**Psalm 69-72**

Psalm 69

**For the director of music. To the tune of “Lilies.” Of David.**

**1**Save me, O God,
    for the waters have come up to my neck.
**2**I sink in the miry depths,
    where there is no foothold.
I have come into the deep waters;
    the floods engulf me.
**3**I am worn out calling for help;
    my throat is parched.
My eyes fail,
    looking for my God.
**4**Those who hate me without reason
    outnumber the hairs of my head;
many are my enemies without cause,
    those who seek to destroy me.
I am forced to restore
    what I did not steal.

**5**You, God, know my folly;
    my guilt is not hidden from you.

**6**Lord, the Lord Almighty,
    may those who hope in you
    not be disgraced because of me;
God of Israel,
    may those who seek you
    not be put to shame because of me.
**7**For I endure scorn for your sake,
    and shame covers my face.
**8**I am a foreigner to my own family,
    a stranger to my own mother’s children;
**9**for zeal for your house consumes me,
    and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.
**10**When I weep and fast,
    I must endure scorn;
**11**when I put on sackcloth,
    people make sport of me.
**12**Those who sit at the gate mock me,
    and I am the song of the drunkards.

**13**But I pray to you, Lord,
    in the time of your favor;
in your great love, O God,
    answer me with your sure salvation.
**14**Rescue me from the mire,
    do not let me sink;
deliver me from those who hate me,
    from the deep waters.
**15**Do not let the floodwaters engulf me
    or the depths swallow me up
    or the pit close its mouth over me.

**16**Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of your love;
    in your great mercy turn to me.
**17**Do not hide your face from your servant;
    answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.
**18**Come near and rescue me;
    deliver me because of my foes.

**19**You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed;
    all my enemies are before you.
**20**Scorn has broken my heart
    and has left me helpless;
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
    for comforters, but I found none.
**21**They put gall in my food
    and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

**22**May the table set before them become a snare;
    may it become retribution and[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+69-72&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14958b)] a trap.
**23**May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see,
    and their backs be bent forever.
**24**Pour out your wrath on them;
    let your fierce anger overtake them.
**25**May their place be deserted;
    let there be no one to dwell in their tents.
**26**For they persecute those you wound
    and talk about the pain of those you hurt.
**27**Charge them with crime upon crime;
    do not let them share in your salvation.
**28**May they be blotted out of the book of life
    and not be listed with the righteous.

**29**But as for me, afflicted and in pain -
    may your salvation, God, protect me.

**30**I will praise God’s name in song
    and glorify him with thanksgiving.
**31**This will please the Lord more than an ox,
    more than a bull with its horns and hooves.
**32**The poor will see and be glad -
    you who seek God, may your hearts live!
**33**The Lord hears the needy
    and does not despise his captive people.

**34**Let heaven and earth praise him,
    the seas and all that move in them,
**35**for God will save Zion
    and rebuild the cities of Judah.
Then people will settle there and possess it;
**36**    the children of his servants will inherit it,
    and those who love his name will dwell there.

Psalm 70

**For the director of music. Of David. A petition.**

**1**Hasten, O God, to save me;
    come quickly, Lord, to help me.

**2**May those who want to take my life
    be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
    be turned back in disgrace.
**3**May those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!”
    turn back because of their shame.
**4**But may all who seek you
    rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
    “The Lord is great!”

**5**But as for me, I am poor and needy;
    come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
    Lord, do not delay.

Psalm 71

**1**In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
    let me never be put to shame.
**2**In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
    turn your ear to me and save me.
**3**Be my rock of refuge,
    to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
    for you are my rock and my fortress.
**4**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
    from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

**5**For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
    my confidence since my youth.
**6**From birth I have relied on you;
    you brought me forth from my mother’s womb.
    I will ever praise you.
**7**I have become a sign to many;
    you are my strong refuge.
**8**My mouth is filled with your praise,
    declaring your splendor all day long.

**9**Do not cast me away when I am old;
    do not forsake me when my strength is gone.
**10**For my enemies speak against me;
    those who wait to kill me conspire together.
**11**They say, “God has forsaken him;
    pursue him and seize him,
    for no one will rescue him.”
**12**Do not be far from me, my God;
    come quickly, God, to help me.
**13**May my accusers perish in shame;
    may those who want to harm me
    be covered with scorn and disgrace.

**14**As for me, I will always have hope;
    I will praise you more and more.

**15**My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,
    of your saving acts all day long -
    though I know not how to relate them all.
**16**I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord;
    I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.
**17**Since my youth, God, you have taught me,
    and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.
**18**Even when I am old and gray,
    do not forsake me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
    your mighty acts to all who are to come.

**19**Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens,
    you who have done great things.
    Who is like you, God?
**20**Though you have made me see troubles,
    many and bitter,
    you will restore my life again;
from the depths of the earth
    you will again bring me up.
**21**You will increase my honor
    and comfort me once more.

**22**I will praise you with the harp
    for your faithfulness, my God;
I will sing praise to you with the lyre,
    Holy One of Israel.
**23**My lips will shout for joy
    when I sing praise to you -
    I whom you have delivered.
**24**My tongue will tell of your righteous acts
    all day long,
for those who wanted to harm me
    have been put to shame and confusion.

Psalm 72

**Of Solomon.**

**1**Endow the king with your justice, O God,
    the royal son with your righteousness.
**2**May he judge your people in righteousness,
    your afflicted ones with justice.

**3**May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
    the hills the fruit of righteousness.
**4**May he defend the afflicted among the people
    and save the children of the needy;
    may he crush the oppressor.
**5**May he endure[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+69-72&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15006d)] as long as the sun,
    as long as the moon, through all generations.
**6**May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
    like showers watering the earth.
**7**In his days may the righteous flourish
    and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

**8**May he rule from sea to sea
    and from the River[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+69-72&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15009e)] to the ends of the earth.
**9**May the desert tribes bow before him
    and his enemies lick the dust.
**10**May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores
    bring tribute to him.
May the kings of Sheba and Seba
    present him gifts.
**11**May all kings bow down to him
    and all nations serve him.

**12**For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
    the afflicted who have no one to help.
**13**He will take pity on the weak and the needy
    and save the needy from death.
**14**He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
    for precious is their blood in his sight.

**15**Long may he live!
    May gold from Sheba be given him.
May people ever pray for him
    and bless him all day long.
**16**May grain abound throughout the land;
    on the tops of the hills may it sway.
May the crops flourish like Lebanon
    and thrive[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+69-72&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15017f)] like the grass of the field.
**17**May his name endure forever;
    may it continue as long as the sun.

Then all nations will be blessed through him,
    and they will call him blessed.

**18**Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel,
    who alone does marvelous deeds.
**19**Praise be to his glorious name forever;
    may the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and Amen.

**20**This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse.