**Psalm 45-48**

Psalm 45

**For the director of music. To the tune of “Lilies.” Of the Sons of Korah. A *maskil.* A wedding song.**

**1**My heart is stirred by a noble theme
    as I recite my verses for the king;
    my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

**2**You are the most excellent of men
    and your lips have been anointed with grace,
    since God has blessed you forever.

**3**Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one;
    clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.
**4**In your majesty ride forth victoriously
    in the cause of truth, humility and justice;
    let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.
**5**Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king’s enemies;
    let the nations fall beneath your feet.
**6**Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
    a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.
**7**You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
    therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
    by anointing you with the oil of joy.
**8**All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;
    from palaces adorned with ivory
    the music of the strings makes you glad.
**9**Daughters of kings are among your honored women;
    at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.

**10**Listen, daughter, and pay careful attention:
    Forget your people and your father’s house.
**11**Let the king be enthralled by your beauty;
    honor him, for he is your lord.
**12**The city of Tyre will come with a gift,
    people of wealth will seek your favor.
**13**All glorious is the princess within her chamber;
    her gown is interwoven with gold.
**14**In embroidered garments she is led to the king;
    her virgin companions follow her -
    those brought to be with her.
**15**Led in with joy and gladness,
    they enter the palace of the king.

**16**Your sons will take the place of your fathers;
    you will make them princes throughout the land.

**17**I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
    therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Psalm 46

**For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to *alamoth.* A song.**

**1**God is our refuge and strength,
    an ever-present help in trouble.
**2**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
    and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
**3**though its waters roar and foam
    and the mountains quake with their surging.

**4**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
    the holy place where the Most High dwells.
**5**God is within her, she will not fall;
    God will help her at break of day.
**6**Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
    he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

**7**The Lord Almighty is with us;
    the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**8**Come and see what the Lord has done,
    the desolations he has brought on the earth.
**9**He makes wars cease
    to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
    he burns the shields[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+45-48&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14624h)] with fire.
**10**He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
    I will be exalted among the nations,
    I will be exalted in the earth.”

**11**The Lord Almighty is with us;
    the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 47

**For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.**

**1**Clap your hands, all you nations;
    shout to God with cries of joy.

**2**For the Lord Most High is awesome,
    the great King over all the earth.
**3**He subdued nations under us,
    peoples under our feet.
**4**He chose our inheritance for us,
    the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

**5**God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
    the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
**6**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
    sing praises to our King, sing praises.
**7**For God is the King of all the earth;
    sing to him a psalm of praise.

**8**God reigns over the nations;
    God is seated on his holy throne.
**9**The nobles of the nations assemble
    as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings[[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+45-48&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14635k)] of the earth belong to God;
    he is greatly exalted.

Psalm 48

**A song. A psalm of the Sons of Korah.**

**1**Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise,
    in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

**2**Beautiful in its loftiness,
    the joy of the whole earth,
like the heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion,
    the city of the Great King.
**3**God is in her citadels;
    he has shown himself to be her fortress.

**4**When the kings joined forces,
    when they advanced together,
**5**they saw her and were astounded;
    they fled in terror.
**6**Trembling seized them there,
    pain like that of a woman in labor.
**7**You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish
    shattered by an east wind.

**8**As we have heard,
    so we have seen
in the city of the Lord Almighty,
    in the city of our God:
God makes her secure
    forever.

**9**Within your temple, O God,
    we meditate on your unfailing love.
**10**Like your name, O God,
    your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
    your right hand is filled with righteousness.
**11**Mount Zion rejoices,
    the villages of Judah are glad
    because of your judgments.

**12**Walk about Zion, go around her,
    count her towers,
**13**consider well her ramparts,
    view her citadels,
that you may tell of them
    to the next generation.

**14**For this God is our God for ever and ever;
    he will be our guide even to the end.