ULT

¹⁹ Yahweh God of hosts, restore us; make your face shine on us, and we will be saved.

UST

¹⁹ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, restore us; act kindly toward us and rescue us from our enemies!

What will happen if Yahweh, the God of hosts shines on the people?

If Yahweh shines on them, they will be saved.

Psalms 81

Psalms 81:1

ULT

¹ Sing aloud to God our strength; shout out for joy to the God of Jacob.

UST

¹ Sing songs to praise God, who enables us to be strong when we fight our enemies; shout joyfully to God, whom we descendants of Jacob worship!

What does the writer tell everyone to do to God?

He tells them to sing aloud and to shout out for joy.

Psalms 81:2

ULT

² Sing a song and play the tambourine, the pleasant lyre with the harp.

UST

² Start playing the music, and beat the tambourines; play nice music on the harps and lyres.

What instruments does the writer tell the people to play as they sing a song?

The people should play the tambourine and the pleasant lyre with the harp.

Psalms 81:3

ULT

³ Blow the trumpet on the day of the new moon, on the day of the full moon, when our feast day begins.

UST

³ Blow the trumpets during the festival to celebrate each new moon, each time the moon is full, and during our other festivals.

When should the people blow the ram's horn?

They should blow it on the day of the new moon, the day of the full moon, when their feast day begins.

Psalms 81:4**ULT**

⁴ For it is a statute for Israel, a decree given by the God of Jacob.

UST

⁴ Do that because that is a decree for us Israelite people; it is a command that God made for the descendants of Jacob.

Who gave the statute and decree for Israel?

The God of Jacob gave them for Israel.

Psalms 81:5**ULT**

⁵ He issued it as a regulation in Joseph when he went against the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice that I did not recognize:

UST

⁵ He made it a law at the time when God led the descendants of Joseph out of the land of Egypt. I heard a voice I did not recognize, and it said:

Why did the God of Jacob issue a statute and decree for Israel?

He issued it as a regulation in Joseph.

Psalms 81:6**ULT**

⁶ "I removed the burden from his shoulder; his hands were freed from holding the basket.

UST

⁶ "After the rulers of Egypt forced you Israelites to work as slaves, I took those heavy burdens off your backs, and I enabled you to lay down those heavy baskets of bricks that you were carrying.

What did God remove from the shoulder of the people?

God removed the burden.

Psalms 81:7**ULT**

⁷ In your distress you called out, and I helped you; I answered you from a dark thundercloud. I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah

UST

⁷ When you were greatly distressed, you called out to me, and I rescued you; I answered you out of a thundercloud. Later I tested whether you would trust me to give you water when you were in the desert at Meribah.

What happened when the people called out in their distress?

God helped them, and answered them and tested them.

Psalms 81:8**ULT**

⁸ Listen, my people, for I will warn you, Israel, if you would only listen to me!

UST

⁸ You who are my people, listen while I warn you! I wish that you Israelite people would pay attention to what I say to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 81:9**ULT**

⁹ There must be no foreign god among you; you must not worship any foreign god.

UST

⁹ You must not have any idols of other gods among you; you must never bow to worship any of them!

What did God say about foreign gods?

God said there must be no foreign god among Israel and they must not worship any foreign god.

Psalms 81:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

UST

¹⁰ I am Yahweh, your God; It was not any of those gods who brought you out of Egypt; I am the one who did it! So request what you want me to do for you, and I will do it.

What does Yahweh say he did for Israel?

He brought them out of Egypt.

Why did God tell the Israelites to open their mouth wide?

He told them to open it so he would fill it.

Psalms 81:11**ULT**

¹¹ But my people did not listen to my words; Israel did not obey me.

UST

¹¹ But my people would not listen to me; they would not obey me.

What did Yahweh's people, Israel, not do?

They did not listen to Yahweh's words or obey him.

Psalms 81:12**ULT**

¹² So I gave them over to their own stubborn way so that they might do what seemed right to them.

UST

¹² So because they were very stubborn, I allowed them to do whatever they wanted to do.

Why did Yahweh give his people over to their own stubborn way?

He gave them over so that they might do what seemed right to them.

Psalms 81:13**ULT**

¹³ Oh, that my people would listen to me; oh, that my people would walk in my paths.

UST

¹³ I wish that my people would listen to me, that the Israelite people would behave as I want them to do.

What does Yahweh long for his people to do?

Yahweh wants his people to listen to him and walk in his paths.

Psalms 81:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their oppressors.

UST

¹⁴ If they did that, I would quickly defeat their enemies; I would strike dead those who are oppressing them.

What would Yahweh do if his people would listen to him and walk in his paths?

He would quickly subdue their enemies and turn his hand against their oppressors.

Psalms 81:15**ULT**

¹⁵ May those who hate Yahweh cringe in fear before him! May they be humiliated forever.

UST

¹⁵ Then all those who hate me would cringe before me, and then I would punish them forever.

What does the writer want to happen to those who hate Yahweh?

He wants them to cringe in fear and be humiliated forever.

Psalms 81:16

ULT

¹⁶ I would feed Israel with the finest wheat; I would satisfy you with honey out of the rock.”

UST

¹⁶ But I would give you Israelites very good wheat, and I would fill your stomachs with wild honey.”

What does Yahweh say he would do for Israel?

Yahweh would feed them with the finest wheat and satisfy them with the honey out of the rock.

Psalms 82

Psalms 82:1

ULT

¹ A Psalm of Asaph God stands in the divine assembly; in the midst of the gods he renders judgment.

UST

¹ God stands in heaven in a meeting of all the spirits whom he has placed in charge of what he created. He tells them that he has decided this:

Where does God stand to render judgment?

He stands in the divine assembly and in the midst of the gods.

Psalms 82:2

ULT

² How long will you judge unjustly and show favoritism to the wicked? Selah

UST

² "You must stop judging people unfairly; you must no longer make decisions that favor wicked people!

What does Asaph ask God?

He asks God how long God will you judge unjustly and show favoritism to the wicked?

Psalms 82:3

ULT

³ Defend the poor and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and destitute.

UST

³ You must defend people who are poor and orphans; you must act fairly toward those who are needy and those who have no one to help them.

What does Asaph ask God to do for the poor and fatherless and the afflicted and destitute?

He asks God to defend them and maintain their rights.

Psalms 82:4**ULT**

⁴ Rescue the poor and needy; take them out of the hand of the wicked.

UST

⁴ Rescue them from the power of the wicked people!"

What does Asaph ask God to do for the poor and needy?

He asks God to rescue them and take them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 82:5**ULT**

⁵ They neither know nor understand; they wander around in the darkness; all the foundations of the earth crumble.

UST

⁵ Those rulers do not know or understand anything! They are very corrupt, and as a result of their corrupt behavior, it is as though the foundation of the world is being shaken!

Where do those who neither know nor understand and wander?

They wander around in darkness.

Psalms 82:6**ULT**

⁶ I said, "You are gods, and all of you sons of the Most High.

UST

⁶ I previously said to them, "You think you are gods! It is as though you are all my sons,

How does Asaph say the sons of the Most High will die? (vv6-7)

They will die like men and fall like one of the princes.

Psalms 82:7

ULT

⁷ Nevertheless you will die like men and fall like one of the princes.”

UST

⁷ but you will die as people do; your lives will end as the lives of all rulers end.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 82:8

ULT

⁸ Arise, God, judge the earth, for you have an inheritance in all the nations.

UST

⁸ God, arise and judge everyone on the earth because all the people groups belong to you!

Why is Asaph asking God to arise and judge the earth?

He asks God to judge because he will inherit all the nations.

Psalms 83

Psalms 83:1

ULT

¹ God, do not be silent! Do not ignore us and remain unmoved, God.

UST

¹ God, do not continue to be silent! Do not be quiet and say nothing

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:2

ULT

² Look, your enemies are making a commotion, and those who hate you have raised their heads.

UST

² because your enemies are rioting against you; those who hate you are rebelling against you!

What are God's enemies doing?

They are making a commotion, and have raised their heads.

Psalms 83:3

ULT

³ They conspire against your people and plan together against your protected ones.

UST

³ They are secretly planning to do things to harm us, your people; they are conspiring together against the people whom you protect.

Who do the enemies of God conspire against and plan against?

They conspire against God's people and plan against God's protected ones.

Psalms 83:4**ULT**

⁴ They have said, "Come, and let us destroy them as a nation. Then the name of Israel will no longer be remembered."

UST

⁴ They say, "Come, we must destroy their nation so that no one will remember that Israel ever existed!"

What do God's enemies say they will do to Israel?

They said, "Let us destroy them as a nation."

What would happen to the name of Israel if God's enemies destroyed them?

Israel would no longer be remembered.

Psalms 83:5**ULT**

⁵ They schemed together with one strategy; they made an alliance against you—

UST

⁵ They have agreed on what they want to do to destroy Israel, and they have agreed to attack you together.

Against whom have God's enemies schemed?

They schemed against God and made an alliance.

Psalms 83:6**ULT**

⁶ the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites,

UST

⁶ Your enemies are the people who live in the tents of Edom— the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, they conspire together with

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:7**ULT**

⁷ Gebal, Ammon, Amalek; and also Philistia and the inhabitants of Tyre.

UST

⁷ the people of Gebal, and the Ammonites, and the Amalekites, and the Philistines, and the people of the city of Tyre.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:8**ULT**

⁸ Assyria also has joined with them; they have become an arm for the descendants of Lot. Selah

UST

⁸ The people of Assyria have joined them; they are strong allies of the Moab and Ammon people groups, who are descendants of Abraham's nephew Lot.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:9**ULT**

⁹ Do to them as you did to Midian, as you did to Sisera and to Jabin at the Kishon River.

UST

⁹ God, do to those people things as you did to the Midian people group, as you did to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon.

**What does Asaph ask God to do to his enemies, as he did to Midian, Sisera and Jabin?
(vv9-10)**

He asks that they perish at Endor and become like manure for the earth.

Psalms 83:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They perished at Endor and became like manure for the earth.

UST

¹⁰ You destroyed them at the town of Endor, and their corpses lay on the ground and decayed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:11**ULT**

¹¹ Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, and all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna.

UST

¹¹ Do to them things like you did to kings Oreb and Zeeb; defeat their leaders like you defeated Zebah and Zalmunna,

What did the nobles and the princes of the enemies say about Israel? (vv11-12)

They said, "Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God."

Psalms 83:12**ULT**

¹² They said, "Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God."

UST

¹² who said, "We will take for ourselves the land that the Israelites say belongs to God!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:13**ULT**

¹³ My God, make them like the whirling dust, like chaff before the wind,

UST

¹³ My God, cause them to disappear quickly like whirling dust, like chaff that the wind blows away!

What things does Asaph want God to make his enemies like? (vv13-14)

He wants God to make them like whirling dust, chaff before the wind, fire that burns the forest, and the flame that sets the mountains on fire.

Psalms 83:14**ULT**

¹⁴ like the fire that burns the forest, and like the flame that sets the mountains on fire.

UST

¹⁴ As a fire completely burns a forest and as flames burn in the mountains,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Chase them with your strong wind, and terrify them with your windstorm.

UST

¹⁵ expel them with your storms and cause them to be terrified by your big storms!

How does Asaph want God to chase and terrify his enemies?

He wants God to chase them with God's strong wind and terrify them with God's windstorm.

Psalms 83:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Fill their faces with shame so that they might seek your name, Yahweh.

UST

¹⁶ Cause them to be very ashamed so that they will admit that you are very powerful.

Why does Asaph ask Yahweh to fill the enemies faces with shame?

He asks God to fill the enemies with shame so they might seek Yahweh's name.

Psalms 83:17**ULT**

¹⁷ May they be put to shame and be terrified forever; may they perish in disgrace.

UST

¹⁷ Cause them to be forever disgraced because of being defeated, and cause them to die while they are still disgraced.

What does Asaph desire to happen to God's enemies?

He desires that they be put to shame, be terrified forever and perish in disgrace.

Psalms 83:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then they will know that you alone, Yahweh, are honored as the Most High over all the earth.

UST

¹⁸ Cause them to know that you, whose name is Yahweh, are the supreme ruler over everything on the earth.

What will God's enemies know about Yahweh?

They will know that Yahweh alone is the Most High over all the earth.

Psalms 84

Psalms 84:1

ULT

¹ How lovely is the place where you live, Yahweh of hosts!

UST

¹ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, your temple is very beautiful!

What does the writer say about the place where Yahweh of hosts lives?

He says the place where Yahweh of hosts lives is lovely.

Psalms 84:2

ULT

² I long for the courts of Yahweh, my desire for it has made me exhausted. My heart and all of my being call out to the living God.

UST

² I would like to be there; Yahweh, I desire that very much. With all my inner being I sing joyfully to you, the all-powerful God.

For what does the writer long?

He longs for the courts of Yahweh.

To whom does the writers heart and whole being call out?

His heart and whole being calls out to the living God.

Psalms 84:3**ULT**

³ Even the sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young near your altars, Yahweh of hosts, my King, and my God.

UST

³ Even sparrows and swallows have built nests near your temple; they take care of their young babies near the altars where people offer sacrifices to you, Commander of the angel armies, my king and my God.

Where has the sparrow found her house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young?

They have found their house and nest near the altars of Yahweh of hosts.

What other names does the writer use for Yahweh of hosts?

He uses the names of my King and my God.

Psalms 84:4**ULT**

⁴ Blessed are they who live in your house; they praise you continually. Selah

UST

⁴ How fortunate are those who are always in your temple, constantly singing to praise you.

What happens to those who live in Yahweh's house?

They are blessed and they praise Yahweh continually.

Psalms 84:5**ULT**

⁵ Blessed is the man whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways up to Zion.

UST

⁵ How fortunate are those whom you make strong, those who desire very much to make the trip up to Mount Zion.

What happens to the man whose strength is in Yahweh?

The man whose strength is in Yahweh is blessed.

Psalms 84:6**ULT**

⁶ Passing through the Valley of Tears, they find springs of water to drink. The early rains cover it with blessings. ^[1]

UST

⁶ While they travel through the dryValley of Tears, you cause it to become a place where there are springs of water, where the rains in the autumn fill the valley with water, a blessing from you.

Where do the blessed find springs of water to drink?

They find springs of water to drink as they pass through the Valley of Weeping.

Psalms 84:7**ULT**

⁷ They go from strength to strength; every one of them appears before God in Zion.

UST

⁷ As a result, those who travel through there become stronger knowing that they will appear in your presence on Mount Zion.

Where does the blessed people appear?

They appear before God in Zion.

Psalms 84:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh God of hosts, hear my prayer; God of Jacob, listen to what I am saying! Selah

UST

⁸ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, listen to my prayer; God, whom we descendants of Jacob worship, hear what I am saying!

Who does the writer want to hear his prayer?

He wants Yahweh God of hosts to hear his prayer.

Who does the writer want to listen to what he is saying?

He wants the God of Jacob to listen to what he is saying.

Psalms 84:9**ULT**

⁹ God, watch over our shield; show concern for your anointed.

UST

⁹ God, act kindly toward our king, the one who protects us, the one whom you have chosen to rule us.

What does the writer want God to watch over and for whom does he want God to show concern?

He wants God to watch over their shield and show concern for God's anointed.

Psalms 84:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to live within the tents of the wicked.

UST

¹⁰ For me, spending one day in your temple is better than spending a thousand days somewhere else; standing at the entrance to your temple, ready to go inside, is better than living in the tents where wicked people live.

A day in Yahweh's courts is better than what?

A day in Yahweh's courts is better than a thousand years elsewhere.

What would the writer rather be in the house of his God than to live within the tents of the wicked?

He would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of his God.

Psalms 84:11**ULT**

¹¹ For Yahweh God is our sun and shield; Yahweh will give grace and glory; he does not withhold any good thing from those who walk in integrity.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh our God is like the sun that shines on us and like a shield that protects us; he acts favorably toward us and honors us. Yahweh does not refuse to give any good thing to those who do what is right.

What is Yahweh God to the writer?

Yahweh God is our sun and shield.

What will Yahweh give?

Yahweh will give grace and glory.

What does Yahweh not withhold from those who walk in integrity.

Yahweh does not withhold any good thing from those who walk in integrity.

Psalms 84:12**ULT**

¹² Yahweh of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in you.
84:6 ^[1].

UST

¹² Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, how fortunate are those who trust in you!

What happens to the man who trusts in Yahweh of hosts?

The man who trusts in Yahweh is blessed.

Psalms 85

Psalms 85:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh, you have showed favor to your land; you have restored the well-being of Jacob.

UST

¹ Yahweh, you have acted kindly toward us people who live in this land; you have enabled us Israelite people to become prosperous again.

What has Yahweh done for the well-being of Jacob?

Yahweh has shown favor to their land and restored the well-being of Jacob.

Psalms 85:2

ULT

² You have forgiven the sin of your people; you have covered all their sin. Selah

UST

² You forgave us, your people, for the sins that we had committed; you pardoned us for all our sins.

What has Yahweh done about the sins of his people?

He has forgiven his people and covered all their sins.

Psalms 85:3

ULT

³ You have withdrawn all your wrath; you have turned back from your hot anger.

UST

³ You stopped being angry with us and turned away from severely punishing us.

What has Yahweh done with his wrath and hot anger?

He has withdrawn all his wrath and turned back from his hot anger.

Psalms 85:4**ULT**

⁴ Restore us, God of our salvation, and let go of your displeasure with us.

UST

⁴ Now, God, the only one who can save us, stop being angry with us and help us.

Of what does the writer ask God to let go?

He ask God to let go of his displeasure with his people.

Psalms 85:5**ULT**

⁵ Will you be angry with us forever? Will you remain angry throughout future generations?

UST

⁵ Will you continue to be angry with us forever?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 85:6**ULT**

⁶ Will you not revive us again? Then your people will rejoice in you.

UST

⁶ Please enable us to prosper again so that we, your people, will rejoice about what you have done for us.

What will God's people do if God revives them again?

God's people will rejoice in God.

Psalms 85:7**ULT**

⁷ Show us your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, grant us your salvation.

UST

⁷ Yahweh, by rescuing us from our troubles, show us that you faithfully love us.

What is the writer asking God to show and grant his people?

He is asking Yahweh to show his covenant faithfulness and grant his salvation.

Psalms 85:8**ULT**

⁸ I will listen to what Yahweh God says, for he will make peace with his people, his faithful ones. Yet they must not turn again to foolish ways.

UST

⁸ I want to listen to what Yahweh our God says because he promises that he will enable us, his people, to live peacefully if we do not return to doing foolish things.

What does the writer say will happen when he listens to what Yahweh God says?

God will make peace with his people, his faithful followers.

What must the people do to make peace with God?

God's people must not turn again to foolish ways.

Psalms 85:9**ULT**

⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him; then glory will remain in our land.

UST

⁹ He is surely ready to save those who have an awesome respect for him, so that his glory will remain in our land.

What will remain in the land when God's salvation is near to those who fear him?

Glory will remain in the land.

Psalms 85:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

UST

¹⁰ When that happens, he will both faithfully love us and faithfully do for us what he promised to do; we will act righteously, and he will give us peace, which will be like a kiss that he gives us.

What have met together and what have kissed each other?

Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness have met together and righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Psalms 85:11**ULT**

¹¹ Trustworthiness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

UST

¹¹ Here on earth, we will be loyal to God, and from heaven, God will act justly toward us.

What will sprout up from the ground and what will look down from the sky?

Trustworthiness will sprout up and victory will look down.

Psalms 85:12**ULT**

¹² Yes, Yahweh will give his good blessings, and our land will yield its crops.

UST

¹² Yes, Yahweh will do good things for us, and there will be great harvests in our land.

What will happen when Yahweh gives his good blessings?

Their land will yield its crops.

Psalms 85:13

ULT

¹³ Righteousness will go before him and make a way for his footsteps.

UST

¹³ Yahweh always acts righteously; he acts righteously wherever he goes.

What will go before Yahweh and make a way for his footsteps?

Righteousness will go before Yahweh.

Psalms 86

Psalms 86:1

ULT

¹ A Prayer of David. Incline your ear and listen, Yahweh, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

UST

¹ Yahweh, listen to what I say and answer me because I am weak and needy.

Why does David ask Yahweh to listen to and answer him?

He asks Yahweh to answer him because David is poor and oppressed.

Psalms 86:2

ULT

² Protect me, for I am faithful; my God, save your servant who trusts in you.

UST

² Prevent me from dying now because I am loyal to you; save me because I serve you and I trust in you, my God.

What does David ask God to do for him when he is loyal and trusts in God?

David asks God to protect him and save him.

Psalms 86:3

ULT

³ Be merciful to me, Lord, for I cry out to you all day long.

UST

³ Lord, act kindly toward me because I cry out to you all during each day.

What does David asks when he cries out to the Lord?

David asks the Lord to be merciful to him.

Psalms 86:4**ULT**

⁴ Make your servant glad, for to you, Lord, I lift up my soul.

UST

⁴ Lord, cause me to be glad, because I pray to you.

When David lifts up his soul to the Lord, what is he asking from the Lord?

David asks the Lord to make his servant glad.

Psalms 86:5**ULT**

⁵ You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and you show great mercy to all those who cry out to you.

UST

⁵ Lord, you are good to us, and you forgive us; you faithfully love very much all those who pray to you.

What happens to all those who cry out to the Lord who is good?

The Lord is ready to forgive and show them great mercy.

Psalms 86:6**ULT**

⁶ Yahweh, listen to my prayer; hear the sound of my pleas.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, listen to my prayer; hear me when I cry out to you to help me.

Who does David ask to listen to his prayer and hear the sound of his pleas?

David asks Yahweh to listen and hear.

Psalms 86:7**ULT**

⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

UST

⁷ When I have troubles, I call out to you because you answer me.

What will Yahweh do when David calls on him in his day of trouble?

Yahweh will answer David.

Psalms 86:8**ULT**

⁸ There is no one who compares to you among the gods, Lord. There are no deeds like your deeds.

UST

⁸ Lord, among all the gods whom the heathen nations worship, there is no one like you; not one of them has done the great things that you have done.

Who compares to the Lord among the gods?

There is no one who compares to the Lord.

Psalms 86:9**ULT**

⁹ All the nations that you have made will come and bow before you, Lord. They will honor your name.

UST

⁹ Lord, someday people from all the nations that you have established will come and bow down in front of you, and they will praise you.

What will all the nations do before the Lord?

All the nations will come and bow before the Lord and honor the Lord's name.

Psalms 86:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For you are great and do wonderful things; you only are God.

UST

¹⁰ You are great, and you do wonderful things; only you are God.

Who only does great and wonderful things?

Only God does great and wonderful things.

Psalms 86:11**ULT**

¹¹ Teach me your ways, Yahweh. Then I will walk in your truth. Unite my heart to reverence you.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh, teach me what you want me to do so that I may conduct my life according to what you say, all of which is right. Cause me to have an awesome respect for you with all my inner being.

What does David ask Yahweh to teach him?

David asks Yahweh to teach him Yahweh's ways.

What will happen when Yahweh teaches David?

David will walk in Yahweh's truth.

Psalms 86:12**ULT**

¹² Lord my God, I will praise you with my whole heart; I will glorify your name forever.

UST

¹² Lord, my God, I will thank you with all my inner being, and I will praise you forever.

What does David tell God he will do?

David will praise God and glorify God's name forever.

Psalms 86:13**ULT**

¹³ For great is your covenant faithfulness toward me; you have rescued my life from the depths of Sheol.

UST

¹³ You faithfully love me very much as you have promised; you have prevented me from dying and going to the place where dead people are.

What does David say God's covenant faithfulness toward him has done?

God has rescued David's soul from the depths of sheol.

Psalms 86:14**ULT**

¹⁴ God, the arrogant have risen up against me. A gang of violent men seek my life. They have no regard for you.

UST

¹⁴ But God, proud men are trying to attack me; a gang of cruel men are wanting to kill me; they are men who do not have any respect for you.

What does David say the arrogant and violent men have done?

They have risen up against David, seek his life and have no regard for God.

Psalms 86:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness.

UST

¹⁵ But Lord, you always act mercifully and kindly; you do not become angry quickly; you faithfully love us very much and always do for us what you have promised to do.

How does David describe the Lord?

David describes the Lord as a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness.

Psalms 86:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Turn toward me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant; save the son of your servant woman.

UST

¹⁶ Look down toward me and act mercifully to me; cause me to be strong and save me, the one who serves you faithfully as my mother did.

What does David ask the Lord to do for him?

David asks the Lord to turn toward him, have mercy on him, give his strength and save him.

Psalms 86:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor. Then those who hate me will see it and be put to shame because you, Yahweh, have helped me and comforted me.

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh, do something to show me that you are being good to me so that those who hate me will see that you have encouraged me and helped me; as a result, they will be ashamed.

What will happen when Yahweh shows David a sign of his favor?

Those who hate David will see God's favor and be put to shame.

What does David say Yahweh has done for him?

Yahweh has helped David and comforted him.

Psalms 87

Psalms 87:1

ULT

¹ A Psalm of the sons of Korah A Song On the holy mount stands the city he founded;

UST

¹ The city is established on his holy mountain.

Where is the Lord's city established?

It is established on the holy mountains.

Psalms 87:2

ULT

² Yahweh loves the gates of Zion more than all the tents of Jacob.

UST

² Yahweh loves that city, Jerusalem, more than he loves any other place in Israel.

How much does Yahweh love the gates of Zion?

He loves them more than all the tents of Jacob.

Psalms 87:3

ULT

³ Glorious things are said of you, city of God. Selah

UST

³ All you people in Jerusalem, other people say wonderful things about your city.

What things are said of the city of God?

Glorious things are said of the city of God.

Psalms 87:4**ULT**

⁴ "I mention Rahab and Babylon to my followers. See, there are Philistia, and Tyre, along with Cush— and will say, 'This one was born there.'"

UST

⁴ And Yahweh said, "I will talk of Rahab and Babyon and the people there who know me. There are some who know me among the people of Egypt and Babylonia, and they live in the lands of Philistia and Tyre and Ethiopia, and they will say, 'Our home is Jerusalem and our land is Zion.'"

To whom did the writer mention Rahab and Babylon?

He mentioned them to his followers.

Psalms 87:5**ULT**

⁵ Of Zion it will be said, "Each of these was born in her; and the Most High himself will establish her."

UST

⁵ Concerning Zion, people will say, "All of these people who were born far away, they call Jerusalem their home, and Almighty God will cause that city to remain strong."

What will the Most High do for Zion?

The Most High himself will establish her.

Psalms 87:6**ULT**

⁶ Yahweh writes in the census book of the nations, "This one was born there." Selah

UST

⁶ Yahweh will write a list of the names of the people of various groups who belong to him, and he will say that he considers them all to be citizens of Jerusalem.

What does Yahweh note as he registers the peoples?

He notes, "This one was born there."

Psalms 87:7

ULT

⁷ So also the singers and the dancers say together, "All my fountains are in you."

UST

⁷ They will all dance and sing, saying, "Jerusalem is the source of all our blessings."

What do the singers and dancers say?

They say, "All my springs of water are in you."

Psalms 88

Psalms 88:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh, God of my salvation, I cry out day and night before you.

UST

¹ Yahweh God, you who rescue me, all during each day I call out to you to help me, and I cry out to you during each night also.

When does the writer cry out to Yahweh, the God of his salvation?

The writer cries out day and night before Yahweh.

Psalms 88:2

ULT

² Let my prayer come before you; pay attention to my cry.

UST

² Listen to my prayer while I cry out to you for help!

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do for him?

He asks Yahweh to listen to his prayer and pay attention to his cry.

Psalms 88:3

ULT

³ For I am filled with troubles, and my life has reached Sheol.

UST

³ I have experienced many troubles, and I am about to die and go where dead people are.

What is the problem with the writer's soul and life?

His soul is full of troubles and his life is nearing sheol.

Psalms 88:4**ULT**

⁴ People treat me like those who go down into the pit; I am a man with no strength.

UST

⁴ Because I have no more strength, other people believe that I will soon die.

How does the writer describe himself when people treat him like those who go down to the pit?

He describes himself as a man with no strength.

Psalms 88:5**ULT**

⁵ I am abandoned among the dead; I am like the dead who lie in the grave, about whom you care no more because they are cut off from your power.

UST

⁵ I am like a corpse that has been abandoned; I am like dead people who lie in their graves, people who have been completely forgotten because you do not take care of them anymore.

What does the writer say happens to him when he is like the dead who lie in the grave?

He says that Yahweh cares for the dead no more because they are cut off from Yahweh's power.

Psalms 88:6**ULT**

⁶ You place me in the lowest part of the pit, in the dark and deep places.

UST

⁶ It is as though you have thrown me into a deep, dark pit, into a place where they throw corpses.

Where does the writer say that Yahweh has placed him?

He says Yahweh has placed him in the lowest part of the pit.

Psalms 88:7**ULT**

⁷ Your wrath lies heavy on me, and all your waves crash over me. Selah

UST

⁷ It seems as though you are very angry with me, and it is as though you have crushed me as ocean waves crash down on people.

What lies heavy on the writer?

Yahweh's wrath lies heavy on the writer.

Psalms 88:8**ULT**

⁸ Because of you, my acquaintances avoid me. You have made me a shocking sight to them. I am hemmed in and I cannot escape.

UST

⁸ You have caused my friends to avoid me; I have become repulsive to them. It is as though I were in a prison and cannot escape.

What has Yahweh done to make the writer's acquaintances avoid him?

Yahweh has made the writer a shocking sight to his acquaintances.

Psalms 88:9**ULT**

⁹ My eyes grow weary from trouble; All day long I call out to you, Yahweh; I spread out my hands to you.

UST

⁹ My eyes cannot see well because I cry very much. Yahweh, every day I call out to you to help me; I lift up my hands to you while I pray.

From what do the writer's eyes to grow weary?

His eyes grow weary from trouble.

Psalms 88:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Will you do wonders for the dead? Will those who have died rise and praise you? Selah

UST

¹⁰ You certainly do not perform miracles for dead people! Their spirits do not arise to praise you!

What questions does the writer ask Yahweh about the dead and those who have died?

He asks Yahweh if he will do wonders for the dead, and if they will rise up and praise Yahweh.

Psalms 88:11**ULT**

¹¹ Will your covenant faithfulness be proclaimed in the grave, your loyalty in the place of the dead?

UST

¹¹ Corpses in the grave certainly do not tell about your faithfully loving us, and in the place where people are finally destroyed, no one tells about what you faithfully do for us.

What does the writer asks Yahweh about his covenant faithfulness, loyalty, wonderful deeds and righteousness? (vv11-12)

The writer asks Yahweh if they will be proclaimed in the grave, in the place of the dead, in the darkness and in the place of forgetfulness.

Psalms 88:12**ULT**

¹² Will your wonderful deeds be known in the darkness, or your righteousness in the place of forgetfulness?

UST

¹² No one in the deep, dark pit ever sees the miracles that you perform, and no one in the place where people have been completely forgotten tells about your being good to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 88:13**ULT**

¹³ But I cry to you, Yahweh; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

UST

¹³ But as for me, Yahweh, I cry out to you to help me; each morning I pray to you.

When does the writer's prayer come before Yahweh?

His prayer comes before Yahweh in the morning.

Psalms 88:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Yahweh, why do you reject me? Why do you hide your face from me?

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh, why do you reject me? Why do you turn away from me?

What has Yahweh done to the writer?

Yahweh has rejected the writer and hidden his face from him.

Psalms 88:15**ULT**

¹⁵ I have always been afflicted and on the verge of death since my youth. I have suffered from your terrors; I am in despair.

UST

¹⁵ All the time since I was young, I have suffered and have often almost died; I am in despair because of enduring the terrible things that you have done to me.

How long has the writer been afflicted and on the verge of death.

The writer has been afflicted and on the verge of death since his youth.

Psalms 88:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Your angry actions have passed over me, and your terrifying deeds have annihilated me.

UST

¹⁶ I feel that you have crushed me because of your being angry with me; the terrible things that you are doing to me are almost destroying me.

What does the writer say Yahweh's angry actions and terrifying deeds have done?

Yahweh's actions have passed over and his deeds have annihilated the writer.

Psalms 88:17**ULT**

¹⁷ They surround me like water all the day long; they have all encircled me.

UST

¹⁷ It is as though they surround me like a flood; they are closing in on me from all sides.

What have Yahweh's actions and deeds done to the writer all day long?

They surrounded the writer like water and encircled him.

Psalms 88:18**ULT**

¹⁸ You have removed every friend and acquaintance from me. My only acquaintance is the darkness.

UST

¹⁸ You have caused even my friends and others whom I love to avoid me, and it is as though the only friend that I have is darkness.

What does the writer say is his only acquaintance?

He says his only acquaintance is the darkness.

Psalms 89

Psalms 89:1

ULT

¹ I will sing of Yahweh's acts of covenant faithfulness forever. I will proclaim your truthfulness to future generations.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I will sing forever about the ways you faithfully love me; people not yet born will hear that you faithfully do all that you have promised.

Of what will the writer sing forever?

He will sing of Yahweh's acts of covenant faithfulness.

What will the writer proclaim to future generations?

He will proclaim Yahweh's truthfulness.

Psalms 89:2

ULT

² For I have said, "Covenant faithfulness has been established forever; your truthfulness you have established in the heavens."

UST

² I will tell people that you will faithfully love us forever, and that your being faithful to do what you have promised is as permanent as the sky.

Where has Yahweh's truthfulness been established?

It has been established in the heavens.

Psalms 89:3

ULT

³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have made an oath to David my servant.

UST

³ Yahweh said, "I have made an agreement with David, whom I chose to serve me. I have made this solemn agreement with him:

With whom has a covenant and an oath been made?

The covenant has been made with the chosen one and an oath has been made to David.

Psalms 89:4**ULT**

⁴ I will establish your descendants forever, and I will establish your throne through all generations." Selah

UST

⁴ I will enable various ones of your descendants to always be kings; the line of kings descended from you will never end."

How long will the descendants and the throne be established?

The descendants will be established forever and the throne through all generations.

Psalms 89:5**ULT**

⁵ The heavens praise your wonders, Yahweh; your truthfulness is praised in the assembly of the holy ones.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, I desire that all those beings who are in heaven will praise you for the wonderful things that you do, and that all your holy angels will sing about how you faithfully do what you promise.

For what will the heavens praise Yahweh?

The heavens will praise Yahweh for his wonders.

For what will the assembly of the holy ones praise Yahweh?

They will praise Yahweh for his truthfulness.

Psalms 89:6**ULT**

⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to Yahweh? Who among the sons of the gods is like Yahweh?

UST

⁶ There is no one in heaven who can be compared with you, Yahweh. There are no angels in heaven who are equal to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:7**ULT**

⁷ He is a God who is greatly honored in the council of the holy ones and is awesome among all who surround him.

UST

⁷ When your holy angels gather together, they declare that you must be revered; they say that you are more awesome than all the angels that surround your throne!

How does God compare to those who surround him?

He is more awesome than all who surround him.

Psalms 89:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh God of hosts, who is strong like you, Yahweh? Your truthfulness surrounds you.

UST

⁸ O Yahweh God, commander of the angel armies, there is no one who is as powerful as you are; your faithfully doing all that you promise is like a cloak that always surrounds you.

What does the writer say about Yahweh's truthfulness?

It surrounds Yahweh.

Psalms 89:9**ULT**

⁹ You rule the raging sea; when the waves surge, you calm them.

UST

⁹ You rule over the powerful seas; when their waves rise up, you calm them.

What does the writer say about Yahweh's rule of the raging sea?

He says that when the waves surge, Yahweh calms them.

Psalms 89:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You crushed Rahab as one who is killed. You scattered your enemies with your strong arm.

UST

¹⁰ You are the one who crushed and killed the great sea monster named Rahab. You defeated and scattered your enemies with your great power.

What did Yahweh do to Rahab?

He crushed her as one who is killed.

What did Yahweh use to scatter his enemies?

He used his strong arm.

Psalms 89:11**ULT**

¹¹ The heavens belong to you, and the earth also. You made the world and all it contains.

UST

¹¹ The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; everything on the earth is yours because you created it all.

What belongs to Yahweh who made the world and all it contains?

The heavens and the earth belong to Yahweh.

Psalms 89:12**ULT**

¹² You created the north and the south. Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.

UST

¹² You created everything from the north to the south. Mount Tabor and Mount Hermon joyfully praise you.

What did Yahweh create?

Yahweh created the north and the south.

Psalms 89:13**ULT**

¹³ You have a mighty arm and a strong hand, and your right hand is high.

UST

¹³ You are very powerful; you are extremely strong.

What does the writer say about Yahweh's arm and hand?

Yahweh has a mighty arm and a strong hand, and his right hand is high.

Psalms 89:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness come before you.

UST

¹⁴ You rule over people fairly and justly; you are always faithfully loving us and doing what you promised.

What is the foundation of Yahweh's throne?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Yahweh's throne.

What comes before Yahweh?

Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness come before Yahweh.

Psalms 89:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! Yahweh, they walk in the light of your face.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh, how fortunate are those who worship you with joyful shouts in their festivals, who live knowing that you are always watching over them.

What happens to the people who worship Yahweh? (vv15-16)

They are blessed and walk in the light of Yahweh's face, they rejoice in Yahweh's name, and in Yahweh's righteousness they exalt.

Psalms 89:16**ULT**

¹⁶ They rejoice in your name all day long, and in your righteousness they exalt you.

UST

¹⁶ Every day, throughout the day, they rejoice in what you have done, and they praise you for being very good to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:17**ULT**

¹⁷ You are their majestic strength, and by your favor our strength is made victorious.

UST

¹⁷ You give us your glorious strength; because you act in our favor, we defeat our enemies.

How does Yahweh's majestic strength and favor benefit the people?

The people are victorious

Psalms 89:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For our shield belongs to Yahweh; our king belongs to the Holy One of Israel.

UST

¹⁸ Yahweh, you gave us the one who protects us; you, the holy God whom we Israelites worship, he gave us our king.

What belongs to Yahweh and what is he called?

The people's shield belongs to Yahweh and is called the Holy One of Israel.

Psalms 89:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Long ago you spoke in a vision to your faithful ones; ^[1] you said, "I have set a crown on a mighty one." ^[2] I have raised up one chosen from among the people.

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¹⁹ Long ago you spoke in a vision to one of your servants, saying, "I have crowned a famous soldier; I chose him from among all the people to be a king.

What did Yahweh say in a vision to his faithful ones?

He said that he set a crown on a mighty one and raised up one chosen from among the people.

Psalms 89:20**ULT**

²⁰ I have chosen David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.

UST

²⁰ That man is David, the one who will serve me faithfully, and I anointed him with sacred olive oil to make him king.

What did Yahweh say he will do for his chosen servant David? (vv20-23)

He said he had anointed him, will support him, and will strengthen him.

Psalms 89:21**ULT**

²¹ My hand will support him. Also my arm will be with him to strengthen him.

UST

²¹ My strength will always be with him; with my power, I will make him strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:22**ULT**

²² No enemy will deceive him; no son of wickedness will oppress him.

UST

²² His enemies will never find ways to outwit him, and wicked people will never defeat him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:23**ULT**

²³ I will crush his enemies before him; I will kill those who hate him.

UST

²³ I will crush his enemies in front of him and get rid of those who hate him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:24**ULT**

²⁴ My truth and my covenant faithfulness will be with him; by my name he will win victories.

UST

²⁴ I will always be loyal to him and faithfully love him and enable him to defeat his enemies.

What will be with David and how will he be victorious?

Yahweh's truth and covenant faithfulness will be with David and by Yahweh's name David will be victorious.

Psalms 89:25**ULT**

²⁵ I will place his hand over the sea and his right hand over the rivers.

UST

²⁵ I will cause his kingdom to include all the land from the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:26**ULT**

²⁶ He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

UST

²⁶ He will say to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the one who protects and saves me.'

What will David call out to Yahweh?

He will call Yahweh his Father, his God, and the rock of his salvation.

Psalms 89:27**ULT**

²⁷ I also will place him as my firstborn son, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

UST

²⁷ I will give him the rights as my firstborn son; he will be the greatest king on the earth.

What will Yahweh do for David who he places as his firstborn son and most exalted of the kings of the earth? (vv27-28)

Yahweh will extend and secure his covenant faithfulness to David forever.

Psalms 89:28**ULT**

²⁸ I will extend my covenant faithfulness to him forever; and my covenant with him will be secure.

UST

²⁸ I will always be loyal to him, and my agreement to bless him will last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:29**ULT**

²⁹ I will make his descendants endure forever and his throne as enduring as the skies above.

UST

²⁹ I will establish a line of his descendants that will never end, various ones of his descendants will always be kings.

How long will David's descendants and throne endure?

His descendants will endure forever and his throne will endure as the skies above.

Psalms 89:30**ULT**

³⁰ If his children forsake my law and do not walk in my regulations,

UST

³⁰ But if some of his descendants disobey my laws and do not behave as my commands say that they should,

What will Yahweh do to David's children if they forsake Yahweh's law, disobey his decrees, break his rules and do not keep his commands? (vv30-32)

Yahweh will punish their rebellion with a rod and their iniquity with blows.

Psalms 89:31**ULT**

³¹ if they break my rules and do not keep my commands,

UST

³¹ if they disregard my requirements and do not do the right things that I have told them to do,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:32**ULT**

³² then will I punish their rebellion with a rod and their iniquity with blows.

UST

³² I will punish them severely and cause them to suffer for doing wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:33**ULT**

³³ But I will not remove my steadfast love from him or be unfaithful to my promise.

UST

³³ But I will not stop faithfully loving David, and I will always do what I promised him.

What promises does Yahweh make to David? (vv33-34)

Yahweh promises not to remove his covenant faithfulness or be unfaithful to his promise. He will not break his covenant or change the words of his lips.

Psalms 89:34**ULT**

³⁴ I will not break my covenant or change the words of my lips.

UST

³⁴ I will not break the agreement that I made with him; I will not change even one word that I spoke to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:35**ULT**

³⁵ Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness— I will not lie to David:

UST

³⁵ Once I made a solemn promise to David, and that will never change; because I am God, I will never lie to David.

By what does Yahweh swear once and for all.

Yahweh swears by his holiness.

Psalms 89:36**ULT**

³⁶ his descendants will continue forever and his throne as long as the sun before me.

UST

³⁶ I promised that the line of kings descended from him will go on forever; it will last as long as the sun shines.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:37**ULT**

³⁷ It will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky." Selah

UST

³⁷ That line will be as permanent as the moon that is always watching everything here on earth."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:38**ULT**

³⁸ But you have refused and rejected; you have been angry with your anointed king.

UST

³⁸ But Yahweh, now you have rejected him! You are very angry with the king whom you appointed.

What does the writer now say about how David is being treated by Yahweh?

The writer says that Yahweh has refused and rejected and is angry with the anointed king.

Psalms 89:39**ULT**

³⁹ You have renounced the covenant of your servant. You have desecrated his crown on the ground.

UST

³⁹ It seems that you have broken the agreement that you made with your servant, David; it seems as though you have thrown his crown into the dust.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ You have broken down all his walls. You have ruined his strongholds.

UST

⁴⁰ You have torn down the walls that protect his city and allowed all his forts to become ruins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:41**ULT**

⁴¹ All who pass by have robbed him. He has become an object of disgust to his neighbors.

UST

⁴¹ All those who pass by plunder his possessions; his neighbors laugh at him.

What does the writer say is happening to the anointed king?

He is being robbed and has become an object of disgust to his neighbors.

Psalms 89:42**ULT**

⁴² You have raised the right hand of his enemies; you have made all his enemies rejoice.

UST

⁴² You have enabled his enemies to defeat him; you have made them all happy.

What have the anointed king's enemies done?

They have raised their right hand and have been made to rejoice.

Psalms 89:43**ULT**

⁴³ You turn back the edge of his sword and have not made him stand when in battle.

UST

⁴³ You have caused his sword to become useless, and you have not helped him in his battles.

What happened when the anointed king went into battle?

The edge of the king's sword was turned back and he was made unable to stand in battle.

Psalms 89:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ You have brought his splendor to an end; you have brought down his throne to the ground.

UST

⁴⁴ You have caused his splendor to end and knocked his throne to the ground.

What has happened to the king's splendor and throne?

His splendor has been brought to an end and his throne has been brought down to the ground.

Psalms 89:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ You have shortened the days of his youth. You have covered him with shame. Selah

UST

⁴⁵ You have caused him to become old when he is still young and caused him to be very shamed.

What has happened to the days of the anointed king?

His days have been shortened and he has been covered with shame.

Psalms 89:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ How long, Yahweh? Will you hide yourself, forever? How long will your anger burn like fire?

UST

⁴⁶ O Yahweh, how long will this continue? Will you hide yourself from us forever? How long will your anger against us burn like a fire?

What does the writer ask Yahweh about his anger?

He asks how long will Yahweh will hide himself and his anger will burn like fire.

Psalms 89:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ Oh, think about how short my time is, and for what uselessness you have created all the children of mankind!

UST

⁴⁷ Do not forget that life is very short; Do not forget that you have created all of us to die uselessly.

What does the writer ask Yahweh to think about?

He asks Yahwe to think about how short his time is and for what uselessness Yahweh has created all the sons of men.

Psalms 89:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ Who can live and not see death, or rescue his own life from the hand of Sheol? Selah

UST

⁴⁸ No one can keep on living and never die; no one can bring himself back from the place of the dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ Lord, where are your former acts of covenant faithfulness that you swore to David in your truthfulness?

UST

⁴⁹ Yahweh, you promised long ago that you would faithfully love me; why are you not doing that? You solemnly promised this to David!

What does the writer ask the Lord about his former acts of covenant faithfulness?

The writer asks the Lord, "Where are your former acts of covenant faithfulness?"

Psalms 89:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ Call to mind, Lord, the mocking directed against your servants and how I bear in my heart so many insults from the nations.

UST

⁵⁰ Yahweh, do not forget that people insult us! Heathen people curse me!

What does the writer tell the Lord to call to mind? (vv50-51)

His tells the Lord that Yahweh's enemies hurl insults and mock the footsteps of Yahweh's anointed one.

Psalms 89:51**ULT**

⁵¹ Your enemies hurl insults, Yahweh; they mock the footsteps of your anointed one.

UST

⁵¹ Yahweh, your enemies insult your chosen king! They insult him wherever he goes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:52**ULT**

⁵² Blessed be Yahweh forever. Amen and Amen.

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89:19 ^[1] instead of .

89:19 ^[2] . Some translate the word for as , and that is how the ULT has translated the word here.

UST

⁵² I hope that Yahweh will be praised forever! Amen! May it be so!

How long does the writer say Yahweh will be blessed?

Yahweh will be blessed forever.

Psalms 90

Psalms 90:1

ULT

¹ A Prayer of Moses a man of God Lord, you have been our refuge throughout all generations.

UST

¹ Lord, you have always been like a home for us.

How long has the Lord been a refuge for Moses and the people?

The Lord has been a refuge throughout all generations.

Psalms 90:2

ULT

² Before the mountains were formed, or you formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

UST

² Before you created the mountains, before you formed the earth and everything that is in it, you were eternally God, and you will be God forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:3

ULT

³ You return man to dust, and you say, "Return, you descendants of mankind."

UST

³ When people die, you cause their corpses to become soil again; you change their corpses to become dirt like that from which the first man was created.

To what does the Lord return man?

He returns man to the dust.

Psalms 90:4**ULT**

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

UST

⁴ When you consider time, a thousand years are as short as one day that passes; you consider that they are as short as a few hours in the night.

What are a thousand years like in the sight of the Lord?

They are as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Psalms 90:5**ULT**

⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood and they sleep; in the morning they are like the grass that sprouts up.

UST

⁵ You cause people to die suddenly; they live only a short time as a dream lasts only a short time. They are like grass that grows up.

To what are the descendants of mankind like? (vv5-6)

They are like the grass that sprouts up, blooms and grows up, and then withers and dries up.

Psalms 90:6**ULT**

⁶ In the morning it blooms and grows up; in the evening it withers and dries up.

UST

⁶ In the morning the grass sprouts and grows well, but in the evening it dries up and completely withers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:7**ULT**

⁷ Truly, we are consumed in your anger, and in your wrath we are terrified.

UST

⁷ Similarly, because of the sins that we commit, you become angry with us; you terrify us and then you destroy us.

Why is mankind consumed in the Lord's anger and terrified in his wrath? (vv7-8)

They are consumed and terrified because the Lord has set their iniquities before himself, and their hidden sins in the light of his presence.

Psalms 90:8**ULT**

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our hidden sins in the light of your presence.

UST

⁸ It is as though you place our sins in front of you; you spread out even our secret sins where you can see them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:9**ULT**

⁹ For our life passes away under your wrath; our years quickly pass like a sigh.

UST

⁹ Because you are angry with us, you cause our lives to end; the years that we live pass as quickly as a sigh does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Our years are seventy, or even eighty if we are healthy; but even our best years are marked by trouble and sorrow. Yes, they pass quickly, and we fly away.

UST

¹⁰ People live for only seventy years; if they are strong, some of them live for eighty years. But even during good years we have much pain and troubles; our lives soon end, and we die.

How many are the years of mankind if they are healthy?

Their years are eighty if healthy.

Psalms 90:11**ULT**

¹¹ Who knows the intensity of your anger, and your wrath that is equal to the fear of you?

UST

¹¹ No one has really experienced the powerful things you can do to them when you are angry with them, and people are not afraid that you will punish them because of your being angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:12**ULT**

¹² So teach us to consider our life so that we might live wisely.

UST

¹² So teach us to realize that we live for only a short time in order that we may use our time wisely.

What does Moses ask the Lord to teach mankind?

He asks the Lord to teach mankind to consider their lives, so that they may live wisely.

Psalms 90:13**ULT**

¹³ Turn back, Yahweh! How long will it be? Have pity on your servants.

UST

¹³ Yahweh, how long will you be angry with us? Pity us who serve you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your covenant faithfulness so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

UST

¹⁴ Each morning, show us that it is enough for us if you love us faithfully as you have promised you would do. Show us this so that we may shout joyfully and be happy all during the years that we live.

With what does Moses want the Lord to satisfy mankind in the morning?

He wants the Lord to satisfy mankind with the Lord's covenant faithfulness, so that they may rejoice and be glad all their days.

Psalms 90:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Make us glad in proportion to the days you afflicted us and to the years we have experienced trouble.

UST

¹⁵ Cause us to be now as happy for as many years as you afflicted us and we experienced troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:16

ULT

¹⁶ Let your servants see your work, and let our children see your majesty.

UST

¹⁶ Enable us to see the great things that you do, and enable our descendants to see your glorious power also.

What does Moses want the Lord to let his servants see?

He wants the Lord to let his servants see his work and their children see his majesty.

Psalms 90:17

ULT

¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands; indeed, prosper the work of our hands.

UST

¹⁷ Lord, our God, give us your blessings and enable us to be successful; yes, cause us to be successful in everything that we do!

How does the Lord show his favor to mankind?

He prospers the work of their hands.

Psalms 91

Psalms 91:1

ULT

¹ He who lives in the shelter of the Most High will stay in the shadow of the Almighty.

UST

¹ Those who live under the protection of God Almighty, will be able to rest safely under his care.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:2

ULT

² I will say of Yahweh, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

UST

² I will declare to Yahweh, "You protect me; you are like a fort in which I am safe. You are my God, the one in whom I trust."

What does the writer say of Yahweh?

The writer says, "He is my shelter and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalms 91:3

ULT

³ For he will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague.

UST

³ He will rescue you from all hidden traps and save you from deadly diseases.

What will Yahweh do for the one who trusts in him? (vv3-4)

Yahweh will rescue him from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague and cover him with his wings.

Psalms 91:4**ULT**

⁴ He will cover you with his wings, and under his wings you will find refuge. His trustworthiness is a shield and protection.

UST

⁴ He will shield you as a bird protects her young under her wings. You will be safe in his care. His faithfully doing what he has promised is like a shield that will protect you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:5**ULT**

⁵ You will not be afraid of terror in the night, or of the arrow that flies by day,

UST

⁵ You will not be afraid of things that happen during the night that could terrorize you or of arrows that your enemies will shoot at you during the day.

What does the one who trusts in Yahweh need not be afraid of? (vv5-6)

The one who trusts in Yahweh need not be afraid of terror in the night, or the the arrow that flies by day, the plagues that roam around in the darkness, and the disease that comes at noontime.

Psalms 91:6**ULT**

⁶ or of the plague that roams around in the darkness, or of the disease that comes at noontime.

UST

⁶ You will not be afraid of plagues that demons cause when they attack people at night or of other evil forces that kill people at midday.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:7

ULT

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not reach you.

UST

⁷ Even if a thousand people fall dead alongside you, even if ten thousand people are dying around you, you will not be harmed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:8

ULT

⁸ You will only observe and see the punishment of the wicked.

UST

⁸ Look and see that wicked people are being punished!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:9

ULT

⁹ For Yahweh is my refuge! Make the Most High your refuge also.

UST

⁹ Yahweh protects me; trust God Almighty to shelter you, too.

What is Yahweh for the writer?

Yahweh is the refuge for the writer.

Psalms 91:10**ULT**

¹⁰ No evil will overtake you; no affliction will come near your home.

UST

¹⁰ If you do, nothing evil will happen to you; no plague will come near your house

Why will no evil overtake nor affliction come near the home of the one who trusts in Yahweh? (vv10-11)

No evil will overtake nor affliction come near the one who trusts in Yahweh because Yahweh will direct his angels to protect and guard him in all his ways.

Psalms 91:11**ULT**

¹¹ For he will direct his angels to protect you, to guard you in all your ways.

UST

¹¹ because Yahweh will command his angels to protect you in whatever you are doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:12**ULT**

¹² They will lift you up with their hand so that you will not hit your foot on a stone.

UST

¹² They will hold you up with their hands so that you will not hurt your foot on a big stone.

How will the angels protect and guard the one who trusts in Yahweh? (vv12-13)

The angels will lift him up with their hand so he will not slip and fall on a stone.

Psalms 91:13**ULT**

¹³ You will crush lions and adders under your feet; you will trample on young lions and serpents.

UST

¹³ You will be kept safe from being harmed by your enemies; it will be as though you were killing strong lions and poisonous snakes by stepping on them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Because he is devoted to me, I will rescue him. I will protect him because he is loyal to me.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh says, "I will rescue those who love me; I will protect them because they acknowledge that I am Yahweh.

What does Yahweh do for the one who is devoted to him? (vv14-16)

Yahweh will rescue him, protect him, answer him when he calls, give him victory and honor when he is in trouble, satisfy him with long life, and show him Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 91:15**ULT**

¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble; I will give him victory and will honor him.

UST

¹⁵ When they call out to me, I will answer them. I will help them when they are experiencing trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:16

ULT

¹⁶ I will satisfy him with the length of his days, and show him my salvation.

UST

¹⁶ I will reward them by enabling them to live a long time, and I will save them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92**Psalms 92:1****ULT**

¹ It is a good thing to give thanks to Yahweh and to sing praises to your name, Most High,

UST

¹ Yahweh, it is good for people to thank you and to sing praise to you who are greater than any other god.

What does the writer consider to be a good thing?

It is a good thing to give thanks and sing praises to the name of Yahweh.

Psalms 92:2**ULT**

² to proclaim your covenant faithfulness in the morning and your truthfulness every night,

UST

² It is good to proclaim every morning that you faithfully love us and to sing songs each night that declare that you always do what you have promised to do,

When does the writer say to proclaim Yahweh's covenant faithfulness and truthfulness?

He says to proclaim Yahweh's covenant faithfulness in the morning and his truthfulness every night.

Psalms 92:3**ULT**

³ with a harp of ten strings and with the melody of the lyre.

UST

³ accompanied by musicians playing harps that have ten strings and by the sounds made by a lyre.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92:4**ULT**

⁴ For you, Yahweh, have made me glad through your deeds. I will sing for joy because of the deeds of your hands.

UST

⁴ Yahweh, you have caused me to be glad; I sing joyfully because of what you have done.

How has the writer responded to the great deeds of Yahweh? (vv4-5)

Yahweh's great deeds have made him glad so that he will sing for joy.

Psalms 92:5**ULT**

⁵ How great are your deeds, Yahweh! Your thoughts are very deep.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, the things that you do are great! But it is difficult to understand all that you think.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92:6**ULT**

⁶ A brutish person does not know, nor does a fool understand this:

UST

⁶ There are things that you do that foolish people cannot know about, things that stupid people cannot understand.

What kind of person does not know and understand such joy?

Such joy is not known by a brutish person nor a fool.

Psalms 92:7**ULT**

⁷ When the wicked sprout like the grass, and even when all the evildoers thrive, still they are doomed to eternal destruction.

UST

⁷ They do not understand that although the number of wicked people increases as blades of grass do and that those who do what is evil prosper, they will be completely destroyed.

What is the destiny of the wicked who sprout like the grass and all the evildoers who thrive?

The wicked who sprout like the grass and all the evildoers who thrive are still doomed to eternal destruction.

Psalms 92:8**ULT**

⁸ But you, Yahweh, will reign forever.

UST

⁸ But Yahweh, you will be king forever.

Why do all the evildoers, who are Yahweh's enemies, scatter? (vv8-9)

All the evildoers are scattered because Yahweh will reign forever.

Psalms 92:9**ULT**

⁹ Indeed, look at your enemies, Yahweh! Indeed, look at your enemies. They will perish! All those who do evil will be scattered.

UST

⁹ Yahweh, your enemies will certainly die, and those who do wicked things will be defeated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You have lifted up my horn like the horn of the wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil.

UST

¹⁰ But you have caused me to be as strong as a wild ox; you have caused me to be very joyful.

How has Yahweh exalted the writer's horn and anointed him with fresh oil? (vv10-11)

Yahweh has exalted and anointed the writer by allowing him to see the downfall of his enemies and hear the doom of his evil foes.

Psalms 92:11**ULT**

¹¹ My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard of the doom of my evil foes.

UST

¹¹ I have seen you defeat my enemies, and I have heard those evil men wail while they were being slaughtered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92:12**ULT**

¹² The righteous will flourish like the palm tree; they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

UST

¹² But righteous people will prosper like palm trees that grow well, like the cedar trees that grow in Lebanon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92:13**ULT**

¹³ They are planted in the house of Yahweh; they flourish in the courts of our God.

UST

¹³ They are like the trees that people plant at the temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem, the trees that are close to the courtyard of the temple of our God.

Where are the righteous planted?

They are planted in the house of Yahweh.

Psalms 92:14**ULT**

¹⁴ They bear fruit even when they are old; they stay fresh and green,

UST

¹⁴ Even when righteous people become old, they do many things that please God. They remain strong and full of energy like trees that remain full of sap.

What do the righteous do to proclaim that Yahweh is just? (vv14-15)

The righteous bear fruit when they are old and stay fresh and green.

Psalms 92:15**ULT**

¹⁵ to proclaim that Yahweh is just. He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

UST

¹⁵ That shows that Yahweh is just; he is like a huge rock on which I am safe, and he never does anything that is wicked.

Why is Yahweh the rock of the writer?

Yahweh is his rock because there is no unrighteousness in Yahweh.

Psalms 93

Psalms 93:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh reigns; he is robed in majesty; Yahweh has clothed and girded himself with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

UST

¹ Yahweh, you have become the King! The majesty and the power that you have are like robes that a king wears. You put the world firmly in place, and it will never be moved out of its place.

In what is Yahweh robed and clothed?

Yahweh is robed in majesty and clothed with strength which he wears like a belt.

Psalms 93:2

ULT

² Your throne is established from ancient times; you are from everlasting.

UST

² You started to rule as king a very long time ago; you have always existed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 93:3

ULT

³ The oceans rise, Yahweh; they have lifted up their voice; the oceans' waves crash and roar.

UST

³ Yahweh, when you created the world, you separated the water from the chaotic mass and formed oceans, and the waves of the waters of those oceans still roar,

How have the oceans lifted up their voice?

The oceans rise and their waves crash and roar.

Psalms 93:4**ULT**

⁴ Above the crashing of many waves, the mighty breakers of the sea, Yahweh on high is mighty.

UST

⁴ but you are greater than the roar of those oceans, more powerful than the ocean waves! You are Yahweh, the one who is greater than any other god!

Who is above the crashing of many waves and the mighty breakers of the sea?

Yahweh on high is mighty and above the many crashing waves and mighty breakers of the sea.

Psalms 93:5**ULT**

⁵ Your solemn commands are very trustworthy; holiness adorns your house, Yahweh, for the length of your days.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, your laws never change, and your temple has always been holy. That will be true forever.

How does the writer describe Yahweh's commands and holiness?

The writer says that Yahweh's commands are very trustworthy and holiness adorns Yahweh's house forever.

Psalms 94

Psalms 94:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh, God who avenges, God who avenges, shine over us.

UST

¹ Yahweh, you are able to get revenge on your enemies. So show them that you are going to punish them!

What does the writer ask Yahweh God to do? (vv1-2)

The writer asks Yahweh God to shine over his people and give to the proud what they deserve.

Psalms 94:2

ULT

² Rise up, judge of the earth, give to the proud what they deserve.

UST

² You are the one who judges all people on the earth; so arise and give them what they deserve.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:3

ULT

³ How long will the wicked, Yahweh, how long will the wicked rejoice?

UST

³ Yahweh, how long will those wicked people be glad? It is not right that they continue being glad!

How do the wicked rejoice in what they say? (vv3-4)

The wicked rejoice by pouring out arrogant, defiant and boastful speeches.

Psalms 94:4**ULT**

⁴ They pour out their arrogant words; all those who do evil boast.

UST

⁴ They do evil things, and they boast about doing them; how long will they be allowed to continue doing that?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:5**ULT**

⁵ They crush your people, Yahweh; they afflict the nation that belongs to you.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, it is as though those wicked people were crushing us, your people; they oppress the nation that you have made and that belongs to you alone.

What is the behavior of the wicked? (vv5-6)

The wicked crush Yahweh's people and they kill the widow, the alien and the fatherless.

Psalms 94:6**ULT**

⁶ They kill the widow and foreigner who lives in their country, and they murder the fatherless.

UST

⁶ They murder widows and orphans and people from other countries who think it is safe to live in our land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:7**ULT**

⁷ They say, "Yahweh will not see, the God of Jacob does not take notice of it."

UST

⁷ Those wicked people say, "Yahweh does not see anything; the God whom those Israelites worship does not see the evil things that we do."

What does the wicked say?

The wicked says that Yahweh will not see nor take notice of what we do.

Psalms 94:8**ULT**

⁸ Understand, you stupid people! You fools, when will you ever learn?

UST

⁸ You evil people who rule Israel, you are foolish and stupid; when will you become wise?

What is the question the writer asks of the fools?

He asks them, "When will you ever learn?"

Psalms 94:9**ULT**

⁹ He who made the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?

UST

⁹ God made our ears; do you think that he cannot hear what you say? He created our eyes; do you think that he cannot see the evil things that you do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:10**ULT**

¹⁰ He who disciplines the nations, does he not correct? He is the one who gives knowledge to man.

UST

¹⁰ He corrects the leaders of other nations; do you think that he will not punish you? He is the one who knows everything; why do you think that he does not know what you do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:11**ULT**

¹¹ Yahweh knows the thoughts of men, that they are vapor.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh knows everything that people are thinking; he knows that what they think is evil and useless.

What does Yahweh know about the thoughts of men?

Yahweh knows that the thoughts of men are corrupt.

Psalms 94:12**ULT**

¹² Blessed is the one whom you instruct, Yahweh, the one whom you teach from your law.

UST

¹² Yahweh, how fortunate are those who allow you to discipline them, those who want you to teach them your laws.

What does Yahweh do for the one who is blessed? (vv12-13)

Yahweh teaches his law and gives rest in times of trouble to the one who is blessed.

Psalms 94:13**ULT**

¹³ You give him rest in times of trouble until a pit is dug for the wicked.

UST

¹³ When those people have had troubles, you cause those troubles to cease, and someday it will be as though you will dig pits for the wicked people, and that they will fall into those pits and die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For Yahweh will not forsake his people or abandon his inheritance.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh will not abandon his people; he will not desert those who belong to him.

What promise does the writer give to Yahweh's people?

The writer says that Yahweh will not forsake his people nor abandon his inheritance.

Psalms 94:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For judgment will again be righteous; and all the upright in heart will follow it.

UST

¹⁵ Someday judges will decide matters fairly for people, and all honest people will be pleased about that.

What is the result of Yahweh's promise?

The result of Yahweh's promise is that justice will prevail and all the upright will follow it.

Psalms 94:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Who will rise up to defend me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the wicked?

UST

¹⁶ But when wicked people oppressed me, no one defended me! No one stood up to testify for me against those evil people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Unless Yahweh had been my help, I would soon be lying down in the place of silence.

UST

¹⁷ If Yahweh had not helped me at that time, I would have been executed; my life would have gone to the place where dead people say nothing.

What provision from Yahweh was a help to the writer? (vv17-18)

The provision was Yahweh's covenant faithfulness which held the writer up when he said, "my foot is slipping."

Psalms 94:18**ULT**

¹⁸ When I said, "My foot is slipping," Your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, held me up.

UST

¹⁸ I said, "I am falling into disaster," but, Yahweh, you held me up by faithfully loving me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:19**ULT**

¹⁹ When cares within me are many, your consolations make me happy.

UST

¹⁹ Whenever I am very worried, you comfort me and cause me to be happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:20**ULT**

²⁰ Can a throne of destruction be allied with you, one who creates injustice by statute?

UST

²⁰ You have nothing to do with wicked judges, those who establish laws that allow people to do what is not right.

How do the wicked rulers create injustice by statute? (vv20-21)

The wicked rulers create injustice by conspiring against the righteous and condemning the innocent to death.

Psalms 94:21**ULT**

²¹ They conspire together to take the life of the righteous and they condemn the innocent to death.

UST

²¹ They plan to get rid of righteous people, and they declare that innocent people must be executed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:22**ULT**

²² But Yahweh has been my high tower, and my God has been the rock of my refuge.

UST

²² But Yahweh has become like my fortress; my God is like a huge rock on which I am protected.

How has Yahweh encouraged the writer?

Yahweh has encouraged the writer by being his high tower and the rock of his refuge.

Psalms 94:23

ULT

²³ He will bring on them their own iniquity and will cut them off in their own wickedness. Yahweh our God will cut them off.

UST

²³ He will punish those wicked leaders in return for the things that they have done; he will get rid of them because of the sins that they have committed; yes, Yahweh our God will wipe them out.

What will Yahweh do to the wicked rulers?

Yahweh will bring on them their own iniquity and cut them off in their own wickedness.

Psalms 95

Psalms 95:1

ULT

¹ Oh come, let us sing to Yahweh; let us sing joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

UST

¹ Come, sing to Yahweh; sing joyfully to the one who protects us and saves us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 95:2

ULT

² Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving; let us sing to him with psalms of praise.

UST

² We should thank him as we come before him and sing joyful songs as we praise him.

How does the writer encourage everyone to enter?

The writer encourages everyone to enter Yahweh's presence with thanksgiving.

Psalms 95:3

ULT

³ For Yahweh is a great God and a great King superior to all gods.

UST

³ Because Yahweh is a great God, he is a great king who rules over all other gods.

How does Yahweh compare to other gods?

Yahweh is a great God and a great King who is superior to all gods.

Psalms 95:4**ULT**

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his.

UST

⁴ He rules over the whole earth from the deepest places to the highest mountains.

How is Yahweh superior to all gods? (vv4-5)

Yahweh is superior to all gods in that the heights of the mountains and the seas which he made are his and his hands formed the dry land.

Psalms 95:5**ULT**

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

UST

⁵ The seas are his because he made them. He is the one who made the dry land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 95:6**ULT**

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Yahweh, our Creator:

UST

⁶ We should come, worship, and bow down before him. We should kneel before Yahweh, the one who made us.

Why should everyone worship by bowing down and kneeling before Yahweh? (vv6-7)

Everyone should worship Yahweh because he is their God and they are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Psalms 95:7**ULT**

⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Today—oh, that you would hear his voice!

UST

⁷ He is our God, and we are the people whom he protects, like sheep that a shepherd takes care of. I desire that today you may hear what Yahweh is saying to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 95:8**ULT**

⁸ “Do not harden your heart, as at Meribah, or as on the day of Massah in the wilderness,

UST

⁸ He says, “Do not become stubborn as your ancestors did at Meribah, and as they did at Massah in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 95:9**ULT**

⁹ where your forefathers tested me and tried me, though they had seen my deeds.

UST

⁹ There your ancestors wanted to see if they could do evil things without my punishing them. Even though they had seen me perform many miracles, they tested whether I would continue to be patient with them.

How did the forefathers of Israel respond to Yahweh?

They challenged his authority and tried his patience, though they had seen his deeds.

Psalms 95:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For forty years I was angry with that generation and said, 'This is a people whose hearts wander astray; they have not known my ways.'

UST

¹⁰ For forty years I was angry with those people, and I said, 'Those people are unreliable. They refuse to obey my commands.'

How did Yahweh describe the people who challenged his authority?

Yahweh said, "This is a people whose hearts wander astray; they have not known my ways."

Psalms 95:11**ULT**

¹¹ Therefore I vowed in my anger that they would never enter into my resting place."

UST

¹¹ So because I was very angry; I solemnly said about them, 'They will never enter the land of Canaan where I would have allowed them to rest!'"

What did Yahweh vow in his anger?

Yahweh vowed in his anger that the people who challenged his authority would never enter into Yahweh's resting place.

Psalms 96

Psalms 96:1

ULT

¹ Oh, sing to Yahweh a new song; sing to Yahweh, all the earth.

UST

¹ Sing to Yahweh a new song! You people throughout the earth, sing to Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:2

ULT

² Sing to Yahweh, bless his name; announce his salvation day after day.

UST

² Sing to Yahweh and praise him! Every day proclaim to others that he has saved us.

What does the writer encourage everyone to announce?

The writer encourages everyone to announce Yahweh's salvation day after day.

Psalms 96:3

ULT

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all the nations.

UST

³ Tell about his glory to all people groups; tell all people groups the marvelous things that he has done.

Why should everyone declare Yahweh's glory and his marvelous deeds among the nations? (vv3-4)

Everyone should declare Yahweh's glory and his marvelous deeds because Yahweh is great, and greatly to be praised, and to be feared above all other gods.

Psalms 96:4**ULT**

⁴ For Yahweh is great and is to be praised greatly. He is to be feared above all other gods.

UST

⁴ Yahweh is great, and he deserves to be praised very much; he should be revered more than all the gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:5**ULT**

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but it is Yahweh who made the heavens.

UST

⁵ All the gods the other people groups worship are only idols, but Yahweh is truly great; he created the skies!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:6**ULT**

⁶ Splendor and majesty are in his presence. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

UST

⁶ God shows his splendor and majesty; they shine out from where he rules. Strength and beauty are in his holy house.

What attributes are in Yahweh's presence?

The attributes in Yahweh's presence are splendor, majesty, strength and beauty.

Psalms 96:7**ULT**

⁷ Ascribe to Yahweh, you clans of peoples, ascribe praise to Yahweh for his glory and strength.

UST

⁷ You people in nations all over the earth, praise Yahweh! Praise Yahweh for his glorious power!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:8**ULT**

⁸ Give to Yahweh the glory that his name deserves. Bring an offering and come into his courts.

UST

⁸ Praise Yahweh as he deserves to be praised; bring an offering and come to his temple.

What should everyone do to ascribe to Yahweh the glory due to his name?

Everyone should bring an offering and come into his courts.

Psalms 96:9**ULT**

⁹ Bow down to Yahweh in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

UST

⁹ Bow down before Yahweh because his holiness shines out from him with wonderful beauty. Everyone on earth should be very afraid in his presence, because he is good and powerful, completely different than us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "Yahweh reigns." The world also is established; it cannot be shaken. He judges the peoples fairly.

UST

¹⁰ Say to all the people groups, "Yahweh is the king! He put the world in its place, and nothing will ever be able to move it. He will judge all the people groups fairly."

What did the writer encourage everyone to say among the nations?

The writer encouraged everyone to say, "Yahweh reigns."

How does Yahweh judge the peoples?

Yahweh judges the peoples fairly.

Psalms 96:11**ULT**

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and that which fills it shout with joy.

UST

¹¹ All the beings that are in the heavens should be glad, and all the people on the earth should rejoice. The oceans and all the creatures that are in the oceans should roar to praise Yahweh.

Why should the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice? (vv11-13)

The heavens should be glad and the earth rejoice because Yahweh is coming.

Psalms 96:12**ULT**

¹² Let the fields rejoice and all that is in them. Then let all the trees in the forest shout for joy

UST

¹² The fields and everything that grows in them should rejoice. When they do that, it will be as though all the trees in the forests are singing joyfully

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:13**ULT**

¹³ before Yahweh, for he is coming. He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his faithfulness.

UST

¹³ in front of Yahweh. That will happen when he comes to judge everyone on the earth. He will judge all the people fairly according to what he knows is true.

What will Yahweh do when he comes?

When Yahweh comes he will judge the earth, the world with righteousness, and the people with his faithfulness.

Psalms 97**Psalms 97:1****ULT**

¹ Yahweh reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad.

UST

¹ Yahweh is the king! I want everyone on the earth to be glad and the people who live on the islands in the oceans to also rejoice about that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 97:2**ULT**

² Clouds and darkness surround him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

UST

² There are very dark clouds around him; he rules completely, justly, and fairly.

What is the foundation of Yahweh's throne?

The foundation of Yahweh's throne is righteousness and justice.

Psalms 97:3**ULT**

³ Fire goes before him and consumes his adversaries on every side.

UST

³ He sends fire in front of him, and he completely burns all his enemies in that fire.

What is the result of the fire that goes before Yahweh?

The fire that goes before Yahweh consumes his adversaries on every side.

Psalms 97:4**ULT**

⁴ His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

UST

⁴ All around the world he sends lightning to flash; people on the earth see it, and it causes them to be afraid and to tremble.

What happens in Yahweh's presence? (vv4-5)

Yahweh's lightning lights up the world, the earth sees and trembles, and the mountains melt like wax in Yahweh's presence.

Psalms 97:5**ULT**

⁵ The mountains melt like wax before Yahweh, the Lord of the whole earth.

UST

⁵ The mountains melt like wax in front of Yahweh, in front of the one who is the Lord, who rules over all the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 97:6**ULT**

⁶ The skies declare his justice, and all the nations see his glory.

UST

⁶ The angels in heaven proclaim that he acts righteously, and all the people groups see his glory.

What declares Yahweh's justice and glory?

The skies declare Yahweh's justice and all the nations see his glory.

Psalms 97:7**ULT**

⁷ All those who worship carved figures will be shamed, those who boast in worthless idols— bow down to him, all you gods!

UST

⁷ Everyone who worships idols should be ashamed; all those who are proud of their false gods should realize that their gods are useless. All those gods will bow down to worship Yahweh.

Who will be shamed by Yahweh?

All those who worship carved figures and boast in worthless idols will be shamed by Yahweh.

Psalms 97:8**ULT**

⁸ Zion heard and was glad, and the towns of Judah rejoiced because of your righteous decrees, Yahweh.

UST

⁸ The people of Jerusalem heard that God is just, and they rejoiced; people in the other cities in Judah also rejoiced because Yahweh judges and punishes wicked people.

Why did Zion hear and the towns of Judah rejoice?

Zion heard and the towns of Judah rejoiced because of Yahweh's righteous decrees.

Psalms 97:9**ULT**

⁹ For you, Yahweh, are most high above all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods.

UST

⁹ Yahweh is the supreme King over all the earth; he has very great power, and none of the other gods has any power.

What does the writer say about Yahweh?

The writer says that Yahweh is most high above all the earth and exalted far above all gods.

Psalms 97:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You who love Yahweh, hate evil! He protects the lives of his faithful ones, and he takes them out of the hand of the wicked.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh loves those who hate what people do that is evil; he protects the lives of his people, and he rescues them when the wicked people try to harm them.

What does Yahweh do for his saints?

Yahweh protects the lives of his saints and takes them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 97:11**ULT**

¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous and gladness for those with honest hearts.

UST

¹¹ He makes the righteous people truly live; he causes those who are righteous in their inner beings to rejoice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 97:12**ULT**

¹² Be glad in Yahweh, you righteous; and give thanks when you remember his holiness.

UST

¹² You righteous people, rejoice about what Yahweh has done, and thank him, our holy God!

What does the writer encourage the righteous to do?

The writer encourages the righteous to be glad in Yahweh and give thanks to his holy name.

Psalms 98

Psalms 98:1

ULT

¹ Oh, sing to Yahweh a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have given him victory.

UST

¹ Sing to Yahweh a new song because he has done wonderful things! By his power he has defeated his enemies.

What has given victory to Yahweh's people?

Yahweh's right hand and holy arm have given his people victory.

Psalms 98:2

ULT

² Yahweh has made known his salvation; he has openly showed his justice to all the nations.

UST

² Yahweh has declared to people that he has defeated his enemies; he has revealed that he has punished his enemies, and people in all the world have seen that he has done it.

What has Yahweh openly showed to all the nations?

He has openly showed his justice to all the nations.

Psalms 98:3

ULT

³ He calls to mind his covenant loyalty and faithfulness for the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.

UST

³ As he promised to us Israelite people, he has faithfully loved us and been loyal to us. People who live in very remote places in all the earth have seen that our God has defeated his enemies.

What does Yahweh call to mind?

Yahweh calls to mind his covenant loyalty and faithfulness for the house of Israel.

Who will see the victory of Israel's God?

All the ends of the earth will see the victory of Israel's God.

Psalms 98:4**ULT**

⁴ Shout for joy to Yahweh, all the earth; burst into song, sing for joy, and sing praises.

UST

⁴ All you people everywhere should sing joyfully to Yahweh; praise him while you sing and shout joyfully!

What should be the response of everyone to Yahweh's provision?

Everyone should shout for joy and burst into song, singing Yahweh's praises.

Psalms 98:5**ULT**

⁵ Sing praises to Yahweh with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.

UST

⁵ Praise Yahweh while you play the lyres, playing delightful music.

What instruments should the house of Israel use to sing praises and make a joyful noise before Yahweh? (vv5-6)

The house of Israel should use the harp, trumpets, and the sound of the horn.

Psalms 98:6**ULT**

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the King, Yahweh.

UST

⁶ Some of you should blow trumpets and other horns while others shout joyfully to Yahweh, our king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 98:7**ULT**

⁷ Let the sea shout and everything in it, the world and those who live in it!

UST

⁷ The oceans and all the creatures that are in the oceans should roar to praise Yahweh. Everyone on the earth should sing!

How does the writer encourage Yahweh's creation to respond to his coming? (vv7-8)

The writer says the sea and everything in it and the world and those who live in it should shout, and the rivers should clap their hands and the mountains should shout for joy.

Psalms 98:8**ULT**

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the mountains shout for joy.

UST

⁸ It should seem as though the rivers were clapping their hands to praise Yahweh and that the hills were singing together joyfully in front of Yahweh

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 98:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh is coming to judge the earth; he will judge the world with righteousness and the nations with fairness.

UST

⁹ because he will come to judge everyone on the earth! He will judge all the people groups in the world justly and fairly.

How will Yahweh judge the world?

Yahweh will judge the world with righteousness and the nations with fairness.

Psalms 99

Psalms 99:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh reigns; let the nations tremble. He sits enthroned above the cherubim; the earth quakes.

UST

¹ Yahweh is the supreme king, so all the people groups should tremble in his presence! He sits on his throne in the temple above the statues of winged creatures, so the earth should quake!

How should the nations respond to Yahweh's reign?

The nations should tremble in response to Yahweh's reign.

Why does the earth quake?

The earth quakes because Yahweh sits enthroned above the cherubim.

Psalms 99:2

ULT

² Yahweh is great in Zion; he is exalted above all the nations.

UST

² Yahweh is a mighty king in Jerusalem; he is also the supreme ruler of all the people groups.

Why is Yahweh exalted above all the nations?

Yahweh is exalted because he is great in Zion.

Psalms 99:3

ULT

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name; he is holy.

UST

³ They should praise him because he is very great; he is holy!

Why should the nations praise Yahweh's great and awesome name?

The nations should praise Yahweh's name because he is holy.

Psalms 99:4**ULT**

⁴ The king is strong, and he loves justice. You have established fairness; you have done righteousness and justice in Jacob.

UST

⁴ He is a mighty king who loves what is just; he has acted justly and fairly in Israel.

How does the writer describe the king?

The writer says the king is strong and he loves justice.

Psalms 99:5**ULT**

⁵ Praise Yahweh our God and worship at his footstool. He is holy.

UST

⁵ Praise Yahweh, our God! Worship him in front of his footstool, the sacred chest in his temple, where he rules people. He is holy!

How does the writer say that the nations should respond to Yahweh?

The writer says that the nations should praise Yahweh and worship at his footstool because he is holy.

Psalms 99:6**ULT**

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel was among those who called on his name. They called to Yahweh, and he answered them.

UST

⁶ Moses and Aaron were two of his priests; Samuel also was someone who prayed to him. Those three cried out to Yahweh to help them, and he answered them.

Who were some of those men who prayed to Yahweh and he answered them?

Some of those men who prayed to Yahweh and he answered them were Moses, Aaron, and Samuel.

Psalms 99:7**ULT**

⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud. They kept his solemn commands and the statutes that he gave them.

UST

⁷ He spoke to Moses and Aaron from the cloud that was like a huge pillar; they obeyed all the laws and commandments that he gave to them.

How did the men who prayed to Yahweh respond to what he said?

The men who prayed kept Yahweh's solemn commands and the statutes that he gave them.

Psalms 99:8**ULT**

⁸ You answered them, Yahweh our God. A forgiving God you were to them, but one who punished their sinful deeds.

UST

⁸ Yahweh, our God, you answered your people when they cried out to you to help them; you are a God who forgave them for the sins that they had committed, even though you punished them for the things that they did that were wrong.

What did Yahweh do for the men who prayed to him?

Yahweh forgave them though he punished their sinful deeds.

Psalms 99:9**ULT**

⁹ Praise Yahweh our God, and worship at his holy hill, for Yahweh our God is holy.

UST

⁹ Praise Yahweh, our God, and worship him at the temple on his sacred hill; it is right to do that because Yahweh, our God, is holy!

What does the writer encourage everyone to do?

The writer says to praise Yahweh and worship at his holy hill because he is holy.

Psalms 100

Psalms 100:1

ULT

¹ Shout joyfully to Yahweh, all the earth.

UST

¹ Everyone in the world should shout joyfully to Yahweh!

Who does the writer invite to shout joyfully to Yahweh?

He invites all the earth to shout joyfully to Yahweh.

Psalms 100:2

ULT

² Serve Yahweh with gladness; come before his presence with joyful singing.

UST

² We should worship Yahweh gladly! We should come before him singing joyful songs.

How should people come into Yahweh's presence?

They should come before his presence with joyful singing.

Psalms 100:3

ULT

³ Know that Yahweh is God; he made us, and we are his. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

UST

³ We should acknowledge that Yahweh is God; it is he who made us, and so we belong to him. We are the people that he takes care of; we are like sheep that their shepherd cares for.

Why does image does the writer use to show how people belong to Yahweh?

He says they are Yahweh's people and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalms 100:4**ULT**

⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

UST

⁴ Enter the gates of his temple thanking him; enter the courtyard of the temple singing songs to praise him! Thank him and praise him

How should people enter into Yahweh's gates and courts?

They should enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

Psalms 100:5**ULT**

⁵ For Yahweh is good; his covenant faithfulness endures forever and his truthfulness through all generations.

UST

⁵ because Yahweh always does good things for us. He faithfully loves us as he promised us, and he is faithful.

What does the writer says endures forever?

He says that Yahweh's covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 101

Psalms 101:1

ULT

¹ A Psalm of David I will sing of covenant faithfulness and justice; to you, Yahweh, I will sing praises.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I will sing to you! I will sing about your faithful and just loyalty to us.

Of what two qualities will David sing?

He will sing of covenant faithfulness and justice.

Psalms 101:2

ULT

² I will walk in the way of integrity. Oh, when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity within my house.

UST

² I promise that while I rule people, I will behave in such a way that no one will be able to criticize me. Yahweh, when will you come to help me? I will do things that are right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 101:3

ULT

³ I will not put wrongdoing before my eyes; I hate worthless evil; it will not cling to me.

UST

³ I will not allow anyone who does what is evil to come to me. I hate the deeds of those who turn away from you; I will completely avoid those people.

What has David not put before his eyes?

He has not put wrong doing before his eyes.

Psalms 101:4**ULT**

⁴ Perverse people will leave me; I am not loyal to evil.

UST

⁴ I will not be dishonest, and I will not have anything to do with evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 101:5**ULT**

⁵ I will destroy whoever secretly slanders his neighbor. I will not tolerate anyone who has a proud demeanor and an arrogant attitude.

UST

⁵ I will get rid of anyone who secretly slanders someone else, and I will not let anyone near me who is proud and arrogant.

Who will David destroy?

He will destroy whoever secretly slanders his neighbor.

Psalms 101:6**ULT**

⁶ I will look to the faithful of the land to sit at my side. Those who walk in the way of integrity may serve me.

UST

⁶ I will approve of people in this land who are loyal to God, and I will allow them to live with me. I will allow to serve me those who behave in such a way that no one can criticize them.

What kind of people does David want to sit at his side and serve him?

David wants the faithful of the land to sit at his side, and those who walk in integrity to serve him.

Psalms 101:7

ULT

⁷ Deceitful people will not remain within my house; liars will not be welcome before my eyes.

UST

⁷ I will not allow anyone who deceives others to work in my palace, and no one who tells lies will be allowed to continually come to work for me.

Who will David not allow to remain within his house?

He will not allow deceitful people to remain within his house.

Psalms 101:8

ULT

⁸ Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked from the land; I will remove all evildoers from the city of Yahweh.

UST

⁸ Every day I will try to get rid of all the wicked people in this land; I will expel them from this city, which is Yahweh's city.

How often does David say that he will destroy all the wicked from the land?

Morning by morning, he will destroy all the wicked.

Psalms 102

Psalms 102:1

ULT

¹ Hear my prayer, Yahweh; let my cry come near to you.

UST

¹ Yahweh, listen to what I am praying; hear me while I cry out to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:2

ULT

² Do not hide your face from me in my time of trouble. Listen to me. When I call out to you, answer me quickly.

UST

² Do not turn away! Listen to me, and answer me quickly now when I am calling out to you!

What does the afflicted pray for Yahweh not to do in his time of trouble?

The afflicted prays for Yahweh not to hide his face from him in his time of trouble.

Psalms 102:3

ULT

³ For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like fire.

UST

³ My life is ending like smoke that disappears; I have a big fever which burns my body as a fire burns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:4**ULT**

⁴ My heart is crushed, and I am like grass that has withered. I forget to eat any food.

UST

⁴ I feel as though I am drying up like grass that has been mown, and I do not even think about eating any food.

To what does the afflicted compare his crushed heart?

The afflicted says that he is like grass that has withered.

Psalms 102:5**ULT**

⁵ With my continual groaning, I have become very thin.

UST

⁵ I groan loudly, and my bones can be seen under my skin because I have become very thin.

What has happened due to the afflicted's continual groaning?

With the afflicted's continual groaning, he has become very thin.

Psalms 102:6**ULT**

⁶ I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I have become like an owl in the ruins.

UST

⁶ I am like a lonely and despised vulture in the desert, like an owl by itself in the abandoned ruins of a building.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:7**ULT**

⁷ I lie awake like a solitary bird, alone on the housetop.

UST

⁷ I lie awake at night; because there is no one to comfort me, I am like a lonely bird sitting on a housetop.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:8**ULT**

⁸ My enemies taunt me all day long; those who mock me use my name in curses.

UST

⁸ All during each day my enemies insult me; those who make fun of me mention my name and say, "May you be like him" when they curse people.

How do those who mock the afflicted use his name?

Those who mock the afflicted use his name in curses.

Psalms 102:9**ULT**

⁹ I eat ashes like bread and mix my drink with tears.

UST

⁹⁻¹⁰ Because you are very angry with me, I sit in ashes while I am suffering greatly; those ashes fall on the bread that I eat, and what I drink has my tears mixed with it. It is as though you have picked me up and thrown me away!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Because of your raging anger, you have lifted me up to throw me down.

UST

⁹⁻¹⁰ Because you are very angry with me, I sit in ashes while I am suffering greatly; those ashes fall on the bread that I eat, and what I drink has my tears mixed with it. It is as though you have picked me up and thrown me away!

How does the afflicted say he has been treated by Yahweh's anger?

The afflicted says that God has lifted him up to throw him down.

Psalms 102:11**ULT**

¹¹ My days are like a shadow that fades, and I have withered like grass.

UST

¹¹ My time to remain alive is short like an evening shadow that will soon be gone. I am withering as grass withers in the hot sun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:12**ULT**

¹² But you, Yahweh, live forever, and your fame is for all generations.

UST

¹² But Yahweh, you are our king who rules forever; people who are not yet born will remember you.

How long will the fame of Yahweh endure?

The writer says that Yahweh's fame is for all generations.

Psalms 102:13**ULT**

¹³ You will rise up and have mercy on Zion. Now is the time to have mercy upon her; the appointed time has come.

UST

¹³ You will arise and act mercifully toward the people of Jerusalem; it is now time for you to do that; this is the time for you to be kind to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For your servants hold her stones dear and feel compassion for the dust of her ruins.

UST

¹⁴ Even though the city has been destroyed, we who serve you still love the stones that were formerly in the city walls; because now there is rubble everywhere, we, your people, are very sad when we see it.

For what do the servants of Yahweh feel compassion?

Yahweh's servants feel compassion for the dust of Zion's ruins.

Psalms 102:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The nations will respect your name, Yahweh, and all the kings of the earth will honor your glory.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh, someday the people of other nations will have an awesome respect for you; all the kings on the earth will see that you are very glorious.

How will the kings of the earth show respect for Yahweh?

All the kings of the earth will honor Yahweh's glory.

Psalms 102:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Yahweh will rebuild Zion and will appear in his glory.

UST

¹⁶ You will rebuild Jerusalem, and you will appear there with your glory.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:17**ULT**

¹⁷ At that time, he will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not reject their prayer.

UST

¹⁷ You will listen to the prayers of your people who are homeless, and you will not ignore them when they plead with you to help them.

To what action of the destitute will Yahweh respond?

Yahweh will respond to the prayer of the destitute.

Psalms 102:18**ULT**

¹⁸ This will be written for future generations, and a people not yet born will praise Yahweh.

UST

¹⁸ Yahweh, I want to write these words so that people in future years will know what you have done, in order that people who are not born yet will praise you.

How does the writer show how far into the future Yahweh's praise will continue?

He writes that a people not yet born will praise Yahweh.

Psalms 102:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For he has looked down from the holy heights; from heaven Yahweh has viewed the earth,

UST

¹⁹ They will know that you looked down from your own place in heaven and saw what was happening on the earth.

What does Yahweh view from heaven?

From heaven Yahweh has viewed the earth.

Psalms 102:20**ULT**

²⁰ to hear the groaning of the prisoners, to release those who were condemned to death.

UST

²⁰ They will know that you hear prisoners groaning and that you will set free those who have been told, "You will be executed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:21**ULT**

²¹ Then men will proclaim the name of Yahweh in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem

UST

²¹ As a result, people in Jerusalem will praise you for what you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:22**ULT**

²² when the peoples and kingdoms gather together to serve Yahweh.

UST

²² Many people from other people groups and those who are citizens of other kingdoms will gather to worship you.

For what action are the peoples and kingdoms gathered together?

The peoples and kingdoms gather together to serve Yahweh.

Psalms 102:23**ULT**

²³ He has taken away my strength in the middle of life. He has shortened my days.

UST

²³ But now you have caused me to become weak while I am still young; I think that I will not remain alive very long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:24**ULT**

²⁴ I said, "My God, do not take me away in the middle of life; you are here throughout all generations.

UST

²⁴ I say to you, "My God, do not take me away from the earth now before I become old! You, on the other hand, live forever!"

For what does the afflicted writer plead for God not to do?

The writer said, "My God, do not take me away in the middle of life."

Psalms 102:25**ULT**

²⁵ In ancient times you set the earth in place; the heavens are the work of your hands.

UST

²⁵ You created the world long ago, and you made the heavens with your own hands.

What does the writer say Yahweh did in ancient times.

The writer says that in ancient times Yahweh set the earth in place.

Psalms 102:26**ULT**

²⁶ They will perish, but you will remain; they will all grow old like a garment; like clothing, you will remove them, and they will disappear.

UST

²⁶ The earth and the heavens will disappear, but you will remain. They will wear out as clothes wear out. You will get rid of them as people get rid of old clothes, and they will no longer exist.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:27**ULT**

²⁷ But you are the same, and your years will have no end.

UST

²⁷ But you are not like the things that you created because you are always the same; you never die.

How long will the years of Yahweh endure?

Yahweh's years will have no end.

Psalms 102:28

ULT

²⁸ The children of your servants will live on, and their descendants will live in your presence.”

UST

²⁸ Someday our children will live safely in Jerusalem, and their descendants will be protected as they live in your presence.”

Where does the writer say the descendants of Yahweh’s servants will live?

The descendants of Yahweh’s servants will live in his presence.

Psalms 103

Psalms 103:1

ULT

¹ Of David Bless Yahweh, my inner being! and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

UST

¹ I tell myself that I should praise Yahweh. I will praise him because he is holy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:2

ULT

² Bless Yahweh, my soul! and do not forget all of his rewards.

UST

² I tell myself that I should praise Yahweh and never forget all the kind things he has done for me.

What does David not want to forget?

He does not want to forget all of Yahweh's good deeds.

Psalms 103:3

ULT

³ He pardons all your sins; he heals all your diseases.

UST

³ He forgives all my sins, and he heals me from all my diseases;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:4**ULT**

⁴ He redeems your life from destruction; he crowns you with steadfastness and mercy.

UST

⁴ he keeps me from dying, and he blesses me by faithfully loving me and acting mercifully to me as he promised to do.

With what does David say Yahweh crowns his soul?

He crowns his soul with covenant faithfulness and acts of tender mercy.

Psalms 103:5**ULT**

⁵ He satisfies you with good things; your youth is renewed like the eagle.

UST

⁵ He gives me good things during my entire life. He makes me feel young and strong like eagles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:6**ULT**

⁶ Yahweh does what is right and what is just for all the oppressed.

UST

⁶ Yahweh judges justly all those who have been treated unfairly.

What does Yahweh do for all who are oppressed?

Yahweh does acts of justice for all who are oppressed.

Psalms 103:7**ULT**

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the children of Israel.

UST

⁷ Long ago he revealed to Moses what he planned to do; he showed to the ancestors of us Israelites the mighty things that he was able to do.

What did Yahweh make known to the descendants of Israel?

He made known his deeds to the descendants of Israel.

Psalms 103:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

UST

⁸ Yahweh acts mercifully and kindly; he does not quickly get angry when we sin; he is always showing us that he faithfully loves us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:9**ULT**

⁹ He will not always discipline, and he will not keep his anger forever.

UST

⁹ He will not keep rebuking us, and he will not remain angry forever.

What does David say that Yahweh will not always do?

He says Yahweh will not always discipline, and is not always angry.

Psalms 103:10**ULT**

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, and he does not treat us according to our iniquities.

UST

¹⁰ He has not punished us for our sins as we deserved.

David says that Yahweh does not deal with us in what way?

Yahweh does not deal with us as our sins deserve.

Psalms 103:11**ULT**

¹¹ For as the skies are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

UST

¹¹ The skies are very high above the earth, and Yahweh's faithful love for all those who revere him is just as great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:12**ULT**

¹² As far as the east is from the west, this is how far he has removed our transgressions from us.

UST

¹² He has taken away the guilt for our sins and put it as far from us as the east is from the west.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:13**ULT**

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so Yahweh has compassion on those who fear him.

UST

¹³ Just as parents act mercifully toward their children, Yahweh is kind to those who revere him.

In what special way does Yahweh have compassion on those who honor him?

Yahweh has compassion on those who honor him in the same way as a father has compassion on his children.

Psalms 103:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For he knows our form; remembering that we are dust.

UST

¹⁴ He knows what our bodies are like; he remembers that he created us from dust and that we therefore quickly fail to do what pleases him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:15**ULT**

¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; like the flower of the field he flourishes so.

UST

¹⁵ We humans do not live forever; we are like grass which withers and dies. We are like wild flowers that bloom for a short while;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For the wind blows over it, and it is no more, and its place does not acknowledge it again.

UST

¹⁶ but then the hot wind blows over them, and they disappear; no one sees them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting on those who honor him, and His righteousness is to their children's children.

UST

¹⁷ But Yahweh will faithfully keep loving forever all those who revere him, as he promised. He will act fairly to our children and to their children;

How long does the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh last?

The covenant faithfulness of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting on those who honor him.

Psalms 103:18**ULT**

¹⁸ To the ones who keep his covenant, and to the ones who remember his precepts in order to do them.

UST

¹⁸ he will act that way to all those who obey the covenant he made with them to bless them if they did what he told them to do, to all those who obey what he has commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

UST

¹⁹ Yahweh has taken his seat in the heavens where he rules as king; from there he rules over everything.

Where has Yahweh established his throne?

Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens.

Psalms 103:20**ULT**

²⁰ Bless Yahweh, you his angels, you mighty warriors who do his word, obeying the voice of his word.

UST

²⁰ You angels who belong to Yahweh, praise him! You are powerful creatures who do what he tells you to do; you obey what he commands.

Who are the ones with great strength who are called to bless Yahweh and obey his word?

His angels are called to obey his word.

Psalms 103:21

ULT

²¹ Bless Yahweh, all his hosts, his ministers who do his pleasure.

UST

²¹ Praise Yahweh, you armies of angels who serve him and do what he desires.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:22

ULT

²² Bless Yahweh, all his works, in all the places where he reigns. Bless Yahweh, my inner being!

UST

²² All you things that Yahweh has created, praise him; praise him in every place where he rules, everywhere! I also will praise Yahweh!

Who are the servants that David says carry out Yahweh's will?

All of Yahweh's angel armies carry out his will.

Psalms 104

Psalms 104:1

ULT

¹ I give praise to Yahweh with all my life, Yahweh my God, you are very magnificent; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

UST

¹ I tell myself that I should praise Yahweh. Yahweh, my God, you are very great! As a king has on his royal robes, you have honor and majesty all around you!

How does the writer say that Yahweh is clothed?

He says that Yahweh is clothed with splendor and majesty.

Psalms 104:2

ULT

² You cover yourself with light as with a garment; you spread out the heavens like a tent curtain.

UST

² You created light and you hide behind it. You spread out the whole sky as someone sets up a tent.

In what way does Yahweh spread out the heavens?

He spreads out the heavens like a tent curtain.

Psalms 104:3

ULT

³ You lay the beams of your chambers on the clouds; you make the clouds your chariot; you walk on the wings of the wind.

UST

³ You built your palace on the clouds. You made the clouds to be like chariots to carry you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:4**ULT**

⁴ He makes the winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

UST

⁴ You caused the winds to be like your messengers, and flames of fire to be like your servants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:5**ULT**

⁵ He laid the foundations of the earth, and it will never be moved.

UST

⁵ You placed the world firmly on its foundation so that it can never be moved.

What does the writer say will never happen to the foundations of the earth that Yahweh laid?

The foundations of the earth will never be moved.

Psalms 104:6**ULT**

⁶ You covered the earth with water like a garment; the water covered the mountains.

UST

⁶ Later, you covered the earth with a flood, like a blanket; and the water covered the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:7**ULT**

⁷ Your rebuke made the waters recede; at the sound of your thunderous voice they fled.

UST

⁷ But when you rebuked the water, the oceans receded; your voice spoke like thunder, and then the waters rushed away.

What does the writer say made the waters to recede?

Yahweh's rebuke made the waters recede.

Psalms 104:8**ULT**

⁸ The mountains rose, and the valleys spread out into the places that you had appointed for them.

UST

⁸ Mountains rose up from the water, and the valleys sank down to the levels that you had determined for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:9**ULT**

⁹ You have set a boundary for them that they will not cross; they will not cover the earth again.

UST

⁹ Then you set a boundary for the oceans, a boundary that they cannot cross; their water will never again cover the whole earth.

Why will the waters not cover the earth again?

Yahweh set a boundary for them that they will not cross.

Psalms 104:10**ULT**

¹⁰ He made springs flow into the valleys; the streams flow between the mountains.

UST

¹⁰ You make springs to pour water into ravines; their water flows down between the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:11**ULT**

¹¹ They supply water for all the animals of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

UST

¹¹ Those streams provide water for all the animals to drink; the wild donkeys drink the water and are no longer thirsty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:12**ULT**

¹² By the heavens the birds build their nests; they sing among the branches.

UST

¹² Birds make their nests alongside the streams, and they sing among the branches of the trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:13**ULT**

¹³ He waters the mountains from his water chambers in the sky. The earth is filled with the fruit of his labor.

UST

¹³ From the heavens you send rain down on the mountains, and you fill the earth with many good things that you create.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He makes the grass grow for the cattle and plants for man to cultivate so that man may produce food from the earth.

UST

¹⁴ You make grass to grow for the cattle to eat, and you make plants to grow for people. In that way, animals and people get their food from what grows in the soil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He makes wine to make man happy, oil to make his face shine, and food to sustain his life.

UST

¹⁵ We get grapes to make wine to drink and to make us cheerful; we get olives to make our face shine, and we get grain to make bread to give us strength.

What three things does the writer say Yahweh provides for man?

Yahweh provides wine to make man happy, oil to make his face shine, and food to sustain his life

Psalms 104:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The trees of Yahweh get plenty of rain; the cedars of Lebanon which he planted.

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh, you send plenty of rain to water your trees, the cedar trees that you planted in Lebanon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:17**ULT**

¹⁷ There the birds make their nests. The stork makes the cypress tree her home.

UST

¹⁷ Birds make their nests in those trees, and storks make their nests in pine trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The wild goats live on the high mountains; the mountain heights are a refuge for the hyraxes.

UST

¹⁸ High up in the mountains the wild goats live, and hyraxes live in the rocks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:19**ULT**

¹⁹ He appointed the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

UST

¹⁹ Yahweh, you made the moon to indicate the times for our festivals, and you made the sun that knows when to go down.

What did Yahweh appoint the moon and the sun to mark?

He appointed the moon to mark the seasons and the sun to know its time for setting.

Psalms 104:20**ULT**

²⁰ You make the darkness of the night when all the beasts of the forest come out.

UST

²⁰ You bring darkness, and it becomes night when all the animals in the forest prowl around looking for food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:21**ULT**

²¹ The young lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

UST

²¹ At night the young lions roar as they seek their prey, but they depend on you to give them food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:22

ULT

²² When the sun rises, they retreat and sleep in their dens.

UST

²² At dawn, they go back to their dens and lie down.

What happens to the young lions when the sun rises?

When the sun rises, they retreat and sleep in their dens.

Psalms 104:23

ULT

²³ Meanwhile, people go out to their work and labor away until the evening.

UST

²³ During the daytime, people go to their work; they work until it is evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:24

ULT

²⁴ Yahweh, how many and varied are your works! With wisdom you made them all; the earth overflows with your works.

UST

²⁴ Yahweh, you have made so many different kinds of things! You were very wise as you made them all. The earth is full of the creatures that you made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:25**ULT**

²⁵ Over there is the sea, deep and wide, teeming with innumerable creatures, both small and great.

UST

²⁵ We see the ocean which is very vast! It is full of many kinds of living creatures, big ones and little ones.

With what does the deep and wide sea teem?

The sea teems with many creatures both great and small.

Psalms 104:26**ULT**

²⁶ The ships travel there, and Leviathan is also there, which you formed to play in the sea.

UST

²⁶ We see the ships which sail along! We see the huge sea monster which you made to splash around in the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:27**ULT**

²⁷ All these look to you to give them their food on time.

UST

²⁷ All of these creatures depend on you to give them the food that they need.

To whom do all the sea creatures look to give them their food?

They all look to Yahweh to give them their food on time.

Psalms 104:28**ULT**

²⁸ When you give to them, they gather; when you open your hand, they are satisfied.

UST

²⁸ When you give them the food that they need, they gather it. You give them what you have in your hand, and they eat it and are satisfied.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:29**ULT**

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are troubled; if you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.

UST

²⁹ But if you refuse to give food to them, they become terrified. When you cause them to stop breathing, they die; their bodies decay and become soil again.

What happens to the creatures if Yahweh hides his face or takes away their breath?

When he hide his face, they are troubled; if he take away their breath, they die and return to dust.

Psalms 104:30**ULT**

³⁰ When you send out your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the countryside.

UST

³⁰ When you cause newborn creatures to begin to breathe, they start to live; You give new life to all the living creatures on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:31**ULT**

³¹ May the glory of Yahweh last forever; may Yahweh enjoy his creation.

UST

³¹ May the glory of Yahweh last forever. May he rejoice about all the things that he has created.

What does the writer want Yahweh to do with his creation?

The writer wants Yahweh to enjoy his creation.

Psalms 104:32**ULT**

³² He looks down on the earth, and it shakes; he touches the mountains, and they smoke.

UST

³² He makes the earth shake just by looking at it! By merely touching the mountains he makes them pour out fire and smoke!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:33**ULT**

³³ I will sing to Yahweh all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

UST

³³ I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live. I will praise my God until the day that I die.

What does the writer promise to sing for the rest of his life?

He promises to sing praise to his God as long as he lives.

Psalms 104:34**ULT**

³⁴ May my thoughts be sweet to him; I will rejoice in Yahweh.

UST

³⁴ May Yahweh be pleased by all these things that I have thought about him because I rejoice about knowing him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:35**ULT**

³⁵ May sinners vanish from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. I give praise to Yahweh with all my life. Praise Yahweh.

UST

³⁵ However, may sinners disappear from the earth; may there be no more wicked people! But as for me, I will praise Yahweh! Praise him!

What does the writer hope will happen to sinners and the wicked on the earth?

He wants sinners to vanish from the earth and the wicked to be no more.

Psalms 105

Psalms 105:1

ULT

¹ Give thanks to Yahweh, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations.

UST

¹ Give thanks to Yahweh; worship him and pray to him. Tell everyone in the world what he has done!

Where does the writer say to make known Yahweh's deeds?

The writer calls people to make known Yahweh's deeds among the nations.

Psalms 105:2

ULT

² Sing to him, sing praises to him; speak of all his marvelous deeds.

UST

² Sing to him; praise him as you sing to him; tell others about his wonderful miracles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:3

ULT

³ Boast in his holy name; let the heart of those who seek Yahweh rejoice.

UST

³ Be proud of Yahweh, who alone is God. You people who worship Yahweh, rejoice!

Whose heart does the writer exhort to rejoice?

The writer calls the heart of those who seek Yahweh to rejoice.

Psalms 105:4**ULT**

⁴ Seek Yahweh and his strength; seek his presence continually.

UST

⁴ Ask Yahweh to help you and give you his strength, and always seek to be with him!

How often should people seek the presence of Yahweh?

The writer calls people to seek his presence continually.

Psalms 105:5**ULT**

⁵ Recall the marvelous things he has done, his miracles and the decrees from his mouth,

UST

⁵⁻⁶ You people who are descendants of God's servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, the people whom God has chosen, think about all the wonderful things that he has done; he performed miracles, and he punished all our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:6**ULT**

⁶ you descendants of Abraham his servant, you people of Jacob, his chosen ones.

UST

⁵⁻⁶ You people who are descendants of God's servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, the people whom God has chosen, think about all the wonderful things that he has done; he performed miracles, and he punished all our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:7**ULT**

⁷ He is Yahweh, our God. His decrees are on all the earth.

UST

⁷ He is Yahweh, our God. He rules and judges people throughout the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:8**ULT**

⁸ He keeps in mind his covenant forever, the word that he commanded for a thousand generations.

UST

⁸ He never forgets the covenant that he made; he made a promise that will last for a thousand generations.

For how long does the writer say God keeps the word that he commanded?

The writer says that God keeps the word that he commanded for a thousand generations.

Psalms 105:9**ULT**

⁹ He calls to mind the covenant that he made with Abraham and his oath to Isaac.

UST

⁹ That is the covenant that he made with Abraham, and he repeated that covenant with Isaac.

What covenant does the writer say God calls to mind?

God calls to mind the covenant that he made with Abraham and his oath to Isaac.

Psalms 105:10**ULT**

¹⁰ This is what he confirmed to Jacob as a statute and to Israel as an everlasting covenant.

UST

¹⁰ Later he confirmed it again to Jacob as a covenant for the Israelite people that would last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:11**ULT**

¹¹ He said, "I will give you the land of Canaan as your share of your inheritance."

UST

¹¹ What he said was, "I will give you the region of Canaan; it will belong to you and your descendants forever."

What everlasting covenant has Yahweh made with Israel?

Yahweh made an everlasting covenant with Israel to give them the land of Canaan as your share of their inheritance.

Psalms 105:12**ULT**

¹² He said this when they were only few in number, so very few, and were strangers in the land.

UST

¹² He said that to them when there were only a few of them, a tiny group of people who were living in that land like strangers.

When does the writer say Yahweh made the covenant with Israel?

The writer says that Yahweh said this covenant when Israel was only few in number.

Psalms 105:13**ULT**

¹³ They went from nation to nation and from one kingdom to another.

UST

¹³ They continued to wander from one place to another, from one kingdom to another.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He did not allow anyone to oppress them; he rebuked kings for their sakes.

UST

¹⁴ But he did not allow others to oppress them. He warned those kings by saying to them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He said, "Do not touch my anointed ones, and do not harm my prophets."

UST

¹⁵ "Do not do harm to the people whom I have chosen! Do not harm my prophets!"

Whom did Yahweh tell kings not to touch?

Yahweh told them not to touch his anointed ones.

Psalms 105:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He called for a famine on the land; he cut off the whole supply of bread.

UST

¹⁶ He sent a famine to Canaan, and as a result all the people had no food to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:17**ULT**

¹⁷ He sent a man ahead of them; Joseph was sold as a servant.

UST

¹⁷ So his people went to Egypt, but first he sent someone there. He sent Joseph, who had been sold to be a slave.

How did Yahweh send Joseph ahead of Israel?

He sent Joseph ahead of them to be sold as a servant.

Psalms 105:18**ULT**

¹⁸ His feet were bound by shackles; on his neck was put an iron collar,

UST

¹⁸ Later, while Joseph was in prison in Egypt, they put his legs in shackles that hurt his feet, and they put an iron collar around his neck.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:19**ULT**

¹⁹ until what he had said came to pass. The word of Yahweh tested him.

UST

¹⁹ Joseph was in prison until the time the events he predicted came to pass. This was how Yahweh tested Joseph.

How long was Joseph kept in iron chains?

Joseph was put in iron chains until the time that his prediction came true.

Psalms 105:20**ULT**

²⁰ The king sent servants to release him; the ruler of the people set him free.

UST

²⁰ The king of Egypt sent servants, who set him free; this ruler released Joseph from prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:21**ULT**

²¹ He put him in charge of his house as ruler of all his possessions

UST

²¹ Then he appointed him to take care of everything in the king's household, to take care of everything that the king possessed.

What term is used to describe the king putting Joseph in charge of his house?

Joseph was put in charge of the king's house as ruler of all the king's possessions.

Psalms 105:22**ULT**

²² to instruct his princes as he wished and to teach his elders wisdom.

UST

²² Joseph was permitted to command the king's important servants to do anything that Joseph wanted them to do, and even to tell the king's advisors the things that they should do for the people of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:23**ULT**

²³ Then Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob lived for a time in the land of Ham.

