

Psalm

Part 1

Detailed Bible Book Outline

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**Psalms - Book I
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Psalm 1

A. The Lord explained that the godly are blessed - 1:1

Blessed is the man:

This is the word for mankind and is different than animals - Ex. 19:13

A blessed person does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

A blessed person does not stand in the path of sinners

A blessed person does not sit in the seat of scoffers

B. The Lord explained why the godly are blessed - 1:2-3

A blessed person delights in the law of the Lord

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path - Ps. 119:105

A blessed person meditates on the law of the Lord day and night

The person who has the Word of God in his heart speaks wisdom - Ps. 37:30-31

A blessed person will be like a tree

A blessed person will be like a tree planted by a river of water

A tree planted by a river is fruitful even in a drought - Jer. 17:7-8

A blessed person will bring forth fruit in its season

The person will still bring forth fruit in old age - Ps. 92:12-14; Gal. 6:9

A blessed person will not have leaves that wither (dry out)

A blessed man will be blessed in whatever he does

The Lord caused everything Joseph did to succeed - Gen. 39:21-23

C. The Lord explained that the ungodly are like chaff - 1:4-5

God said the ungodly are not like a tree (right or honest)

God said the ungodly are like chaff the wind blows away

The wicked are like chaff that the storm carries away - Job 21:18

God said the ungodly will not stand in the judgment

God said the ungodly will not stand in the way of the righteous

D. The Lord explained the end for each - 1:6

God said He knows the way of the righteous

The Lord gives the righteous an eternal heritage - Ps. 37:18

God said the way of the wicked will perish

The Lord will give eternal judgment to the wicked - Rev. 20:15

Psalm 2

A. God showed the rebellion of the world against Christ - 2:1-3

The Lord asked why the nations rage

This is quoted by the Christians in Acts as they prayed - Acts 5:24-26

The Lord said the peoples plot in vain

The Lord said the kings of the earth stand firm against Him

The Roman rulers united to fulfill Scripture - Luke 23:6-12

The Lord said the rulers take counsel together

The high priest led the Jewish rulers in their rejection - John 11:46-48

The Lord said the rulers plot against His Anointed

The high priest prophesied this to fulfill Scripture - John 11:49-53

The Lord said the peoples think they can rebel and succeed

The religious leaders were planning to destroy Christ - Matt. 27:1-2

The Lord said the peoples think they can reject all authority

B. God is the One who will show His wrath against sinful man - 2:4-6

The Lord sits in the heavens and laughs

The Lord knows the judgment coming to those who reject Him - Ps. 37:12-13

The Lord scoffs at those who mock Him

The Lord will speak to them in His anger

God will act in His anger against sin and rebellion - Ps. 76:7-9

The Lord will terrify them with His fury

The Lord will install His King on the earth

Christ will rule as King of kings and Lord of lords - Rev. 19:16; 20:3-6

The Lord will send Him to rule on Zion, His holy mountain

The Father will set Christ on His holy hill in Zion - Isa. 46:12-13

Zion is the city of the great King - Ps. 48:1-2

C. God will send His Son to rule the earth - 2:7-9

The Father will declare His decree

The Father will say this to Christ

Christ will rule the earth with righteousness - Ps. 45:6-8

The Father will send His only Begotten Son

The Father told His Son to ask of Him

The Father told His Son He would give Him the nations as His inheritance

The Father said His Son would break the nations with a rod of iron

Christ will rule the nations with a rod of iron - Rev. 19:15

The Father said that He would shatter them like a clay pot

Christ will judge the nations when he comes to rule - Ps. 110:5-6

D. God calls on mankind to trust His Son before His wrath comes - 2:10-12

**The Father now calls to the kings of the earth
The Father calls them to be wise
The Father gives instruction to the judges of the earth
The Father says to serve the Lord with fear
The Father says to rejoice with trembling
The Father said to kiss the Son while they have the opportunity
The Father said to do this before He shows His anger against them
Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation - Isa. 49:7-9
The Father said to do this before they are destroyed
The Father said this will be when His wrath is kindled just a little
The Father says those who put their trust in Him will be blessed**

Psalm 3

A Psalm of David (when He fled from Absalom his son)

A. David addressed His prayer to the Lord - 3:1-2

**David said those against him continued to increase
David said there were many who rose up against Him
The number increased that followed Absalom - 2 Sam. 15:10-12; Ps. 9:13-14
David said that there were many who were speaking against him
David said they were saying there is no help for Him in God. Selah.**

B. David knew that the Lord was His shield - 3:3-4

**David said that the Lord was a shield for him
David knew the Lord was with him like a shield - Ps. 5:12
David said the Lord is his glory
David knew that the Lord was his salvation and glory - Ps. 62:5-7
David said the Lord is the One who lifts up his head
David said that He cried to the Lord with his voice
David said the Lord heard him from His holy hill
David knew the Lord would hear when the godly called on Him - Ps. 43:3-5**

C. David was able to sleep and have peace - 3:5-6

**David said that he had been able to lay down and sleep
The Lord keeps in perfect peace those who trust in Him - Isa. 26:3
David said that he awoke because the Lord supported him
David said that he would not be afraid of ten thousands of people
David said these were those who set themselves against Him**

D. David was able to awake and praise the Lord in prayer - 3:7-8

David prayed and asked the Lord to arise
David said, "Save me, O my God"
David said the Lord struck all his enemies on the cheek
David said the Lord had broken the teeth of the ungodly
David said salvation belongs to the Lord
God told Israel there is no other savior - Isa. 43:11
David said the blessing of the Lord is on His people

Psalm 4

To the chief musician with stringed instruments - A Psalm of David

A. David asked the Lord to hear his prayer - 4:1

David asked the Lord to hear him when he called
David knew that God was the source of his righteousness
David said the Lord had relieved him in his distress
David asked the Lord to have mercy on him and hear his prayer

B. David knew that the Lord knows the godly - 4:2-5

David asked the sons of men how long his honor would be turned to shame
David said the sons of men would love worthlessness and deception
David knew that the Lord had set apart the godly man for Himself
David knew that the Lord heard when he called
David said to tremble but do not sin
David said to meditate in your heart on your bed and be still
We are to meditate on the Word of God day and night - Ps. 1:2; Ps. 77:6
David said to offer the sacrifices of righteousness
The Lord told what kind of sacrifices He wants - Ps. 51:16-17
David said to trust in the Lord

C. David knew the peace that the Lord gives - 4:6-8

David said that many say, "who will show us any good?"
David asked the Lord to let the light of His face be upon them
David said the Lord had placed gladness in his heart
The Lord gives joy to the upright in heart - Ps. 97:10-12
David said that was greater than when grain and wine abound
David said that he would both lie down and also sleep
David could sleep in peace even when he was chased by enemies - Ps. 3:5
David said this would happen because the Lord made him dwell in safety

Psalm 5
To the chief musician with flutes - A Psalm of David

A. The Lord is the One to whom we pray - 5:1-3

David asked the Lord to hear his words
David wanted the Lord to hear him when he prayed - Ps. 4:1
David asked the Lord to understand His meditation
David asked the Lord to pay attention to his cry
David knew that the Lord would hear him at any time - Ps. 55:16-19
David said that he would pray to His King and His God
God was recognized as King in an early prophesy - Num. 23:21-23
David said that he began his day by prayer to God in the morning
Others had earlier prayed in the morning - Ps. 88:13-14
David said that he would direct his prayer to the Lord

B. The Lord is the One who hates sin (He is holy) - 5:4-6

David knew that God does not have pleasure in wickedness
God cannot look on wickedness - Hab. 1:13
David knew that there was no evil in God
God is holy and will not sin - Lev. 11:45; I Pet. 1:15-16
David knew the boastful would not be heard by God
Those who do evil boast in themselves - Ps. 94:3-4; Luke 18:10-14
David knew that God hates all workers of iniquity
The Lord is the One who stands against the workers of iniquity - Ps. 94:16-17
David knew that God will destroy those who speak falsehood
Samson was often guilty of speaking falsehood - Jdg. 16:10, 13
David knew the Lord hates a bloodthirsty and deceitful person
One who sheds the blood of the innocent - Gen. 9:6; Prov. 1:10-11

C. The Lord will lead us into His righteousness - 5:7-8

David said that he would come to the Lord because of his great mercy
David asked the Lord to forgive his sin because of His great mercy - Ps. 51:1-2
David said that He would worship in fear in His holy temple
Worship in fear is to worship with reverence - Prov. 1:7
True worship helps us turn from sin and grow in godliness - Ex. 20:20
David asked the Lord to lead him in His righteousness
In His righteousness the Lord delivers us from sin - Ps. 31:2
David asked the Lord to make His way straight before him
The righteous lives by his faith as we obey Him - Hab. 2:4
The Word of God causes us to turn from every false way - Ps. 119:125-128

D. The Lord knows the hearts of the unrighteous - 5:9-10

David knew that there was no faithfulness in their mouth
David knew that their inner thoughts were great wickedness
Righteousness is the opposite of evil or wickedness - Ps. 45:8
David knew that their throat was an open grave
David said they flattered with their tongue
David asked the Lord to hold them guilty
David said to let them fall by their own schemes
David asked the Lord to cast them out for all their sins
David said that they had rebelled against the Lord

E. The Lord gives joy to those who trust in Him - 5:11-12

David asked that all those who put their trust in God would rejoice
David said to let them shout for joy because God protected them
David asked that those who love the Lord would be joyful in Him
After sinning, David asked the Lord to restore the joy of his salvation - Ps. 51:12
David knew that the Lord would bless the righteous
David knew God surrounded them like a shield

Psalm 6

To the chief musician with stringed instruments - A Psalm of David

A. The Lord was asked to show mercy to David - 6:1-3

David asked the Lord not to rebuke him in His anger
David was disciplined but not destroyed - Psalm 118:18
David asked the Lord not to discipline him in His hot displeasure
David asked the Lord to have mercy on him for he was weak
David asked the Lord to heal him because his bones were troubled
The Lord heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds - Ps. 147:3
David said that his soul was also greatly troubled
Christ said His soul was troubled as He prepared for the cross - John 12:27
David asked the Lord how he would experience these things

B. The Lord was asked to deliver David from the grave - 6:4-5

David asked the Lord to return and deliver his soul
David asked the Lord to save him for His mercies' sake
David said there would be no remembrance by him after his death
The dead can no longer praise the Lord on the earth - Ps. 115:17
David said he could not give thanks from the grave

C. The Lord heard that David was very dismayed - 6:6-7

David said he grown tired with his sighing
David said his bed was soaked with tossing without sleep
David said he made his bed wet with tears
David said his eye was getting weak with grief
David said his eye wasted from grief, both his soul and his body - Ps. 31:9
David said it had become old because of all his enemies

D. The Lord was asked to rescue David from his enemies - 6:8-10

David asked all who do evil to turn from iniquity
Otherwise they will be judged with eternal fire - Rev. 20:12-15
David said that the Lord had heard his request for mercy
David had his trust in the Lord - Ps. 28:6
David said that all of his enemies would be terrified
David said his enemies would suddenly be ashamed

Psalm 7

David sang to the Lord concerning the words of Cush, a Benjamite

A. The Lord was told David's trust was in Him - 7:1-2

David said he had put his trust in the Lord
David asked the Lord to save him for those persecuting him
David knew that his times were in the hands of the Lord - Ps. 31:15
David asked the Lord to deliver him
David said otherwise they would tear his soul like a lion
David felt like his soul was among lions - Ps. 57:4
David said they would drag him away in pieces
David said then there would be none to deliver

B. The Lord heard David was willing to be judged if he was guilty - 7:3-5

David told the Lord that if he was guilty
David said if there was sin in his hands
David showed he was not rebellious by not harming Saul - 1 Sam. 24:7-11
David said if he had repaid evil to one who was at peace with him
David said if he had plundered an enemy without a cause
David had even protected Saul from Abishai - 1 Sam. 26:9
David said to let the enemy pursue him and overtake him
David said to let him trample David's life to the earth
David said to let him put David's honor in the dust

B. The Lord heard David was willing to be judged if he was guilty - 7:3-5

David told the Lord that if he was guilty

Shimei accused David of being a man of bloodshed - 2 Sam. 16:7

David said if there was sin in his hands

David showed he was innocent when he could have killed Saul - 1 Sam. 24:7-11

David said if he had repaid evil to one who was at peace with him

David said if he had plundered an enemy without a cause

David prevented Abishai from killing Saul - 1 Sam. 26:26:8-10

David said to let the enemy pursue him and overtake him

David said to let him trample David's life to the earth

David said to let him put David's honor in the dust

C. The Lord was asked to do all judging - 7:6-8

David asked the Lord to rise up in His anger

David asked the Lord lift Himself against the rage of his enemies

David let the Lord be his judge - Ps. 94:2; Deut. 32:34-35

David asked the Lord to carry out the judgment He had commanded

The Lord is the Righteous Judge who shows justice - Ps. 97:2

David said to do this so the people would surround the Lord

David wanted the Lord to be over the people

David wanted the Lord to judge the peoples

The Lord will search the heart and give man according to his ways - Jer. 17:9

David wanted the Lord to judge him according to his righteousness

David was concerned to please God rather than men - Ps. 18:20

David wanted the Lord to show the godly life of David within him

David knew that he was pleasing God by his choices - Ps. 35:24

D. The Lord heard from David that his defense was the Lord - 7:9-10

David asked the Lord to bring the wickedness of the wicked to an end

God will give every man according to his ways - Jer. 17:10

Those who turn aside to their crooked ways will be judged - Ps. 125:5

David asked the Lord to establish the righteous

The Lord preserves the souls of His saints - Ps. 97:10-12

David said the righteous God tests the hearts and the minds

David asked the Lord to test his heart and mind - Ps. 26:2

David said his shield is with God

The Lord told Abram (Abraham) He was his shield - Gen. 15:1

David said God is the One who saves the upright in heart

God is righteous and tests the hearts and minds - 1 Sam. 16:7

God saves all those who trust in Him - Ps. 125:1-4

E. The Lord is the One who is a just judge - 7:11-13

David said that God is a just (righteous) judge

(The word used can be translated either just or righteous)

Abraham asked if God destroys the righteous with the wicked - Gen. 18:23-25

The Lord was merciful and spared Lot when he lingered - Gen. 19:16, 26

God knew that in his heart Lot was righteous - 2 Pet. 2:6-9

David said that God shows His wrath with the wicked every day

God does and will judge the wicked nations - Ps. 9:19-20

David said God warns all those who will not repent

God knew that the people in the time of Noah would not repent - Gen. 6:5

God saved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and his family - 2 Pet. 2:5

David said that God will sharpen His sword (judge)

The Lord said His flashing sword brings judgment - Deut. 32:41

David said God has prepared for Himself deadly weapons

The Lord used the flood as His deadly weapon - Gen. 7:1; 16; 21-23

David said God makes His arrows fiery shafts

F. The Lord will judge the wicked - 7:14-16

God warned what will happen if man does not repent

God changed the languages when men did not repent again - Gen. 11:6-9

God will judge all forms of evil and wickedness

Sin when it is fully grown brings forth death - James 1:15

God will judge the person who thinks of ways to cause trouble

God will judge the person who speaks lies

God said that the person who does such things has dug a pit

God said that the person who dug the pit will fall into it

Those who dug a pit for others will fall into it themselves - Ps. 57:6

God said that his violence will come down on his own head

Haman had his evil plan return on his own head - Esther 9:25

G. The Lord heard David praise the righteousness of God - 7:17

David said that he would give thanks to the Lord

David said he would sing praise to the Lord among the nations - Ps. 108:1-4

David said that he would speak of the righteousness of the Lord

Israel will one day say, "The Lord is our Righteousness" - Jer. 23:6; 33:16

David said that he would sing praise to the Lord

David said he would tell of the marvelous works of God - Ps. 33:1-2

David said He is the Lord Most High

The Lord is Most High and will not be moved - Ps. 21:7

It is good to sing praises to Your name, O Most High - Ps. 92:1-3

Psalm 8
On the instrument of Gath - A Psalm of David

A. The Lord is the One who made heaven and earth - 8:1-2

David began the Psalm by focusing on the Lord
David said “O Lord” from the name given to God in Exodus 3:14
In this verse God revealed He has always existed - “I AM WHO I AM”
David could speak personally about Our Lord
This is the title for God which shows He is over all things - Psalm 114:7
David said that His name is excellent in all the earth
The name of the Lord is exalted above heaven and earth - Ps. 148:13
David said that God has set His glory above the heavens
In this verse the Lord says His glory is above the heavens - Ps. 113:4
David said God receives praise from babes and nursing infants
David said God shows this praise and He has established strength
David said that by this God shows He is over all His enemies
David said God will one day silence the enemy and the avenger

B. The Lord made man a little lower than the angels - 8:3-6

David said God developed the heavens as the work of His fingers
David said God made the moon and stars also
God counted the number of stars and named them all by name - Ps. 147:4
David asked why God even remembered man
David asked why God cared for the son of man
Christ came as the Son of Man to give life - Luke 19:10; Heb. 2:6-8
David said God for a little made man a little lower than the angels
Christ was made for a little time lower than angels - I Cor. 15:27; Phil. 2:5-11
David said God crowned man with glory and honor
David said God made man to rule the works of His hands (the earth)
God gave man rule over every living thing on earth - Gen. 1:26-28
David said God put all things under man’s feet

C. The Lord placed man over all of His creation - 8:7-9

David said God made man to rule over the works of His hands
David said God had placed all things under the feet of man
David said this included the sheep, oxen and beasts of the field
David said this included the birds of the heavens and fish of the seas
David ended this Psalm by focusing again on the Lord
The Son of Man will one day have the eternal rule - Dan. 7:13-14
David said His name is excellent in all the earth

Psalm 9
To the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Death of the Son"

A. The Lord is the One to be praised - 9:1-2

David said he would give thanks to the Lord with all his heart
The thanks David felt from the Lord filled His heart - Ps. 5:11
David said He would tell of all His wonderful works
Wonderful are the works of God - Ps. 139:14
David said he would be glad and rejoice in the Lord
It is good to give thanks to the Lord - Ps. 92:1
David said he would sing praise to Your name, O Most High
The Lord is the One who is Most High over all the earth - Ps. 83:18

B. The Lord is the One who judged the enemies of David - 9:3-5

David knew that his enemies would turn back
David said they fall and perish in the Lord's presence
David said the Lord maintained his just cause
David said the Lord gave righteous judgment as he sat on His throne
David said God rebuked the nations
David said God destroyed the wicked
David said the Lord blotted out their name forever
God will blot out their name forever - Prov. 10:7; Rev. 21:8

C. The Lord will judge the world in righteousness - 9:6-8

David said the enemy has come to an end in everlasting ruins
David said the Lord destroyed their cities
David said that even their memory has perished
The Lord will cut off the memory of them from the earth - Ps. 34:16
David said the Lord will endure forever
The name of the Lord will endure forever - Ps. 102:12
David said the Lord would judge the world in righteousness
The Father will judge the world in righteousness by Christ - Acts 17:31
David said the Lord will carry out justice for people with equity

D. The Lord does not forsake those who seek Him - 9:9-10

David said the Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed
David said the Lord is a stronghold in times of trouble
David said this was for those who know and trust in Him
David said that God has not forsaken those who seek Him

E. The Lord was asked to have mercy on David - 9:11-14

David sang praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion
David said to declare among the peoples His actions
We are to sing of his actions with songs of joy - Ps. 107:22
David said the One who requires blood remembers them
David said He does not forget the cry of the afflicted
David asked the Lord to have mercy (be gracious) to him
David asked the Lord to see the affliction from those who hated him
The Lord remembered His covenant with Israel - Ex. 6:5
David asked the Lord to lift him up from the gates of death
David said then he would tell of all the Lord's praises
David said he would tell it in the gates of the daughter of Zion
David said he would rejoice in the salvation of the Lord

F. The Lord will catch the wicked in their own trap - 9:15-16

David said the nations had sunk down into the pit they had made
David said they hid a net (trap) and their foot was caught in their own trap
David said that the Lord had made Himself known
David said He had executed judgment
The Lord said the Egyptians would know that He is Lord - Ex. 7:5
David said by the work of his own hands the wicked was snared

G. The Lord will judge the nations that forget Him - 9:17-18

David said the wicked will return to (Sheol) hell
David said this would happen to the nations that forgot Him
God said that there would be none to deliver when He judges - Ps. 50:22
David said that the needy will not always be forgotten
God said He will show His salvation to those who praise Him - Ps. 50:23
David said the hope of the poor is they will not perish forever
Those who fear the Lord will not be cut off - Prov. 23:17-18

H. The Lord was asked to show the nations they were only men - 9:19-20

David asked the Lord, do not let man prevail
David asked that the nations would be judged before Him
God promised the nations would be judged before Israel - Deut. 11:23-28
David asked the Lord to put them in fear
God reminded Israel of what He had done to Egypt - Deut. 4:34
David asked that the nations would know they were but men
The wicked do not understand the rights of the poor - Prov. 29:7

Psalm 10
A plea for God's judgment

A. The wicked are filled with pride - 10:1-2

David asked the Lord why He was standing afar off
The Lord had not changed but David felt alone - Heb. 13:8
David asked the Lord why He hid in times of trouble
David was honest about how he felt in times of trouble - Ps. 56:1-2
David said a wicked person in his pride persecutes the poor
God calls us to remember the poor - Gal. 2:10
David asked that they would be caught in the plots they devised
The wicked are snared by the work of their own hands - Ps. 9:16

B. The wicked bless the greedy - 10:3-4

The wicked boasts of his heart's desire
The wicked show by their proud talk their inward desires - Ps. 94:3-4
The wicked curse and reject the Lord
Those who forsake the law praise the wicked - Prov. 28:4
The wicked do not seek God because of their pride
The fool says in his heart that there is no God - Ps. 14:1
The wicked do not even think about God
This is because evil speaks to them from deep in their hearts - Ps. 36:1

C. The wicked man feels he will always be successful - 10:5-7

The wicked person feels he will always prosper
Their inner thought is that their houses will last forever - Ps. 49:10-11
The wicked use lawsuits to get what they want
The Lord says to be willing to be wronged - 1 Cor. 6:7
The wicked always have their eyes on what they want
They try to blow away others by their words - Rev. 18:7
The wicked does not respect his enemies
The wicked secretly plot against the innocent - Prov. 1:11
The wicked has said that he will not fall
God says pride goes before the fall - Prov. 16:18
The wicked have a mouth that is full of curses
Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness - Rom. 3:14
The wicked constantly plan to deceive and destroy others
They are continually doing evil to others - Ps. 55:9-11
The wicked commit acts of trouble toward others with their tongue
They practice deceit and evil with their lips - Rom. 3:13

D. The wicked plans his actions against the helpless - 10:8-10

**The wicked sit in places where it is easy to ambush others
The wicked find hiding places to kill the innocent
The wicked lie in wait secretly like a lion hiding in his den
The wicked lie in wait to catch the poor and afflicted
The wicked catches the poor when he draws him into his net
The wicked crouches in his hiding places and hides himself very low
The wicked plan to make the helpless fall by his strength**

E. The wicked thinks that God will never see - 10:11-13

**David knew the wicked has said in his heart God has forgotten
David knew the wicked thinks God hides his face and will never see
David asked the Lord to arise and lift up His hand
The Lord says that He will repay - Rom. 12:19
David asked the Lord not to forget the poor and afflicted
The Lord does not forget the cry of the humble - Ps. 9:12
David asked why the wicked had renounced God
David said he thought in his heart that God would not require an account
The Lord sees and tests the heart of each person - Ps. 11:4-6**

F. The wicked do not know that God will judge - 10:14-15

**David knew that the Lord has seen
David knew the Lord observed trouble and grief
David knew that the Lord would repay it by His hand
David knew that the helpless commits himself to the Lord
The helpless trust in the Lord for deliverance - 2 Tim. 1:12
David said that God has been a helper to the helpless
The Lord protects the fatherless and the widow - Ps. 68:5
David asked the Lord to break the arm of the wicked, evil man
David said to seek out his wickedness until You find none**

G. The wicked one day will come to an end - 10:16-18

**David said the Lord is King forever and ever
The Lord sits as the enthroned King forever - Ps. 29:10
David said that nations have perished from His land
David knew that the Lord had heard the desire of the humble
David knew the Lord would strengthen their heart and incline His ear
David knew that the Lord will do justice to the fatherless and oppressed
David knew that the Lord will one day cause terror on the earth to end**

Psalm 11
To the Chief Musician - A Psalm of David

A. The Lord contrasted the wicked and the righteous - 11:1-3

David had placed his trust in the Lord

David knew that the Lord was with him - Ps. 56:8-11

David asked how a person could talk to his soul

David knew what happens when we are acting in fear - 1 Sam. 21:12

David asked how a person could say, "Flee as a bird to your mountain."

David had acted in fear when he was in Gath - 1 Sam. 21:13; Ps. 36:7

David said to look as the wicked bend their bow

David had learned how to deal with fear through the Lord - Ps. 56:3-4

David said they make ready their arrow on the string

David said this was to shoot secretly the upright in heart

David asked what happens if the foundations are destroyed

We fail when we depend on our own strength - Ps. 82:5; Rom. 7:14-25

David asked what the righteous can do

The righteous change their thinking as they turn to the Lord - Phil. 4:4-9

B. The Lord tests the hearts of men - 11:4-6

David wrote that the Lord is in His holy temple

David wrote that the throne of the Lord is in heaven

The Lord said heaven is His throne - Isa. 66:1; Rev. 4:4

David said that the eyes of the Lord behold

David said His eyelids test the sons of men

David said the Lord tests the righteous

The Lord tests the righteous to mature them - James 1:1:2-3; 1:12

David said the soul of the Lord hates the wicked

Sin when it is finished with bring forth death - James 1:13-15

David said the soul of the Lord hates the one who loves violence

The Lord will judge all who do not repent - Ex. 23:7; Ps. 75:8; Rev. 20:10-15

David said the Lord will rain coals

C. The Lord loves and blesses the righteous - 11:7

David said the Lord is righteous

David said the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him - Ps. 33:18

David said the Lord loves righteousness

Christ is at the right hand of the Father interceding for us - Ps. 33:5; Rom. 8:34

David said the upright will behold his face

Those who repent will see Him as He is - 1 John 3:1-3

Psalm 12
On an eight-stringed harp - A Psalm of David

A, David said that the godly disappear among the sons of men - 12:1-4

David asked the Lord for help as the godly men were coming to an end
David said the faithful were disappearing from among the sons of men

David said they speak idly every one to his neighbor

David said they speak with flattering lips and a double heart

Judas betrayed Christ in this very way - Matt. 26:26:47-50; Luke 22:47-53

David asked the Lord to cut off all flattering lips

David asked the Lord to cut off the tongue that speaks proud things

David said that they thought their tongue would prevail

David said that they thought their lips were their own

Christ had Judas be the one who carried the money - John 13:27-30

David said they thought that no one was Lord over them

Christ had known the whole time what Judas would do - John 6:70-71

B. David heard what the Lord was going to do - 12:5

David said the Lord will judge them for the destruction of the poor

The Lord will destroy those who continue in rebellion - Ps. 5:9-10

David said the Lord hears the groaning of the needy

David said that the Lord says that He will arise

The Lord says He will bless all who are righteous - Ps. 5:11-12

David said the Lord will give the safety for which he longs

C. David said that the words of the Lord are pure - 12:6-7

David said the words of the Lord are pure words

The Lord will destroy all those who continue to deceive - 2 Sam. 22:31

David said they are like silver tried in a furnace on the earth

David said they will be those who are refined seven times

David understood why the Lord had allowed this refining - 2 Sa. 31:47-51

David said that the Lord will keep them

David said the Lord will preserve them from this generation forever

The Lord rewarded David for his righteousness - 2 Sam. 31:18-25

D. David said the wicked do evil to others - 12:8

David said the wicked are walking all around

David said they do this when evil men are exalted

Daniel said such a person will destroy tens of thousands - Dan. 11:12

Psalm 13
To the Chief Musician - A Psalm of David

A. The Lord understands when our emotions control us - 13:1-2

David asked how long the Lord would wait

Job also asked why his friends treated him like an enemy - Job 13:20-24

David asked if the Lord would forget him forever

David wanted to be assured that the Lord would be with him - Ps. 89:46

David asked why the Lord was hiding His face from him

David asked how long he should take counsel in his soul

(The soul is the inner person including mind, emotions and will)

A man is blessed who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly - Ps. 1:1

David said that he sorrowed in his heart throughout the day

God gives a new heart and puts His Spirit within us - Ezek. 36:26-27, Rom. 5:5

David knew that God was the strength of his heart - Ps. 73:26

David asked how long his enemy would be exalted over him

The heart of the ungodly is deceitful and desperately wicked - Jer. 17:9-10

B. The Lord answers when we seek His will - 13:3-4

David asked the Lord to consider and hear him

David said he asked these answers from the Lord, his God

David asked the Lord to give light to his eyes

David wanted light when he felt he was in darkness - Ps. 18:28

David said otherwise he would sleep the sleep of death

The Lord will bring physical death to those in rebellion - Jer. 51:39-40

David knew what the enemy would say then

Saul had become very angry from envy because of fear - 1 Sam. 18:7-12

David knew his enemy would think he had overcome him

David said his adversaries would rejoice

C. The Lord gives joy to our hearts - 13:5-6

David said that he now was trusting in the mercy of the Lord

David knew he could trust the Lord to deal with his enemies - Ps. 55:22-23

David knew all who continue in rebellion will be judged - Ps. 106:42-43

David said his heart would rejoice in the salvation of the Lord

David knew that the Lord was his source of salvation - Ex. 14:13-14

David said that he would sing to the Lord

David had the Spirit of the Lord within Him - 1 Sam. 16:10-13

David said he would do this because the Lord dealt bountifully with him

Aaron's rod (walking stick) became a fruitful branch in one night - Num. 17:23

Psalm 14
To the Chief Musician - A Psalm of David

A. The Lord describes the fool - 14:1-3

David knew the Lord knows the heart controls the will

David knew that the fool says, "There is no God"

The fool is proud and does not even have God in his thoughts - Ps. 10:4

David knew that the Lord said that all fools are corrupt

The fool is like a broken clay pot that only the Lord can change - Jer. 18:4

David knew that the Lord said that fools have done abominable works

Fools hate those who speak the truth - Amos 5:10; John 15:18-21

David knew that the Lord said there is none who does good

Abraham was even rebuked by for his sin by Abimelech - Gen. 20:6-11

David knew that the Lord looks down from heaven at the children of men

David knew that the Lord looks to see if there is any that understand

The Lord said that He is the one who must give understanding - Jer. 23:14-15

David knew that the Lord looks to see if any seek God

David knew that the Lord knows that they have all become corrupt

David knew that the Lord knows that none does what is good

David knew that the Lord said there is not a single person who does good

B. The Lord says He is with the righteous - 14:4-6

David asked if all the workers of iniquity had no knowledge

David said they ate up his people just like they ate bread

David knew that they did not call on the Lord

David knew that they are in great fear

David knew that God is with the righteous generation

The righteous considers the cause of the poor - Prov. 29:7

David knew they tried to shame the plans of the poor

David said the Lord is the refuge of the poor

The Lord is a stronghold for those who are oppressed - Ps. 9:9

C. The Lord will one day restore His people - 14:7

David asked that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion

David knew this would happen when the Lord restores His captive people

The Lord will one day restore His captive people - Rom 11:25-27

David said he would rejoice when the Lord restores His people

This will happen when Israel turns to Christ - Jer. 23:5-6

Israel will be glad when the Lord restores them

This time is still in the future - Isa. 66:11-12

Psalm 15
A Psalm of David

The Lord knew David had his trust in the Lord - 15:1

David asked Lord, who made abide in Your tent?
A person who has clean hands and a pure heart - Ps. 24:3-5
David asked who could dwell on the Lord's holy hill?

The Lord led David to describe the life of the righteous - 15:2-5

David said the one who walks uprightly (blameless)
David said the one whose works are righteous
David said the one who speaks truth in his heart
We are to speak the truth to one another and do right - Zech. 8:16; Eph. 4:25
David said the one who does not speak words that harm others
We are not to slander one another and we are love our neighbor - Lev. 19:16-18
David said one who does not do evil to his neighbor
We are not to spread a false report - Ex. 23:1
David said one who avoids speaking to dishonor another
David said one who honors those who fear the Lord
Mordecai was a great example of one who feared God - Esth. 3:2
David said one who swears to his own hurt and does not change
This would be any kind of oath - Lev. 5:4
David said one who does not put out his money at interest
David said one who does not take a bribe against the innocent
David said the one who does these things will never be shaken

Psalm 16
A Mikhtam of David

A. The Lord was asked by David to preserve him - 16:1-3

David asked the Lord to preserve him
He wanted the Lord to watch over him - 2 Sam. 23:5
David said that he took refuge in the Lord
David said to the Lord, "You are my Lord"
David said he had no good besides the Lord
He knew his goodness was nothing apart from the Lord - Job 35:7
David spoke about the saints that are on the earth
David said they are the excellent ones
David said all his delight was in them
He was a companion of all who feared God - Ps. 119:63

B. The Lord knew David served Him only - 16:4

David said the sorrows would be multiplied for all who followed other gods

David said he would not offer their drink offerings of blood

They sacrificed their children to demons - Ps. 106:37-38

David said he would not take up their names on his lips

The Lord told Israel not to even talk about their gods - Josh. 23:7

C. The Lord knew David said that was his inheritance - 16:5-6

David said the Lord was his share of the inheritance

David asked God to keep him as the apple of His eye - Ps. 17:8

David said the Lord secured his inheritance

David said the processions came to him in pleasant places

David said the Lord gave him a good inheritance

D. The Lord said that David blessed Him - 16:7-8

David said he would bless the Lord who gave him counsel

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable - Prov. 10:30-32

David said the Lord instructed him in the night

David meditated on the Word of God day and night - Ps. 1:1-3

David said he always had the Lord before him

Peter quoted this passage on the Day of Pentecost - Acts 2:25-28

David said because the Lord was his right hand, he would not be moved

David said this was why he would not be moved - Ps. 55:23

E. The Lord knew this was the source of David's hope - 16:9-11

David said this made his heart glad

David said his heart rejoiced in this

David knew that the Lord would not leave his soul in the grave

Job also looked forward to the resurrection - Job 19:25-27

David said that God would not allow Your Holy One to undergo decay

This refers to the death and resurrection of Christ - Acts 13:32-34

David said that Your Holy One will not see corruption

Christ arose from the dead on the third day - Acts 2:31-32

David knew that the Lord would show him the path of life

David asked the Lord to teach him His paths - Ps. 25:4

David said in the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy

These were purchased with the blood of the eternal covenant - Heb. 13:20-21

David said in the Lord's right hand are pleasures forevermore

Where those who trust in the Lord will enjoy those pleasures - Rev. 21:1-4

Psalm 17
A Prayer of David

A. The Lord knew the heart of David - 17:1-2

David asked the Lord to hear a just cause
David asked the Lord to attend to his cry
David said give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips
David asked for his sentence to come from the Lord's presence
The Lord brought David out to rich fulfillment - Ps. 66:10-12
David asked the Lord to let His eyes look on the things that are upright

B. The Lord tested the heart of David - 17:3-5

David said the Lord had tested his heart
The Lord tests our hearts to show the genuineness of our faith - 1 Pet. 1:6-7
David said the Lord had visited him in the night
David said the Lord had tried him and found nothing
The Lord had used tests to strengthen Job - Job 23:10
David had purposed that his mouth would not transgress
David had guarded his ways to protect him from sin - Ps. 39:1
David said this was concerning the works of men
David said this was done to obey the word of God's lips
The Word of God provides protection to those who obey Him - Ps. 119:129-133
David said he had kept away from the paths of the destroyer
David asked the Lord to hold his steps in the Lord's paths
David said he did not want his feet to slip

C. The Lord knew David was a man after God's own heart - 17:6-9

David said he had called upon the Lord for God would hear him
David called on the Lord in the time of his trouble - Ps. 86:7
David asked the Lord to listen to him and hear his speech
David knew that the Lord was hearing him - Ps. 116:1-2
David asked the Lord to show His lovingkindness by His right hand
David asked the Lord to save those who trust in Him
David asked the Lord to save him from those who rise up against Him
David asked the Lord to keep him as the apple of His eye
(This was the center {pupil} of his eye)
David asked the Lord to hide him under the shadow of His wings
David asked the Lord to save him from the wicked who oppressed him
David said this was from His deadly enemies who surrounded him
David said the Lord is the One who saves us from our enemies - 2 Sam. 22:4

D. The Lord knew the heart of David's enemies - 17:10-12

David said his enemies had closed up their unfeeling heart

Their heart is like fat that is grease - Ps.119:70

David said they were speaking proudly with their mouths

Hannah did not want to speak with pride to the Lord - 1 Sam. 2:3

David said they had surrounded us in our steps

He asked for protection from enemies that surrounded him - 1 Sam. 26:1

David said they had set their eyes

David said their goal was to cast his men down to the ground

David said they were like a lion that is eager to tear

David compared the enemies to a lion ready to destroy - 1 Sam. 23:11-15

David said they were like a young lion lurking in hiding places

E. The Lord heard David tell about his enemies - 17:13-14

David asked the Lord to arise

David asked the Lord to confront them

David also protected Saul from his own men - 1 Sam. 24:7

David asked the Lord to bring them low

David asked the Lord to deliver his soul from the wicked

David asked the Lord to deliver him with His sword

David said he would not stretch out his hand against Saul - 1 Sam. 24:9-11

David asked the Lord to deliver him with His hand

David said the Lord would avenge him - 1 Sam. 24:12-13

David said their portion was in this life

The unbelieving rich face eternal judgment - Mark 8:35-37

David said the Lord filled their belly with His treasure

Those who desire to be rich fall into a snare - 1 Tim. 6:9-10

David said they are satisfied with children

David said they leave the abundance to their babes

Their riches are left for others when they die - 1 Tim. 6:7

F. The Lord knew David would one day see Him - 17:15

David said the Lord was the One he desired to see

The Lord will make us like Himself - 1 John 3:1-2

David said he would see the face of the Lord in righteousness

This is why we want to live in righteousness - 1 John 3:3

David said he would be satisfied with the Lord's likeness

David spoke of joy at his coming resurrection - Is. 26:19

David said that was what he would see when he awoke

This was when David entered the presence of the Lord - 2 Cor. 5:7-8

Psalm 18

**A Psalm of David the servant of the Lord
Who spoke to the Lord the words of this song
On the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand
Of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul
And he said:**

A. The Lord heard David tell of his love for Him - 18:1-3

**David had a great love for the Lord
David knew the Lord was his strength**
David knew the Lord was the foundation of his strength - Ps. 144:1
David knew the Lord was his foundation and protection
David knew that he could trust in the Lord - Ps. 18:17-18
David knew the Lord was his deliverer
David knew the strength of the Lord and that he trusted the Lord
David knew that the Lord heard all who trusted in Him - Deut. 11:26-28
David said the Lord was his shield
David knew the Lord was the strength of his salvation
David said that he would call upon the Lord
David said the Lord is worthy to be praised
The Lord is the Lamb who was slain and worthy to receive all praise - Rev. 5:12
David knew that he would be saved from his enemies
The Lord was with David when Saul became his enemy - 1 Sam. 18:28-29

B. The Lord heard how David had feared - 18:4-5

David said the cords of death surrounded him
David felt the cords of death surrounded him - Ps. 116:3
David said the floods of ungodliness made him afraid
David often felt fear when he was chased by enemies - 1 Sam. 23:19-23
David said the snares of the grave entangled him
David said the cords of death confronted him

C. The Lord heard when David called to Him - 18:6

David said in his distress he called upon the Lord
David knew he could call on the Lord in times of trouble - Ps. 27:14
David said that he cried to God for help
David knew that the Lord looks on the heart - 1 Sam. 16:7
David said God heard his voice from His temple
David said his cry for help came into His ears
David knew the Lord heard his prayers when he cried to Him - Deut. 4:9-10

D. The Lord showed His power on the earth - 18:7-8

David knew it was the Lord who shook the earth

Christ later shook the place where the disciples were praying - Acts 4:31

David knew it was the Lord who caused the earth to tremble

The Lord allowed an earthquake to make people tremble - 1 Sam. 14:15

David knew the Lord shakes the foundations of the earth

David knew the Lord showed His power in the past

The Lord descended on Mount Sinai in fire - Ex. 19:18

David knew that the Lord spoke and brought fire

Fire ran down to the earth in Egypt - Ex. 9:23

E. The Lord showed His power in the heavens - 18:9-12

David knew that the Lord spread out the heavens

David knew that the Lord caused darkness under His feet

David knew that the Lord came as the Angel of the Lord

Joshua knew that the Lord visited him - Josh. 5:13-15

David knew that the Lord made the clouds move by the wind

The Lord rides on the wings of the wind - Ps. 104:3

David knew that the Lord made darkness His hiding place

David knew the Lord made His dwelling place around Him

Christ often went out long before daybreak to pray - Mark 1:35

David knew the Lord made the rain come from the clouds

David knew the Lord gives light to those who have no light

Christ came to give recovery of sight to the blind - Luke 4:16-21

David knew His thick clouds sent down hail

David knew His thick clouds also sent lightning

F. The Lord did all this by the breath of His nostrils - 18:13-15

David said the Lord thundered from heaven

David said the Lord was giving His voice

The voice of the Lord is powerful - Ps. 29:3-9

David said the Lord sent hailstones and coals of fire

David said the Lord sent His arrows and scattered them

The Lord threw their enemies into panic - Josh. 10:10

David said the Lord sent flashes in abundance and scattered them

David knew the Lord caused the channels of the sea

David knew the Lord uncovered the foundations of the earth

The foundations of the earth were laid bare at the Lord's rebuke - 2 Sam. 22:16

David knew the Lord did this was by the breath of His nostrils

G. The Lord delivered David from his enemy - 18:16-19

David said the Lord sent from above and He took me

The Lord rescued and delivered him from his enemies - Ps. 144:7-8

David said the Lord drew him out of many waters

David said the Lord delivered him from his strong enemy

Saul was in the same cave with David while chasing him - 1 Sam. 24:3-7

David said the Lord delivered him from those who hated him

Saul showed his anger by trying to kill his own son - 1 Sam. 20:30-33

David said the Lord delivered him from those too mighty for him

David refused to harm Saul when he had the opportunity - 1 Sam. 24:3-12

David said they had confronted him in the day of his calamity

Saul set an ambush to destroy David - Ps. 59:3-4

David said that the Lord was his support

David said the Lord brought him into a broad place

David said the Lord set his feet in a wide place - Ps. 31:8

David said the Lord rescued him because He delighted in David

The Lord answered David and set him free - Ps. 118:5

H. The Lord rewarded David according to his righteousness - 18:20-22

David said the Lord rewarded him according to his righteousness

David asked the Lord to judge him according to his righteousness - Ps. 7:9

David said the Lord rewarded him according to the cleanness of his hands

David knew that the Lord knew all about of his life - 2 Sam. 22:21

David said that he had kept the ways of the Lord

David said he had not wickedly departed from His God

David did not walk in the counsel of the ungodly - Ps. 1:1

David said the Lord's judgments were before him

David said the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous - Ps. 19:9

David said he did not put away the Lord's statutes from him

Israel was not to walk in the traditions of either Egypt or Canaan - Lev. 18:3

I. The Lord knew David was blameless before Him - 18:23-24

David said that he was blameless with God

David knew there is a reward for the righteous - Ps. 58:10-11

David said he kept himself from doing wickedness

David told how he lived before God - Ps. 1:1-2

David said the Lord rewarded him for his obedience

David explained how the Lord rewards the obedient - Ps. 1:3

David said the Lord rewarded him according to the cleanness of his hands

This reward was for his righteous actions - 2 Sam. 22:25

J. The Lord deals with people in various ways - 18:25-27

David said God is kind with those who are kind

This is a person who is faithful to God - 1 Sam. 2:9

David said God shows Himself blameless to those who are blameless

David was blameless before the Lord - Ps. 18:23

A blameless person is one who walks in the law of the Lord - Ps. 119:1

David said God shows Himself pure to those who are pure

Job spoke from the uprightness of his heart - Job 33:3

David said God resists the crooked and morally rebellious

A person with a perverse heart will depart from the Lord - Prov. 2:15

David said God will save those who are humble (lowly) before Him

God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble - Prov. 3:34

David said God will bring down the proud with their proud looks

K. The Lord is a shield to those who trust in Him - 18:28-30

David said the Lord gave light to his lamp

David said the Lord would give light to his darkness

David walked in his integrity before God - Ps.18:4, Prov. 28:18

David said the Lord would help him move quickly through a troop

David said the Lord made it possible for him leap over a wall

David said that the way of the Lord is blameless

David said the word of the Lord is tested

The words of the Lord are pure words - Ps. 12:6

David said the Lord is a shield to all who take refuge in Him

The Lord saves those who take refuge in Him - Ps. 17:7

L. The Lord is the One who guided David - 18:31-34

David said who is God but our Lord

David asked who is a rock except for our God

Christ is also building His church on the great massive rock - Matt. 16:18

David said the Lord is the One who clothes him with strength

David knew that the Lord is the One who gave him strength - Ps. 91:1-2

David said the Lord is the One who guided him on his path

David said the Lord made his feet like the feet of a deer

The Lord is the One who gives His servants strength - Hab. 3:19

David said it was the Lord who set him in high places

David said the Lord was the One who taught him how to make war

David said the Lord was the One who trained him to make war - Ps. 144:1

David said the Lord could make a metal bow break in his arms

The Lord gave David strength to bend a metal bow - 2 Sam. 22:35

M. The Lord enlarged the path of David - 18:35-36

David knew the Lord had given him His shield of salvation

The shields of the earth belong to God - Ps. 47:8-9

David knew it was the right hand of the Lord that held him up

David knew the steadfast love of the Lord held him up - Ps. 94:18

David knew it was the Lord's gentleness that made him great

David knew the Lord enlarged his steps under him

David knew that this was why his feet had not slipped

The Lord does not allow our feet to be moved - Ps. 66:8-9

N. The Lord gave David strength for battle - 18:37-40

David had pursued his enemies

Disaster pursues sinners but the righteous are rewarded with good - Prov. 13:21

David was given strength to overtake his enemies

The ungodly are like chaff (straw) which the wind drives away - Ps. 1:4

David did not turn back until his enemies were destroyed

David had wounded his enemies severely so they could not rise

David said they had fallen under his feet

Those who sow injustice will reap sorrow - Prov. 22:8

David knew the Lord had armed him with strength for the battle

Strength comes from the Lord in His followers - Ps. 119:117

David knew the Lord had subdued those who rose up against him

The Lord lifts up the humble and casts the wicked to the ground - Ps. 147:6

David knew the Lord had given him the necks of his enemies

His enemies were in rebellion against the Lord - Prov. 1:28

David knew the Lord caused his enemies to turn their backs to him

The plenty came to an end in Egypt when God stopped it - Gen. 41:53

David knew this allowed him to destroy the enemies that hated him

The enemies became like the dust in the streets - 2 Sam. 22:43

O. The Lord did not give the enemies of David protection - 18:41-42

David knew they cried out but had no one to protect them

No one paid attention to the prophets of Baal - 1 Kings 18:26-29

David knew they even tried to cry out to the Lord

The prophets of Baal thought that their gods were the Lord - 1 Kings 18:24-25

David saw that the Lord did not answer them

The Lord does not answer the prayers of those against Him - Isa. 1:15

David beat them as fine as the dust before the wind

David emptied them out like dirt in the streets

The Lord uses His followers to defeat sin and its effects - Zech. 10:5

P. The Lord made David head of the nations - 18:43-45

David knew the Lord delivered him from the contentions of the people

David looked to the Lord as his deliverer - 2 Sam. 22:2

David knew it was the Lord who made him the head of the nations

David made Joab the head of the army - 1 Chron. 11:6

David said a people he had not known would serve him

David defeated many other kingdoms - 2 Sam. 8:1-8

David said as soon as they heard of him they obeyed him

David asked the Lord to deliver him from the sword - Ps. 17:13

David said these foreigners would submit to him

The nations willingly submitted to David - 2 Sam. 8:10

David said these foreigners would fade away

David said they would come trembling out of their hiding places

Q. The Lord did this because He is the Lord - 18:46-48

David knew that the Lord lives

David said he knew the Lord would bless his rock

David knew what the Lord had done for their fathers - Ps. 44:2

David said the God of his salvation was exalted

David said this is the God who took vengeance for him

David knew that the Lord subdued people under him

The Lord put David over peoples and nations - Ps. 47:3

David knew that the Lord delivered him from his enemies

Saul even used his daughter to try and trap David - 1 Sam. 18:21

David knew the Lord lifted him up from those who rose against him

David knew that the Lord delivered him from the violent man

David knew that Saul had become a violent man - 1 Sam. 18:7-12

R. The Lord heard the thanks of David - 18:49-50

David said He would give thanks to the Lord among the nations

David said he would praise God among the nations - 2 Sam. 22:50

David wanted the Lord to be honored by what he said

David said he would sing praises to the name of the Lord

David said he would give this praise among the nations - 2 Sam. 22:50

David said the Lord gave great deliverance to His king

The Lord delivered David from his enemies - Ps. 3:3

David said the Lord was showing mercy to His anointed

David asked the Lord to stop Ahithophel - 2 Sam. 15:31

David said the Lord would do this to his descendants forever

David received consequences for sin but God kept His promise - 2 Sam. 12:9-12

Psalm 19
The works and Word of God - A Psalm of David

A. The glory of God is shown by His creation - 19:1-6

1. The works of God are seen by all people - 19:1-2

David wrote the heavens declare the glory of God

The Lord stretches out the heavens like a curtain - Isa. 40:22

David wrote the earth and sky above it shows God's handiwork

The upper limits of the sky show the work of God's hands - Ps. 150:1

David wrote that day after day the creation continues to speak

Each day God's creation speaks of the greatness of His works - Gen. 1:6-7

David wrote that each night explains the wisdom of God

The day and night show the world that God is wise - Rom. 1:19-20

2. The works of God have reached to the ends of the world - 19:3-4a

David said the works of God are shown among every group of people

God has put eternity in the hearts of all peoples - Eccl. 3:11

David said the world can know there is a Creator

The world has rejected and changed the glory of God - Rom. 1:21-23

David said the whole world has a measuring line from a Creator

The Lord set the measurements and stretched a line on earth - Job 38:4-5

David said the world speaks of Him to the end of the earth

The various peoples of the earth all speak of the Creator - Rom. 10:18

3. The works of God are compared to a bridegroom - 19:4b-6

David said that God has determined a place (tent) for the sun

God controls the place and movement of the sun - Josh. 10:12-13

David said this is like a place where the groom waits for the bride

Saul wanted to use his daughter to be a snare (trap) to David - 1 Sam. 18:18-21

David said this is like a man eagerly waiting for the bride to come

God continues to control the movement of the sun - Josh. 10:10-13

David said that his rise is from one end of the heavens

The sun rises in the east in the morning - Eccl. 1:5

David said it would make a circuit to the other end of the heavens

The sun goes down in the west in the evening - Eccl. 1:5

David said that nothing is hidden from the heat of the sun

God protected Israel from the heat of the sun in the wilderness - Ex. 13:21-22

God did not protect Jonah to show him his wrong attitude - Jonah 4:7-11

B. The glory of God is revealed by obedience to Him - 19:7-14

1. This includes obedience to the Word of God - 19:7-10

David wrote, the law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul

The works of the Lord are faithful and just - Ps. 111:7-8

David wrote the teaching of the Lord is sure

David said that teaching makes the simple wise

The Word of God gives understanding to the simple - Ps. 119:130

David wrote the teaching of the Lord is right, rejoicing the soul

David said the commandment of the Lord is pure, giving light to the eyes

David said the fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge - Prov. 1:7

