**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.