UST

²³ Later, Joseph's father Jacob arrived in Egypt. He lived like a foreigner in the land that belonged to the descendants of Ham.

Where did Jacob live when he came to Egypt?

Jacob lived for a time in the land of Ham.

Psalms 105:24**ULT**

²⁴ Yahweh made his people fruitful, and made them stronger greatly than their enemies.

UST

²⁴ Years later Yahweh caused the descendants of Jacob to become very numerous. As a result, their enemies, the Egyptians, considered that the Israelites were too strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:25**ULT**

²⁵ He caused their enemies to hate his people, to mistreat his servants.

UST

²⁵ So Yahweh caused the rulers of Egypt to turn against the Israelite people, and they began to oppress his people.

Whom did God cause to hate his people Israel?

God caused Israel's enemies to hate God's people.

Psalms 105:26**ULT**

²⁶ He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

UST

²⁶ But then Yahweh sent his servant Moses along with Moses' older brother Aaron, whom Yahweh had also chosen to be his servant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:27**ULT**

²⁷ They performed his signs among the Egyptians, his wonders in the land of Ham.

UST

²⁷ Those two performed amazing miracles among the people of Egypt in that land where the descendants of Ham lived.

Where did Moses and Aaron perform God's signs?

Moses and Aaron performed God's signs among the Egyptians.

Psalms 105:28**ULT**

²⁸ He sent darkness and made that land dark, but its people did not obey his commands.

UST

²⁸ Yahweh sent darkness so that the people of Egypt could not see anything, but the rulers of Egypt refused to obey when Moses and Aaron commanded them to let the Israelite people leave Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:29**ULT**

²⁹ He turned their water into blood and killed their fish.

UST

²⁹ Yahweh caused all the water in Egypt to become blood, and his doing that caused all the fish to die.

What did God do to the Egyptians' water and fish?

God turned the Egyptians' water into blood and killed their fish.

Psalms 105:30**ULT**

³⁰ Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the rooms of their rulers.

UST

³⁰ Then he caused the land to become full of frogs; the king and his officials even had frogs in their bedrooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:31**ULT**

³¹ He spoke, and swarms of flies and gnats came throughout their country.

UST

³¹ Then Yahweh commanded that flies come, and swarms of them descended on the people of Egypt, and gnats also swarmed across the whole country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:32**ULT**

³² He turned their rain into hail, with fire flaming on their land.

UST

³² Yahweh sent rain, rain that became hail that fell upon them, and he sent wild fires that burned throughout their land.

What did God send with the hail and rain in Egypt?

God sent hail and rain, with lightning and thunder, to their land.

Psalms 105:33**ULT**

³³ He destroyed their vines and fig trees; he broke the trees of their country.

UST

³³ The hail ruined their grapevines and fig trees and shattered all the other trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:34**ULT**

³⁴ He spoke, and the locusts came, young locusts, without number.

UST

³⁴ He commanded locusts to come, and hordes of them came; so many came that they could not be counted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:35**ULT**

³⁵ The locusts ate up all of the vegetation in their land; They ate up all the crops of the ground.

UST

³⁵ The locusts ate every green plant in the land, ruining all the crops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:36**ULT**

³⁶ He killed every firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength.

UST

³⁶ Then Yahweh killed the oldest son in every house of the people of Egypt.

What group of people did God kill in Egypt?

God killed every firstborn in their land, the first fruits of all their strength.

Psalms 105:37**ULT**

³⁷ He brought the Israelites out with silver and gold; none of his tribes stumbled on the way.

UST

³⁷ Then he brought the Israelite people out from Egypt; they were carrying heavy loads of jewelry made of silver and gold that the people of Egypt had given to them. No one was left behind because of being sick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:38**ULT**

³⁸ Egypt was glad when they went away, for the fear of them had fallen upon them.

UST

³⁸ The people of Egypt were glad when the Israelite people left because they had become very afraid of the Israelites.

Why was Egypt glad when the Israelites went away?

Egypt was glad when the Israelites went away, for the Egyptians were afraid of them.

Psalms 105:39**ULT**

³⁹ He spread a cloud for a covering and made a fire to light up the night.

UST

³⁹ Then Yahweh spread a cloud to cover the Israelites; and at night it became a big fire in the sky to give them light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ The Israelites asked for food, and he brought quail and satisfied them with bread from heaven.

UST

⁴⁰ Later the Israelites asked for meat to eat, and Yahweh sent flocks of quail to them, and he gave them plenty of manna, food from the sky, each morning.

With what kind of food did God satisfy the Israelites?

God satisfied them with bread from heaven.

Psalms 105:41**ULT**

⁴¹ He split the rock, and waters gushed from it; they flowed in the wilderness like a river.

UST

⁴¹ One day he caused a rock to open up, and water poured out for them to drink; it was like a river flowing in that desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:42**ULT**

⁴² For he called to mind his holy promise that he made to Abraham his servant.

UST

⁴² He did that because he kept thinking about the sacred promise that he had given to his servant, Abraham.

Which holy promise did God call to mind regarding the Israelites?

God called to mind his holy promise that he made to Abraham his servant.

Psalms 105:43**ULT**

⁴³ He led his people out with joy, his chosen with shouts of triumph.

UST

⁴³ So his people were joyful as he brought them out from Egypt; these people whom he had chosen were shouting joyfully as they went.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ He gave them the lands of the nations; they took possession of the wealth of the peoples

UST

⁴⁴ He gave to them the land that belonged to the people groups that lived there in Canaan, and the Israelites took all their wealth.

Of what did God allow his people to take possession?

His people took possession of the wealth of the peoples.

Psalms 105:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ so that they might keep his statutes and obey his laws. Praise Yahweh.

UST

⁴⁵ Yahweh did all these things so that his people would do all the things that he had commanded them to do. Praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106

Psalms 106:1

ULT

¹ Praise Yahweh. Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

¹ Praise Yahweh! Praise Yahweh because everything he does is good; he faithfully loves us forever as he promised us!

What does the writer say endures forever?

Yahweh's covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 106:2

ULT

² Who can recount the mighty acts of Yahweh or proclaim in full all his praiseworthy deeds?

UST

² Because Yahweh has done many great things, no one can tell all the great things that Yahweh has done, and no one can praise him enough.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:3

ULT

³ Blessed are those who do what is right, and whose deeds are always just.

UST

³ How fortunate are those who act fairly, those who always do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:4**ULT**

⁴ Call me to mind, Yahweh, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them.

UST

⁴ Yahweh, be kind to me when you help your people; help me when you rescue them.

When does the writer ask Yahweh call him to mind?

He asks Yahweh to call him to mind when Yahweh shows favor to his people.

Psalms 106:5**ULT**

⁵ Then I will see the prosperity of your chosen, rejoice in the gladness of your nation, and glory with your inheritance.

UST

⁵ Allow me to see your people become prosperous again and to see all the people of your nation, Israel, become happy again; allow me to be happy with them! I want to praise you along with all those others who belong to you.

What will cause the writer to rejoice?

He will rejoice when he sees the prosperity of Yahweh's chosen.

Psalms 106:6**ULT**

⁶ We have sinned like our ancestors; we have done wrong, and we have done evil.

UST

⁶ We and our ancestors have sinned; we have done what is wicked and evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:7**ULT**

⁷ Our fathers did not appreciate your marvelous deeds in Egypt; they ignored your many acts of covenant faithfulness; they were rebellious at the sea, the Sea of Reeds.

UST

⁷ When our ancestors were in Egypt, they did not pay attention to the wonderful things that Yahweh did; they forgot about the many times that he showed that he faithfully loved them. Instead, when they were at the Sea of Reeds, they rebelled against God, who is greater than any other god.

How did the fathers of the writer respond to Yahweh's marvelous deeds?

The fathers did not appreciate Yahweh's marvelous deeds in Egypt.

Psalms 106:8**ULT**

⁸ Nevertheless, he saved them for his name's sake so that he might reveal his power.

UST

⁸ But he rescued them for the sake of his own reputation so that he could show that he is very powerful.

Why did Yahweh save the writer's ancestors?

He saved them for his name's sake so that he might reveal his power.

Psalms 106:9**ULT**

⁹ He rebuked the Sea of Reeds, and it dried up. Then he led them through the depths, as through a wilderness.

UST

⁹ He rebuked the Sea of Reeds and it became dry, and then while he led our ancestors, they walked through it as though it were as dry as a desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:10**ULT**

¹⁰ He saved them from the hand of those who hated them, and he rescued them from the hand of the enemy.

UST

¹⁰ In that way he rescued them from the power of their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:11**ULT**

¹¹ But the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them survived.

UST

¹¹ Then their enemies were drowned in the water of the Sea of Reeds; not one of them was left.

What happened to the adversaries of Israel?

The waters covered their adversaries; not one of them survived.

Psalms 106:12**ULT**

¹² Then they believed his words, and they sang his praise.

UST

¹² When that happened, our ancestors believed that Yahweh had truly done for them what he had promised to do, and they sang to praise him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:13**ULT**

¹³ But they quickly forgot what he had done; they did not wait for his instructions.

UST

¹³ But they soon forgot what he had done for them; they did things without waiting to find out what Yahweh wanted them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:14**ULT**

¹⁴ They had insatiable cravings in the wilderness, and they challenged God in the desert.

UST

¹⁴ They intensely wanted food like they formerly ate in Egypt. They did evil things to find out whether God would punish them or not.

What did the people do when they had insatiable cravings in the wilderness.

They challenged God in the desert.

Psalms 106:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So he gave them what they requested, but he sent a horrible disease upon them.

UST

¹⁵ So he gave them what they requested, but he sent a horrible disease upon them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:16**ULT**

¹⁶ In the camp they became jealous of Moses and Aaron, the holy priest of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁶ Later when some of the men became jealous of Moses and his older brother Aaron, who was dedicated to serve Yahweh by being a priest,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the followers of Abiram.

UST

¹⁷ the ground opened up and swallowed Dathan and also buried Abiram and his family.

What did the earth do to Dathan and the followers of Abiram?

The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the followers of Abiram.

Psalms 106:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Fire broke out among them; the fire consumed the wicked.

UST

¹⁸ God sent down from heaven a fire which burned up all the wicked people who supported them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:19**ULT**

¹⁹ They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast metal figure.

UST

¹⁹ Then the Israelite leaders made a gold statue of a calf at Mount Sinai and worshiped it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:20**ULT**

²⁰ They traded the glory of God for the image of a bull that eats grass.

UST

²⁰ Instead of worshiping our glorious God, they started to worship a statue of an ox that eats grass!

What did the people worship at Horeb?

They made a calf at Horeb and worshipped a cast metal figure.

Psalms 106:21**ULT**

²¹ They forgot God their Savior, who had done great deeds in Egypt.

UST

²¹ They forgot about God, who had rescued them by the great miracles that he performed in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:22**ULT**

²² He had done wonderful things in the land of Ham and mighty acts at the Sea of Reeds.

UST

²² They forgot about the wonderful things that he did for them in Egypt and the amazing things that he did for them at the Sea of Reeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:23**ULT**

²³ So he said he would destroy them— had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his anger from destroying them.

UST

²³ Because of that, God said that he would get rid of the Israelites; but Moses, whom God had chosen to serve him, stood up to persuade God not to do that. As a result, God did not destroy them.

Why did God not decree the destruction of the Israelites?

Moses, his chosen one, intervened with him in the breach to turn Yahweh's anger away from destroying them.

Psalms 106:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then they despised the fruitful land; they did not believe his promise,

UST

²⁴ Later, our ancestors refused to enter the beautiful land of Canaan because they did not believe that God would do as he promised and would enable them to take the land from the people who were living there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:25**ULT**

²⁵ but grumbled in their tents, and did not obey Yahweh.

UST

²⁵ They stayed in their tents and grumbled and would not pay attention to what Yahweh said that they should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:26**ULT**

²⁶ Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them that he would let them die in the desert,

UST

²⁶ So he solemnly told them that he would cause them to die there in the wilderness,

What did God swear he would do when he raised his hand?

God swore to them that he would let them die in the desert, and scatter their descendants among the nations.

Psalms 106:27**ULT**

²⁷ scatter their descendants among the nations, and scatter them in foreign lands.

UST

²⁷ that he would scatter their descendants among the people of other nations and groups who did not believe in him, and that he would allow them to die in those lands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:28**ULT**

²⁸ They worshiped the Baal of Peor and ate the sacrifices offered to the dead.

UST

²⁸ Later the Israelite people started to worship the idol of Baal at Mount Peor, and they ate meat that had been sacrificed to Baal and those other lifeless gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:29**ULT**

²⁹ They provoked him to anger with their actions, and a plague broke out among them.

UST

²⁹ Yahweh became very angry because of what they had done, so again he sent a terrible disease to attack them.

What happened to Israel when they provoked Yahweh to anger?

A plague broke out among them.

Psalms 106:30**ULT**

³⁰ Then Phinehas rose to intervene, and the plague subsided.

UST

³⁰ But Phinehas stood up and punished the ones who had sinned greatly, and as a result the plague ended.

What happened when Phinehas rose to intervene for the people?

When Phinehas intervened, the plague subsided.

Psalms 106:31**ULT**

³¹ It was counted to him as a righteous deed to all generations forever.

UST

³¹ People have remembered that righteous deed that Phinehas did, and in future years people will remember it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:32**ULT**

³² They also angered Yahweh at the waters of Meribah, and Moses suffered because of them.

UST

³² Then at the springs of Meribah our ancestors caused Yahweh to become angry again, and as a result Moses had trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:33**ULT**

³³ They made Moses bitter, and he spoke rashly.

UST

³³ They caused Moses to become very angry, and he said things that were foolish.

Why did Moses sin at the waters of Meribah?

The people made Moses bitter, and he spoke rashly.

Psalms 106:34**ULT**

³⁴ They did not destroy the nations as Yahweh had commanded them,

UST

³⁴ Our ancestors did not destroy the other people groups as he told them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:35**ULT**

³⁵ but they mingled with the nations and learned their ways

UST

³⁵ Instead, the men took women from those people groups, and they started to do the evil things that those people did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:36**ULT**

³⁶ and worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them.

UST

³⁶ Our ancestors worshiped the idols of those people, which resulted in their being destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:37**ULT**

³⁷ They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.

UST

³⁷ Some of the Israelites sacrificed their sons and daughters to the demons that those idols represented.

What happened to the people when they mingled with the nations and worshipped their idols?

Their idols became a snare for them.

Psalms 106:38**ULT**

³⁸ They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, desecrating the land with blood.

UST

³⁸ They killed children who had done nothing wrong, and offered them as sacrifices to the idols in Canaan. As a result, the land of Canaan was polluted by those murders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:39**ULT**

³⁹ They were defiled by their deeds; in their actions they were like prostitutes.

UST

³⁹ So by their deeds they made it impossible for God to accept them; because they did not faithfully worship only God, they became like women who sleep with other men instead of sleeping only with their husbands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ So Yahweh was angry with his people, and he despised his own people.

UST

⁴⁰ So Yahweh became very angry with his people; he was completely disgusted with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:41**ULT**

⁴¹ He gave them into the hand of the nations, and those who hated them ruled over them.

UST

⁴¹ As a result, he allowed people groups who did not believe in him to conquer them, so those who hated our ancestors started to rule over them.

What happened to Israel when Yahweh was angry with them and handed them over to the nations?

When Yahweh handed them over, those who hated them and ruled over them.

Psalms 106:42**ULT**

⁴² Their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection to their authority.

UST

⁴² Their enemies oppressed them and completely controlled them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:43**ULT**

⁴³ Many times he came to help them, but they kept rebelling and were brought low by their own sin.

UST

⁴³ Many times Yahweh rescued his people, but they continued to rebel against him, and they were finally destroyed because of the sins that they committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ Nevertheless, he paid attention to their distress when he heard their cry for help.

UST

⁴⁴ However, Yahweh always heard them when they cried out to him, and he listened to them when they were distressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ He called to mind his covenant with them and relented because of his steadfast love.

UST

⁴⁵ For their sake, he thought about the covenant that he had made to bless them; because he never stopped loving them very much, he changed his mind about punishing them more.

Why did Yahweh relent and pay attention to Israel in their distress?

He called to mind his covenant with them and relented because of his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 106:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ He caused all their conquerers to have pity on them.

UST

⁴⁶ He caused all those who had taken the Israelites to Babylonia to feel sorry for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ Save us, Yahweh, our God. Gather us from among the nations so that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praises.

UST

⁴⁷ Yahweh our God, rescue us and bring us back to Israel from among those people groups so that we may thank you and joyfully praise you.

For what reason should Yahweh gather Israel from among the nations?

He should gather them so that they may give thanks to his holy name and glory in his praises.

Psalms 106:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ May Yahweh, the God of Israel, be praised from everlasting to everlasting. All the people said, "Amen."
Praise Yahweh.

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⁴⁸ Praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, praise him now and forever! All the people should agree! Praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107

Psalms 107:1

ULT

¹ Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, and his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

¹ Give thanks to Yahweh because he always does good things for us! His faithful love for us lasts forever, as he has promised us!

How long does Yahweh's covenant faithfulness last?

His covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 107:2

ULT

² Let the redeemed of Yahweh speak out, those he has rescued from the hand of the enemy.

UST

² Those whom Yahweh has saved should tell others that he has rescued them from their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:3

ULT

³ He has gathered them out of foreign lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

UST

³ He has gathered those of you who were exiled to many lands; he has gathered you together from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

From where has Yahweh gathered his redeemed?

He has gathered them out of foreign lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Psalms 107:4**ULT**

⁴ They wandered in the wilderness on a desert road and found no city in which to live.

UST

⁴ Some of those who returned from those countries wandered in the desert; they were lost and had no homes to live in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:5**ULT**

⁵ Because they were hungry and thirsty, they fainted from exhaustion.

UST

⁵ They were hungry and thirsty, and they even collapsed in exhaustion.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:6**ULT**

⁶ Then they called out to Yahweh in their trouble, and he rescued them out of their distress.

UST

⁶ When they were in trouble, they called out to Yahweh, and he rescued them from being distressed.

What did Yahweh do for his redeemed when they called out to him in their trouble?

He rescued them out of all their distress.

Psalms 107:7**ULT**

⁷ He led them by a direct path so that they would go to a city to live in.

UST

⁷ He led them along a straight road where they walked safely to cities in Canaan where they could live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:8**ULT**

⁸ Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!

UST

⁸ They should praise Yahweh for loving them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for people.

For what should people praise Yahweh?

They should praise him for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity.

Psalms 107:9**ULT**

⁹ For he satisfies the longings of those who are thirsty, and the desires of those who are hungry he fills up with good things.

UST

⁹ He gives thirsty people plenty of water to drink, and he gives hungry people plenty of good things to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in affliction and chains.

UST

¹⁰ Some of them were in very dark prisons; they were prisoners, suffering because of chains fastened to their hands and feet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:11**ULT**

¹¹ This was because they had rebelled against God's word and rejected the instruction of the Most High.

UST

¹¹ They were in prison because they had rebelled against the message of God; they were there because they had despised the advice given by God, who is greater than all other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:12**ULT**

¹² He humbled their hearts through hardship; they stumbled and there was no one to help them up.

UST

¹² That is why God made them suffer hardships so that they would no longer be proud; when they got into trouble, there was no one who would help them.

How did Yahweh humble the hearts of the people?

He humbled their hearts through hardship.

Psalms 107:13**ULT**

¹³ Then they called out to Yahweh in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

UST

¹³ When they were in trouble, they called out to Yahweh, and he rescued them from being distressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness and gloom and broke their bonds.

UST

¹⁴ He broke the chains that were on their hands and feet and brought them out of those very dark prisons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!

UST

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ He broke down the prison gates that were made of bronze; he cut through the prison bars that were made of iron. They should praise Yahweh for loving them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For he has broken the gates of bronze and cut through the bars of iron.

UST

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ He broke down the prison gates that were made of bronze; he cut through the prison bars that were made of iron. They should praise Yahweh for loving them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for people.

What kind of gates and bars has Yahweh broken for his people?

He has broken the gates of bronze and cut through the bars of iron.

Psalms 107:17**ULT**

¹⁷ They were foolish in their rebellious ways and afflicted because of their sins.

UST

¹⁷ Some of them foolishly rebelled against God, so they suffered for their sins.

Why were the people afflicted?

They were afflicted because for their sins.

Psalms 107:18**ULT**

¹⁸ They lost their desire to eat any food, and they came close to the gates of death.

UST

¹⁸ They did not want to eat any food, and they almost died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then they called out to Yahweh in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

UST

¹⁹ When they were in trouble, they called out to Yahweh, and he rescued them from being distressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:20**ULT**

²⁰ He sent his word and healed them, and he rescued them from their destruction.

UST

²⁰ When he commanded that they be healed, they were healed; he saved them from dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:21**ULT**

²¹ Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!

UST

²¹ They should praise Yahweh for loving them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:22**ULT**

²² Let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving and proclaim his deeds in singing.

UST

²² They should give offerings to him to show that they are thankful, and they should sing joyfully about the miracles that he has performed.

What kind of sacrifices should people offer to Yahweh?

They should offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving.

Psalms 107:23**ULT**

²³ Some travel on the sea in ships and do business overseas.

UST

²³ Some of them sailed in ships; they were selling things in cities far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:24**ULT**

²⁴ These saw the deeds of Yahweh and his wonders on the seas.

UST

²⁴ As they were sailing, they also saw the miracles that Yahweh performed, the wonderful things that he did when they were on very deep seas.

What did the people who travel on the sea in ships and do business overseas see of Yahweh?

They saw the deeds of Yahweh and his wonders on the seas.

Psalms 107:25**ULT**

²⁵ For he commanded and aroused the windstorm that stirs up the seas.

UST

²⁵ He gave orders to the winds, and they became strong and stirred up high waves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:26**ULT**

²⁶ They reached up to the sky; they went down to the depths. Their lives melted away in distress.

UST

²⁶ The ships in which they were sailing were tossed high in the air, and then they sank into the troughs between the high waves; then the sailors were terrified at the danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:27**ULT**

²⁷ They swayed and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.

UST

²⁷ They stumbled about and staggered like drunken men, and they did not know what to do.

Why happened to men when the waves reached up to the heavens and then they dropped down to the depths?

The men's courage melted away because of the danger.

Psalms 107:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then they called out to Yahweh in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

UST

²⁸ When they were in trouble, they called out to Yahweh, and he rescued them from being distressed.

What happened to the men when they called out to Yahweh in their trouble? (vv28-29)

He brought them out of their distress and calmed the storm.

Psalms 107:29**ULT**

²⁹ He calmed the storm, and the waves were stilled.

UST

²⁹ He calmed the storm and he stilled the waves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:30**ULT**

³⁰ Then they rejoiced because they are quiet, so he brought them to their desired harbor.

UST

³⁰ They were very glad when it became calm; and Yahweh brought them safely into a harbor as they wished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:31**ULT**

³¹ Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!

UST

³¹ They should praise Yahweh for loving them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:32**ULT**

³² Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

UST

³² They should praise him among the Israelite people when they have gathered together, and they should praise him in front of the leaders of the country.

Where should people exalt and praise Yahweh?

They should exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

Psalms 107:33**ULT**

³³ He turns rivers into a wilderness, springs of water into dry land,

UST

³³ Sometimes Yahweh causes rivers to become dry, with the result that the land becomes a wilderness, and springs of water become dry land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:34**ULT**

³⁴ and a fruitful land into a barren place because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

UST

³⁴ Sometimes he causes land that has produced lots of crops to become salty wastelands, with the result that they do not produce crops. He does that because the people who live there are very wicked.

What did Yahweh do to a fruitful land because of the wickedness of the people?

He turned a fruitful land into a barren place because of the wickedness of its people.

Psalms 107:35**ULT**

³⁵ He turns the wilderness into a pool of water and dry land into springs of water.

UST

³⁵ But sometimes he causes pools of water to appear in deserts, and he causes springs to flow in very dry ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:36**ULT**

³⁶ He settles the hungry there, and they build a city to live in.

UST

³⁶ He brings hungry people into that land, to live there and to build cities there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:37**ULT**

³⁷ They sow fields and plant vineyards, that they may bring in a fruitful harvest.

UST

³⁷ They plant seeds in their fields, and they plant grapevines that produce large crops of grapes.

What did the people plant in their city?

They planted fields and vineyards.

Psalms 107:38**ULT**

³⁸ He blesses them so they are very numerous. He does not let their cattle decrease in number.

UST

³⁸ He blesses the people, and the women give birth to many children, and they have large herds of cattle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:39**ULT**

³⁹ They were diminished and brought low by painful distress and suffering.

UST

³⁹ When the number of people became smaller and they were humiliated by their enemies by being oppressed and caused to suffer,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ He pours contempt on the leaders and causes them to wander in the wilderness, where there are no roads.

UST

⁴⁰ Yahweh shows contempt for the leaders who oppress them, and makes them to wander in a wilderness where there are no roads.

What happened to the leaders when Yahweh poured contempt on them?

He caused them to wander in the wilderness, where there are no roads.

Psalms 107:41**ULT**

⁴¹ But he protects the needy from affliction and cares for his families like a flock.

UST

⁴¹ But he rescues poor people from being in misery and causes their families to increase in number like flocks of sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:42**ULT**

⁴² The upright will see this and rejoice, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

UST

⁴² People who live rightly see God do these things, and they rejoice; wicked people hear about these things, too, but they have nothing to say against Yahweh in reply.

What will all wickedness do when the upright see Yahweh's protection and rejoice?

All wickedness will shut its mouth.

Psalms 107:43

ULT

⁴³ Whoever is wise should take note of these things and meditate on Yahweh's acts of covenant faithfulness.

UST

⁴³ Those who are wise should think carefully about these things; they should consider all the things that Yahweh has done to show that he faithfully loves them.

Who does the writer call upon to take note of these things?

The writer calls upon whoever is wise to take note of these things and meditate on Yahweh's acts of covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 108

Psalms 108:1

ULT

¹ My heart is fixed, God; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises also with my honored heart.

UST

¹ God, I am very confident in you. I will sing to praise you. It is an honor to wake up and praise you.

With what does David say he will sing praises?

David says that he will sing praises also with his honored heart.

Psalms 108:2

ULT

² Wake up, lute and harp; I will wake up the dawn.

UST

² I will arise before the sun rises, and I will praise you while I play my harp and my lyre.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:3

ULT

³ I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

UST

³ I prayed, "Yahweh, I will thank you among all the people groups; I will sing to praise you among the nations"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:4**ULT**

⁴ For your covenant faithfulness is great above the heavens; and your trustworthiness reaches to the skies.

UST

⁴ because your faithful love for us reaches up to the heavens, and you are as faithful in keeping your promises as the clouds are high above the earth.

How great does David say is Yahweh's covenant faithfulness?

David says that Yahweh's covenant faithfulness is great above the heavens.

Psalms 108:5**ULT**

⁵ Be exalted, God, above the heavens, and may your glory be exalted over all the earth.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, show in the heavens that you are very great! Show your glory to people all over the earth!

Where does David ask for God's glory to be exalted?

David asks that God's glory be exalted over all the earth.

Psalms 108:6**ULT**

⁶ So that those you love may be rescued, rescue us with your right hand and answer me.

UST

⁶ Answer our prayers and, by your power help us to defeat our enemies so that we, the people whom you love, may be saved."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:7**ULT**

⁷ God has spoken in his holiness; "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem and apportion out the Valley of Succoth.

UST

⁷ Yahweh answered our prayers and spoke from his temple, saying, "Because I have conquered your enemies, I will joyfully divide the city of Shechem, and I will distribute among my people the land in the Valley of Succoth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:8**ULT**

⁸ Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is my helmet; Judah is my scepter.

UST

⁸ The region of Gilead is mine; the people of the tribe of Manasseh are mine; and the tribe of Judah is like my scepter.

What has God spoken about Ephraim and Judah?

God said that Ephraim also is his helmet and Judah is his scepter.

Psalms 108:9**ULT**

⁹ Moab is my washbasin; over Edom I will throw my shoe; I will shout in triumph because of Philistia.

UST

⁹ The region of Moab is like my washbasin; I throw my sandal over the region of Edom to show that it belongs to me; I shout triumphantly because I have defeated the people of the region of Philistia."

How will God shout because of Philistia?

God will shout in triumph because of Philistia.

Psalms 108:10

ULT

¹⁰ Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?"

UST

¹⁰ Because we want to attack the people of Edom, who will lead my army to their capital city that has strong walls around it?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:11

ULT

¹¹ God, have you not rejected us? You do not go into battle with our army.

UST

¹¹ God, we do not want you to abandon us; we want you to go with us when our army marches out to fight our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:12

ULT

¹² Give us help against the enemy, for man's help is futile.

UST

¹² We need you to help us when we fight against our enemies because the help that humans can give us is worthless.

Whose help does David say is futile?

David asks for God's help because man's help is futile.

Psalms 108:13

ULT

¹³ We will triumph with God's help; he will trample down our enemies.

UST

¹³ But with you helping us, we shall win; you will enable us to defeat our enemies.

How does David describe his triumph with God's help?

David says that his army will triumph with God's help, because God will trample down David's enemies.

Psalms 109

Psalms 109:1

ULT

¹ To the chief musician. A Psalm of David. God whom I praise, do not be silent,

UST

¹ God, you are the one whom I praise, so please answer my prayer

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:2

ULT

² For the wicked and deceitful attack me; they speak lies against me.

UST

² because wicked people slander me and tell lies about me.

Who does David say attacks him?

David says the wicked and deceitful attack him.

Psalms 109:3

ULT

³ They surround me and say hateful things, and they attack me without cause.

UST

³ They are constantly saying that they hate me, and they harm me for no reason.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:4**ULT**

⁴ In return for my love they accuse me, but I pray for them.

UST

⁴ I show them that I love them and that I pray for them, but instead of being kind to me, they say that I have done evil things.

What do the wicked give in return for David's love?

David says that in return for his love they slander him.

Psalms 109:5**ULT**

⁵ They repay me evil for good, and they hate my love.

UST

⁵ In return for my doing good things for them and loving them, they do evil things to me and hate me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:6**ULT**

⁶ Appoint a wicked man over such an enemy as these people; appoint an accuser to stand at his right hand.

UST

⁶ So appoint a wicked judge who will judge my enemy, and bring in one of his enemies who will stand up and accuse him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:7**ULT**

⁷ When he is judged, may he be found guilty; may his prayer be considered sinful.

UST

⁷ When the trial ends, cause the judge to declare that he is guilty and cause even his plea for mercy to be considered a sin.

What does David ask to happen when his enemy is judged?

David asks that when his enemy is judged, he may be found guilty.

Psalms 109:8**ULT**

⁸ May his days be few; may another take his office.

UST

⁸ Then cause him to die soon; bring someone else to take over his work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:9**ULT**

⁹ May his children be fatherless, and may his wife be a widow.

UST

⁹ Cause his children not to have a father anymore, and cause his wife to become a widow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:10**ULT**

¹⁰ May his children wander about and beg, asking for handouts as they leave their ruined home.

UST

¹⁰ Cause his children to leave the ruined homes that they have been living in and to wander around begging for food.

What is David's request for the children of his enemies?

David asks for his enemy's children to wander about and beg, asking for handouts.

Psalms 109:11**ULT**

¹¹ May the creditor take all he owns; may strangers plunder what he earns.

UST

¹¹ Cause all the people to whom he owed money to seize his property; cause strangers to take away everything that he worked to acquire.

What does David ask to happen to his enemy's earnings?

David asks for strangers to plunder what his enemy earns.

Psalms 109:12**ULT**

¹² May no one extend any kindness to him; may no one have pity on his fatherless children.

UST

¹² Make sure that no one acts with any loyalty toward his memory for the sake of your covenant; make sure that no one pities his children.

Why does David ask Yahweh to deal kindly with him?

David asks Yahweh his Lord to deal kindly with him for Yahweh's name's sake.

Psalms 109:13**ULT**

¹³ May his children be cut off; may their name be blotted out in the next generation.

UST

¹³ Cause all his children to die, so that no one will live to carry on his name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:14**ULT**

¹⁴ May his ancestors' sins be mentioned to Yahweh; and may the sin of his mother not be forgotten.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh, remember and do not forgive his ancestors for the evil things that they did, and do not even forgive the sins that his mother committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:15**ULT**

¹⁵ May their guilt always be before Yahweh; may Yahweh cut off their memory from the earth.

UST

¹⁵ Think about his sins continually, but cause everyone living to completely forget who he was.

What is David's request from Yahweh for the memory of his enemy?

David asks that Yahweh cut off his enemy's memory from the earth.

Psalms 109:16**ULT**

¹⁶ May Yahweh do this because this man never bothered to show any covenant faithfulness, but instead harassed the oppressed, the needy, and the disheartened to death.

UST

¹⁶ I pray these things because that man, my enemy, never acted toward anyone as your covenant says we must; he persecuted poor and needy people and even killed helpless people.

Why does David ask Yahweh to cut off their memory?

David prays that Yahweh would do this because this man never bothered to show any covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 109:17**ULT**

¹⁷ He loved cursing; may it come back upon him. He had no desire for blessing; may no blessing come to him.

UST

¹⁷ He liked to curse people. So those terrible things that he requested to happen to others—cause them to happen to him! He did not want to bless others, so make sure that no one blesses him!

What does David ask for since his enemy hated blessing?

David says that since his enemy hated blessing, that no blessing may come to him.

Psalms 109:18**ULT**

¹⁸ He clothed himself with cursing as his garment, and his curse came into his inner being like water, like oil into his bones.

UST

¹⁸ He often cursed other people, also; cause the terrible things that he wanted to happen to others to happen to him and enter his body as water does, as olive oil soaks into a person's bones when it is rubbed on his skin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:19**ULT**

¹⁹ May his curses be to him like the clothes he wears to cover himself, like the belt he always wears.

UST

¹⁹ Cause those terrible things to cling to him like his clothes and be around him like the belt that he wears every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:20**ULT**

²⁰ May this be the reward of my accusers from Yahweh, of those who say evil things about me.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh, I wish that you will punish all my enemies that way, those who say evil things about me.

From whom does David request the reward for his accusers?

David asks for this to be the reward of his accusers from Yahweh.

Psalms 109:21**ULT**

²¹ Yahweh my Lord, deal kindly with me for your name's sake. Because your covenant faithfulness is good, save me.

UST

²¹ But Yahweh, my God, do good things for me in order that I may honor you; rescue me from my enemies because you faithfully love me as you promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:22**ULT**

²² For I am oppressed and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

UST

²² I request you to do this because I am poor and needy and my inner being is full of pain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:23**ULT**

²³ I am fading away like the shadow of the evening; I am shaken off like a locust.

UST

²³ I think that my time to remain alive is as short as an evening shadow that will soon disappear. I will be blown away as a locust is blown by the wind.

To what does David compare his fading away?

David says that he is fading away like the shadow of the evening.

Psalms 109:24**ULT**

²⁴ My knees are weak from fasting; My flesh is feeble from lack of fatness.

UST

²⁴ My knees are weak because I have fasted very often, and my body has become very thin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:25**ULT**

²⁵ I am disdained by my accusers; when they see me, they shake their heads.

UST

²⁵ The people who accuse me make fun of me; when they see me, they insult me by shaking their heads at me.

What do David's accusers do when they see him?

David says that when they see him, his accusers shake their heads.

Psalms 109:26**ULT**

²⁶ Help me, Yahweh my God; save me by your covenant faithfulness.

UST

²⁶ Yahweh, my God, help me! Because you faithfully love me, rescue me!

By what does David ask Yahweh to save him?

David ask Yahweh to save him by Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 109:27**ULT**

²⁷ May they know that this is your hand, that you, Yahweh, have done this.

UST

²⁷ When you save me, cause my enemies to know that you are the one who has done it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:28**ULT**

²⁸ Though they curse me, please bless me; when they attack, may they be put to shame, but may your servant rejoice.

UST

²⁸ They may curse me, but I ask that you bless me. Cause those who persecute me to be defeated and disgraced, but cause me to be glad!

What does David ask to happen when his accusers attack him?

David asks that when his accusers attack, they would be put to shame.

Psalms 109:29**ULT**

²⁹ May my adversaries be clothed with shame; may they wear their shame like a robe.

UST

²⁹ Cause those who accuse me to be completely disgraced; cause other people to see that they are disgraced as easily as they see the clothes that they wear!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:30**ULT**

³⁰ With my mouth I give great thanks to Yahweh; I will praise him in the midst of a crowd.

UST

³⁰ But I will thank Yahweh very much; I will praise him when I am among the crowd of people who are worshiping him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:31**ULT**

³¹ For he will stand at the right hand of the one who is needy, to save him from those who judge him.

UST

³¹ I will do that because he defends poor people like me and because he saves us from those who have said that we must die.

What does David say will happen when Yahweh stands at right hand of the needy person?

Yahweh will save the needy person from those who condemn him.

Psalms 110

Psalms 110:1

ULT

¹ Of David, a song. The declaration of Yahweh to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

UST

¹ Yahweh said to my lord the king, "Sit here, close to me, in the place of highest honor until I completely defeat your enemies and make them like a stool for your feet!"

Where does Yahweh ask David's master to sit, and for how long?

Yahweh asks him to sit at his right hand until he makes his enemies his footstool.

Psalms 110:2

ULT

² Yahweh will stretch out the scepter of your strength from Zion; rule in the midst of your enemies.

UST

² Yahweh will extend your power as king from Jerusalem to other lands; you will rule over all your enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 110:3

ULT

³ Your people voluntarily follow in holy splendor in the day of your strength; from the womb of the dawn your youth will be to you as dew.

UST

³ On the day that you lead your armies into battle, many of your people will volunteer to join your army. Your youthful strength will act for you like the dew that waters the earth early in the morning."

What will the people wear as they follow David's master?

They will follow him in sacred garments.

Psalms 110:4**ULT**

⁴ Yahweh has sworn, and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, after the manner of Melchizedek."

UST

⁴ Yahweh has made a solemn promise and he will never change his mind; he has said to the king, "You will be a priest forever like Melchizedek."

What has Yahweh sworn and will not change?

He has sworn to David's master that, "You are a priest forever."

Psalms 110:5**ULT**

⁵ The Lord is at your right hand. He will crush kings on the day of his anger.

UST

⁵ The Lord stands at your right side; when he becomes angry, he will defeat many kings.

What will David's master do to kings on the day of his anger?

He will kill kings on the day of his anger.

Psalms 110:6**ULT**

⁶ He will judge the nations; he will fill corpses; he will crush the heads of many lands.

UST

⁶ He will judge and punish the people of many nations; many bodies of the killed enemy soldiers will lie on the ground. He will crush kings all over the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 110:7

ULT

⁷ He will drink from the stream along the path, Therefore, he will lift up the head.

UST

⁷ But the king will drink from the stream alongside the road; he will be refreshed after defeating his enemies.

What will David's master do after he drinks of the brook along the road?

He will lift his head up high after victory.

Psalms 111

Psalms 111:1

ULT

¹ Praise Yahweh. I will give thanks to Yahweh with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright, in their gathering.

UST

¹ Praise Yahweh! I will thank Yahweh with my entire inner being every time that those who do what is right come together.

Where will the writer says he will give thanks to Yahweh with his whole heart?

He will give thanks to Yahweh in the assembly of the upright, in their gathering.

Psalms 111:2

ULT

² The works of Yahweh are great, eagerly awaited by all those who desire them.

UST

² The things that Yahweh has done are wonderful! All those who are delighted with those things desire to study them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 111:3

ULT

³ His work is majestic and glorious, and his righteousness endures forever.

UST

³ Because he is a great king and does wonderful things, people greatly honor him and respect him; the righteous things that he does will endure forever.

How long will Yahweh's righteousness endure?

His righteousness endures forever.

Psalms 111:4**ULT**

⁴ He does wonderful things that will be remembered; Yahweh is gracious and merciful.

UST

⁴ He has done wonderful things that people will always remember; Yahweh always acts kindly and mercifully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 111:5**ULT**

⁵ He gives food to his faithful followers. He will always call to mind his covenant.

UST

⁵ He provides food for those who have an awesome respect for him; he never forgets the covenant that he made with our ancestors.

What will Yahweh always call to mind?

He will always call to mind his covenant.

Psalms 111:6**ULT**

⁶ He showed his powerful works to his people in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

UST

⁶ By enabling his people to capture the lands that belonged to other people groups, he has shown to us, his people, that he is very powerful.

How did Yahweh show his powerful works to his people?

He showed his powerful works to the people in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Psalms 111:7**ULT**

⁷ The works of his hands are trustworthy and just; all his instructions are reliable.

UST

⁷ He does everything fairly, as he has promised us, and we can depend on him to help us when he commands us to do things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 111:8**ULT**

⁸ They are established forever, to be observed faithfully and properly.

UST

⁸ What he commands must be obeyed forever; and he acted in a true and righteous manner when he gave us those commands.

How are Yahweh's instructions to be observed?

All his instructions are to be observed faithfully and properly.

Psalms 111:9**ULT**

⁹ He has sent redemption to his people; he ordained his covenant forever; holy and awesome is his name.

UST

⁹ He rescued us, his people, from being slaves in Egypt, and he made a covenant with us that will last forever. He is holy and awesome!

How does the writer describe Yahweh's name?

The writer says, "Holy and awesome is his name."

Psalms 111:10

ULT

¹⁰ To honor Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom; those who carry out his instructions have good understanding. His praise endures forever.

UST

¹⁰ Having an awesome respect for Yahweh is the way to become wise. All those who obey his commands will know what is good for them to decide to do. We should praise him forever!

What is the beginning of wisdom?

To honor Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.

What do those who carry out Yahweh's instructions have?

Those who carry out his instructions have good understanding.

Psalms 112

Psalms 112:1

ULT

¹ Praise Yahweh. Blessed is the man who fears Yahweh, who greatly delights in his commandments.

UST

¹ Praise Yahweh! How fortunate are those who have an awesome respect for him, those who happily obey his commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 112:2

ULT

² His descendants will be powerful on earth; the descendants of the godly man will be blessed.

UST

² Their children will prosper in their land; God will bless their descendants.

What happens to the descendants of the man who obeys Yahweh and who greatly delights in his commandments?

His descendants will be powerful on earth and will be blessed.

Psalms 112:3

ULT

³ Wealth and riches are in his house; his righteousness will endure forever.

UST

³ Their families will be wealthy, and their righteous deeds will endure forever.

What is in the house of the man who obeys Yahweh?

Wealth and riches are in his house.

Psalms 112:4**ULT**

⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the godly person; he is gracious, merciful, and just.

UST

⁴ For those who honor God, it is as if a light were shining on them in the darkness, on those who are kind, merciful and righteous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 112:5**ULT**

⁵ It goes well for the man who deals graciously and lends money, who conducts his affairs with honesty.

UST

⁵ Things will go well for those who generously lend money to others and who conduct their businesses honestly.

For whom does the writer says things will go well?

It will go well for the man who deals graciously and lends money, and who conducts his affairs with honesty.

Psalms 112:6**ULT**

⁶ For he will never be moved; the righteous person will be remembered forever.

UST

⁶ Righteous people will not be overwhelmed because of their troubles; other people will always treasure their memories of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 112:7**ULT**

⁷ He does not fear bad news; his heart is sure, trusting in Yahweh.

UST

⁷ They are not afraid when they receive bad news; they confidently trust in Yahweh.

What does the righteous man do rather than fear bad news?

He does not fear, but he is confident, trusting in Yahweh.

Psalms 112:8**ULT**

⁸ His heart is tranquil, without fear, until he looks in triumph over his adversaries.

UST

⁸ They are confident and not afraid because they know that they will see God defeat their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 112:9**ULT**

⁹ He generously gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; he will be exalted with honor.

UST

⁹ They give things generously to poor people; their kind deeds will endure forever, and they will be exalted and honored.

What happens to the godly person who generously gives to the poor?

He will be exalted with honor.

Psalms 112:10

ULT

¹⁰ The wicked person will see this and be angry; he will grind his teeth in rage and he will melt away; the desire of the wicked people will perish.

UST

¹⁰ Wicked people see those things and are angry; they gnash their teeth angrily, but they will disappear and die. The wicked things that they want to do will never happen.

What happens to the wicked person who sees the blessing of the righteous person and is angry?

The wicked person will gnash with his teeth and melt away.

Psalms 113

Psalms 113:1

ULT

¹ Praise Yahweh. Praise him, you servants of Yahweh; praise the name of Yahweh.

UST

¹ Praise Yahweh! You people who serve Yahweh, praise him! Praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 113:2

ULT

² Blessed be the name of Yahweh, both now and forevermore.

UST

² Everyone should praise Yahweh now and forever!

When will the name of Yahweh be blessed?

His name will be blessed both now and forevermore.

Psalms 113:3

ULT

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, Yahweh's name should be praised.

UST

³ People who live in the east and people who live in the west, everyone, should praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 113:4**ULT**

⁴ Yahweh is exalted above all nations, and his glory reaches above the skies.

UST

⁴ Yahweh rules over all the nations, and high in the heavens he shows that his glory is very great.

Where does the glory of Yahweh reach?

His glory reaches above the skies.

Psalms 113:5**ULT**

⁵ Who is like Yahweh our God, who has his seat on high,

UST

⁵ There is no one who is like Yahweh, our God, who lives in the highest heaven

Where is the seat of Yahweh? (vv5-6)

His seat is on high, from where he looks down at the sky and earth.

Psalms 113:6**ULT**

⁶ who looks down at the sky and at the earth?

UST

⁶ and looks far down through the heavens and sees the people on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 113:7**ULT**

⁷ He raises up the poor out of the dirt and lifts up the needy from the ash heap,

UST

⁷ He lifts poor people up so that they no longer sit in the dirt; he lifts needy people up so that they no longer sit on heaps of ashes

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 113:8

ULT

⁸ so that he may seat him with princes, with the princes of his people.

UST

⁸ and causes them to be honored by sitting next to leaders, leaders who rule his own people.

Where does Yahweh seat the poor and the needy person when he raises him up?

Yahweh seats him with princes, with the princes of his people.

Psalms 113:9

ULT

⁹ He gives a home to the barren woman of the house, he makes her a joyful mother of children. Praise Yahweh!

UST

⁹ He also enables women who have no children to live in their houses as happy as mothers with children. Praise Yahweh!

What does Yahweh give the barren woman?

He gives the barren woman in the house a seat like a joyful mother of the children.

Psalms 114**Psalms 114:1****ULT**

¹ When Israel left Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people who spoke a foreign language,

UST

¹ When the Israelite people left Egypt, when the descendants of Jacob left people who spoke a foreign language,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 114:2**ULT**

² Judah became his holy place, Israel his kingdom.

UST

² the land of Judah became the place where people worshiped God; and Israel became the land that he ruled over.

When Israel left Egypt, what did Judah and Israel become?

Judah became his sanctuary, and Israel became his kingdom.

Psalms 114:3**ULT**

³ The sea looked and fled; the Jordan turned back.

UST

³ When they came to the Sea of Reeds, it was as though the water saw them and ran away! When they came to the Jordan River, the water in the river stopped flowing so that the Israelites could cross it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 114:4**ULT**

⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like lambs.

UST

⁴ When they came to Mount Sinai and there was a big earthquake, it was as though the mountains skipped like goats and the hills jumped around like lambs.

What did the mountains and the hills do when the Israelites came to the land?

The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills skipped like lambs.

Psalms 114:5**ULT**

⁵ Why did you flee, sea? Jordan, why did you turn back?

UST

⁵ If someone asks, "What happened at the Sea of Reeds that caused the water to run away? What happened that caused the water in the Jordan River to stop flowing?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 114:6**ULT**

⁶ Mountains, why did you skip like rams? You little hills, why did you skip like lambs?

UST

⁶ What happened that caused the mountains to skip like goats and caused the hills to jump around like lambs?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 114:7

ULT

⁷ Tremble, earth, before the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

UST

⁷ Indeed, all the earth will tremble before the Lord! Everyone will tremble in the presence of the God whom Jacob worshiped!

Why does the writer say the earth should tremble?

The earth should tremble before the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Psalms 114:8

ULT

⁸ He turned the rock into a pool of water, the hard rock into a spring of water.

UST

⁸ He is the one who caused pools of water to flow from a rock for the Israelite people to drink, and he is the one who caused a spring to flow from a solid rock cliff!

Into what does the writer say Yahweh turned the rock and the hard rock?

He turned the rock into a pool of water, and the hard rock into a spring of water.

Psalms 115

Psalms 115:1

ULT

¹ Not to us, Yahweh, not to us, but to your name bring honor, for your covenant faithfulness and for your trustworthiness.

UST

¹ Yahweh, people should praise you alone; they must praise you, not us, because you faithfully love us and always do what you have promised to do.

For what reason does David pray that Yahweh would bring honor to Yahweh's name?

He asks Yahweh to bring honor to his name for his covenant faithfulness and for his trustworthiness.

Psalms 115:2

ULT

² Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

UST

² It is not right that other people groups should say about us, "They claim that their God is very powerful, but if that is true, why does he not help them?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:3

ULT

³ Our God is in heaven; he does whatever he pleases.

UST

³ Our God is in heaven, and he does whatever he wants!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:4**ULT**

⁴ The nations' idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

UST

⁴ But their idols are only statues made of silver and gold, things that humans have made.

What does David says the nations' idols are?

He says their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

Psalms 115:5**ULT**

⁵ Those idols have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;

UST

⁵ Their idols have mouths, but they cannot say anything; they have eyes, but they cannot see anything.

What are the idols not able to do? (vv5-6)

They are not able to speak, or see, or hear, or smell.

Psalms 115:6**ULT**

⁶ they have ears, but they do not hear; they have noses, but they do not smell.

UST

⁶ They have ears, but they cannot hear anything; they have noses, but they cannot smell anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:7**ULT**

⁷ Those idols have hands, but do not feel; they have feet, but they cannot walk; nor do they speak from their mouths.

UST

⁷ They have hands, but they cannot feel anything; they have feet, but they cannot walk, and they cannot even make any sounds in their throats!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:8**ULT**

⁸ Those who make them are like them, as is everyone who trusts in them.

UST

⁸ The people who make those idols are as powerless as those idols, and those who trust in those idols can accomplish nothing, just like their idols!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:9**ULT**

⁹ Israel, trust in Yahweh; he is your help and shield.

UST

⁹ You, my fellow Israelite people, trust in Yahweh! He is the one who helps you and protects you like a shield.

Why should everyone trust in Yahweh? (vv9-11)

They should trust in Yahweh because his is their help and shield.

Psalms 115:10**ULT**

¹⁰ House of Aaron, trust in Yahweh; he is your help and shield.

UST

¹⁰ You priests, descendants of Aaron, trust in Yahweh! He is the one who helps you and protects you like a shield.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:11**ULT**

¹¹ You who honor Yahweh, trust in him; he is your help and shield.

UST

¹¹ All you who have a reverential respect for Yahweh, trust in him! He is the one who helps you and protects you like a shield.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:12**ULT**

¹² Yahweh takes notice of us and will bless us; he will bless the family of Israel; he will bless the family of Aaron.

UST

¹² Yahweh has not forgotten us; he will bless us Israelite people! He will bless the priests,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:13**ULT**

¹³ He will bless those who honor him, both young and old.

UST

¹³ and he will bless all those who have a reverential respect for him; he will bless important people and people who are considered to be unimportant, everyone!

How old must a person be for Yahweh to bless him?

Yahweh will bless those who honor him, both young and old.

Psalms 115:14**ULT**

¹⁴ May Yahweh increase your numbers more and more, yours and your descendants'.

UST

¹⁴ I wish that Yahweh may give many children to you, my fellow Israelite people, and to your descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:15**ULT**

¹⁵ May you be blessed by Yahweh, who made heaven and earth.

UST

¹⁵ I wish that Yahweh, the one who made heaven and the earth, may bless all of you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The heavens, even the heavens belong to Yahweh; but the earth he has given to the sons of men.

UST

¹⁶ The highest heavens belong to Yahweh, but he gave everything that is on the earth to us people.

To whom do the heavens and earth belong?

The heavens belong to Yahweh; but the earth he has given to mankind.

Psalms 115:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The dead do not praise Yahweh, nor do any who go down into silence;

UST

¹⁷ Dead people are not able to praise Yahweh; when they descend into the place where dead people are, they are unable to speak and cannot praise him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But we will bless Yahweh now and forevermore. Praise Yahweh.

UST

¹⁸ But we who are alive will thank him, now and forever. Praise Yahweh!

How long does David say people will bless Yahweh?

He says they will bless Yahweh now and forevermore.

Psalms 116**Psalms 116:1****ULT**

¹ I love Yahweh because he hears my voice and my pleas for mercy.

UST

¹ I love Yahweh because he hears me when I cry to him for help.

For what reason does the writer say he loves Yahweh?

He loves Yahweh because Yahweh hears his voice and his pleas for mercy.

Psalms 116:2**ULT**

² Because he listened to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

UST

² He listens to me, so I will call out to him all during my life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:3**ULT**

³ The cords of death surrounded me, and the snares of Sheol confronted me; I felt anguish and sorrow.

UST

³ Everything around me caused me to think that I would die; I was very afraid that I would die and go to the place where dead people are. I was very distressed and afraid.

What did the writer feel when he was surrounded by the cords of death and confronted by the snares of sheol?

He felt anguish and sorrow.

Psalms 116:4**ULT**

⁴ Then I called on the name of Yahweh: "Please Yahweh, rescue my life."

UST

⁴ But then I called out to Yahweh, saying, "Yahweh, I plead with you to save me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh is merciful and fair; our God is compassionate.

UST

⁵ Yahweh is kind and does what is right; he is our God, and he acts mercifully to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:6**ULT**

⁶ Yahweh protects the naive; I was brought low, and he saved me.

UST

⁶ He protects those who are helpless; when I thought that I would die, he saved me.

Who does Yahweh protect?

Yahweh protects the naive.

Psalms 116:7**ULT**

⁷ My soul can return to its resting place, for Yahweh has been good to me.

UST

⁷ I must encourage myself because Yahweh has done very good things for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:8**ULT**

⁸ For you rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

UST

⁸ Yahweh has saved me from dying and has kept me from troubles that would cause me to cry. He has kept me from disaster.

From what was the writer's soul freed?

Yahweh freed his soul from death.

Psalms 116:9**ULT**

⁹ I will walk before Yahweh in the land of the living.

UST

⁹ So here on the earth where people are still alive, I live, knowing that Yahweh is directing me.

Where does the writer say he will serve Yahweh?

He will serve Yahweh in the land of the living.

Psalms 116:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I believed in him, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

UST

¹⁰ I continued to believe in Yahweh, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:11**ULT**

¹¹ In my confusion I said, "All men are liars."

UST

¹¹ Even when I was distressed and said, "I cannot trust anyone," I continued to trust in Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:12**ULT**

¹² How can I repay Yahweh for all his kindnesses to me?

UST

¹² So now I will tell you what I will offer to Yahweh because of all the good things that he has done for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:13**ULT**

¹³ I will raise the cup of salvation, and call on the name of Yahweh.

UST

¹³ I will offer to him a cup of wine to thank him for saving me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh now in the presence of all his people.

UST

¹⁴ When I am together with many people who belong to Yahweh, I will give to him the offerings that I solemnly promised to give to him.

Where does the writer say he will fulfill his vows to Yahweh?

He will fulfill his vows in the presence of all his people.

Psalms 116:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of Yahweh is the death of his faithful ones.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh is very grieved when one of his people dies.

What is precious in the sight of Yahweh?

Precious in the sight of Yahweh is the death of his saints.

Psalms 116:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Yahweh, indeed, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your servant woman; you have taken away my bonds.

UST

¹⁶ I am one of those who serves Yahweh; I serve him like my mother did. He has ended my troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ So I will offer to him a sacrifice to thank him, and I will pray to him.

What does the writer say he will offer to Yahweh for taking away his bonds?

He says he will offer to him the sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Psalms 116:18**ULT**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh now in the presence of all his people,

UST

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ When I am together with many of the people who belong to Yahweh in the courtyard outside his temple in Jerusalem, I will give to him the offerings that I solemnly promised to give to him. Praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:19

ULT

¹⁹ in the courts of Yahweh's house, in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise Yahweh.

UST

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ When I am together with many of the people who belong to Yahweh in the courtyard outside his temple in Jerusalem, I will give to him the offerings that I solemnly promised to give to him. Praise Yahweh!

In whose presence will the writer fulfill his vows to Yahweh?

He will fulfill his vows in the presence of all Yahweh's people.

Psalms 117

Psalms 117:1

ULT

¹ Praise Yahweh, all you nations; exalt him, all you peoples.

UST

¹ You people of all nations, praise Yahweh! All you people groups, praise him

Who does this writer call upon to praise Yahweh?

He calls upon all the nations and all the peoples to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 117:2

ULT

² For his covenant faithfulness is great toward us, and the trustworthiness of Yahweh endures forever. Praise Yahweh.

UST

² because he faithfully loves us as he promised to do, and he will forever do for us what he promised that he would do. Praise Yahweh!

What is great toward his people?

Yahweh's covenant faithfulness is great toward his people.

How long does the trustworthiness of Yahweh endure?

The trustworthiness of Yahweh endures forever.

Psalms 118

Psalms 118:1

ULT

¹ Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

¹ Tell Yahweh that you thank him very much for the good things that he has done for you! He faithfully loves us, his people, forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:2

ULT

² Let Israel now say, "His covenant faithfulness endures forever."

UST

² You Israelite people should repeatedly shout, "He faithfully loves us, his people, forever!"

What are the two reasons the writer says people should give thanks to Yahweh?

They should give thanks to Yahweh because he is good and because his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 118:3

ULT

³ Let the house of Aaron now say, "His covenant faithfulness endures forever."

UST

³ You priests who are descendants of Aaron should repeatedly shout, "He faithfully loves us, his people, forever!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:4**ULT**

⁴ Let the loyal followers of Yahweh say, "His covenant faithfulness endures for ever."

UST

⁴ All you who revere him should repeatedly shout, "He faithfully loves us, his people, forever!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:5**ULT**

⁵ In my distress I called out to Yahweh; Yahweh answered me and set me free.

UST

⁵ When I was distressed, I called out to Yahweh, and he answered me and set me free from my worries.

How did the Yahweh respond when the writer called out to him?

Yahweh answered him and set him free.

Psalms 118:6**ULT**

⁶ Yahweh is with me; I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?

UST

⁶ Yahweh is on my side, so I will not be afraid of anything. No one can do anything that will prevent God from blessing me forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:7**ULT**

⁷ Yahweh is on my side as my helper; I will look in triumph on those who hate me.

UST

⁷ Yes, Yahweh is on my side, so I will look triumphantly at my enemies while he defeats them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:8**ULT**

⁸ It is better to take shelter in Yahweh than to put confidence in man.

UST

⁸ It is better to trust in Yahweh than to depend on people.

The writer says it is better to take shelter in Yahweh than do what?

It is better to take shelter in Yahweh than to put confidence in man.

Psalms 118:9**ULT**

⁹ It is better to take refuge in Yahweh than to put one's trust in a princes.

UST

⁹ It is better to trust Yahweh to protect us than to trust that influential people will protect us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:10**ULT**

¹⁰ All the nations surrounded me; in Yahweh's name I cut them off.

UST

¹⁰ Armies of many nations surrounded us, but Yahweh enabled us to defeat them by his power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:11**ULT**

¹¹ They surrounded me; yes, they surrounded me; in Yahweh's name I cut them off.

UST

¹¹ They completely surrounded us, but we defeated them all by Yahweh's power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:12**ULT**

¹² They surrounded me like bees; they disappeared as quickly as fire among thorns; in Yahweh's name I cut them off.

UST

¹² They swarmed around me like angry bees; they were like a fire that flares up in a thornbush, but we defeated them by Yahweh's power.

What does the writer say all the nations were like when they surrounded him?

He said all the nations surrounded him like bees.

Psalms 118:13**ULT**

¹³ They attacked me to knock me down, but Yahweh helped me.

UST

¹³ Our enemies attacked us fiercely and almost defeated us, but Yahweh helped us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Yahweh is my strength and song, and he is the one who rescues me.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh is the one who makes me strong, and he is the one about whom I always sing; he has saved us from my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The joyful shout of victory is heard in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of Yahweh does valiantly.

UST

¹⁵ Listen to the joyful songs of victory being sung in the tents of the people who honor God! They sing, "Yahweh has defeated our enemies by his mighty power;

What kind of shout is heard in the tents of the righteous?

The joyful shout of victory is heard in the tents of the righteous.

Psalms 118:16**ULT**

¹⁶ The right hand of Yahweh is exalted; the right hand of Yahweh does valiantly.

UST

¹⁶ he has raised his strong right arm to show he is happy over defeating his enemies. Yahweh has completely defeated them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:17**ULT**

¹⁷ I will not die, but live and declare the deeds of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ I will not be killed in battle; I will live to proclaim the great things that Yahweh has done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Yahweh has punished me harshly; but he has not handed me over to death.

UST

¹⁸ Yahweh has punished me severely, but he has not allowed me to die.

What has Yahweh not done when he punished the writer harshly?

Yahweh did not hand him over to death.

Psalms 118:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and I will give thanks to Yahweh.

UST

¹⁹ You gatekeepers, open for me the gates of the temple so that I may enter and thank Yahweh.

What will the writer do when Yahweh opens the gates of righteousness to him?

The writer will enter the gates of righteousness and give thanks to Yahweh.

Psalms 118:20**ULT**

²⁰ This is the gate of Yahweh; the righteous enter through it.

UST

²⁰ Those are the gates through which we enter the temple to worship Yahweh; those who honor God enter through those gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:21**ULT**

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me, and you have become my salvation.

UST

²¹ Yahweh, I thank you that you answered my prayer and that you saved me from my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:22**ULT**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

UST

²² Yahweh's chosen king is like a stone that the builders rejected when they were building a house, but that stone became the cornerstone.

What has happened to the stone that the builders rejected?

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Psalms 118:23**ULT**

²³ This is Yahweh's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

UST

²³ This was done by Yahweh, and it is a wonderful thing for us to see.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:24**ULT**

²⁴ This is the day on which Yahweh has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

UST

²⁴ This is the day on which we remember that Yahweh acted powerfully to defeat our enemies; we will rejoice and be glad today.

What will the people do on the day on which Yahweh has acted?

They will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:25**ULT**

²⁵ Please, Yahweh, give us victory! Please, Yahweh, send now success!

UST

²⁵ Yahweh, we plead with you to keep rescuing us from our enemies. Yahweh, please help us accomplish what we want to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:26**ULT**

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh; we bless you from the house of Yahweh.

UST

²⁶ Yahweh, bless the one who will come with your power. From the temple we bless all of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:27**ULT**

²⁷ Yahweh is God, and he has given us light; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

UST

²⁷ Yahweh is God, and he has caused his light to come to us. Come, bring animal sacrifice and tie it to the horns of the altar.

What does the writer say the people should do with the sacrifice?

They should bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

Psalms 118:28

ULT

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will exalt you.

UST

²⁸ Yahweh, you are the God whom I worship, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will tell everyone that you are great!

What does the writer say he will do because Yahweh is his God?

He will give thanks to Yahweh, and will exalt him.

Psalms 118:29

ULT

²⁹ Oh, give thanks to Yahweh; for he is good; for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

²⁹ Thank Yahweh because he does good things for us! He will faithfully love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119

Psalms 119:1

ULT

¹ Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk in the teaching of Yahweh.

UST

¹ How fortunate are those about whom no one can say truthfully that they have done things that are wrong, those who always obey the laws of Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:2

ULT

² Blessed are they who keep his testimonies, who seek him with all their heart.

UST

² How fortunate are those who obey his weighty commands, those who request him with their entire inner beings to help them to do that.

How does the writer say people should seek Yahweh?

They should seek him with all their heart.

Psalms 119:3

ULT

³ Surely they do not practice injustice; they walk in his ways.

UST

³ They do not do things that are wrong; they behave as Yahweh wants them to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:4**ULT**

⁴ You have commanded your instructions so that we should carefully observe them.

UST

⁴ Yahweh, you have given us your principles of behavior, and you told us to obey them faithfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:5**ULT**

⁵ Oh, that my path would be firmly established, keeping your statutes!

UST

⁵ I want so much to faithfully keep everything that you command.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:6**ULT**

⁶ Then I would not be ashamed when I look to all of your commandments.

UST

⁶ If I did that, I would not be ashamed when I thought about your commands.

What does the writer say would happen if he would be firmly established in the observance of Yahweh's statutes?

He says he would not be put to shame when he thinks of all Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:7**ULT**

⁷ I will give thanks to you with an upright heart when I learn the judgments of your righteousness.

UST

⁷ When I learn all of your just regulations, I will praise you with a pure inner being.

With what does the writer give thanks to Yahweh?

He gives thanks with a sincere heart.

Psalms 119:8**ULT**

⁸ I will keep your statutes; do not utterly leave me.

UST

⁸ I will obey all your statutes; do not desert me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:9**ULT**

⁹ BETH How can a young man keep his path pure? By keeping your word.

UST

⁹ I know how a young person can live in a pure way; it is by obeying your commands.

How does the writer say a young person can keep his path pure?

A young person can keep his path pure by obeying Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:10**ULT**

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; Do not let me stray from your commandments.

UST

¹⁰ I try to serve you with my entire inner being; do not allow me to wander away from what you have commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:11**ULT**

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart so that I might not sin against you.

UST

¹¹ I have memorized your commands so that I will not sin against you.

Why has the writer stored up Yahweh's word in his heart?

He has stored up Yahweh's word in his heart so that he might not sin against Yahweh.

Psalms 119:12

ULT

¹² Blessed you are, Yahweh; teach me your statutes.

UST

¹² Yahweh, I praise you; teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:13

ULT

¹³ With my lips I have announced all the judgments of your mouth.

UST

¹³ I have announced to the people all the things that you have commanded us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:14

ULT

¹⁴ I rejoice in the way of your testimonies more than in all riches.

UST

¹⁴ I delight in obeying your requirements; I enjoy that more than being very rich.

In what does the writer rejoice more than in all riches?

He rejoices in the way of Yahweh's covenant decrees more than in all riches.

Psalms 119:15

ULT

¹⁵ I will meditate on your instructions and I will consider your paths.

UST

¹⁵ I will study everything you have commanded, and I will pay attention to how you have shown me to live.

What will the writer do with Yahweh's instructions?

He will meditate on Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

UST

¹⁶ I will be happy to obey your statutes, and I will not forget your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:17**ULT**

¹⁷ GIMEL Deal kindly with your servant so that I may live and keep your word.

UST

¹⁷ Do good things for me, the one who serves you, so that I may continue to live and obey your words during all my life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Uncover my eyes so that I may gaze on the marvelous works from your teaching.

UST

¹⁸ Help me to understand with my mind, to know the wonderful things that are written in your laws.

How will the writer see marvelous things in Yahweh's law?

He will see marvelous things in Yahweh's law when Yahweh opens his eyes.

Psalms 119:19**ULT**

¹⁹ I am a foreigner in the land; do not hide your commandments from me.

UST

¹⁹ I am living here on the earth for only a short time; do not keep me from understanding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:20**ULT**

²⁰ My inner being is crushed with longing for your judgments at all times.

UST

²⁰ In my inner being I strongly desire to know your decrees all the time.

What happens to the writer's soul as he longs to know Yahweh's righteous decrees?

His soul is crushed by longing to know Yahweh's righteous decrees.

Psalms 119:21**ULT**

²¹ You rebuke the proud, who are cursed, who wander from your commandments.

UST

²¹ You rebuke those who are proud; you curse those who disobey your commands.

Who does the writer say is cursed and wanders from Yahweh's commandments?

The proud are cursed and wander from Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:22**ULT**

²² Spare me from disgrace and humiliation, for I have kept your testimonies.

UST

²² Do not allow them to continue to insult and scorn me; I request this because I have obeyed your requirements.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:23**ULT**

²³ Even though rulers sit against me and slander, your servant meditates on your statutes.

UST

²³ Rulers gather together and plan ways to harm me, but I will meditate on what you have commanded.

What does the writer do even though rulers plot and slander him?

He meditates on Yahweh's statutes.

Psalms 119:24**ULT**

²⁴ Also, your testimonies are my pleasure. They are my counselors.

UST

²⁴ I am delighted with your requirements; it is as though they were my advisors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:25**ULT**

²⁵ DALETH My inner being clings to the dust! Give me life according to your word.

UST

²⁵ I think that I will soon die; save my life as you have promised me that you would.

By what means does the writer ask Yahweh to give him life?

He asks Yahweh to give him life by Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:26**ULT**

²⁶ I recounted my ways, and you answered me. Teach me your statutes.

UST

²⁶ When I told you about all the things I did, you answered me; teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:27**ULT**

²⁷ Make me understand the way of your instructions, so that I can meditate on your wondrous works.

UST

²⁷ Help me to understand how you want me to behave, and then I will meditate on your amazing instructions.

Why does the writer want to understand the ways of Yahweh's instructions?

He wants to understand the ways of Yahweh's instructions so he can meditate on Yahweh's wondrous teachings.

Psalms 119:28**ULT**

²⁸ My inner being melts away from grief Lift me up by your word.

UST

²⁸ I am very sad, with the result that I have no strength; enable me to be strong again as you promised me that you would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:29**ULT**

²⁹ Turn from me the path of deceit; graciously give me your teaching.

UST

²⁹ Prevent me from telling lies, and be kind to me by teaching me your laws.

From what path does the writer ask Yahweh to turn the writer?

He asks Yahweh to turn him from the path of deceit.

Psalms 119:30**ULT**

³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have desired your judgments.

UST

³⁰ I have decided that I will faithfully obey you; I am determined to follow your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:31**ULT**

³¹ I cling to your testimonies; Yahweh, do not let me be shamed.

UST

³¹ Yahweh, I try to carefully cling to your requirements; do not abandon me or let me be disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:32**ULT**

³² I run in the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my heart.

UST

³² I will eagerly obey your commands because you have helped me understand better and better what you want me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:33**ULT**

³³ Teach me, Yahweh, the way of your statutes, and I will keep it to the end.

UST

³³ Yahweh, teach me the meaning of your statutes, and then I will completely obey them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:34**ULT**

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I will keep your teaching; I will observe it with all my heart.

UST

³⁴ Help me to understand your laws so that I may obey them with all my inner being.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:35**ULT**

³⁵ Guide me in the way of your commandments, for I delight in it.

UST

³⁵ I am happy with your commands, so lead me along the paths that you have chosen for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:36**ULT**

³⁶ Incline my heart toward your testimonies and not toward unrighteous gain.

UST

³⁶ Cause me to want to do what you command and not to want to become rich.

Where does the writer asks Yahweh to direct the writer's heart?

He asks Yahweh to direct his heart toward Yahweh's covenant decrees and away from unrighteous gain.

Psalms 119:37**ULT**

³⁷ Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things; in your ways, revive me.

UST

³⁷ Do not allow me to look at things that are worthless; make me able to live as you want me to live.

From what does the writer ask Yahweh to turn the writer's eyes?

He asks Yahweh to turn the writer's eyes from looking at worthless things.

Psalms 119:38**ULT**

³⁸ Fulfill for your servant your promises. that he may fear you.

UST

³⁸ Because I am one who serves you, do what you promised to do for me, which is what you also promise to do for all those who honor you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:39**ULT**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your judgments are good.

UST

³⁹ I become afraid when my enemies insult me; stop them! But you are right when you punish my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ Look, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness, revive me.

UST

⁴⁰ I very much desire to obey your principles of behavior; because you are righteous, allow me to continue to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:41**ULT**

⁴¹ May your steadfast love come, oh Yahweh— your salvation, according to your promise;

UST

⁴¹ Yahweh, show me that you faithfully love me, and rescue me as you promised you would.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:42**ULT**⁴² then I will answer the one who mocks me with a word, for I trust in your word.**UST**⁴² After you do that, I will be able to reply to those who insult me because I trust in your word.*(There are no questions for this verse.)***Psalms 119:43****ULT**⁴³ Do not utterly take the word of truth from my mouth, for I hope in your judgments.**UST**⁴³ Never prevent me from speaking your truth because I have confidence in your regulations.**What does the writer ask Yahweh to not take from his mouth?**

He asks Yahweh to not take the word of truth from his mouth.

Psalms 119:44**ULT**⁴⁴ I will observe your teaching continually, forever and ever.**UST**⁴⁴ I will always obey your laws forever and ever.*(There are no questions for this verse.)***Psalms 119:45****ULT**⁴⁵ I will walk in a broad path, for I seek your precepts.**UST**⁴⁵ I will always be safe because I have tried to obey your principles of behavior.**Why does the writer say that he will walk securely?**

He will walk securely because he seeks Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:46

ULT

⁴⁶ I will speak of your testimonies before kings, and I will not be ashamed.

UST

⁴⁶ I will tell to kings what you require, and because they are unable to prove me wrong, they will not cause me to be ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:47

ULT

⁴⁷ I delight in your commandments, which I love.

UST

⁴⁷ I am delighted to obey your commands, and I love them.

What does the writer says he dearly loves?

He dearly loves Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:48

ULT

⁴⁸ I will lift up my hands to your commandments, which I love; I will meditate on your statutes.

UST

⁴⁸ I respect your commandments, and I love them; I will meditate on everything you require us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant because you have given me hope.

UST

⁴⁹ Do not forget what you said you would do for me, the one who serves you, because what you have said has caused me to confidently expect good things from you.

What does the writer ask Yahweh to call to mind?

He asks Yahweh to call to mind his promise to his servant.

Psalms 119:50**ULT**

⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction: that your promise keeps me alive.

UST

⁵⁰ When I have been suffering, you comforted me; you did what you promised me, and that kept me alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:51**ULT**

⁵¹ The proud utterly scoff at me, from your teaching I do not turned aside.

UST

⁵¹ Proud people are always making fun of me, but I do not turn away from obeying your laws.

Even though the proud have scoffed at him, what has the writer not done?

The writer has not turned away from Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:52**ULT**

⁵² I remember your judgments from ancient times, Yahweh, and I comfort myself.

UST

⁵² Yahweh, when I think about your regulations that you gave to us long ago, I am comforted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:53**ULT**

⁵³ Hot anger has seized me because of the wicked who reject your teaching.

UST

⁵³ When I see wicked people disregard your laws, I become very angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:54**ULT**

⁵⁴ Your statutes are songs for me in the house where I temporarily live.

UST

⁵⁴ While I have been living here on the earth for a short time, I have written songs about your statutes.

The writer says Yahweh's statutes have been his songs in what kind of house?

Yahweh's statutes have been the writer's songs in the house where he temporarily lives.

Psalms 119:55**ULT**

⁵⁵ I remember your name during the night, Yahweh, and I observe your teaching.

UST

⁵⁵ Yahweh, during the night I think about you, and so I obey your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:56**ULT**

⁵⁶ This is for me because I keep your precepts.

UST

⁵⁶ What I have always done is to obey your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:57**ULT**

⁵⁷ Yahweh is my portion; I promise to observe your words.

UST

⁵⁷ Yahweh, you are the one whom I have chosen, and I promise to obey your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:58**ULT**

⁵⁸ I entreat your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to me according to your promises.

UST

⁵⁸ With all my inner being I plead with you to be good to me; act kindly to me as you promised that you would do.

With what did the writer request Yahweh's favor?

He earnestly requested Yahweh's favor with his whole heart.

Psalms 119:59**ULT**

⁵⁹ I examine my ways and turn my feet to your testimonies.

UST

⁵⁹ I have thought about my behavior, and I have decided to return to obeying your requirements.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:60**ULT**

⁶⁰ I hurry and do not delay to observe your commandments.

UST

⁶⁰ I hurry to obey your commands; I do not delay at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:61**ULT**

⁶¹ The cords of the wicked ensnare me; I do not forget your teaching.

UST

⁶¹ Wicked people have tried to seize me as a hunter tries to catch an animal with a net, but I do not forget your laws.

What has the writer not forgotten when the cords of the wicked ensnared him?

He has not forgotten Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:62**ULT**

⁶² In the middle of the night I rise to bring praise to you because of the judgments of your righteousness.

UST

⁶² In the middle of the night I awake, and I praise you for your commands because they are fair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:63**ULT**

⁶³ I am a companion to all who fear you, and observe your precepts.

UST

⁶³ I am a friend of all those who have an awesome respect for you, those who obey your principles of behavior.

The writer is a companion of what kind of people?

He is a companion of all who honor Yahweh, to all who observe his instructions.

Psalms 119:64**ULT**

⁶⁴ The earth is full of your steadfast love, Yahweh; teach me your statutes.

UST

⁶⁴ Yahweh, you faithfully love people all over the earth; teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:65**ULT**

⁶⁵ You do good to your servant, Yahweh, according to your word.

UST

⁶⁵ Yahweh, you have done good things for me as you promised that you would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:66**ULT**

⁶⁶ Teach me good discernment and understanding, for I trust in your commandments.

UST

⁶⁶ Teach me to think carefully before I decide what to do, and teach me other things that I need to know because I believe that it is right for us to obey your commands.

Why does the writer ask Yahweh to teach him proper discernment and understanding?

He asks Yahweh to teach him proper discernment and understanding because he has believed in Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:67**ULT**

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I observe your promises.

UST

⁶⁷ Before you afflicted me, I did things that were wrong, but now I obey your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:68**ULT**

⁶⁸ You are good, and you do good. Teach me your statutes.

UST

⁶⁸ You are very good, and what you do is good; teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:69**ULT**

⁶⁹ The arrogant smear me with lies, but I myself keep your precepts with my whole heart.

UST

⁶⁹ Proud people have told many lies about me, but as for me, I obey your principles of behavior.

What did the writer do when the arrogant smeared him with lies?

He kept Yahweh's instructions with his whole heart.

Psalms 119:70**ULT**

⁷⁰ Their hearts are unfeeling like fat, but I myself delight in your teaching.

UST

⁷⁰ Those people are stubborn, but as for me, I am delighted with your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:71**ULT**

⁷¹ It is good for me that I have suffered so that I would learn your statutes.

UST

⁷¹ It was good for me that you afflicted me because the result was that I learned your statutes.

Why does the writer say that it is good that he has suffered?

It was good for him to suffer so that he would learn Yahweh's statutes.

Psalms 119:72**ULT**

⁷² The teaching of your mouth is good to me, more than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.

UST

⁷² The laws that you give to us are worth more to me than gold, more than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.

The writer says that instruction from Yahweh's mouth is more precious to him than what?

Instruction from Yahweh's mouth is more precious to him than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.

Psalms 119:73**ULT**

⁷³ Your hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding so that I may learn your commandments.

UST

⁷³ You created me and formed my body; help me to be wise so that I may learn your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:74**ULT**

⁷⁴ May those who fear you see me and rejoice because I hope in your word.

UST

⁷⁴ Those who have an awesome respect for you will see what you have done for me, because they have confidence in the promises of your word.

Why does the writer say that those who honor Yahweh will be glad when they see the writer?

They will be glad when they see the writer because he found hope in Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:75**ULT**

⁷⁵ Yahweh, I know that your judgments are just, and in faithfulness you humble me.

UST

⁷⁵ Yahweh, I know that your regulations are right and that you have made me suffer because you love me without end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:76**ULT**

⁷⁶ Let your steadfast love be my comfort, just as your promises to your servant.

UST

⁷⁶ Comfort me by showing that you faithfully love me as you said to me that you would do.

How does the writer say that Yahweh afflicted him?

In faithfulness Yahweh afflicted him.

Psalms 119:77**ULT**

⁷⁷ May your grace come to me so that I may live, for your teaching is my delight.

UST

⁷⁷ Act mercifully to me so that I may continue to live because I am delighted with your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:78**ULT**

⁷⁸ Let the proud be put to shame, for they have accused me falsely; but as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.

UST

⁷⁸ Cause the proud people who falsely accuse me to be shamed; but as for me, I will continue meditating on what you have commanded I should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:79**ULT**

⁷⁹ May those who fear you turn to me, also those who know your testimonies.

UST

⁷⁹ Cause those who have an awesome respect for you to come back to me so that they may learn what you command.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:80**ULT**

⁸⁰ May my heart be blameless with respect to your statutes, so that I may not be put to shame.

UST

⁸⁰ Enable me to perfectly obey your statutes so that I may not be ashamed because of not doing that.

The writer asks that his heart may be blameless with respect to Yahweh's statutes so that what might not happen?

He wants his heart be blameless with respect to Yahweh's statutes so that the writer may not be put to shame.

Psalms 119:81**ULT**

⁸¹ My inner being faints with longing for your salvation! I hope for your word.

UST

⁸¹ I am waiting for you to save me from my enemies; I confidently expect that you will tell me what you will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:82**ULT**

⁸² My eyes faint with longing for your promise; saying, "When will you comfort me?"

UST

⁸² My eyes are tired from waiting a long time for you to do what you promised that you would do, and I ask, "When will you help me?"

What do the writers' eyes long to see?

His eyes long to see Yahweh's promise.

Psalms 119:83**ULT**

⁸³ For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke; I do not forget your statutes.

UST

⁸³ I have become as useless as a wineskin that is shriveled from hanging a long time in the smoke inside a house, but I have not forgotten your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:84**ULT**

⁸⁴ How long must your servant endure this; when will you act in pursuit of justice for me?

UST

⁸⁴ How long must I wait? When will you punish those who persecute me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:85**ULT**

⁸⁵ The proud have dug pits for me, which is not according to your teaching.

UST

⁸⁵ It is as though proud people, those who do not obey your laws, have dug deep pits for me to fall into.

How have the proud defied Yahweh's law?

The proud have dug pits for the writer, defying Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:86**ULT**

⁸⁶ All your commandments are true; they pursue me deceitfully; help me.

UST

⁸⁶ All your commands are trustworthy; but people are persecuting me by telling lies about me, so please help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:87**ULT**

⁸⁷ They have almost made an end to me in the land, but as for me, I do not reject your instructions.

UST

⁸⁷ Those people almost killed me, but I have not stopped obeying your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:88**ULT**

⁸⁸ According to your steadfast love, keep me alive, so that I may observe the testimonies of your mouth.

UST

⁸⁸ Because you faithfully love me, allow me to continue to live so that I may continue to obey your requirements that you have spoken.

The writer prays that Yahweh would keep him alive so that the writer may do what?

He asks Yahweh to keep him alive so that he may keep the covenant decrees that Yahweh's has spoken.

Psalms 119:89**ULT**

⁸⁹ Forever, Yahweh, your word stands in the heavens.

UST

⁸⁹ Yahweh, your word will last forever; it is firmly fixed in heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:90**ULT**

⁹⁰ Your faithfulness lasts from generation to generation; you have established the earth, and it stands.

UST

⁹⁰ You will faithfully continue to act for people who are not yet born; you have put the earth in its place, and it remains firmly there.

How long does Yahweh's faithfulness last?

Yahweh's faithfulness lasts for all generations.

Psalms 119:91**ULT**

⁹¹ They stand for your judgments today, for all things are your servants.

UST

⁹¹ To this day, all things on the earth remain because you decided that they should remain; everything on the earth serves you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:92**ULT**

⁹² If your teaching had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction.

UST

⁹² If I had not been delighted in obeying your laws, I would have died because of what I was suffering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:93**ULT**

⁹³ I will not forget your precepts forever, for through them you have preserved me alive.

UST

⁹³ I will never forget your principles of behavior because as a result of my obeying them, you have enabled me to continue to live.

Why will the writer never forget Yahweh's instructions?

He will never forget Yahweh's instructions, for through them Yahweh has kept him alive.

Psalms 119:94**ULT**

⁹⁴ I am yours; save me, for I seek your precepts.

UST

⁹⁴ I belong to you; save me from my enemies because I have tried to obey your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:95**ULT**

⁹⁵ The wicked wait for me in order to destroy me, but I seek to understand your testimonies.

UST

⁹⁵ Wicked men are waiting to kill me, but I will think about your requirements.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:96**ULT**

⁹⁶ I have seen an end for all perfection; your commandments are very broad.

UST

⁹⁶ I have learned that there is a limit for everything, but your commands have no limit.

What is the only thing that does not have limits?

Yahweh's commandments are broad, beyond limits.

Psalms 119:97**ULT**

⁹⁷ Oh how I love your teaching! It is my meditation all day long.

UST

⁹⁷ I love your laws very much. I meditate on them all during the day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:98**ULT**

⁹⁸ Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for it is with me forever.

UST

⁹⁸ Because I know your commands and because I think about them all the time, I have become wiser than my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:99**ULT**

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

UST

⁹⁹ I understand more than my teachers do because I meditate on what you command.

Why does the writer say he has more understanding than all his teachers?

He has more understanding than all his teachers, for he meditates on Yahweh's covenant decrees.

Psalms 119:100**ULT**

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the elders; for I have kept your precepts.

UST

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than many old people do because I obey your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:101**ULT**

¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every path of evil so that I might observe your word.

UST

¹⁰¹ I have avoided all evil behavior so that I may obey your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:102**ULT**

¹⁰² I have not turned aside from your judgments, for you alone have instructed me.

UST

¹⁰² I have not refused to obey them because you have taught me while I have studied them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:103**ULT**

¹⁰³ How sweet are your promises to my taste, yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

UST

¹⁰³ When I read your words, they are like honey that I eat; yes, they are even sweeter than honey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:104**ULT**

¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I gain understanding; therefore I hate every path of falsehood.

UST

¹⁰⁴ Because I have learned your principles of behavior, I am able to understand many things; therefore I hate all evil things that some people do.

The writer says Yahweh's words are sweeter than what?

Yahweh's words are sweeter than honey to the writer's mouth!

Psalms 119:105**ULT**

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

UST

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to guide me; it is like a light that shows me where to walk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:106**ULT**

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and have confirmed it, that I will observe your righteous judgments.

UST

¹⁰⁶ I have solemnly promised, and I am solemnly promising it again, that I will always obey your regulations; they are all fair.

What one thing has the writer sworn and confirmed?

He has sworn and has confirmed that he will observe Yahweh's decrees.

Psalms 119:107**ULT**

¹⁰⁷ I am very afflicted; keep me alive, Yahweh, according to your word.

UST

¹⁰⁷ Yahweh, I am suffering very much; cause me to be strong again as you have promised to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:108**ULT**

¹⁰⁸ Yahweh, please accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, and teach me your judgments.

UST

¹⁰⁸ Yahweh, when I thank you while I pray, it is like a sacrifice to you; please accept it, and teach me your regulations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:109**ULT**

¹⁰⁹ My life is in my palm continually, yet I do not forget your teaching.

UST

¹⁰⁹ My enemies are often trying to kill me, but I do not forget your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:110**ULT**

¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts.

UST

¹¹⁰ Wicked people have tried to seize me as a hunter tries to catch little animals with a trap, but I have not disobeyed your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:111**ULT**

¹¹¹ I claim your testimonies as my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

UST

¹¹¹ I have your requirements forever; because of them, I am joyful in my inner being.

What does the writer claim as his heritage forever and the joy of his heart?

He claims Yahweh's covenant decrees as his heritage forever, for they are the joy of his heart.

Psalms 119:112**ULT**

¹¹² I incline my heart to do your statutes forever, to the end!

UST

¹¹² I have decided to always obey your commands, every one of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:113**ULT**

¹¹³ I hate double-minded people, but I love your teaching.

UST

¹¹³ I hate people who only say they love you, but I love your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:114**ULT**

114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.

UST

114 You are like a place where I can hide from my enemies, and you are like a shield behind which I am protected from them; I trust in your promises.

Since Yahweh is his hiding place and his shield, what is the writer waiting for?

The writer is waiting for Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:115**ULT**

115 Get away from me, you evil doers, so that I may observe the commandments of my God.

UST

115 You evil people, go away from me so than I may obey my God's commands!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:116**ULT**

116 Sustain me by your word so that I may live and do not make me ashamed of my expectation.

UST

116 Enable me to be strong as you promised that you would do, so that I may continue to live. I am confidently expecting that you will restore me; do not disappoint me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:117**ULT**

117 Sustain me, and I will be saved; And, I will gaze on your statutes continually.

UST

117 Hold me up so that I may be safe and always pay attention to your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:118**ULT**

118 You reject all those who stray from your statutes, for their deception is in vain.

UST

118 You reject all those who disobey your statutes; because they make deceitful plans and they do not keep their word.

Why does Yahweh reject all those who stray from his statutes?

He rejects all those who stray from his statutes, for those people are deceptive and unreliable.

Psalms 119:119**ULT**

119 You remove all the wicked of the earth like dross; therefore I love your testimonies.

UST

119 You get rid of all the wicked people on the earth as people get rid of trash; therefore I love your requirements.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:120**ULT**

120 My body trembles in fear of you, and I fear of your judgments.

UST

120 I tremble because I am afraid of you; I am afraid because you punish those who do not obey your regulations.

In fear of what does the writer's body tremble?

His body trembles in fear of Yahweh.

Psalms 119:121**ULT**

¹²¹ I do justice and righteousness; do not abandon me to my oppressors.

UST

¹²¹ But I have done what is right and fair; so do not allow people to oppress me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:122**ULT**

¹²² Ensure goodness for your servant; do not let the proud oppress me.

UST

¹²² Be responsible for doing good things for me, and do not allow proud people to oppress me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:123**ULT**

¹²³ My eyes faint for your salvation and for the promise of your righteousness.

UST

¹²³ My eyes are tired from waiting a long time for you to rescue me, for you to save me as you promised that you would.

For what does the writer wait as his eyes grow tired?

He waits for Yahweh's salvation and for his righteous word.

Psalms 119:124**ULT**

¹²⁴ Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes.

UST

¹²⁴ Do something for me to show that you faithfully love me, and teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:125**ULT**

¹²⁵ I am your servant; give me understanding so that I may know your testimonies.

UST

¹²⁵ I am one who serves you; enable me to understand what you want me to know so that I may learn your requirements.

Why does the writer ask Yahweh for understanding?

He asks for understanding so that he might know Yahweh's covenant decrees.

Psalms 119:126**ULT**

¹²⁶ It is time for Yahweh to act, they break your teaching.

UST

¹²⁶ Yahweh, now is the time for you to punish people because they have disobeyed your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:127**ULT**

¹²⁷ Therefore, I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.

UST

¹²⁷ Truly, I love your commands more than I love gold; I love them more than I love very pure gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:128**ULT**

¹²⁸ Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right in everything. I hate every path of falsehood.

UST

¹²⁸ So I conduct my life by your principles of behavior, and I hate all the evil things that some people do.

What does the writer hate?

He hates every path of falsehood.

Psalms 119:129**ULT**

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful. Therefore, I obey them.

UST

¹²⁹ Your requirements are wonderful, so I obey them with all my inner being.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:130**ULT**

¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the untrained.

UST

¹³⁰ When someone explains your words, it is as though they are lighting a light; what they say causes even people who have not learned your laws to be wise.

What does the unfolding of Yahweh's words give?

The unfolding of Yahweh's words gives light, and understanding to the untrained.

Psalms 119:131**ULT**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant, for I long for your commandments.

UST

¹³¹ I eagerly desire to know your commands as a dog pants with its mouth open, wanting to be fed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:132**ULT**

¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me according to justice, to those who love your name.

UST

¹³² Listen to me and act kindly to me as you do to all those who love you.

What does Yahweh always do for those who love his name?

Yahweh always turns to them and has mercy on them.

Psalms 119:133**ULT**

¹³³ Establish my footsteps in your promises; and do not let any iniquity rule over me.

UST

¹³³ Guide me as you promised; do not allow evil people to control what I do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:134**ULT**

¹³⁴ Ransom me from the oppression of man so that I may observe your precepts.

UST

¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me so that I may obey your principles of behavior.

Why does the writer ask Yahweh redeem him from human oppression?

He asks Yahweh to redeem him so that he might observe Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:135**ULT**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your statutes.

UST

¹³⁵ Act kindly toward me and teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:136**ULT**

¹³⁶ Channels of water run down from my eyes because they do not observe your teaching.

UST

¹³⁶ I cry very much because many people do not obey your laws.

Why do streams of tears run down from the writer's eyes?

Streams of tears run down from his eyes because people do not observe Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:137**ULT**

¹³⁷ You are righteous, Yahweh, and your judgments are upright.

UST

¹³⁷ Yahweh, you are righteous and your regulations are just.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:138**ULT**

¹³⁸ You command your testimonies righteously and very faithfully.

UST

¹³⁸ You did what was right when you gave us the laws of your covenant promise, and you can be trusted when you made those promises to us.

In what way has Yahweh given his covenant decrees?

Yahweh has given his covenant decrees righteously and faithfully.

Psalms 119:139**ULT**

¹³⁹ My jealousy has destroyed me because my adversaries forget your words.

UST

¹³⁹ I am furious because my enemies disregard your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:140**ULT**

¹⁴⁰ Your promise is well refined, and your servant loves it.

UST

¹⁴⁰ I have found that your promises are dependable, and I love them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:141**ULT**

¹⁴¹ I am little and despised. I do not forget your instructions.

UST

¹⁴¹ I am not important, and people despise me, but I do not forget your principles of behavior.

What does the writer not do despite the fact that he is insignificant and despised?

He does not forget Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:142**ULT**

¹⁴² Your righteousness is right forever, and your instruction is true.

UST

¹⁴² You are righteous and you will be righteous forever, and your laws will never be changed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:143**ULT**

¹⁴³ Distress and anguish have found me. your commandments are my delight.

UST

¹⁴³ I constantly have troubles and I am worried, but your commands cause me to be happy.

What are Yahweh's commandments to the writer, even though distress and anguish have found him?

Though distress and anguish have found him, Yahweh's commandments are still his delight.

Psalms 119:144**ULT**

¹⁴⁴ Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

UST

¹⁴⁴ Your requirements are always fair; help me to understand them so that I may continue to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:145**ULT**

¹⁴⁵ I cried out with my whole heart, "Answer me, Yahweh, I will keep your statutes.

UST

¹⁴⁵ Yahweh, with all my inner being I call out to you; answer me and I will obey your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:146**ULT**

¹⁴⁶ I call to you; save me, so that I may observe your testimonies.

UST

¹⁴⁶ I call out to you, "Save me, and I will keep your commandments."

What will the writer do if Yahweh saves him?

He will observe Yahweh's covenant decrees.

Psalms 119:147**ULT**

¹⁴⁷ I rise before the dawn and cry for help. I hope in your words.

UST

¹⁴⁷ Each morning I arise before dawn and call to you to help me; I confidently expect you to do what you have promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:148**ULT**

¹⁴⁸ My eyes are open during the night watches in order to meditate on your promise.

UST

¹⁴⁸ All during the night I am awake, and I meditate on your commands and your promises.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:149**ULT**

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; Yahweh, according to your judgment preserve my life.

UST

¹⁴⁹ Yahweh, because you faithfully love me, listen to me while I pray; keep me safe because I keep your regulations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:150**ULT**

¹⁵⁰ Those pursuing wickedness are coming near. They wander far from your teaching.

UST

¹⁵⁰ Those evil people who oppress me are coming closer to me; they do not pay any attention to your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:151**ULT**

¹⁵¹ You are near, Yahweh, and all your commandments are true.

UST

¹⁵¹ But Yahweh, you are near to me, and I know that your commands will never be changed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:152**ULT**

¹⁵² Long ago I learned from your testimonies that you had established them forever.

UST

¹⁵² Long ago I found out about your requirements, and I know that you intended them to last forever.

What did the writer learn long ago from Yahweh's covenant decrees?

He learned that Yahweh had set his covenant decrees in place forever.

Psalms 119:153**ULT**

¹⁵³ Look on my affliction and rescue me, for I do not forget your teaching.

UST

¹⁵³ Look at me, see that I am suffering very much, and heal me because I do not forget your laws.

Why does writer say that Yahweh should look on his affliction and help him?

Yahweh should help him because the writer does not forget Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:154**ULT**

¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause and redeem me; preserve me for your promise.

UST

¹⁵⁴ Defend me when others accuse me and rescue me from them; allow me to continue to live as you promised that you would.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:155**ULT**

¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not pursue your statutes.

UST

¹⁵⁵ Wicked people do not obey your statutes, so you will certainly not save them.

Why is salvation far from the wicked?

Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not love Yahweh's statutes.

Psalms 119:156**ULT**

¹⁵⁶ Your mercies are many, Yahweh; according to your judgments, preserve me.

UST

¹⁵⁶ Yahweh, you have been merciful by helping me in many ways; allow me to continue to live as you have done until now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:157**ULT**

¹⁵⁷ My pursuers and my adversaries are many; from your testimonies I have not turned.

UST

¹⁵⁷ Many people are my enemies; many people cause me to suffer, but I do not neglect your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:158**ULT**

¹⁵⁸ I see the treacherous and I despise it because they do not observe your promise.

UST

¹⁵⁸ When I look at those who are not faithful to you, I am disgusted because they do not obey your requirements.

Why does the writer view the treacherous with disgust?

He views the treacherous with disgust because they do not observe Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:159**ULT**

¹⁵⁹ See that I love your precepts; Yahweh, according to your steadfast love, preserve me.

UST

¹⁵⁹ Yahweh, notice that I love your principles of behavior; because you faithfully love me, allow me to continue to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:160**ULT**¹⁶⁰ The head of your word is truth, and all of your righteous judgments lasts forever.**UST**¹⁶⁰ I can rely on everything that you have said; all your regulations will endure forever.**How long does every one of Yahweh's decrees last?**

Every one of Yahweh's decrees lasts forever.

Psalms 119:161**ULT**¹⁶¹ Commanders pursue me without cause, but from your word my heart trembles**UST**¹⁶¹ Rulers persecute me for no reason, but in my inner being I have a very awesome respect for your words.**Of what is the writer afraid when the princes persecute him without cause?**

He is afraid of disobeying Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:162**ULT**¹⁶² I rejoice on account of your promise, like one who finds great plunder.**UST**¹⁶² I am happy about your words, as happy as someone who has found a great treasure.*(There are no questions for this verse.)***Psalms 119:163****ULT**¹⁶³ I hate falsehood, and I loathe it. I love your instruction.**UST**¹⁶³ I thoroughly hate all lies but I love your laws.*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

Psalms 119:164**ULT**

¹⁶⁴ Seven times in a day I praise you on account of your righteous judgments.

UST

¹⁶⁴ I praise you seven times a day for your commandments because they are all just.

How often does the writer praise Yahweh because of his righteous decrees?

He praises Yahweh seven times a day.

Psalms 119:165**ULT**

¹⁶⁵ Great peace is for those who love your instruction; there is no stumbling for them.

UST

¹⁶⁵ Things go well for those who love your laws; nothing will make them abandon your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:166**ULT**

¹⁶⁶ I wait for your salvation, Yahweh, and I do your commandments.

UST

¹⁶⁶ Yahweh, I confidently expect that you will rescue me from my troubles, and I obey your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:167**ULT**

¹⁶⁷ My life keeps your testimonies, and I love them greatly.

UST

¹⁶⁷ I obey what you require us to do; I love it all very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:168**ULT**

¹⁶⁸ I keep your precepts and your testimonies, for all my ways are before you.

UST

¹⁶⁸ I obey your principles of behavior, and you see everything that I do.

Why does the writer keep Yahweh's instructions and solemn commands?

He keeps Yahweh's instructions and solemn commands because Yahweh is aware of everything the writer does.

Psalms 119:169**ULT**

¹⁶⁹ My plea comes near to your face, Yahweh; give me understanding into your word.

UST

¹⁶⁹ Yahweh, listen while I pray for you to help me; help me to understand your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:170**ULT**

¹⁷⁰ May my supplication come before your face; according to your promise, rescue me.

UST

¹⁷⁰ Hear me while I pray, and rescue me as you said you would.

What did Yahweh promise in his word to do?

Yahweh promised in his word to help the writer as his plea comes before Yahweh.

Psalms 119:171**ULT**

¹⁷¹ May my lips pour out praise, for you teach me your statutes.

UST

¹⁷¹ I will always praise you because you teach me your rules.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:172**ULT**

¹⁷² Let my tongue sing about your promise, for all your commandments are right.

UST

¹⁷² I will sing about your words because all your commands are just.

Why does the writer ask Yahweh to let his tongue sing about Yahweh's word?

He wants his tongue to sing about Yahweh's word because all Yahweh's commandments are right.

Psalms 119:173**ULT**

¹⁷³ Let your hand be for my help, for I have chosen your precepts.

UST

¹⁷³ I request you to always be ready to help me because I have chosen to obey your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:174**ULT**

¹⁷⁴ I long for your salvation, Yahweh, and your teaching is my delight.

UST

¹⁷⁴ Yahweh, I eagerly desire for you to rescue me from my enemies; I am delighted with your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:175**ULT**

¹⁷⁵ May I live and praise you, and may your judgments help me.

UST

¹⁷⁵ Allow me to continue to live in order that I can continue to praise you so that your regulations will continue to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:176

ULT

176 I have wandered off like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commandments.

UST

176 I have sinned and turned away from you like a sheep that has left its flock; search for me because I have not forgotten your commands.

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do when the writer has wandered off like a lost sheep?

He asks Yahweh to seek his servant, for he has not forgotten Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 120

Psalms 120:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents In my distress I called out to Yahweh, and he answered me.

UST

¹ When I was distressed, I called out to Yahweh and he answered me.

What did Yahweh do when the writer called out in distress?

The writer says that Yahweh answered him.

Psalms 120:2

ULT

² Rescue my life, Yahweh, from those who lie with their lips and deceive with their tongues.

UST

² I prayed, "Yahweh, rescue me from those who lie to me and try to deceive me!"

What is the writer asking Yahweh to do for his soul?

The writer is asking Yahweh to rescue his soul from those who lie with and deceive with their tongues.

Psalms 120:3

ULT

³ What shall be given to you, and what more will he do to you, you who have a lying tongue?

UST

³ You people who lie to me, I will tell you what God will do to you and what he will do to punish you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 120:4**ULT**

⁴ He will punish you with the arrows of a warrior sharpened over burning coals of the broom tree.

UST

⁴ He will punish you when soldiers shoot sharp arrows at you; arrows that were hardened and made sharp over hot coals from the wood of a broom tree.

What is the writer telling the people that Yahweh will do to those with a deceitful tongue?

Yahweh will shoot them with sharp arrows and with arrowheads heated over the hot coals from wood of the broom tree.

Psalms 120:5**ULT**

⁵ Woe is me because I temporarily live in Meshech; I lived previously among the tents of Kedar.

UST

⁵ It is terrible for me, living among cruel people like those who live in the regions of Meshech or Kedar.

Where does the writer say that he has temporarily lived and previously lived?

The writer says that he temporarily lived in Meshech and previously lived among the tents of Kedar.

Psalms 120:6**ULT**

⁶ For too long I have lived with those who hate peace.

UST

⁶ I have lived for a long time among people who hate to live with others peacefully.

What does the writer say about peace? (vv6-7)

The writer says that he has lived for too long with those who hate peace and he is for peace.

Psalms 120:7

ULT

⁷ I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war.

UST

⁷ Every time I talk about living together peacefully, they talk about starting a war.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 121

Psalms 121:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents I will lift up my eyes to the mountains. From where will my help come?

UST

¹ When we travel toward Jerusalem, I look up toward the hills and I ask myself, "Who will help me?"

What will the writer lift his eyes up to?

The writer says he will lift up his eyes to the mountains.

Psalms 121:2

ULT

² My help comes from Yahweh, who made heaven and earth.

UST

² My answer is that Yahweh is the one who helps me; he is the one who made heaven and the earth.

From whom does the writer say his help comes?

The writer says his help comes from Yahweh.

Psalms 121:3

ULT

³ He will not allow your foot to slip; he who protects you will not slumber.

UST

³ He will not allow us to fall; God, who protects us, will not fall asleep.

How will Yahweh help the writer?

Yahweh will not allow the writer's foot to slip and will protect him.

Psalms 121:4**ULT**

⁴ See, the guardian of Israel never slumbers or sleeps.

UST

⁴ The one who protects us Israelite people never gets sleepy or sleeps.

What does the writer say the guardian of Israel never does?

The guardian of Israel never slumbers or sleeps.

Who is Israel's guardian and shade?

Yahweh is Israel's guardian and the shade at their right hand.

Psalms 121:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh is your guardian; Yahweh is the shade at your right hand.

UST

⁵ Yahweh watches over us; he is like the shade that protects us from the sun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 121:6**ULT**

⁶ The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

UST

⁶ He will not allow the sun to harm us during the day, and he will not allow the moon to harm us during the night.

What will not harm Israel?

The sun will not harm them by day nor the moon by night.

Psalms 121:7

ULT

⁷ Yahweh will protect you from all harm, and he will protect your life.

UST

⁷ Yahweh will protect us from being harmed in any manner; he will keep us safe.

Who will protect Israel from all evil, keep their soul, and protect them in all they do? (vv7-8)

Yahweh will protect them from all evil, keep their soul and protect them in all they do.

Psalms 121:8

ULT

⁸ Yahweh will protect you in your going out and your coming in now and forevermore.

UST

⁸ He will protect us from the time that we leave our houses in the morning until we return in the evening; he will protect us now and he will protect us forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 122

Psalms 122:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents of David I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of Yahweh."

UST

¹ I was glad when people said to me, "We should go to the temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem!"

What was said to David to make him glad?

"Let us go to the house of Yahweh" was said to David.

Psalms 122:2

ULT

² Jerusalem, our feet are standing within your gates!

UST

² Now we are here, standing inside the gates of Jerusalem.

Where are the people's feet standing?

Their feet are standing inside the gates of Jerusalem.

Psalms 122:3

ULT

³ Jerusalem, they have built as a city unitedly together.

UST

³ We can see that Jerusalem was a carefully built city. Every part of the city was built to fit together within the city as a whole.

How was Jerusalem built?

Jerusalem was built like a city that is compact together.

Psalms 122:4**ULT**

⁴ The tribes go up to Jerusalem—the tribes of Yahweh— as a testimony for Israel, to give thanks to the name of Yahweh.

UST

⁴ We people of the tribes of Israel who belong to Yahweh can now go up there, as Yahweh commanded that we should do, so we can thank him.

Why did the tribes go up to Jerusalem?

The tribes go up to Jerusalem to give thanks to the name of Yahweh.

Psalms 122:5**ULT**

⁵ For there thrones of judgment were set, thrones of the house of David.

UST

⁵ There are the thrones, the thrones that the kings of Israel sat when they ruled Israel. These are the thrones of the descendants of King David.

Why do the leaders sit on thrones in Jerusalem?

The leaders sit on thrones for judgement for the house of David.

Psalms 122:6**ULT**

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May those who love you have peace.

UST

⁶ Pray that there will be peace in Jerusalem! "I pray that those who love Jerusalem will succeed in life.

What will happen to those who love Jerusalem?

Those who love Jerusalem will prosper.

Psalms 122:7**ULT**

⁷ May there be peace within the walls that defend you, and may they have peace within your fortresses."

UST

⁷ I pray that there may be peace inside the walls of the city and that people who are inside the palaces may be safe."

What does David want to be within the walls and towers of Jerusalem?

He wants there to be peace within the walls and prosperity within the towers.

Psalms 122:8**ULT**

⁸ For the sake of my brothers and my friends I will say, "May there be peace within you."

UST

⁸ For the sake of my relatives and friends, "I pray that people will live peacefully inside Jerusalem."

For whose sake will David say, "May there be peace in you."?

David says this for the sake of his brothers and companions.

Psalms 122:9**ULT**

⁹ For the sake of the house of Yahweh our God, I will seek good for you.

UST

⁹ And because I love the temple of Yahweh our God, "I pray that things will go well for the people who live in Jerusalem."

Why does David say he will pray for Jerusalem's good?

He will pray for Jerusalem's good for he sake of the house of Yahweh.

Psalms 123

Psalms 123:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents To you I lift up my eyes, you who are enthroned in the heavens.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I look up toward you, up to heaven, from where you rule.

To whom does the writer lift up his eyes?

The writer lifts up his eye to the one who is enthroned in the heavens.

Psalms 123:2

ULT

² See, as the eyes of servants look to their master's hand, as the eyes of a maid look to her mistress's hand, so our eyes look to Yahweh our God until he has mercy on us.

UST

² As servants ask their masters for what they need and as maids ask their mistresses for what they need, we ask you, Yahweh our God, for what we need, until you act mercifully toward us.

How long do the eyes of the people look to Yahweh their God?

They look to Yahweh until he has mercy on them.

Psalms 123:3

ULT

³ Have mercy on us, Yahweh, have mercy on us, for we are exceedingly filled with humiliation.

UST

³ Yahweh, act very mercifully toward us because our enemies have acted very contemptuously toward us.

Why do the people ask Yahweh to have mercy on them? (vv3-4)

The people are filled with humiliation, they are more than full of the scoffing of the insolent and with the contempt of the proud.

Psalms 123:4

ULT

⁴ We are more than full of the scoffing of the insolent and with the contempt of the proud.

UST

⁴ Arrogant people have made fun of us for a long time, and proud people have oppressed us and have acted as though we were worthless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 124

Psalms 124:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents of David "If Yahweh had not been on our side," let Israel say now,

UST

¹ You Israelite people, answer this question: What would have happened to us if Yahweh had not been helping us?

What would have happened if Yahweh had not been on the side of Israel when men rose up against them? (vv1-3)

If Yahweh had not been on the side of Israel, the men who rose up against them would have swallowed them up alive.

Psalms 124:2

ULT

² "if it had not been Yahweh who was on our side when men rose up against us,

UST

² When our enemies attacked us, if Yahweh had not been fighting for us,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 124:3

ULT

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive when their anger raged against us.

UST

³ we would have all been killed because they were very angry with us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 124:4**ULT**

⁴ Then the water would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us.

UST

⁴ They would have been like a flood of water sweeping us away; it would have been as though the water had covered us,

What would the water, torrent and raging waters have done to Israel? (vv4-5)

The water would have swept them away, the torrent would have overwhelmed them, and the raging waters would have drowned them.

Psalms 124:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the raging waters would have gone over us."

UST

⁵ and we would all have drowned in the flood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 124:6**ULT**

⁶ Blessed be Yahweh, who has not allowed us to be torn by their teeth.

UST

⁶ But we praise Yahweh because he has not allowed our enemies to destroy us.

What did the people do after Yahweh did not allow them to be torn by their enemy's teeth?

The people blessed Yahweh.

Psalms 124:7

ULT

⁷ We have escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowlers; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

UST

⁷ We have escaped from our enemies as a bird escapes from the trap that hunters have set; it is as though the trap that our enemies set for us was broken and we have escaped from it!

What is the escape of the Israelites like?

Their escape is like a bird out of the snare of the fowlers.

Psalms 124:8

ULT

⁸ Our help is in the name of Yahweh, who made heaven and earth.

UST

⁸ Yahweh is the one who helps us; he is the one who made heaven and the earth.

From where does David say the Israelite's help comes?

Their help comes from Yahweh who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 125

Psalms 125:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents Those who trust in Yahweh are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken, forever enduring.

UST

¹ Those who trust in Yahweh are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken or moved out of its place.

What are those who trust in Yahweh like?

They are like Mount Zion, unshakable and forever enduring.

Psalms 125:2

ULT

² As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people now and forever.

UST

² As the hills that surround Jerusalem protect it, so Yahweh protects us, his people, and he will protect us forever.

To what does the writer compare the way that Yahweh surrounds his people?

The writer compares the way Yahweh surrounds his people to the mountains that surround Jerusalem, now and forever.

Psalms 125:3

ULT

³ The scepter of wickedness must not rest on the land allotted to the righteous. Otherwise the righteous might reach out their hands to do what is wrong.

UST

³ Wicked people should not be allowed to rule over the land where righteous people live. If they did that, those righteous people would think of doing wrong themselves.

What must not rule in the land of the righteous?

The scepter of wickedness must not rule in the land of the righteous.

Psalms 125:4**ULT**

⁴ Do good, Yahweh, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts.

UST

⁴ Yahweh, do good things to those who do good things to others and to those who sincerely obey your commands.

To whom does the writer request that Yahweh do good?

He requests that Yahweh do good to those who are upright in their hearts.

Psalms 125:5**ULT**

⁵ But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways, Yahweh will lead them away with those who do evil. May peace be on Israel.

UST

⁵ But when you punish the Israelites who no longer obey you, you will punish them the same as you punish all the other evildoers. I wish that things may go well for people in Israel!

What will happen to those who turn aside to their crooked ways?

Yahweh will lead them away with the evildoers.

What does the writer want to be on Israel?

The writer wants there to be peace on Israel.

Psalms 126

Psalms 126:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents When Yahweh restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

UST

¹ When Yahweh made Jerusalem prosperous again, it was wonderful; it seemed as though we were dreaming.

What did it seem like when Yahweh restored well being to Zion?

It seemed like they were those who dream.

Psalms 126:2

ULT

² Then our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with singing. Then they said among the nations, "Yahweh has done great things for them."

UST

² We were extremely happy, and we continued shouting joyfully. Then the other people groups said about us, "Yahweh has done great things for them!"

What filled the mouth of the people when Yahweh restored well being to Zion? (vv2-3)

Their mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with singing.

Psalms 126:3

ULT

³ Yahweh did great things for us; how glad we were!

UST

³ We said, "Yes, Yahweh truly has done great things for us, and we are very happy."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 126:4**ULT**

⁴ Restore our fortunes, Yahweh, like the streams in the Negev.

UST

⁴ Restore us, O Yahweh, like the rains that fill the streams in the southern Judean wilderness. Enable our nation to become great again like it was before.

What does the writer request of Yahweh?

The writer requests that Yahweh restore their fortunes.

Psalms 126:5**ULT**

⁵ Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy.

UST

⁵ We cried when we planted seeds because it was hard work preparing the soil that had not been plowed for many years; now we want to shout joyfully because we are gathering a big harvest.

What will happen to those who sow in tears?

They will reap with shouts of joy.

Psalms 126:6**ULT**

⁶ He who goes out weeping, carrying seed for sowing, will return again with shouts of joy, bringing his bundles of grain with him.

UST

⁶ Those who cried as they carried the bags of seeds to the fields will shout joyfully when they bring the crops to their houses at harvest time.

What will happen to the person who goes out weeping and carrying seed for sowing?

He will return with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalms 127

Psalms 127:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents of Solomon If Yahweh is not the builder of the house, they work uselessly, those who build it. If it is not Yahweh who guards the city, the watchman stands guard uselessly.

UST

¹ If people are building a house without Yahweh helping them, they are building it in vain. Similarly, if Yahweh does not protect a city, it is useless for guards to stay awake at night.

What happens if Yahweh does not build the house and does not guard the city?

When Yahweh does not build the house those who build it work uselessly and if Yahweh does not guard the city the watchman stands guard uselessly.

Psalms 127:2

ULT

² It is useless for you to rise up early, to come home late, or to eat the bread of hard work, for Yahweh provides for his beloved as they sleep.

UST

² It is also useless to arise very early and go to sleep late at night so that you can work hard all day to earn money to buy food because Yahweh gives food to those whom he loves even while they sleep.

What does Yahweh give to his beloved?

Yahweh gives his beloved sleep.

Psalms 127:3

ULT

³ See, children are a heritage from Yahweh, and the fruit of the womb is a reward.

UST

³ Children are a gift that comes to parents from Yahweh; they are a reward from him.

What are a heritage and a reward from Yahweh?

Children are a heritage and the fruit of the womb is a reward from Yahweh.

Psalms 127:4**ULT**

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.

UST

⁴ If a man has sons while he is still young, when they grow up, they will be able to help him defend his family as a soldier can defend himself if he has a bow and arrows in his hand.

What are the children of one's youth like?

Children are like arrows in the hand of the warrior.

Psalms 127:5**ULT**

⁵ How blessed is the man that has his quiver full of them. He will not be put to shame when he confronts his enemies in the gate.

UST

⁵ How fortunate is a man who has many sons; he is like a soldier who has many arrows in his quiver. If a man with his many grown sons is taken by his enemies to the place where they decide matters, his enemies will never be able to defeat that man because his sons will help to defend him.

When will the blessed man, who has his quiver full of children, not be put to shame?

He will not be put to shame when he confronts his enemies in the gate.

Psalms 128

Psalms 128:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents Blessed is everyone who honors Yahweh, who walks in his ways.

UST

¹ How fortunate are you who have an awesome respect for him and do what he wants you to do.

What happens to those who honor Yahweh and walk in his ways?

Everyone who honors Yahweh and walks in his ways is blessed.

Psalms 128:2

ULT

² When you eat the labor of your hands, you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper.

UST

² You will be able to enjoy the food you provide yourself with; you will be fortunate and prosperous.

What does the writer say will happen to the person who enjoys what his hands have provided?

That person will be blessed and prosper.

Psalms 128:3

ULT

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in your house; your children will be like olive plants as they sit around your table.

UST

³ Your wife will be like a grapevine that bears many grapes; she will give birth to many children. Your children who sit around your table; you will be like a strong olive tree that has many shoots growing up around it.

What does the writer say the wife of the blessed man is like?

She is like a fruitful vine.

What does the writer say the children of the blessed man will be like?

His children will be like olive plants.

Psalms 128:4**ULT**

⁴ Yes, indeed, the man will be blessed who honors Yahweh.

UST

⁴ Like that, Yahweh will bless every man who has an awesome respect for him.

What will happen to the man who honors Yahweh?

The man who honors Yahweh will be blessed.

Psalms 128:5**ULT**

⁵ May Yahweh bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

UST

⁵ I wish that God in his temple on Mount Zion may help you greatly, and that you will see the people of Jerusalem prospering every day that you live!

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do for the man who is blessed from Zion? (vv5-6)

The writer asks that the man from Zion may see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of his life and that he may live to see his children's children.

Psalms 128:6**ULT**

⁶ May you live to see your children's children. May peace be on Israel.

UST

⁶ I wish that you may live many years and that you may have grandchildren and be able to see them. I wish that things may go well for people in Israel!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 129

Psalms 129:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents "Often since my youth they have attacked me," let Israel say.

UST

¹ I say that my enemies have afflicted me ever since I was young. Now I ask you, my fellow Israelites, to repeat those same words:

How long has Israel been under attack and not defeated? (vv1-2)

Israel has been under attack and not defeated since it's youth.

Psalms 129:2

ULT

² "Often since my youth they have attacked me, yet they have not defeated me.

UST

² "Our enemies have afflicted us since our nation began, but they have not defeated us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 129:3

ULT

³ The plowers plowed on my back; they made their furrows long.

UST

³ Our enemies struck us with whips that cut into our backs as a farmer uses a plow to cut deep furrows into the ground."

What did the plowers do on Israel's back?

The plowers plowed on Israel's back and made their furrows long.

Psalms 129:4**ULT**

⁴ Yahweh is righteous; he has cut the ropes of the wicked.”

UST

⁴ But Yahweh is righteous, and he has freed us from being slaves to wicked people.

What has righteous Yahweh done for Israel?

Yahweh has cut the ropes of the wicked.

Psalms 129:5**ULT**

⁵ May they all be put to shame and turned back, those who hate Zion.

UST

⁵ I wish that they may all be shamed because we will defeat them—all of Jerusalem’s enemies.

What does the writer want to happen to those who hate Zion?

He wants for them to all be put to shame and turned back.

Psalms 129:6**ULT**

⁶ May they be like the grass on the housetops that withers before it grows up,

UST

⁶ I hope that they may be of no value, like grass that grows on the roofs of houses, that dries up and does not grow tall;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 129:7**ULT**

⁷ that cannot fill the reaper’s hand or the chest of the one who binds bundles of grain together.

UST

⁷ no one wants to cut it and tie it up as bundles and carry it away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 129:8

ULT

⁸ May those who pass by not say, "May the blessing of Yahweh be on you; we bless you in the name of Yahweh."

UST

⁸ People who pass by and see men harvesting grain usually greet them by saying to them, "We wish that Yahweh may bless you!" But this will not happen to the enemies of Israel. We, acting as Yahweh's representatives, bless you, our fellow Israelites!

What does the writer not want those who pass by to say?

He does not want them to say, "May the blessing of Yahweh be on you; we bless you in the name of Yahweh."

Psalms 130

Psalms 130:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents Out of the depths I cry to you, Yahweh.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I have great troubles, so I call out to you.

What does the writer cry out to Yahweh? (vv1-2)

The writer the Lord to hear his voice and to be attentive to his pleas.

Psalms 130:2

ULT

² Lord, hear my voice; let your ears be attentive to my pleas for mercy.

UST

² Yahweh, hear me while I call out to you to have mercy on me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 130:3

ULT

³ If you, Yahweh, would mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

UST

³ Yahweh, if you kept a record of the sins that we have committed, not one of us would escape from being condemned and punished!

Why does the writer say Yahweh should be revered? (vv3-4)

Yahweh should be revered because there is forgiveness with him.

Psalms 130:4**ULT**

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be revered.

UST

⁴ But you forgive us, with the result that we have an awesome respect for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 130:5**ULT**

⁵ I wait for Yahweh, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

UST

⁵ Yahweh has said that he would help me; I trust what he said, and I wait eagerly for him to do that.

For whom does the writer's soul wait and hope? (vv5-6)

His soul waits for Yahweh and in his word does he hope.

Psalms 130:6**ULT**

⁶ My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

UST

⁶ I wait for Yahweh to help me more than watchmen wait for the morning to come; yes, I wait more eagerly than they do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 130:7**ULT**

⁷ Israel, hope in Yahweh. Yahweh is merciful, for with Yahweh is abundant redemption.

UST

⁷ You, my fellow Israelites, confidently expect that Yahweh will bless us. He will bless us because he has mercy on us, and he is very willing to save us.

Why does the writer tell Israel to hope in Yahweh? (vv7-8)

Yahweh is merciful, willing to forgive, and he will redeem Israel from all sins.

Psalms 130:8**ULT**

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all his sins.

UST

⁸ It is he who will save us Israelite people from being punished for all the sins that we have committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 131

Psalms 131:1

ULT

¹ [A Song of the Ascents, of David] Yahweh, my heart does not boast nor do my eyes look too high, nor do I walk in great and marvelous things beyond me.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I am not proud; I do not deserve to achieve impressive things in life. I do not worry about problems that are too difficult for me to solve.

How does David describe his heart and eyes?

His heart is not proud and his eyes are not haughty.

Psalms 131:2

ULT

² Have I not stilled and quieted my inner being like a weaned child with his mother, my inner being within me is like a weaned child.

UST

² Instead, I am calm and peaceful in my inner being like a small child who no longer nurses but is happy to be with its mother. In the same way, I am peaceful within my inner being.

What David's soul like?

His soul is stilled and quieted like a weaned child.

Psalms 131:3

ULT

³ Israel, hope in Yahweh from now on and forevermore.

UST

³ You, my fellow Israelites, confidently expect that Yahweh will do good things for you now and forever!

When does David tell Israel to hope in Yahweh?

He tells them to hope in Yahweh now and forever.

Psalms 132

Psalms 132:1

ULT

¹ A Song of Ascents Yahweh, for David's sake, remember all his afflictions.

UST

¹ Yahweh, do not forget King David and all the hardships he endured!

What did the writer ask Yahweh to remember? (vv1-2)

He asked Yahweh to call to mind David's afflictions, how he swore to Yahweh, and how he vowed to the mighty one of Jacob.

Psalms 132:2

ULT

² how he swore to Yahweh, how he vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob.

UST

² He made a solemn promise to you, the mighty God whom our ancestor Jacob worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:3

ULT

³ Surely I will not enter the tent of my house nor go up to the spread of my bed,

UST

³ He said, "I will not go home, I will not rest on my bed,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:4**ULT**

⁴ Nor will I give sleep to my eyes or rest to my eyelids

UST

⁴ and I will not sleep at all

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:5**ULT**

⁵ until I find a place for Yahweh, a tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

UST

⁵ until I build a place for Yahweh, a home for the mighty God whom Jacob worshiped.”

David vowed that he would not enter his house or sleep until he did what?

He said he would not sleep until he found a place for Yahweh, a tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.

Psalms 132:6**ULT**

⁶ Look, we heard about it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.

UST

⁶ In Ephrathah we heard where the sacred chest was. So we went and found it near the city of Kiriath Jearim, and we took it to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:7**ULT**

⁷ We will go into his tabernacle; we will worship at the footstool of his feet.

UST

⁷ Later we said, "Let us go to the sacred tent of Yahweh in Jerusalem; let us worship there in front of the throne where he is sitting."

Where will the people go and what will they do when they get there?

They will go into God's tabernacle and will worship at his footstool.

Psalms 132:8**ULT**

⁸ Arise, Yahweh, to your resting place, you and the ark of your strength!

UST

⁸ Yahweh, come to the place where you live eternally, to the place where your sacred chest is, to the place that shows that you are very powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:9**ULT**

⁹ May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your faithful ones shout for joy.

UST

⁹ I want that the righteous behavior of your priests will always be evident, and that your people will always shout joyfully.

How may the priests be clothed and who may shout for joy?

The priests may be clothed with integrity and God's faithful ones may shout for joy.

Psalms 132:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For your servant David's sake, do not turn away from the face of your anointed one.

UST

¹⁰ You chose David to serve you as king of Israel; do not reject him!

From whom should the faithful ones not turn?

They should not turn away from their anointed king.

Psalms 132:11**ULT**

¹¹ Yahweh swore a sure oath to David, he will not turn from it: "From the fruit of your belly I will set on your throne.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh, you made a solemn promise to David, a promise that you will not break. You said, "I will cause your descendants to rule as kings like you.

What is the oath Yahweh swore to David?

Yahweh swore to be trustworthy to David.

Psalms 132:12**ULT**

¹² If your sons keep my covenant and the laws that I will teach them, their children also will sit on your throne forevermore."

UST

¹² If they obey my covenant with them and obey all the commands that I will give them, the line of kings descended from you will never end."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:13**ULT**

¹³ For Yahweh has chosen Zion, he has desired her as a dwelling for him.

UST

¹³ Yahweh has chosen Jerusalem; that is where he wants to rule from.

Where does the writer desire to rest and live forever? (vv13-14)

He desires to rest and live in Yahweh's chosen Zion.

Psalms 132:14**ULT**

¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever. I will dwell here, for I desire her.

UST

¹⁴ He said, "This is the city where I will live forever; this is the place where I want to stay.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:15**ULT**

¹⁵ With wild game I will abundantly bless her. I will satisfy her poor with bread.

UST

¹⁵ I will give to the people of Jerusalem all that they need; I will give enough food to satisfy even the poor people there.

What will Yahweh do for Zion? (vv15-16)

He will abundantly bless her, satisfy her poor with bread, and clothe her priests with salvation.

Psalms 132:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I will clothe her priests with salvation, her faithful ones will shout aloud for joy.

UST

¹⁶ I will cause the priests to behave in a manner worthy of ones whom I have saved; and all my people who live there will shout joyfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:17**ULT**

¹⁷ There I will make a horn to sprout for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one.

UST

¹⁷ There in Jerusalem I will cause one of David's descendants to become a great king; he also will be my chosen king, It is there that I will make David's line of descendants continue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:18**ULT**

¹⁸ I will clothe his enemies with shame, but on him his crown will shine."

UST

¹⁸ I will defeat his enemies and cause them to be very ashamed; but the crown that my king wears will always shine."

Who will Yahweh clothe with shame?

He will clothe his enemies with shame.

Psalms 133

Psalms 133:1

ULT

¹ [A Song of the Ascents, Of David] Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together!

UST

¹ It is very good and very pleasant for God's people to gather together in peace.

What does David say about brothers?

He says it is good and pleasant for them to remain together in unity.

Psalms 133:2

ULT

² It is like fine oil on the head pouring down on the beard— Aaron's beard, which pours down on the collar of his robes.

UST

² It is as delightful as the precious oil that ran down from the high priest Aaron's head onto his beard when Moses anointed him, that ran down onto the collar of his robes.

What does David say the unity of brothers is like? (vv2-3)

It is like the precious oil that flowed down the head, beard, and garments of Aaron. It is also like the dew of Hermon, which comes down upon the mountains of Zion.

Psalms 133:3

ULT

³ It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there Yahweh commanded the blessing— life forevermore.

UST

³ Gathering together in peace is as delightful as the dew that falls on Mount Hermon and the dew that falls on Mount Zion. Yahweh has promised to bless his people there in Jerusalem by making their nation last forever.

Where did Yahweh decree the blessing of life forevermore?

He decreed life forevermore upon the mountains of Zion.

Psalms 134**Psalms 134:1****ULT**

¹ A Song of the Ascents Behold, bless Yahweh, all you servants of Yahweh, you who stand in the night in the house of Yahweh.

UST

¹ All you people who serve Yahweh, who stand up and serve him at night in his temple, come and praise him!

What should all the servants of Yahweh do? (vv1-2)

They should come, bless Yahweh, and lift up their hands to the holy place.

Psalms 134:2**ULT**

² Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless Yahweh.

UST

² Lift up your hands to pray to him in the temple and praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 134:3**ULT**

³ May Yahweh bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth.

UST

³ I hope that Yahweh, who created heaven and the earth, may bless you from where he lives in the temple on Mount Zion!

Where will Yahweh, who made heaven and earth, bless his servants?

He will bless them from Zion.

Psalms 135

Psalms 135:1

ULT

¹ Praise Yahweh. Praise the name of Yahweh. Praise him, you servants of Yahweh,

UST

¹ Praise Yahweh! You who worship Yahweh, praise him!

Who should praise Yahweh? (vv1-2)

The servants of Yahweh, those who stand in Yahweh's house, and those in the courtyards should praise Yahweh.

Psalms 135:2

ULT

² you who stand in the house of Yahweh, in the courtyards of the house of our God.

UST

² You who stand at the temple of Yahweh our God in its courtyards, ready to serve him, praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:3

ULT

³ Praise Yahweh, for Yahweh is good; sing praises to his name, for it is pleasant.

UST

³ Praise Yahweh because he does good things for us; sing to him because it is a joyful thing to do so.

Why should the servants of Yahweh praise and sing to him?

They should praise Yahweh for he is good, and they should sing for it is pleasant to do.

Psalms 135:4**ULT**

⁴ For Yahweh has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his possession.

UST

⁴ He has chosen us, the descendants of Jacob; he has chosen us Israelites to belong to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:5**ULT**

⁵ For I myself know that Yahweh is great, and our Lord is greater than all other gods.

UST

⁵ I say these things because I know that Yahweh is great; he is greater than all the gods.

What does the writer know about Yahweh? (vv5-6)

He knows that Yahweh is great, he is above all gods, and whatever Yahweh desires he does in heaven, earth and in the seas.

Psalms 135:6**ULT**

⁶ All that Yahweh desires, he does in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all the ocean depths.

UST

⁶ Yahweh does whatever he desires to do in heaven, on the earth, and in the seas, down to the bottom of the seas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:7**ULT**

⁷ Causing the clouds to rise from the end of the earth, he makes lightning accompany the rain and bringing the wind out of his storehouse.

UST

⁷ He is the one who causes clouds to appear from very distant places on the earth; he makes lightning bolts to flash with the rain, and he brings the winds from the places where he stores them.

What acts does Yahweh do that show his greatness?

Yahweh brings the clouds, makes lightening bolts accompany the rain, and brings the wind out of his storehouse.

Psalms 135:8**ULT**

⁸ He struck the firstborn of Egypt, from man to beast.

UST

⁸ He is the one who killed all the firstborn males in Egypt, the firstborn of people and of animals.

What did Yahweh do to the Egyptians? (vv8-9)

He killed the firstborn man and animals of Egypt and he sent signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants.

Psalms 135:9**ULT**

⁹ He sent signs and wonders into your midst, Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants.

UST

⁹ There he performed many kinds of miracles to punish the king and all his officials.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:10**ULT**

¹⁰ He struck many nations and killed mighty kings,

UST

¹⁰ He attacked many nations and killed the powerful kings who ruled them:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:11**ULT**

¹¹ Sihon king of the Amorites and Og king of Bashan and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

UST

¹¹ Sihon, the king of the Amor people group, Og, the king of Bashan, and all the other kings in the land of Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:12**ULT**

¹² And he gave their land as an inheritance, an inheritance to Israel his people.

UST

¹² Yahweh gave us their land, so that it would belong to us, his people Israel, forever.

What did Yahweh do with the land of the nations the Israelites attacked?

He gave their land as a heritage to Israel his people.

Psalms 135:13**ULT**

¹³ Your name, Yahweh, endures forever; your renown, Yahweh, endures from generation to generation.

UST

¹³ Yahweh, your name will endure forever, and people who are not yet born will remember the great things that you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For Yahweh judges his people, and he shows compassion on his servants.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh declares that we, his people, are innocent, and he acts mercifully toward us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The nations' idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

UST

¹⁵ But the idols that the other people groups worship are only statues made of silver and gold, things that humans have made.

What do the nations' idols look like? (vv15-17)

They are made of silver and gold, have mouths, eyes, and ears but they do not speak, see, hear, nor breathe.

Psalms 135:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Those idols have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;

UST

¹⁶ Their idols have mouths, but they cannot say anything; they have eyes, but they cannot see anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:17**ULT**

¹⁷ they have ears, but they do not hear, nor is there breath in their mouths.

UST

¹⁷ They have ears, but they cannot hear anything, and they are not even able to breathe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Those who make them are like them, as is everyone who trusts in them.

UST

¹⁸ The people who make those idols are as powerless as those idols, and those who trust in those idols can accomplish no more than their idols can!

Who made the nations' idols?

The men who are like them and trust in them made them.

Psalms 135:19**ULT**

¹⁹ House of Israel, bless Yahweh; house of Aaron, bless Yahweh.

UST

¹⁹ My fellow Israelites, praise Yahweh! You priests who are descended from Aaron, praise Yahweh!

Who should bless Yahweh? (vv19-20)

The descendants of Israel, Aaron, Levi, and those that honor Yahweh should bless him.

Psalms 135:20**ULT**

²⁰ House of Levi, bless Yahweh; you who fear Yahweh, bless Yahweh.

UST

²⁰ You men who are descended from Levi, you who assist the priests, praise Yahweh! All you who have a reverential respect for Yahweh, praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:21

ULT

²¹ Blessed be Yahweh in Zion, he who lives in Jerusalem. Praise Yahweh.

UST

²¹ Praise Yahweh in the temple on Mount Zion in Jerusalem where he lives! Praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136

Psalms 136:1

ULT

¹ Oh, give thanks to Yahweh; for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

¹ Thank Yahweh because he does good things for us; he will love us forever as he has promised.

Why should the people give thanks to Yahweh?

They should give thanks to him for he is good, and his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 136:2

ULT

² Oh, give thanks to the God of gods, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

² Thank God, the one who is greater than all other gods; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:3

ULT

³ Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

³ Thank the Lord who is greater than all other lords; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:4**ULT**

⁴ To him who alone does great wonders, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

⁴ He is the only one who performs great miracles; he will love us forever as he has promised.

What does Yahweh do that no one else does?

Yahweh alone does great wonders.

Psalms 136:5**ULT**

⁵ to him who by wisdom made the heavens, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

⁵ He is the one who, by being very wise, created the heavens; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:6**ULT**

⁶ To him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

⁶ He is the one who caused the ground to rise up above the deep waters; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:7**ULT**

⁷ to him who made great lights, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

⁷ He is the one who created great lights in the sky; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:8**ULT**

⁸ the sun to rule by day, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

⁸ He created the sun to shine in the daytime; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:9**ULT**

⁹ the moon and stars to rule by night, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

⁹ He created the moon and stars to shine during the nighttime; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:10**ULT**

¹⁰ to him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

¹⁰ He is the one who killed the firstborn males in Egypt; he will love us forever as he has promised.

Why did Yahweh do to the firstborn of Egypt?

He killed the firstborn of Egypt.

Psalms 136:11**ULT**

¹¹ and brought out Israel from among them, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

¹¹ He led the Israelite people out of Egypt; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:12**ULT**¹² with a strong hand and a raised arm, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.**UST**¹² With his strong hand he led them out; he will love us forever as he has promised.*(There are no questions for this verse.)***Psalms 136:13****ULT**¹³ to him who divided the Sea of Reeds into parts, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—**UST**¹³ He is the one who caused the Sea of Reeds to divide; he will love us forever as he has promised.*(There are no questions for this verse.)***Psalms 136:14****ULT**¹⁴ and made Israel to pass through the middle of it, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—**UST**¹⁴ He enabled the Israelite people to walk through it on dry land; he will love us forever as he has promised.**What did Yahweh do for Israel when he divided the Red Sea?**

He made the Israelites to pass through the middle the Red Sea.

Psalms 136:15**ULT**¹⁵ and threw down Pharaoh and his army in the Sea of Reeds, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.**UST**¹⁵ But he caused the king of Egypt and his army to drown in it; he will love us forever as he has promised.*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

Psalms 136:16**ULT**

¹⁶ to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

¹⁶ He is the one who led his people safely through the wilderness; he will love us forever as he has promised.

How was Yahweh faithful to his people?

He led his people through the wilderness.

Psalms 136:17**ULT**

¹⁷ to him who struck down great kings, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

¹⁷ He killed powerful kings; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:18**ULT**

¹⁸ to him who killed powerful kings, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

¹⁸ He killed kings who were famous; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Sihon king of the Amorites, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

¹⁹ He killed Sihon, the king of the Amor people group; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:20**ULT**

²⁰ and Og king of Bashan, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

²⁰ He killed Og, the king of the region of Bashan; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:21**ULT**

²¹ to him who gave their land as an inheritance, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

²¹ He gave their lands to us, his people; he will love us forever as he has promised.

What did Yahweh do with the land of the great kings? (vv21-22)

He gave their land as an inheritance to Israel his servant.

Psalms 136:22**ULT**

²² an inheritance to Israel his servant, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

²² He gave those lands to us people of Israel, who serve him; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:23**ULT**

²³ who remembered us in our low estate, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

²³ He is the one who did not forget about us when our enemies had defeated us; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:24

ULT

²⁴ and he rescued us from our adversaries, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST

²⁴ He rescued us from our enemies; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:25

ULT

²⁵ giving bread to all flesh, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

²⁵ He is the one who gives food to all living creatures; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:26

ULT

²⁶ Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

²⁶ So thank God, who lives in heaven because he will love us forever as he has promised.!

Why does the writer say to give thanks to the God of heaven?

People should give thanks to him because of his faithfulness.

Psalms 137

Psalms 137:1

ULT

¹ Beside the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

UST

¹ When we had been taken to Babylonia far from Jerusalem, we sat down by the rivers there, and we cried when we thought about the temple on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

Where were the captives when they sat down and wept?

They were by the rivers of Babylon.

Psalms 137:2

ULT

² On the poplars there we hung our harps.

UST

² On the willow trees alongside the rivers we hung our harps because we did not want to play them anymore and because we were very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 137:3

ULT

³ For there our captors demanded that we sing songs, and those who relentlessly mocked us said, "Sing to us from the songs of Zion."

UST

³ The soldiers who had captured us and taken us to Babylonia forced us to sing for them; they told us to entertain them; they said, "Sing for us one of the songs that you previously sang in Jerusalem!"

What did the captors require the captives to sing?

Their captors required them to be happy and sing songs of Zion.

Psalms 137:4**ULT**

⁴ How could we sing a song about Yahweh in a foreign land?

UST

⁴ But we thought to ourselves, "We are sad because we have been punished by Yahweh and brought to this foreign land; we cannot sing songs about Yahweh while we are here!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 137:5**ULT**

⁵ If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget

UST

⁵ If I forget about Jerusalem, I hope that my right hand will wither so that I will be unable to play my harp!

What does the writer want happen if he forgets Jerusalem and thinks about Yahweh no more? (vv5-6)

He wants his right hand to forget his skill and his tongue to cling to the roof of his mouth.

Psalms 137:6**ULT**

⁶ Let my tongue cling to my palate if I do not remember you, if I do not lift up Jerusalem over my chief pleasure.

UST

⁶ I hope that I will not be able to sing again if I forget about Jerusalem, if I do not consider that Jerusalem causes me to be more joyful than anything else does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 137:7**ULT**

⁷ Remember, Yahweh, the sons of Edom, on the day of Jerusalem, saying, "Tear it down, tear it down to its foundations."

UST

⁷ Yahweh, punish the people of the Edom people group for what they did on the day that the army of Babylon captured Jerusalem. Do not forget that they said, "Tear down all the buildings! Destroy them completely! Leave only the foundations!"

What did the writer want Yahweh to remember about the Edomites?

He wanted Yahweh to remember that on the day Jerusalem fell the Edomites said, "Tear it down, tear it down to its foundations".

Psalms 137:8**ULT**

⁸ Daughter of Babylon, who will be destroyed— blessed be the one who repays you for what you have done to us.

UST

⁸ You people of Babylon, you will certainly be destroyed! How fortunate are those who punish you for what you did to us;

Who does the writer want be blessed? (vv8-9)

He wants the person who destroys Babylon to be blessed.

Psalms 137:9**ULT**

⁹ Blessed be the one who seizes and dashes your little ones against the rocks.

UST

⁹ How fortunate are those who take your babies and smash them to pieces on the rocks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 138

Psalms 138:1

ULT

¹ Of David I will give you thanks with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing praises to you.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I thank you with all my inner being. I sing to praise you, even though many people worship idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 138:2

ULT

² I will bow down toward the temple of your holiness, and I will give thanks to your name for your covenant faithfulness and for your trustworthiness. For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

UST

² When I look toward your sacred temple, I bow down and thank you because you faithfully love us and do all that you have promised. You have given cause for people everywhere to honor you and what you have said more than anything else.

What has Yahweh magnified above all?

He has magnified his word and his name above all.

Psalms 138:3

ULT

³ On the day that I called and you answered me; you emboldened my life with power.

UST

³ When I called out to you, you answered me; you enabled me to be strong and brave.

What did Yahweh do for David when he called to him?

Yahweh answered him, and encouraged and strengthened his soul.

Psalms 138:4**ULT**

⁴ All the kings of the earth will give you thanks, Yahweh, for they will hear the words from your mouth.

UST

⁴ Yahweh, someday all the kings of this earth will praise you because they will have heard what you have said.

What will the kings of the earth do?

They will give thanks for Yahweh's words.

Psalms 138:5**ULT**

⁵ Indeed, they will sing of the ways of Yahweh, for great is the glory of Yahweh.

UST

⁵ They will sing about what you have done; they will sing and say that you are very great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 138:6**ULT**

⁶ For though Yahweh is high, yet he sees the lowly, but the proud he knows from far off.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, you are supreme, but you take care of people who are considered to be unimportant. However, you do not show yourself to proud people as faithful.

For whom does Yahweh care?

He cares for the lowly.

Psalms 138:7**ULT**

⁷ Though I walk in the middle of danger, you will preserve my life; you will reach out with your hand against the anger of my enemies, and your right hand will save me.

UST

⁷ When I am in the middle of many troubles, you save me. With your hand you rescue me from my enemies who are angry at me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 138:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh is with me to the end; your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, endures forever. Do not forsake the ones whom your hands have made.

UST

⁸ Yahweh, you will do for me everything that you promised; you faithfully love us forever. Finish what you started to do for us, your Israelite people!

Who does David ask that Yahweh not forsake?

He asks that Yahweh not forsake the ones his hands made.

Psalms 139

Psalms 139:1

ULT

¹ For the choir director, a psalm of David. Yahweh, you have examined me, and you know.

UST

¹ Yahweh, you have examined what is in my inner being, and you know everything about me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:2

ULT

² You know when I sit and when I rise; you understand my thoughts from far away.

UST

² You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even though you are far away from me, you know what I am thinking.

What does Yahweh understand from afar?

Yahweh understands David's thoughts from afar.

Psalms 139:3

ULT

³ You have measured my path and my resting places; and you are familiar with all my ways.

UST

³ From the time that I rise in the morning until I lie down to sleep at night, you know everything that I do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:4**ULT**

⁴ For there is not a word on my tongue..., See, you know it completely, Yahweh.

UST

⁴ Yahweh, even before I say anything, you know everything that I am going to say!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:5**ULT**

⁵ Behind and before you encircle me and you place your hand upon me.

UST

⁵ You protect me on all sides; you put your hand on me to protect me with your power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:6**ULT**

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me! it is high; I cannot reach it.

UST

⁶ I am not able to understand that you know everything about me. That is too hard for me to really understand.

How does David respond to the knowledge that Yahweh completely surrounds David?

That knowledge is too much for David, it is too high, and he cannot understand it.

Psalms 139:7**ULT**

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

UST

⁷ Where could I go to escape from your Spirit? Where could I go to get away from you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:8**ULT**

⁸ If I ascend up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, you are there.

UST

⁸ If I go up to heaven, you will be there. If I lie down in the place where the dead people are, you will be there.

Where can David not go to escape from Yahweh's presence, because Yahweh is there?

He cannot go up to the heavens or make his bed in sheol, for Yahweh is there.

Psalms 139:9**ULT**

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the morning or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

UST

⁹ If the sun could carry me across the sky, if I flew west and made a place to live on an island in the ocean,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:10**ULT**

¹⁰ even there your hand will lead me, your right hand will hold on to me.

UST

¹⁰ you would be there also to lead me by your hand, and you would help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:11**ULT**

¹¹ If I said, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light will become night around me,"

UST

¹¹ I could wish for the darkness to hide me, or I could wish for the light around me to become darkness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:12**ULT**

¹² even the darkness would not be dark to you, and night would shine like the day. The darkness is like the light to you!

UST

¹² But even if that happened, you would still see me. For you the night is as bright as the daytime, because daylight and darkness are no different to you.

How are the darkness and the light different to Yahweh?

The darkness and the light are both alike to Yahweh?

Psalms 139:13**ULT**

¹³ For You created my inner parts; you wove me together in my mother's womb.

UST

¹³ You created all the parts of my body; you put the parts of my body together when I was still in my mother's womb.

Where did Yahweh form David?

Yahweh formed him in his mother's womb.

Psalms 139:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My inner being knows this very well.

UST

¹⁴ I praise you because you made my body very awesomely and wonderfully. Everything that you do is amazing! I certainly know that very well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:15**ULT**

¹⁵ My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in private, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

UST

¹⁵ When my body was being formed, while it was being put together where no one else could see it, you saw it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days formed for me were recorded in your book even before the first of them was.

UST

¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. You wrote in your book the number of days that you had decided that I would live. You did that before any of those days had even started!

When did Yahweh record the days of David's life?

Yahweh recorded all the days of David's life in Yahweh's book even before the first one happened.

Psalms 139:17**ULT**

¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts to me, God! How vast is their sum!

UST

¹⁷ God, what you think about me is very valuable. There are a huge amount of things that you think about.

How does David describe God's thoughts?

They are precious and too vast to count.

Psalms 139:18**ULT**

¹⁸ If I counted them, they would be more numerous than the sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

UST

¹⁸ If I could count them, I would see that they are more than the grains of sand at the seashore. When I awake, I am still with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:19**ULT**

¹⁹ If only you would kill the wicked, God; and you men of bloodshed, get away from me.

UST

¹⁹ God, I wish that you would kill the wicked people! I wish that violent men would all leave me.

What does David want God to do to the wicked and violent men?

David wants God to kill the wicked and get the violent men away from him.

Psalms 139:20**ULT**

²⁰ For they speak against you with evil intent; your enemies abuse your character

UST

²⁰ They say wicked things about you; they slander your name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:21**ULT**

²¹ Do I not hate those, Yahweh, who hate you? Do I not despise those who rise up against you?

UST

²¹ Yahweh, I certainly hate those who hate you! I despise those who rebel against you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:22

ULT

²² I hate them completely; they have become my enemies.

UST

²² I hate them completely, and I consider that they are my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:23

ULT

²³ Examine me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

UST

²³ God, search my inner being; find out what I am thinking!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:24

ULT

²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the path of forever.

UST

²⁴ Find out whether there is anything evil in my inner being, and lead me along the road that leads to my being with you forever.

What way does David want God to lead him?

David asks God to lead him in the way everlasting.

Psalms 140

Psalms 140:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh, rescue me from men of wickedness; preserve me from men of violence.

UST

¹ Yahweh, rescue me from being attacked by evil men; even more, keep me safe from being attacked by violent people.

From whom does David need Yahweh to rescue him?

David need Yahweh to rescue him from the wicked to preserve him from violent men.

Psalms 140:2

ULT

² For they plan evil in their hearts; they assemble for battles every day.

UST

² They are always planning to do evil things, and they are always encouraging people to start quarrels.

What does David say the wicked are like? (vv2-3)

He says their tongues wound like serpents and they have vipers' poison on their lips.

Psalms 140:3

ULT

³ Their tongues pierce like a serpent; vipers' poison is on their lips. Selah

UST

³ By what they say, they injure people as poisonous snakes do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 140:4**ULT**

⁴ Keep me from the hands of the wicked, Yahweh; preserve me from men of violence who plan to push down my step.

UST

⁴ Yahweh, protect me from the power of wicked people. Keep me safe from violent men who plan to ruin me.

What do the violent men plan to do to David?

They plan to knock him over.

Psalms 140:5**ULT**

⁵ The proud have set a trap for me; and with ropes they have spread a net by hand along the path; they have set snares for me. Selah

UST

⁵ It is as though proud people have set a trap for me; it is as though they have spread their nets to catch me; it is as though they have put these things along the road to catch me.

What have the proud set for David?

They have set a trap for him, spread a net, and set a snare.

Psalms 140:6**ULT**

⁶ I said to Yahweh, "You are my God; Yahweh, give ear to my cries for mercy."

UST

⁶ I say to you, "Yahweh, you are my God. Listen to me while I cry out to you to help me."

To what does David ask Yahweh to listen?

David asks Yahweh to listen to his cries for mercy.

Psalms 140:7**ULT**

⁷ Yahweh, my Lord, you are the strength of my salvation; you shield my head in the day of battle.

UST

⁷ Yahweh, my Lord, you are the one who strongly defends me; you have protected me during battles as though you had put a helmet on my head.

What does Yahweh do for David in the day of battle? (vv7-8)

Yahweh shields David's head in the day of battle.

Psalms 140:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh, do not grant the desires of the wicked; do not promote their plots, they rise up Selah

UST

⁸ Yahweh, do not give to wicked people the things that they desire, and do not allow them to do the evil things that they plan to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 140:9**ULT**

⁹ Those who surround me raise their heads; let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

UST

⁹ Do not allow my enemies to become proud; cause the evil things that they say they will do to me to happen to them instead.

What does David want to overwhelm those who surround him?

David wants the mischief of their own lips to overwhelm them.

Psalms 140:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Let burning coals fall on them; throw them into the fire, into bottomless pits, never again will they rise.

UST

¹⁰ Cause burning coals to fall on their heads! Cause them to be thrown into deep pits from which they cannot climb out!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 140:11**ULT**

¹¹ May men of tongues not be established in the land; may evil hunt down the man of violence speedily.

UST

¹¹ Do not allow those who slander others to succeed; cause evil things to happen to violent men and destroy them!

What does David want to happen to those who say evil things about others?

David wants anyone who says evil things about others to not be secure on the earth.

Psalms 140:12**ULT**

¹² I know that Yahweh will act with favor for the poor, justice to the needy.

UST

¹² Yahweh, I know that you will defend those who are oppressed, and that you will do what is just.

What will Yahweh do for the afflicted and the needy?

Yahweh will maintain the cause of the afflicted and will exercise justice for the needy.

Psalms 140:13

ULT

¹³ Surely the righteous will praise your name; the upright will dwell before your face.

UST

¹³ Righteous people will surely thank you, and they will live in your presence.

What will the righteous people surely do?

The righteous people will surely give thanks to Yahweh's name.

What will happen the upright people?

They will live in Yahweh's presence.

Psalms 141

Psalms 141:1

ULT

¹ A song of David Yahweh, I called out to you, "Come quickly to me. Give ear to my voice when I call to you."

UST

¹ Yahweh, I call out to you; please help me quickly! Listen to me when I am calling to you.

What is David crying out to Yahweh?

He is crying out for Yahweh to come quickly and to listen to him when he calls.

Psalms 141:2

ULT

² May my prayer rise like incense to your face; may my lifted hands be like the evening sacrifice.

UST

² Accept my prayer as though it were incense being burned as an offering to you. Accept me while I lift up my hands to pray to you, just as you accept sacrifices that are offered to you in the evening.

What does David want his prayer and lifted hands to be like for Yahweh?

David wants his prayer to be like incense before Yahweh and his lifted hands to be like the evening sacrifice.

Psalms 141:3

ULT

³ Yahweh, place a guard over my mouth; guard the door of my lips.

UST

³ Yahweh, do not allow me to say things that are wrong; guard what I say as a sentry guards a door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 141:4**ULT**

⁴ Do not let my heart bend toward any evil thing or participate in sinful activities with men who behave wickedly. May I not eat any of their delicacies.

UST

⁴ Prevent me from wanting to do anything that is wrong and from joining with wicked men when they want to do evil deeds. Do not even allow me to share in eating delightful food with them!

What does David not want his heart to do?

He wants his heart to not desire any evil thing, or participate in sinful activities with wicked men, and to not eat any of the evil men's delicacies.

Psalms 141:5**ULT**

⁵ Let a righteous person hit me; it will be a kindness. Let him correct me; it will be like oil on my head. May my head not refuse. For my prayer is always against their wicked deeds.

UST

⁵ It is all right if righteous people strike me or rebuke me because they are trying to act kindly toward me to teach me to do what is right; if they do that, it will be as if someone honored me by anointing my head with olive oil; but I am always praying that you will punish the wicked because of the wicked deeds that they do.

What does David say it will be like if a righteous man hits him?

He says if a righteous man hits him, it will be kindness to him.

What does David say it will be like if a righteous man corrects him?

He says it will be like oil on his head.

Against what does David always pray?

He always prays against the deeds of the wicked people.

Psalms 141:6**ULT**

⁶ Their judges will stumble into the hands of craggy rocks; they will hear that my own words are pleasant.

UST

⁶ When their rulers are thrown down from the top of rocky cliffs, they will know that what I am saying here is good.

What will happen to the wicked peoples' leaders?

Their leaders will be thrown down from the top of cliffs and hear that David's own words are pleasant.

Psalms 141:7**ULT**

⁷ "As when one plows and breaks up the ground, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of Sheol."

UST

⁷ They will know one day that their bodies will lie scattered on the ground in the place of the dead, just as one scatters clods of earth when he plows a field.

Who will have to say "As when one plows and breaks up the ground, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of sheol."

The wicked people will have to say, "As when one plows and breaks up the ground, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of sheol."

Psalms 141:8**ULT**

⁸ For my eyes are on you, Yahweh, Lord; in you I take refuge; do not abandon my life.

UST

⁸ But Yahweh God, I continue to request that you help me. I ask you to protect me; do not allow me to die now!

On whom are David's eyes?

David's eyes are on Yahweh, the Lord.

From what does David want Yahweh to protect him? (vv8-9)

David wants Yahweh to protect him from the snares that have been laid for him, and from the traps of evildoers.

Psalms 141:9**ULT**

⁹ Keep me from the hands of the snare that they have laid for me, from the traps of evildoers.

UST

⁹ It is as though people have set traps for me; protect me from falling into those traps. It is as though they have spread nets to catch me; keep me from being caught in those nets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 141:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Let the wicked fall into their own nets while I escape.

UST

¹⁰ I wish that wicked people may fall into the traps they have set to catch me while I escape from them.

What does David want to happen to the wicked?

David wants the wicked to fall into their own nets while he escapes.

Psalms 142

Psalms 142:1

ULT

¹ With my voice I cry out to Yahweh; with my voice I plead to Yahweh for favor.

UST

¹ Yahweh, I cry out to you; I plead for you to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 142:2

ULT

² I pour out my lament before him; I declare my troubles before him.

UST

² I am bringing to you all my problems; I am telling you all my troubles.

What does David pour out to Yahweh?

David pours out a lament to tell Yahweh his troubles.

Psalms 142:3

ULT

³ When my spirit is weak within me, you yourself know my path. Along this path I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

UST

³ When I am very discouraged, you know what I should do. Wherever I walk, it is as though my enemies have hidden traps for me to fall into.

What does Yahweh know when David's spirit is weak?

Yahweh knows David's path when his spirit is weak.

Psalms 142:4**ULT**

⁴ I look to my right and see that there is no one who cares for me. there is no refuge for me; no one looks after my life.

UST

⁴ I look around, but there is no one who sees me, no one who will protect me, and no one who cares about what happens to me.

What does David see when he looks to the right?

David sees that there is no one who cares about him, and there is no escape for him.

Psalms 142:5**ULT**

⁵ I called out to you, Yahweh; I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

UST

⁵ So Yahweh, I cry out to you to help me; you are the one who protects me; you are all that I need while I am alive.

Who does David say Yahweh was to him?

Yahweh was David's refuge and his portion in the land of the living.

Psalms 142:6**ULT**

⁶ Listen to my cries, for I have been brought very low; rescue me from my pursuers, for they are stronger than I.

UST

⁶ Listen to me while I cry out to you for help because I am very distressed. Rescue me because those who make me suffer are very strong; I cannot escape from them.

Why does David need Yahweh to reduce him from his persecutors?

David asks Yahweh to rescue him from his persecutors because their are stronger than David.

Psalms 142:7

ULT

⁷ Bring my life out of prison in order to praise your name. The righteous will gather around me because you have been good to me.”

UST

⁷ Free me from my troubles so that I may thank you. If you do that, when I am with others who live rightly, I will praise you for having been very good to me.

Why will the righteous gather around David?

The righteous will gather around David because Yahweh has been good to him.

Psalms 143

Psalms 143:1

ULT

¹ A song of David Hear my prayer, Yahweh; listen to my pleas. On account of your faithfulness answer me in your righteousness!

UST

¹ Yahweh, hear me while I pray to you! Because you are righteous and because you faithfully do what you have promised, listen to what I am pleading for you to do for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 143:2

ULT

² Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

UST

² I am one who worships you; do not judge me because you do not consider anyone to be completely innocent.

Why does David not want Yahweh to enter judgement against him?

David does not want Yahweh to enter judgement against him because in Yahweh's sight no one is righteous.

Psalms 143:3

ULT

³ For the enemy has pursued my being; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me to live in dark places like those dead a long time.

UST

³ My enemies have pursued me; they have completely defeated me. It is as though they have put me in a dark prison where I have nothing good to hope for.

What has the enemy done to David?

The enemy has pursued his soul, pushed him down to the ground, and made him live in darkness.

Psalms 143:4**ULT**

⁴ My breath is faint in me; my heart despairs within me.

UST

⁴ So I am very discouraged in my inner being; I am very dismayed.

What does the enemy cause to happen to David's spirit and his heart?

The enemy causes David's spirit to overwhelm him and his heart to despair.

Psalms 143:5**ULT**

⁵ I remember days from old; I meditate on all your works; I reflect on the works of your hands.

UST

⁵ I remember what has happened previously; I meditate on all the things that you have done; I consider all the great deeds that you have performed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 143:6**ULT**

⁶ I spread my hands out to you; my soul thirsts for you as in a parched land. Selah

UST

⁶ I lift up my hands to you while I pray; I want very much to be with you as much as I would thirst for water in a vast wilderness.

How does David describe the desire of his soul for Yahweh?

David's soul thirsts for Yahweh in a parched land.

Psalms 143:7**ULT**

⁷ Answer me quickly, Yahweh, because my spirit faints. Do not hide your face from me, or I will become like those who go down into the pit.

UST

⁷ Yahweh, I am very discouraged, so please answer me right now! Do not keep away from me because if you do that, I will soon be among those who descend to where the dead people are.

What would cause David to become like those who go down into the pit?

David would become like those who go down to the pit if Yahweh does not answer quickly or if he hides his face from David.

Psalms 143:8**ULT**

⁸ Let me hear your covenant faithfulness in the morning, for I trust in you. Make known to me the way where I should walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

UST

⁸ Every morning cause me to remember that you faithfully love me because I trust in you. I pray to you; show me the things that I should do.

What does David want to hear in the morning because he trusts Yahweh?

David wants to hear Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

What does David want Yahweh to do because he lifts up his soul to Yahweh?

David wants Yahweh to show him the way where he should walk.

Psalms 143:9**ULT**

⁹ Rescue me from my enemies, Yahweh; I hide in you.

UST

⁹ Yahweh, I have gone to you for you to protect me, so rescue me from my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 143:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Teach me to do your good pleasures, for you are my God. May your spirit of goodness lead me in the land of uprightness.

UST

¹⁰ You are my God; teach me to do what you want me to do. I want your good Spirit to show me the right things to do.

What does David want to lead him in the land of uprightness?

David wants Yahweh's good spirit to lead him in the land of uprightness.

Psalms 143:11**ULT**

¹¹ Yahweh, for the sake of your name, keep me alive; in your righteousness bring my life out of trouble.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh, restore me when I am close to dying as you promised to do because you are righteous!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 143:12**ULT**

¹² In your covenant faithfulness cut off my enemies and destroy all the enemies of my life, for I am your servant.

UST

¹² I am one who serves you; so because you faithfully love me as you promised to do, kill my enemies and get rid of all those who oppress me.

What does David want Yahweh to do to David's enemies?

David asks Yahweh to cut off David's enemies and destroy all the enemies of David's life.

Psalms 144

Psalms 144:1

ULT

¹ Of David. Blessed be Yahweh, my rock, who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle.

UST

¹ I praise Yahweh, who is like a huge rock on which I am safe! He trains my hands so that I can use them to fight battles; he trains my fingers so that I can shoot arrows in a war.

For what does Yahweh train David's hands for war and his fingers?

Yahweh trains David's hands for war and his fingers for battle.

Psalms 144:2

ULT

² You are my steadfast love and my fortress, my high tower and the one who rescues me, my shield and the one in whom I take refuge, the one who subdues nations under me.

UST

² He is the one who protects me as he promised; he is like a fortress in which I am safe, he protects me as shields protect soldiers, and he gives me refuge. He defeats other nations and then puts them under my power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:3

ULT

³ Yahweh, what is man that you take notice of him, the son of man that you think about him?

UST

³ Yahweh, we people are so insignificant! Why do you notice us? It is amazing to me that you pay attention to humans.

Who does Yahweh notice and thinks about that surprises David?

David is surprised that Yahweh notices man and the son of man.

Psalms 144:4**ULT**

⁴ Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.

UST

⁴ The time that we live is as short as a puff of wind; our time to live disappears as a shadow does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh, cause your sky to spread wide and come down; touch the mountains and make them smoke.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, tear open the sky and come down! Touch the mountains so that smoke may pour out from them!

What would the mountains do if Yahweh touched them?

Yahweh would cause the mountains to smoke if he touched them.

Psalms 144:6**ULT**

⁶ Shoot lightning and scatter them; send your bolts and disturb them.

UST

⁶ Cause lightning to flash with the result that your enemies will run away! Shoot your arrows at them and cause them to run away in panic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:7**ULT**

⁷ Reach out your hand from above, deliver me and rescue me out of many waters, from the hand of sons of foreigners.

UST

⁷ It is as though my enemies are like a flood around me; reach your hand down from heaven and rescue me from them. They are men from foreign countries

How does Yahweh rescue David from the hand of foreigners?

Yahweh reaches out his hand from above and rescues David out of the waters and from the hands of foreigners.

Psalms 144:8**ULT**

⁸ For their mouths speak lies, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

UST

⁸ who always tell lies. Even when they swear to tell the truth, they tell lies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:9**ULT**

⁹ I will sing a new song to you, God; on a lute of ten strings I will play for you,

UST

⁹ God, I will sing a new song to you, and I will play my ten-stringed harp while I sing to you.

On what instrument will David sing a new song to God?

David will sing a new song to God on the lute of ten strings.

Psalms 144:10**ULT**

¹⁰ who gives salvation to kings, who rescues David your servant from an evil sword.

UST

¹⁰ You enable kings to defeat their enemies; you rescue those who serve you as I did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:11**ULT**

¹¹ Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of sons of foreigners. For their mouths speak lies, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

UST

¹¹ So I ask you to save me from being killed by the swords that those evil people carry. Rescue me from the power of those men from foreign countries who always tell lies. Even when they swear to tell the truth, they tell lies.

What do the mouths of the foreigners speak?

Their mouths speak lies and their right hand is falsehood.

Psalms 144:12**ULT**

¹² May our sons be like plants who grow large in their youth and our daughters like carved corner pillars, resembling a palace.

UST

¹² I wish that our sons may all grow to full adulthood; I wish that our daughters may grow up to be as straight and tall as the pillars that stand in the corners of palaces.

What does David want Israel's sons to be like?

He wants them to be like plants who grow to full size in their youth.

What does David want Israel's daughters to be like?

He wants them to be like carved corner pillars, shapely like those of a palace.

Psalms 144:13**ULT**

¹³ May our storehouses be full with every kind of produce, and may our sheep produce thousands and ten thousands in our fields.

UST

¹³ I wish that our barns may be full of many different crops. I wish that the sheep in our fields may give birth to tens of thousands of baby lambs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:14**ULT**

¹⁴ May our oxen have many young. No one will break through, no one will go out, and no one will cry in our streets.

UST

¹⁴ I wish that our cattle may give birth to many calves without having any miscarriages or deaths when they are born. I wish that there may not be any time when the people in our streets cry out in distress because foreign armies are invading.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Blessed is the people for whom this is so; blessed is the people for whom Yahweh is his God.

UST

¹⁵ If good things like that happen to a nation, the people will be very fortunate. How fortunate are those who worship Yahweh as God!

Who does David say are the people who are happy?

He says the people who are happy are those whose God is Yahweh.

Psalms 145

Psalms 145:1

ULT

¹ A song of David I will extol you, my God, the King; I will bless your name forever and ever.

UST

¹ My God and King, I will proclaim that you are very great; I will praise you now and forever.

Who will David extol and bless?

David will extol his God and King, blessing his name forever and ever.

Psalms 145:2

ULT

² Every day will I bless you; I will praise your name forever and ever.

UST

² Every day I will praise you; Yes, I will praise you forever.

How often does David bless God?

Every day David will bless God.

Psalms 145:3

ULT

³ Great is Yahweh and greatly to be praised; and his greatness cannot be measured.

UST

³ Yahweh, you are great, and you ought to be praised very much; we cannot fully realize how great you are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:4**ULT**

⁴ Generation to generation will rejoice because of your deeds and they will proclaim your mighty actions.

UST

⁴ Parents will tell their children the things that you have done; they will tell their children about your mighty deeds.

What will one generation praise and proclaim to the next?

One generation will praise God's deeds to the next and proclaim his mighty actions.

Psalms 145:5**ULT**

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty and on your marvelous deeds, I will meditate.

UST

⁵ I will think about how you are very glorious and majestic, and I will meditate on all your wonderful deeds.

On what will David meditate?

He will meditate on the majesty of Yahweh's glory and on his marvelous deeds.

Psalms 145:6**ULT**

⁶ They will speak of the power of your awesome works, and I will declare your greatness.

UST

⁶ People will speak about your powerful and awesome deeds, and I will proclaim that you are very great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:7**ULT**

⁷ They will celebrate the fame of your abounding goodness, and they will sing about your righteousness.

UST

⁷ People will remember and proclaim that you are very good to us, and they will sing joyfully that you always act justly.

What will one generation declare and sing about to the next?

They will declare Yahweh's abounding goodness and sing about his righteousness.

Psalms 145:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and great in steadfast love.

UST

⁸ Yahweh, you act kindly and mercifully toward us; you do not quickly become angry; you faithfully love us very much as you have promised to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh is good to all; and his abundant mercies are over all his works.

UST

⁹ Yahweh, you are good to everyone, and you act mercifully to everything that you have made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:10**ULT**

¹⁰ All you have made will give thanks to you, Yahweh; your faithful ones will bless you.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh, all the creatures that you made will thank you, and all your people will praise you.

What will thank and bless Yahweh?

All that Yahweh has made will give thanks to him and his faithful ones will bless him.

Psalms 145:11**ULT**

¹¹ They will speak of the glory of your kingdom, and they will tell of your power.

UST

¹¹ They will tell others that you rule very gloriously as our king and that you are very powerful.

Who will speak of the glory of Yahweh's kingdom and tell of Yahweh's power?

Yahweh's faithful ones will speak of the glory of his kingdom and tell of his power.

Psalms 145:12**ULT**

¹² Making known to the children of mankind his mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of his kingdom.

UST

¹² They will do that so that everyone will know about your powerful deeds and that you rule over us gloriously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:13**ULT**

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

UST

¹³ You will never stop being king; you will rule throughout all generations.

How long will Yahweh's kingdom last?

Yahweh's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and his dominion endures throughout all generations.

Psalms 145:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Yahweh supports all who are falling and raises up all who are bent over.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh, you help all those who are discouraged, and you lift up all those who have lost hope.

Who does Yahweh support and raise up?

Yahweh supports all who are falling and raises up all those who are bent over.

Psalms 145:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The eyes of all wait for you; you give them their food in its time.

UST

¹⁵ All of the creatures that you made expect that you will provide food for them, and you give them food when they need it.

Whose eyes wait for Yahweh and is given food at the right time?

Everyone's eyes wait for Yahweh and are given food at the right time.

Psalms 145:16**ULT**

¹⁶ You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

UST

¹⁶ You give food to all living creatures generously, and you cause them to be satisfied.

How does Yahweh satisfy the desires of every living thing?

Yahweh opens his hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Psalms 145:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Yahweh is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

UST

¹⁷ Everything that Yahweh does, he does justly; all that he does, he does mercifully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Yahweh is near to all who call to him, to all who call to him in truth.

UST

¹⁸ Yahweh comes near to all those who call out to him, to those who call to him sincerely.

To whom is Yahweh near?

Yahweh is near to all those who call to him and to all who call to him in trustworthiness.

Psalms 145:19**ULT**

¹⁹ He does the desire of those who fear him, and he hears their cry and saves them.

UST

¹⁹ To all those who have an awesome respect for him he gives what they need. He hears them when they cry out to him and saves them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:20**ULT**

²⁰ Yahweh keeps all those who love him, but he will destroy all the wicked.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh protects all those who love him, but he will get rid of all the wicked people.

What does Yahweh do for those who love him?

Yahweh watches over all those who love him.

What will Yahweh do to all the wicked?

He will destroy all the wicked.

Psalms 145:21**ULT**

²¹ My mouth speaks the praise of Yahweh; let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

UST

²¹ I will always praise Yahweh; I wish that all people everywhere may praise him forever, for he does everything perfectly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 146

Psalms 146:1

ULT

¹ Praise Yahweh. Praise Yahweh, my soul.

UST

¹ Praise Yahweh. With my whole inner being I will praise Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 146:2

ULT

² I will praise Yahweh with my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

UST

² I will praise Yahweh as long as I am alive; I will sing to praise my God all the rest of my life.

How long will the writer praise Yahweh?

He will praise Yahweh as long as he lives.

Psalms 146:3

ULT

³ Do not trust in nobles Nor in men, in whom there is no salvation.

UST

³ You people, do not trust in your leaders; do not trust humans because they cannot save.

What should one not put their trust in?

People should not put their trust in princes or in mankind, in whom there is no salvation.

Psalms 146:4**ULT**

⁴ When his breath ceases, he returns to the ground; on that day his plans perish.

UST

⁴ When they die, their corpses decay and become soil again. After they die, they can no longer do the things that they planned to do.

What happens when a person's life's breath stops?

When a person's life's breath stops, he returns to the ground; on that day his plans end.

Psalms 146:5**ULT**

⁵ Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in Yahweh his God.

UST

⁵ But how fortunate are those whom God helps, the God whom Jacob worshiped. These are the people who confidently expect Yahweh, their God, to help them.

Who is the one who is blessed?

The one who is blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in Yahweh his God.

Psalms 146:6**ULT**

⁶ The one who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; The one who keeps faithfulness forever.

UST

⁶ He is the one who created the heavens and the earth, the oceans and all the creatures that are in them. He always does what he has promised to do.

What has Yahweh made?

Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

Psalms 146:7**ULT**

⁷ The one who executes justice for the oppressed The one who gives bread to the hungry. Yahweh liberates the prisoners;

UST

⁷ He decides matters fairly for those who are treated unfairly, and he provides food for those who are hungry. He frees those who are in prison.

What does God do for the oppressed and the hungry?

Yahweh executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

Psalms 146:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind; Yahweh raises up those who are bowed down; Yahweh loves those who are righteous.

UST

⁸ Yahweh enables those who are blind to see again. He lifts up those who have fallen down. He loves the righteous people.

What does Yahweh do for the blind and those who are bowed down?

Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind, and raises up those who are bowed down.

Psalms 146:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh guards the refugees; he sustains the orphan and the widow, but he subverts the way of the wicked.

UST

⁹ Yahweh takes care of those from other countries who live in our land, and he helps widows and orphans. But he stops wicked people from what they are doing.

Who does Yahweh protect?

Yahweh protects the foreigners in the land.

Psalms 146:10

ULT

¹⁰ Yahweh reigns forever, your God, Zion, reigns from generation to generation. Praise Yahweh.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh will continue to be our king forever; you people of Israel, your God will rule forever! Praise Yahweh!

How long will Yahweh reign?

Yahweh will reign forever, for all generations.

Psalms 147

Psalms 147:1

ULT

¹ Praise Yahweh! How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and suitable is a song of praise.

UST

¹ Praise Yahweh! It is good to sing praises to our God. It is a delightful thing to do and the right thing to do.

Why should Yahweh be praised?

Yahweh should be praised because it is good, pleasant and suitable.

Psalms 147:2

ULT

² Yahweh builds up Jerusalem, he gathers the scattered people of Israel.

UST

² Jerusalem was destroyed, but Yahweh is enabling us to build Jerusalem again. He is bringing back the people who were taken to other lands.

How does Yahweh help his followers?

Yahweh helps rebuild Jerusalem, gathers the scattered people of Israel.

Psalms 147:3

ULT

³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

UST

³ He enables those who were very discouraged to be encouraged again; it is as though they have wounds and he bandages them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:4

ULT

⁴ He counts the number of the stars; he gives names to all of them.

UST

⁴ He has determined how many stars there will be and gives names to all of them.

What does Yahweh do to the stars after he counts them?

Yahweh counts the stars and gives names all of them.

Psalms 147:5

ULT

⁵ Great is our Lord and abounding in power, his understanding is without measure.

UST

⁵ Yahweh is great and very powerful, and no one can measure how much he understands.

How great is Lord's understanding?

His understanding cannot be measured.

Psalms 147:6

ULT

⁶ Yahweh lifts up the oppressed, he brings the wicked down to the ground.

UST

⁶ Yahweh lifts up those who have been oppressed, and he throws the wicked down to the ground.

What does Yahweh do to the wicked?

Yahweh brings the wicked down to the ground.

Psalms 147:7**ULT**

⁷ Sing to Yahweh with thanksgiving, sing praises to our God with a harp.

UST

⁷ Thank Yahweh while you are singing to him to praise him; on the harps, play music to our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:8**ULT**

⁸ He is the one who covers the heavens with clouds; he is the one who prepares rain for the earth; he is the one who causes the mountains to sprout with grass.

UST

⁸ He covers the sky with clouds, and then he sends rain to the earth and causes grass to grow on the hills.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:9**ULT**

⁹ He gives food to the animals and to the children of the ravens when they call.

UST

⁹ He gives to animals the food that they need; he gives food to young crows when they cry out because they are hungry.

How does Yahweh care for the animals and ravens?

Yahweh gives food to the animals and the young ravens when they cry.

Psalms 147:10**ULT**

¹⁰ He does not delight in the strength of a horse, he does not enjoy the strong legs of a man.

UST

¹⁰ He is not impressed with strong horses or with men who can run fast.

In what does Yahweh find no delight and take no pleasure?

Yahweh finds no delight in the strength of horse and takes no pleasure in the strong legs of man.

Psalms 147:11**ULT**

¹¹ Yahweh enjoys those who fear him, those who hope for his steadfast love.

UST

¹¹ Instead, what pleases him are those who have an awesome respect for him, those who confidently expect him to continue to love them as he promised to do.

In what does Yahweh take pleasure?

Yahweh takes pleasure in those who honor him, who hope in his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 147:12**ULT**

¹² Extol Yahweh, Jerusalem, praise your God, Zion.

UST

¹² You people of Jerusalem, praise Yahweh! Praise your God!

With what does Yahweh satisfy the people of Jerusalem? (vv12-14)

Yahweh satisfies them with the finest of wheat.

Psalms 147:13**ULT**

¹³ For he strengthens the bars of your gates, he blesses your children in your midst.

UST

¹³ He guards your city by keeping its gates strong. He blesses the people who live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He sets your borders with peace, he satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

UST

¹⁴ He causes your people to become wealthy. He gives you plenty of very good wheat to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He sends out his word to the land, his command runs with swiftness.

UST

¹⁵ He commands things to happen throughout the earth; his words quickly reach the place to which he sends them.

How do Yahweh's commandment of out to the earth?

Yahweh sends his commandment to earth and his command runs very swiftly.

Psalms 147:16**ULT**

¹⁶ He makes the snow like wool, he scatters the frost like ashes.

UST

¹⁶ He sends snow to cover the ground like a white wool blanket, and he scatters frost on the ground as wind scatters ashes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:17**ULT**

¹⁷ He sends out his hail like crumbs, who can stand before his cold?

UST

¹⁷ He sends hail down like pebbles; when that happens, it is very difficult to endure because the air becomes very cold.

How does Yahweh dispense the hail?

Yahweh dispenses the hail like crumbs.

Psalms 147:18**ULT**

¹⁸ He sends out his command and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

UST

¹⁸ But he commands the wind to blow, and it blows. Then the hail melts and the water flows into the streams.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:19**ULT**

¹⁹ He proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his righteous decrees to Israel.

UST

¹⁹ He sends his message to the descendants of Jacob; he tells to his Israelite people the things that he has decreed and what he has decided.

To whom did Yahweh proclaim his word and his statutes and righteous decrees?

Yahweh proclaimed his word to Jacob, and his statutes and righteous decrees to Israel.

Psalms 147:20

ULT

²⁰ He has not done so with any other nation, and as for his judgments, they do not know them. Praise Yahweh.

UST

²⁰ He has not done that for any other nation; the other nations do not know his laws. Praise Yahweh!

To which other nation has Yahweh proclaimed his word, statutes and decrees?

Yahweh has not proclaimed his word, statutes and decrees to any other nation.

Psalms 148**Psalms 148:1****ULT**

¹ Praise Yahweh. Praise Yahweh from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

UST

¹ Praise Yahweh! Praise him, you angels who are in the heavens; praise him, you angels up in the sky!

Who is to praise Yahweh? (vv1-2)

Everyone in the heavens, those in the heights, all his angels and all his angel armies are to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:2**ULT**

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts.

UST

² All you angels who belong to him, praise him! All you who are in the armies of Yahweh, praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 148:3**ULT**

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

UST

³ Sun and moon, you also must praise him! You shining stars, you praise him!

Who is to praise Yahweh? (vv3-4)

The sun, moon, shining stars, highest heaven and the waters above the sky are to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:4**ULT**

⁴ Praise him, highest heavens and the waters that are above the heavens.

UST

⁴ You highest heavens, praise him! You waters that are high above the sky, praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 148:5**ULT**

⁵ Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for he commanded, and they were created.

UST

⁵ I want all of these to praise Yahweh because by commanding that they exist, he created them.

Why should Yahweh be praised?

Yahweh should be praised because he gave the command and everything was created.

Psalms 148:6**ULT**

⁶ He has established them forever and ever; he given a decree and it will not pass away.

UST

⁶ He set them in place; he commanded that they should be there forever. They cannot disobey that command!

What decree will never change?

The decree of Yahweh will never change.

Psalms 148:7**ULT**

⁷ Praise Yahweh from the earth, sea monsters and all ocean depths,

UST

⁷ Everything on the earth, praise Yahweh! You huge creatures and everything else that is deep in the ocean,

Who should praise God from the earth? (vv7-8)

The sea creatures, all in the ocean, fire, hail, snow, clouds and wind which fulfills his word should praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:8**ULT**

⁸ fire and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds doing his word.

UST

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, and strong winds that obey what he commands, I tell all of you to praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 148:9**ULT**

⁹ The mountains and all the hills, The fruit trees and all the cedars,

UST

⁹ Hills and mountains, fruit trees and cedar trees,

Who also should praise Yahweh? (vv9-10)

The mountains, hills, fruit trees, cedars, wild and tame animals, creatures that crawl and birds need to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:10**ULT**

¹⁰ animals and all the beasts, reptiles and winged birds.

UST

¹⁰ all the wild animals and all tame animals, reptiles and other things that creep on the ground, and all the birds, I tell all of you to praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 148:11**ULT**

¹¹ kings of the earth and all the peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,

UST

¹¹ You kings on this earth and all the people that you rule, you princes and all other rulers,

Who else should praise Yahweh? (vv11-12)

Kings, princes young men and women, the elderly and the children need to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:12**ULT**

¹² Young men and also young women, the elderly along with the children.

UST

¹² you young men and young women, you old people and children, everyone, praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 148:13**ULT**

¹³ let them all praise the name of Yahweh, for his name alone is exalted; his glory extends over the earth and the heavens.

UST

¹³ I want them all to praise Yahweh because he is greater than anyone else. His power controls everything on the earth and in the heavens.

Why should Yahweh be praised?

Yahweh should be praised because his name alone is exalted and his glory extends over the earth and heavens.

Psalms 148:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He has raised up the horn of his people praise from all his faithful ones, from the children of Israel, the people near to him. Praise Yahweh.

UST

¹⁴ He caused us, his people, to be strong so that we Israelite people who are very precious to him should praise him, So praise Yahweh!

Who are Yahweh's faithful ones?

The Israelites and the people near to him are Yahweh's faithful ones.

Psalms 149

Psalms 149:1

ULT

¹ Praise Yahweh. Sing to Yahweh a new song – his praise in the assembly of the faithful ones.

UST

¹ Praise Yahweh! Sing a new song to Yahweh; praise him whenever his faithful people gather together!

How should everyone praise Yahweh?

Everyone should sing a new song to Yahweh and sing his praise in the assembly.

Psalms 149:2

ULT

² Let Israel rejoice in the one who made them; let the children of Zion rejoice in their king.

UST

² You Israelite people, be glad because of what God, who created you, has done for you! You people of Jerusalem, rejoice because of what God, your king, has done for you!

In whom should Israel rejoice?

Israel should rejoice in the one who made them a nation, and in their king.

Psalms 149:3

ULT

³ Let them praise his name with dancing; let them play for him with tambourine and harp.

UST

³ Praise Yahweh by dancing, by beating tambourines, and by playing harps to praise him!

How should everyone praise Yahweh?

Everyone should praise Yahweh's name with dancing and sing praises to him with tambourine and harp.

Psalms 149:4**ULT**

⁴ For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people; he glorifies the humble with salvation.

UST

⁴ Yahweh is pleased with his people; he honors humble people by helping them to defeat their enemies.

In whom does Yahweh take pleasure?

Yahweh takes pleasure in his people.

Who does Yahweh glorify?

He glorifies the humble with salvation.

Psalms 149:5**ULT**

⁵ Let the faithful ones rejoice in this honor; let them shout for joy on their beds.

UST

⁵ Because they have won battles, God's people should rejoice and sing joyfully all during the night!

How should godly people rejoice?

Godly people should rejoice in victory and sing for joy.

Psalms 149:6**ULT**

⁶ May the exaltation of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands

UST

⁶ They should shout loudly to praise God; but they should also hold sharp swords in their hands,

What should be in the mouths of the godly?

The praises of God should be in their mouths.

What is the purpose of the two-edged sword in the hands of the godly? (vv6-7)

The sword in their hand is to execute vengeance on the nations and acts of punishment on the peoples.

Psalms 149:7**ULT**

⁷ to do vengeance on the nations – acts of punishment on the peoples.

UST

⁷ ready to use them to defeat the soldiers of nations that do not worship God and to punish the people of those nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 149:8**ULT**

⁸ to bind their kings with chains and their honored ones with iron shackles.

UST

⁸ They will fasten their kings and other leaders with iron chains.

What will the godly do to the kings and nobles of the other nations?

They will bind the kings with chains and the nobles with iron shackles.

Psalms 149:9**ULT**

⁹ to do the judgment against them that is written. This will be an honor for all his faithful ones. Praise Yahweh.

UST

⁹ They will judge and punish the people of those nations as God wrote should be done. Everyone else will honor God's faithful people for doing that! Praise Yahweh!

Who will be honored when the judgement is executed?

This will be an honor for all his faithful ones.

Psalms 150

Psalms 150:1

ULT

¹ Praise Yahweh. Praise God in his holy place; praise him in the mighty heavens.

UST

¹ Praise Yahweh! Praise God in his temple! Praise him who is in his fortress in heaven!

Where should everyone praise God?

Everyone should praise God in his sanctuary and the mighty heavens.

Psalms 150:2

ULT

² Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

UST

² Praise him for the mighty deeds that he has performed; praise him because he is very great!

For what should everyone praise God?

Everyone should praise God for his mighty acts and for his surpassing greatness.

Psalms 150:3

ULT

³ Praise him with the blast of the horn; praise him with lute and harp.

UST

³ Praise him by blowing trumpets loudly; praise him by playing harps and small stringed instruments!

With what instruments should everyone praise God? (vv3-5)

Everyone should praise God with the horn, lute, harp, tambourines, dancing, stringed and wind instruments, and with cymbals.

Psalms 150:4

ULT

⁴ Praise him with tambourines and dancing; praise him with stringed instruments and wind instruments.

UST

⁴ Praise him by beating drums and by dancing. Praise him by playing stringed instruments and by playing flutes!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 150:5

ULT

⁵ Praise him with loud cymbals; praise him with high sounding cymbals.

UST

⁵ Praise him by clashing cymbals; praise him by clashing very loud cymbals!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 150:6

ULT

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise Yahweh. Praise Yahweh.

UST

⁶ I want all living creatures to praise Yahweh! Praise Yahweh!

Who should praise Yahweh?

Everything that has breath should praise Yahweh.

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