**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.

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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.