David said the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous in unity

David said they are more desirable than much fine gold

The commandments of the Lord are worth more than fine gold - Psalm 119:127

David said they are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb

2. This includes both a warning and reward - 19:11

David said he did not want his sins to control him

David wanted to have his sins blotted out - Ps. 51:1-2

David said there is a great reward for obedience

David kept himself in obedience to the Word of God - Ps. 18:24

3. This tells how to be blameless - 19:12-13

David asked the Lord to keep him back from sins of pride

David did not try to depend on his own strength - John 15:5

David did not want such pride to control his life

David did not want pride to control his life - Ps. 119:133

David said he wanted to be blameless before God

Since we were saved by grace, God has blotted our sins out - Rom. 6:12-14

David did not want his sin to rule over him

The consequence under the law was to be cut off from the people - Num. 15:30

4. This is based on the meditations of the heart - 19:14

David wanted his words and his thoughts to be acceptable to God

David wanted his words to be acceptable to God - Ps. 51:15

David wanted his inner attitudes to also be acceptable to God - Ex. 28:38

David knew that the Lord was his strength and his Redeemer

David realized the Lord was both his strength and his Redeemer - Ps. 31:5

Psalm 20
A Psalm of David

A. David gave a request for the Lord to answer in time of trouble - 20:1-3

David asked that the Lord will answer others in the day of trouble
David asked that the name of the God of Jacob protect them
David asked that the Lord would send help from the sanctuary
David asked that the Lord would strengthen others out of Zion
David asked that the Lord would remember all their offerings
David asked that the Lord would accept their burnt sacrifice
The burnt offering was the whole sacrifice as a sweet aroma - Lev. 1:9

B. David knew the Lord is the One who answers prayers - 20:4-5

David said that the Lord would grant their heart's desire
David said that his heart was steadfast - Ps. 21:1-2
David said that the Lord would fulfill all their counsel
David told them to rejoice in their salvation
David said they should set up their banners in the name our God
David asked that the Lord would fulfill all their petitions

C. David knew that the Lord saves His anointed - 20:6

David knew that the Lord saves His anointed
The Lord gives strength to those who trust in Him - 1 Sam. 2:10
David knew that the Lord would answer from His holy heaven
David knew that the Lord would save with the strength of His right hand
The Lord watches over those who trust in Him - Ps. 91:14-16

D. David said any boast would be in the name of the Lord - 20:7-9

David said that some trust in chariots and horses
David said the warhorse was a false hope for salvation - Ps. 33:6-7
David said they would speak in the name of the Lord, their God
David knew that the Lord, His God, was with him - Deut. 31:6
David said those were made to bow down as fallen (defeated)
David said those who trusted the Lord stood upright
The victory belongs to the Lord - Prov. 21:31
David asked the Lord to save them
David knew Israel had been saved by the Lord - Ex. 12:31, Deut. 33:29
David asked their King (the Lord) to answer when they called
The Lord told Israel He is the First and the Last - Is. 48:12

Psalm 21
A Psalm of David

A. David knew he could rejoice in the strength the Lord gave -21:1-2

The Lord made David have joy in His strength

Joy is the result of what the Lord is doing in our lives - 2 Chron. 20:27

The Lord caused David to greatly rejoice in his salvation

David greatly rejoiced in the salvation of the Lord - Ps. 9:13-14

The Lord had given David his heart's desire

David got much more than he requested - 2 Sam. 7:15-17

The Lord had honored the request of the David

David wanted the name of the Lord to be magnified forever - 2 Sam. 7:26-29

B. David knew the Lord had blessed him - 21:3-4

The Lord blessed David with good things

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised - Ps. 96 4-5

This blessing included eternal life - Ps. 133:3

The Lord caused a crown of gold to be set on his head

The Lord heard the request of David for life

The Lord will strengthen the heart of the afflicted - Ps. 10:17

The Lord promised David eternal blessing from his family

This is a promise the Lord would not depart from his family - 2 Sam. 7:13-15

C. David knew that the blessing of the Lord is eternal - 21:5-7

The Lord gave David great glory through His salvation

The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty - Ps. 29:4

The Lord had placed splendor and majesty on David

David knew this belonged to the Lord - 1 Chron. 16:28-29

The Lord is the One who made the heavens and earth - Ps. 115:15-16

Christ became obedient unto death on the cross - Phil. 2:8-9

The Lord caused David to be blessed forever

The Lord promised David his Seed would live forever - Ps. 89:36

The Lord gave David joy when he was in the Lord's presence

Exceedingly glad means joyful with gladness - Ps. 29:1-2

The wise men rejoiced with exceeding great joy - Matt. 2:9-10

The Lord knew that David had his trust in the Lord

His heart was firm in his trust in the Lord - Ps. 112:7

The Lord promises to keep in perfect peace those who trust Him - Isa. 26:3-4

The Lord caused David to know His mercy so he was not shaken

The steadfast love of the Lord endures all day - Ps. 51:10, 17

D. David had his trust totally in the Lord - 21:8-9

The Lord knows and finds all His enemies

The Lord will catch all enemies in their sin - Jer. 13:10

The Lord would reveal all those who hated Him

The wicked do not seek the Lord - Ps. 10:3-4

The Lord will judge them with fiery judgment

The Lord will judge by fire and by sword - Isa. 66:15-16

The Lord would swallow them up in His wrath

The Lord will judge all who continue in rebellion - Isa. 5:24

The Lord will judge them with fire

The Lord judged Egypt with physical fire - Ex. 9:23-24

The final judgment will be eternal - Rev. 20:15

E. David knew that the Lord is the One who wins the victory - 21:10-12

The Lord would destroy their offspring from the earth

God had destroyed all the unrighteous at the time of Noah - Gen. 7:21

The Lord would remove their descendants from among the sons of men

None of the unrighteous had any descendants in Noah's time - Gen. 9:18-19

The Lord knew what they intended against Him

The Lord knew the attitudes of the rebellious - Ps. 2:1-3

The Lord knew they plotted but they would not be able to succeed

The Lord who sits in the heavens laughs - Ps. 2:4

The Lord would stop them so they could not carry it out

David knew the Lord would bring down the proud - 2 Sam. 22:28

The Lord said they would flee instead

The Lord made various groups flee to escape with no pursuers - 2 Ki. 7:14-15

The Lord judged others and destroyed them - Isaiah 37:36

The Lord was preparing His arrows to judge them

The Lord will judge those who continue in rebellion - Deut. 32:35

F. David wanted the Lord to be exalted - 21:13

The true followers wanted the Lord to be exalted

The Lord lives and is the One who will be exalted - 2 Sam. 22:47

The true followers knew this would be through His own strength

The Lord is the Creator of all things - Ps. 89:11-12

The Lord scatters His enemies with a mighty hand - Isa. 3:24-25

The true followers said they would sing and give praise

Israel sang to the Lord after coming out of Egypt - Ex. 15:1

The true followers would rejoice in His power

True followers want to give praise to His name - Ps. 98:4-6

Psalm 22
A Psalm of David
The deer of the dawn (The Suffering Savior)

A. The Prayer of the Suffering Savior - Psalm 22:1-8

1. The Suffering Savior was forsaken by the Father - 22:1-2

David asked, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?"
Christ spoke this after the three hours of darkness - Mk. 15:33-34
David wanted to know why the Lord was so far from helping him
The Lord would not hear until David confessed his sin - Ps. 51:1-2
David wanted to know why the Lord did not hear his groaning
David felt his bones wasted away until he confessed his sin - Ps. 32:1-2, 5
David said he cried in the daytime but the Lord did not hear
David realized his sin was against the Lord - Ps. 51:3-4, 10, 17
David said he cried in the night but he had no rest
David could not rest until he confessed his sin - 2 Sam. 12:8-10

2. The Suffering Savior Spoke for His people - 22:3-5

David said that the Lord is holy
David said that the Lord was enthroned on the praises of Israel
This is the result of fellowship with the Lord - Ps. 148:13-14
David said their fathers trusted in the Lord
David said the Lord had delivered them
David knew that the Lord had delivered him - 2 Sam. 22:2
David said they cried out to the Lord and were delivered
David said they trusted in God and were not disappointed

3. The Suffering Savior Spoke with Humility - 22:6-8

David said he was a worm and not a man
God gave a promise to David and the people of Israel - Isa. 41:13-14
David said he was a reproach of men and despised by the people
Christ was despised and rejected by men - Isa. 53:3
This included the chief priests, the scribes and the elders - Matt. 27:41-43
David said all that saw him mocked him
Those who passed by (the rulers) mocked Him - Mk. 15:29; Lk. 23:35-37
David said they shot out the lip and wagged their heads
David said He trusted in the Lord and let them rescue Him
The rulers sneered "He saved others, let Him save Himself"
David said this would show since He delights in him

B. The Suffering Savior suffered rejection from His people - 22:9-15

1. Christ spoke of their call as a nation - 22:9-11

Israel was called to be the people of God
The Lord wanted them to trust from their youth - Ps. 71:5-6

Israel was called to trust while very young
Esau did not want the spiritual leadership of the family - Gen. 25:34

Israel was chosen by God from their birth
God had called Abraham, Isaac and Jacob earlier - Gen.12:1-3; 21:12; 26:12

Israel was called before they were even born
Christ was conceived in the womb of Mary by the Holy Spirit - Luke 1:35

Israel was called to be the people of God
Israel was called to be the nation from which Christ came - Isa. 46:3-4

Israel was called to be the chosen people of God
Christ came to bring Israel back to God - Isa. 49:5-7; Matt. 10:5-7

Israel would not find anyone else to help them
The Lord promised that He will regather Israel - Zech. 10:9-12

2. Christ said His rejection came from men like wild animals - 22:12-13

Christ said many bulls had surrounded Him
The chief priests and officers shouted, "Crucify Him!" - John 19:6

Christ said strong bulls of Bashan encircled Him
Wild oxen are quick to gore and try to kill a person - Ps. 22:21

Christ said they opened their mouth wide at Him

Christ said they were like a raging lion to Him
This is a lion that tears in pieces - Ps. 7:2

Christ said they were like a roaring lion to Him

3. Christ spoke of His suffering on the cross - 22:14-15

Christ said He was poured out like water

Christ said that His bones were out of joint

Christ said His heart was like wax
Christ suffered all these things for our sake - 2 Cor. 5:21

Christ said His heart was melted within Him
This was the result of broken fellowship with the Father - Mark 15:34

Christ said His strength was dried up like a piece of clay pot

Christ said His tongue stuck to His jaws
This is the result of extreme thirst - John 19:28

Christ said He had been brought to the dust of death
Christ knew His body would soon be placed in a tomb - Luke 23:50-54

C. The Suffering Savior spoke of how the soldiers treated Him - 22:16-24

1. Christ suffered on the cross (a Roman form of death) - 22:16-18

The Lord said that (wild) dogs have surrounded Me
Goliath called David a dog - 1 Sam. 17:43
The Lord said the congregation of the wicked have enclosed Me
The Lord said that they pierced His hands and His feet
The soldiers nailed His hands and His feet to the cross - John 20:25
The Lord said He could count all His bones
The soldiers did not break the legs of Christ - John 19:23
The Lord said they looked and stared at Him
The Lord said they divided His garments among them
The Lord said they cast lots for His clothing
They divided His garments among them by casting lots - Luke 23:34

2. Christ suffered broken fellowship with the Father - 22:19-21

The Lord asked the Father not to be far from Him
Christ had fellowship broken while He bore our sins - Mark 15:34
The Lord called the Father His strength
The Lord asked Him to hurry to help Him
The Lord asked the Father to deliver Him from the sword
The Lord asked the Father to deliver Him from the power of the dog
David was called a dog by Goliath - 1 Sam. 17:43
The Lord asked the Father to save Him from the lion's mouth
The Lord asked the Father to save Him from the horns of wild oxen

The Lord said that the Father answered Him

3. Christ spoke of the answer of the Father - 22:22-24

The Lord said He would declare the Father's name among His brethren
Christ is the firstborn among many brethren - Rom. 8:29
The Lord said He would praise the Father in the midst of the assembly
The Lord asked those who feared the Lord to praise Him
The Lord desired all the descendants of Israel to praise Him
The Lord said the Father does not despise the affliction of the afflicted
The Lord knew that the Father had not forsaken Him permanently
That fellowship was restored when sin was paid for - Luke 23:44-45
The Lord knew the Father had not hidden His face from Him
The Lord knew that when He cried to the Father He heard
Christ committed His spirit to the Father - Luke 23:46

D. The Suffering Savior spoke of the joy of restored fellowship - 22:25-31

1. Christ spoke of this joy to all people - 22:25-28

The Lord said His praise would be in the great assembly

David wanted people to give praise to the Lord - Ps. 35:18

The Lord said people from all nations will fear Him

The redeemed will include people of every tribe and tongue - Rev. 5:9

The Lord said that the poor would eat and be satisfied

The Lord tells us He will deliver us from evil - Matt. 6:13

The Lord said this would be true of all those who seek Him

The Lord offers His life to all who will come to Him - Isa. 55:1-3

The Lord said they would have eternal life

The thoughts and ways of the Lord are much greater than ours - Isa. 55:7-9

The Lord said this applied to people to the ends of the earth

The Lord said families from every nation (Gentiles) would turn to Him

David said that the kingdom is the Lord's - Ps. 47:7

The Lord said they would worship before the Father

The Lord said the (eternal) kingdom is the Lord's

This will be for all eternity - Rev. 5:13

The Lord will govern people of all nations

2. Christ spoke of all those who would accept Him - 22:29

The Lord will show His love throughout eternity

The Lord promises a resurrection is coming - Isa. 26:19

The Lord says we will eat and worship

We will enjoy the Tree of Life for all eternity - Rev. 22:1-5

The Lord said this includes all who have trusted in Him

The Lord is the only One who can give us eternal life

3. Christ spoke of those who would serve Him - 22:30-31

The Lord includes all who have received eternal life

This has always been the desire of God - Ps. 67:1-7

The Lord tells us to pass this news on to the next generation

Christ said this is good news for all nations - Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8

The Lord said then they will declare His righteousness

This Lord said this message is to be passed on to all who will be born

This Lord said this includes people of all nations

David faithfully spoke of the salvation the Lord provided - Ps. 40:9-10

The Lord is the One who made this possible by His death

Christ paid for the sins of all by His death - 2 Cor. 5:14-15

Psalm 23
A Psalm of David
The Lord is the Divine Shepherd

A. The Lord is the One who meets our needs - 23:1-3

David said that the Lord is My Shepherd

The Lord promised to Shepherd His people - Ezek. 34:15-16

David said the Lord would not cause him to want

The Lord is the Shepherd who leads His flock - Ps. 78:52

David said the Lord makes us lie down in green pastures

The Lord provides much food for His flock - Ps. 65:11-13

David said the Lord leads us to quiet waters

The Lord is the One who provides living water to believers - John 7:27-28

David said the Lord restores our soul

David said the Lord leads us in the paths of righteousness

The Lord promised one day Israel would serve Him in righteousness - Jer. 23:5-6

David said the Lord does this for His own name's sake

The Lord made this promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - Deut. 30:20

B. The Lord is the One who goes with us through death - 23:4

David knew that he would walk through the valley of the shadow of death

The Lord keeps His own in a secure place - 1 Sam. 25:29

David said he would fear no evil

David knew that he did not need to fear death - Ps. 27:1

David knew that the Lord was with him

The Lord promised He would never leave or forsake him - Deut. 31:6

David said the Lord's rod and staff comforted him

The rod was to control various animals in the herd or flock - Mic. 7:14

C. The Lord is the One who gives us - 23:5-6

David knew that the Lord prepared a table before him

David knew this would be in the presence of his enemies

David said the Lord anointed his head with oil

Olive oil and perfume make the heart glad - Ps. 92:11; Prov. 27:9

David said his cup runs over (overflows)

The Lord brought David out into the place of abundance - Ps. 66:12

David said surely goodness and mercy would follow him

David knew this would be true all the days of his life

Jacob earlier had the Lord make this promise to him - Gen. 28:11

David said he would dwell in the house of the Lord forever

Psalm 24
A Psalm of David
The Lord is the King of Glory

A. The Lord created the earth and it belongs to Him - 24:1-2

David said that the earth and all in it belong to the Lord
David said this includes every person on the earth
David said the Lord founded the earth upon the seas
David said the Lord established the earth upon the waters

B. The Lord tells who can enter his kingdom - 24:3-6

David asked who can ascend into the hill of the Lord
David said only those who honor the Lord - Ps. 15:1-5
David asked who could stand in the Lord's holy place
David said only those who have clean hands and a pure heart
David asked the Lord to create a clean heart in him - Ps. 51:10
David said it did not include those who also worshiped idols
David said such a person had sworn deceitfully
David said those with a pure heart receive blessing from the Lord
David said people receive righteousness from the God of his salvation
David said this is the generation of those who seek Him
David said this is those who seek His face
David said in his heart that he would seek the face of the Lord - Ps. 27:8

C. The Lord will be the eternal King of Glory - 24:7-10

David said to lift up their heads, O gates
The righteous nation and those who obey truth - Is. 26:2
David said to be lifted up, O ancient doors
David said there the King of glory will come in
The rulers would not have crucified Him if they had understood - 1 Cor. 2:8
David asked who is the King of glory
David said it is the Lord strong and mighty
David said the Lord is mighty in battle
The Lord will show this when He returns to this earth - Rev 19:13-16
David said to lift up their heads, O gates
David said to be lifted up, O ancient doors
David said there the King of glory will come in
Moses said Israel would see this glory - Ex. 16:7; 40:35
David asked who is this King of glory
David said the Lord of hosts is the King of glory

Psalm 25
A Psalm of David

A. David told the Lord that he trusted in the Lord - 25:1-3

David said his prayer was to the Lord
David wanted to be reminded of the steadfast love of the Lord - Ps. 143:8
David asked the Lord to lift up his soul
David wanted to be obedient to the Lord - Ps. 86:4
David said that his trust was in the Lord
David knew that the one who takes refuge in the Lord is blessed - Ps. 34:8
David asked the Lord not to make him ashamed
David asked the Lord not to let his enemies triumph over him
David asked that his enemies would not triumph over him - Ps. 41:11
David said that no one who waits on the Lord will be ashamed
David asked the Lord to deal with those who were unfaithful
David said that they were unfaithful without cause

B. David asked the Lord to lead him and teach him - 25:4-5

David asked the Lord to show him His ways
Moses had this same prayer when leading Israel - Ex. 33:13
David asked the Lord to teach him His paths
David wanted to be led on a level path - Ps. 27:11
David asked the Lord to lead him in His truth
The servant of Abraham understood the leading of the Lord - Gen. 24:27
David asked the Lord to teach Him
David wanted to submit in obedience to the Lord - Deut. 4:9-10
David said that God is the God of his salvation
David said he would wait all the day

C. David asked the Lord to remember His tender mercies - 25:6-7

David asked the Lord to remember His compassion
David asked the Lord to remember His lovingkindness
The lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting - Ps. 103:17
David said they have always been there from the past
David asked the Lord not to remember the sins of his youth
David asked the Lord not to remember his sins of the past
The Lord will remember our sins no more - Jer. 31:34
David asked the Lord to remember him according to His mercy
David later asked the Lord to show him mercy - Ps. 51:1
David asked the Lord to do this for His goodness sake

D. David knew the Lord would teach him if he was humble - 25:8-9

David said that the Lord is good and upright

The Lord leads His followers in the path of the upright - 1 Sam. 12:23

David knew that the Lord teaches sinners in the way

Sinners will not stand in the judgment - Ps. 1:1, 5

David knew that the Lord guides the humble in justice

The Lord lifts up the humble - Ps. 147:5-6

David knew that the Lord teaches the humble His way

The Lord teaches the humble His way - Ps. 143:11-12

E. David asked the Lord to pardon his iniquity - 25:10-11

David said all of the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth

The Lord makes paths on both land and sea - Ps. 8:9

David said this was those who kept His covenant

God made a covenant with Israel but they did not obey it - Ex. 19:8; 32:1-6

David said this was those who kept His testimonies

Israel continued to reject the testimonies of the Lord - Jer. 6:18-19

David said the Lord did this for His name's sake

All sin is against the Lord - Ps. 51:3-4

David asked the Lord to pardon his iniquity

David asked the Lord to blot out his transgressions (sins) - Ps. 51:1-2

David realized that his iniquity was great

The Lord judged David for this sin - 2 Sam. 12:7-14

F. David wanted to be taught by the Lord - 25:12-15

David asked who is the man that fears the Lord

The Lord recognized David as a man who feared Him - Ps. 89:20-21

David said the Lord would teach him in the way He chose

The Lord keeps us from completely falling - Ps. 37:23-24

David said the Lord would choose the way He did this

David said his soul would abide in goodness

The fear of the Lord leads to life - Prov. 19:23

David said his descendants would inherit the earth (land)

David said those who love His name will live in it - Ps. 69:34-36

David said the secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him

David was one who faithfully feared the Lord - Prov. 3:32-34

David said the Lord will show them His covenant

David said his eyes were continually toward the Lord

David said his eyes were toward the Lord - Ps. 141:8

David said the Lord would pluck his feet out of the net

G. David asked the Lord to have mercy on him - 25:16-18

**David asked the Lord to turn Himself to him
(David had ten requests of the Lord)**

David knew that the steadfast love of the Lord is good - Ps. 69:16

David asked the Lord to have mercy on him

David asked the Lord to show kindness to him - Psalm 69:16

David said that he was lonely

David said he was like an only child - Gen. 22:2,12

David said that he was afflicted

David said he was like one considered low (poor) - Ex. 22:24

David said the troubles of his heart were enlarged

David said the troubles of his heart had grown greater - Ps. 18:37

David asked the Lord to bring him out of his distresses

David asked the Lord to look on his affliction

David asked the Lord to look on his pain

David committed sin with Bathsheba and killed her husband - 2 Sam. 16:12

David asked the Lord to forgive all his sins

David realized his sins were many - Psalm 38:17-20

H. David asked the Lord to preserve him from his enemies - 25:19-21

David said to consider his enemies

David asked the Lord to look on his enemies - 1 Sam. 25:6-8

David said his enemies were many

David also had many enemies earlier - 1 Sam. 25:16-18

David said his enemies hated him with violent hatred

Shimei cursed him continually as he left the city - 2 Sam. 16:5-8

David asked the Lord to keep his soul

David wanted to be preserved from his enemies - 1 Sam. 19:11-13

David asked the Lord to deliver him

David asked that he would not be ashamed

David said he looked to the Lord as his refuge

David said his prayer was to the Lord - Ps. 69:13-15

David asked that integrity and uprightness would preserve him

David said he would wait for the Lord

I. David asked the Lord to redeem Israel out of all their troubles - 25:22

David asked for the Lord to redeem Israel

David expanded his request to include the whole nation - Ps. 130:8

David asked for the One who is the true God to redeem

David asked to be delivered out of all his troubles

Psalm 26
A Psalm of David

A. David asked the Lord to be his judge - 26:1-5

David said the Lord knew his right relationship with the Lord
David walked in that relationship because he trusted the Lord
David knew the Lord could test him
David said this was true of both his mind and his heart
David looked to the lovingkindness of the Lord
David had walked in obedience to the Lord
David did not listen to those who were pretenders
David hated to see evildoers gather
David did not sit with the wicked

B. David knew his relationship was right with the Lord - 26:6-8

David could wash his hands knowing that he was innocent
David said he would go before an altar to the Lord
David said he would speak with thanksgiving
David said he would declare all of the Lord's wonders
David loved the dwelling place of the Lord
David said that was where His glory dwells
David wanted to live in the presence of the Lord - Ps. 27:4; Ps. 84:1-4

C. David asked not to be taken away along with sinners - 26:9-10

David did not want his soul taken along with sinners
David did not want to be known as a bloodthirsty man
David knew they had wicked goals
David knew they were quick to take a bribe

D. David said he would walk in his righteousness - 26:11-12

David said he would walk in his righteousness
David wanted to please the Lord throughout his life - Ps. 7:9
David asked the Lord to redeem him and be merciful to him
David wanted the Lord to be merciful to him - Ps. 6:3
David said he would stand on a level place
David said he would bless the Lord in the congregations
David looked to the Lord for compassion and mercy - Ps. 37:21

Psalm 27
A Psalm of David

A. David spoke of his faith in the Lord - 27:1-3

David knew the Lord was his light and salvation

He asked the Lord to deliver him from the guilt of bloodshed - Ps. 51:14

David knew that was why he did not need to fear

He knew the Lord is the I AM who had sent him - Ex. 3:15

David knew that the Lord was the strength of his life

He knew the Lord was that place of protection - Ps, 60:9

David knew that was why he did not need to be afraid

He knew that the Lord is with the generation of the righteous - Ps. 14:4

David knew the wicked would come against him

David knew that they would stumble and fall

David knew it was not the size of the number of his enemies

David said even then his heart would not fear

David knew that wars might come

David said that he could be confident in the Lord

He knew the Lord would keep him in perfect peace - Is. 26:3

B. David wanted to understand the beauty of the Lord - 27:4-5

David said there was one thing he wanted to understand about the Lord

David said that was the thing that he desired

David wanted to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life

An example of this is given by Anna in the New Testament - Luke 2:37

David wanted to behold the beauty of the Lord

Gracious words are like the sweetness of a honeycomb - Prov. 16:24

David wanted to meditate in His temple

David said that in the day of trouble the Lord would conceal him

He knew he would dwell in the shadow of the Almighty - Ps. 91:1-2

David said in the secret place of his tent the Lord would hide him

David said the Lord would lift him up on a rock

He knew the Lord would set him upon a rock - Ps. 40:1-2

C. David wanted to offer sacrifices of joy at the tabernacle - 27:6

David said his head would be lifted up above his enemies around him

He knew the Lord would lift him up in honor - Ps. 3:3

David said he would offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy

He said he would respond with shouts of joy - 2 Sam. 6:15

David said he would sing praises to the Lord

D. David wanted the Lord to hear his cry in times of need - 27:7-10

David asked the Lord to hear when he cried with his voice
David asked the Lord to be gracious to him and answer him
David said the Lord told him to seek His face
David said he told the Lord he would seek His face
David asked the Lord not to hide His face from him
He asked the Lord not to hide His face from him - Ps. 69:17
David asked the Lord not to turn His servant away in anger
He asked the Lord to hurry and answer him - Ps. 143:7
David said the Lord had been his help
David asked the Lord not to abandon or forsake him
David realized that God was the God of his salvation
He knew the Lord was the source of his salvation - Ps. 25:4
David felt like his father and mother had forsaken him
Like Isaiah he knew that the Lord would not forget him - Is. 49:15
David knew the Lord would take him up

E. David wanted the Lord to teach him His way - 27:11-13

David asked the Lord to teach him the Lord's way
He wanted to know the way of the Lord - Ps. 86:11
David asked the Lord to lead him in a smooth path
David wanted this because of his enemies
David did not want to be delivered over to the desire of his adversaries
David said false witnesses had risen up against him
This also happened to Christ - Mark 14:56-59
David said they were the kind that breathed out violence
David said he would have lost heart if he had not believed
David believed he would see the goodness of the Lord
David believed this would happen in the land of the living
He looked forward to the resurrection - Ps. 116:9

F. David knew the Lord would strengthen his heart - 27:14

David said to wait on the Lord
He said that he waited patiently - Ps. 40:1
David said to be of good courage
He had shown this courage when he defeated Goliath - 1 Sam. 17:45-50
David knew that the Lord would give courage in his heart
The Lord gives courage to those who wait on Him - Josh. 1:6-8
David said that was why he would wait on the Lord
Judah later enjoyed victory when they waited on the Lord - 2 Chron. 13:18

Psalm 28
A Psalm of David

A. David trusted the Lord to answer his prayer - 28:1-2

David knew the Lord was his Rock
David asked the Lord not to be silent to him
David asked not to be destroyed with the wicked
David said many had evil in their hearts but spoke peace
The wicked speak from a double heart - Ps. 12:2
David asked the Lord to hear his prayer when he cried for help

B. David trusted the Lord to judge his enemies - 28:3-5

David asked the Lord to not take him away with the wicked
David knew they spoke peace but had evil in their hearts
David asked the Lord to give them according to their deeds
God gives according to a person's actions not words - Ps. 62:2
(this includes their wickedness and the work of their hands)
The ungodly will not stand in the judgment - Ps. 1:5
David asked the Lord to give them what they deserved
David said they did not regard the works of the Lord
David said the Lord would destroy them and not build them up

C. David knew the Lord was his strength and shield - 28:6-7

David said the Lord is the One who is blessed
David knew the Lord had heard his supplication (plea for help)
David knew the Lord was his strength and shield
God was the protection of David - Ps. 59:17
David trusted the Lord from his heart and was helped
David rejoiced and praised the Lord with song

D. David knew the Lord was the strength of all who trusted Him - 28:8-9

David said the Lord was the strength of his people
David knew the Lord was the saving refuge of His anointed
The Lord will answer Him from His holy heaven - Ps. 20:6
David asked the Lord to save His people
God will bless the nation whose God is the Lord - Ps. 33:12
David asked the Lord to bless His inheritance
David asked the Lord to Shepherd and lift them up forever
Christ is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep - John 10:11

Psalm 29
A Psalm of David

A. David cried to the Lord - His Rock - 29:1-2

Give (Ascribe) to the Lord, O you mighty ones
Give to the Lord, O sons of the mighty - I Chron. 16:28-29
Give to the Lord glory and strength
Give to the Lord the glory due to His name
This speaks of the honor due to His name - Phil. 2:9-11
Give to the Lord worship in the beauty of holiness
We are to worship God and see the greatness of His holiness - Ps. 110:1-3

B. David asked not to be taken away with the wicked - 29:3-4

God's voice is heard over many waters
God shows His glory in the thunders
The Lord is the One who thunders in the heavens - