**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.