**Psalm 104-106**

Psalm 104

**1**Praise the Lord, my soul.

Lord my God, you are very great;  
    you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

**2**The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;  
    he stretches out the heavens like a tent  
**3**    and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.  
He makes the clouds his chariot  
    and rides on the wings of the wind.  
**4**He makes winds his messengers,   
    flames of fire his servants.

**5**He set the earth on its foundations;  
    it can never be moved.  
**6**You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;  
    the waters stood above the mountains.  
**7**But at your rebuke the waters fled,  
    at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;  
**8**they flowed over the mountains,  
    they went down into the valleys,  
    to the place you assigned for them.  
**9**You set a boundary they cannot cross;  
    never again will they cover the earth.

**10**He makes springs pour water into the ravines;  
    it flows between the mountains.  
**11**They give water to all the beasts of the field;  
    the wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
**12**The birds of the sky nest by the waters;  
    they sing among the branches.  
**13**He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;  
    the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.  
**14**He makes grass grow for the cattle,  
    and plants for people to cultivate -   
    bringing forth food from the earth:  
**15**wine that gladdens human hearts,  
    oil to make their faces shine,  
    and bread that sustains their hearts.  
**16**The trees of the Lord are well watered,  
    the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.  
**17**There the birds make their nests;  
    the stork has its home in the junipers.  
**18**The high mountains belong to the wild goats;  
    the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.

**19**He made the moon to mark the seasons,  
    and the sun knows when to go down.  
**20**You bring darkness, it becomes night,  
    and all the beasts of the forest prowl.  
**21**The lions roar for their prey  
    and seek their food from God.  
**22**The sun rises, and they steal away;  
    they return and lie down in their dens.  
**23**Then people go out to their work,  
    to their labor until evening.

**24**How many are your works, Lord!  
    In wisdom you made them all;  
    the earth is full of your creatures.  
**25**There is the sea, vast and spacious,  
    teeming with creatures beyond number -   
    living things both large and small.  
**26**There the ships go to and fro,  
    and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

**27**All creatures look to you  
    to give them their food at the proper time.  
**28**When you give it to them,  
    they gather it up;  
when you open your hand,  
    they are satisfied with good things.  
**29**When you hide your face,  
    they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
    they die and return to the dust.  
**30**When you send your Spirit,  
    they are created,  
    and you renew the face of the ground.

**31**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
    may the Lord rejoice in his works -   
**32**he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,  
    who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

**33**I will sing to the Lord all my life;  
    I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.  
**34**May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
    as I rejoice in the Lord.  
**35**But may sinners vanish from the earth  
    and the wicked be no more.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Praise the Lord.

Psalm 105

**1**Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
    make known among the nations what he has done.  
**2**Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
    tell of all his wonderful acts.  
**3**Glory in his holy name;  
    let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
**4**Look to the Lord and his strength;  
    seek his face always.

**5**Remember the wonders he has done,  
    his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,  
**6**you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,  
    his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.  
**7**He is the Lord our God;  
    his judgments are in all the earth.

**8**He remembers his covenant forever,  
    the promise he made, for a thousand generations,  
**9**the covenant he made with Abraham,  
    the oath he swore to Isaac.  
**10**He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,  
    to Israel as an everlasting covenant:  
**11**“To you I will give the land of Canaan  
    as the portion you will inherit.”

**12**When they were but few in number,  
    few indeed, and strangers in it,  
**13**they wandered from nation to nation,  
    from one kingdom to another.  
**14**He allowed no one to oppress them;  
    for their sake he rebuked kings:  
**15**“Do not touch my anointed ones;  
    do my prophets no harm.”

**16**He called down famine on the land  
    and destroyed all their supplies of food;  
**17**and he sent a man before them -   
    Joseph, sold as a slave.  
**18**They bruised his feet with shackles,  
    his neck was put in irons,  
**19**till what he foretold came to pass,  
    till the word of the Lord proved him true.  
**20**The king sent and released him,  
    the ruler of peoples set him free.  
**21**He made him master of his household,  
    ruler over all he possessed,  
**22**to instruct his princes as he pleased  
    and teach his elders wisdom.

**23**Then Israel entered Egypt;  
    Jacob resided as a foreigner in the land of Ham.  
**24**The Lord made his people very fruitful;  
    he made them too numerous for their foes,  
**25**whose hearts he turned to hate his people,  
    to conspire against his servants.  
**26**He sent Moses his servant,  
    and Aaron, whom he had chosen.  
**27**They performed his signs among them,  
    his wonders in the land of Ham.  
**28**He sent darkness and made the land dark -   
    for had they not rebelled against his words?  
**29**He turned their waters into blood,  
    causing their fish to die.  
**30**Their land teemed with frogs,  
    which went up into the bedrooms of their rulers.  
**31**He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,  
    and gnats throughout their country.  
**32**He turned their rain into hail,  
    with lightning throughout their land;  
**33**he struck down their vines and fig trees  
    and shattered the trees of their country.  
**34**He spoke, and the locusts came,  
    grasshoppers without number;  
**35**they ate up every green thing in their land,  
    ate up the produce of their soil.  
**36**Then he struck down all the firstborn in their land,  
    the firstfruits of all their manhood.  
**37**He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold,  
    and from among their tribes no one faltered.  
**38**Egypt was glad when they left,  
    because dread of Israel had fallen on them.

**39**He spread out a cloud as a covering,  
    and a fire to give light at night.  
**40**They asked, and he brought them quail;  
    he fed them well with the bread of heaven.  
**41**He opened the rock, and water gushed out;  
    it flowed like a river in the desert.

**42**For he remembered his holy promise  
    given to his servant Abraham.  
**43**He brought out his people with rejoicing,  
    his chosen ones with shouts of joy;  
**44**he gave them the lands of the nations,  
    and they fell heir to what others had toiled for -   
**45**that they might keep his precepts  
    and observe his laws.

Praise the Lord.

Psalm 106

**1**Praise the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
    his love endures forever.

**2**Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord  
    or fully declare his praise?  
**3**Blessed are those who act justly,  
    who always do what is right.

**4**Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people,  
    come to my aid when you save them,  
**5**that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
    that I may share in the joy of your nation  
    and join your inheritance in giving praise.

**6**We have sinned, even as our ancestors did;  
    we have done wrong and acted wickedly.  
**7**When our ancestors were in Egypt,  
    they gave no thought to your miracles;  
they did not remember your many kindnesses,  
    and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+104-106&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15659e)]  
**8**Yet he saved them for his name’s sake,  
    to make his mighty power known.  
**9**He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up;  
    he led them through the depths as through a desert.  
**10**He saved them from the hand of the foe;  
    from the hand of the enemy he redeemed them.  
**11**The waters covered their adversaries;  
    not one of them survived.  
**12**Then they believed his promises  
    and sang his praise.

**13**But they soon forgot what he had done  
    and did not wait for his plan to unfold.  
**14**In the desert they gave in to their craving;  
    in the wilderness they put God to the test.  
**15**So he gave them what they asked for,  
    but sent a wasting disease among them.

**16**In the camp they grew envious of Moses  
    and of Aaron, who was consecrated to the Lord.  
**17**The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan;  
    it buried the company of Abiram.  
**18**Fire blazed among their followers;  
    a flame consumed the wicked.  
**19**At Horeb they made a calf  
    and worshiped an idol cast from metal.  
**20**They exchanged their glorious God  
    for an image of a bull, which eats grass.  
**21**They forgot the God who saved them,  
    who had done great things in Egypt,  
**22**miracles in the land of Ham  
    and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.  
**23**So he said he would destroy them -   
    had not Moses, his chosen one,  
stood in the breach before him  
    to keep his wrath from destroying them.

**24**Then they despised the pleasant land;  
    they did not believe his promise.  
**25**They grumbled in their tents  
    and did not obey the Lord.  
**26**So he swore to them with uplifted hand  
    that he would make them fall in the wilderness,  
**27**make their descendants fall among the nations  
    and scatter them throughout the lands.

**28**They yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor  
    and ate sacrifices offered to lifeless gods;  
**29**they aroused the Lord’s anger by their wicked deeds,  
    and a plague broke out among them.  
**30**But Phinehas stood up and intervened,  
    and the plague was checked.  
**31**This was credited to him as righteousness  
    for endless generations to come.  
**32**By the waters of Meribah they angered the Lord,  
    and trouble came to Moses because of them;  
**33**for they rebelled against the Spirit of God,  
    and rash words came from Moses’ lips.

**34**They did not destroy the peoples  
    as the Lord had commanded them,  
**35**but they mingled with the nations  
    and adopted their customs.  
**36**They worshiped their idols,  
    which became a snare to them.  
**37**They sacrificed their sons  
    and their daughters to false gods.  
**38**They shed innocent blood,  
    the blood of their sons and daughters,  
whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan,  
    and the land was desecrated by their blood.  
**39**They defiled themselves by what they did;  
    by their deeds they prostituted themselves.

**40**Therefore the Lord was angry with his people  
    and abhorred his inheritance.  
**41**He gave them into the hands of the nations,  
    and their foes ruled over them.  
**42**Their enemies oppressed them  
    and subjected them to their power.  
**43**Many times he delivered them,  
    but they were bent on rebellion  
    and they wasted away in their sin.  
**44**Yet he took note of their distress  
    when he heard their cry;  
**45**for their sake he remembered his covenant  
    and out of his great love he relented.  
**46**He caused all who held them captive  
    to show them mercy.

**47**Save us, Lord our God,  
    and gather us from the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name  
    and glory in your praise.

**48**Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
    from everlasting to everlasting.

Let all the people say, “Amen!”

Praise the Lord.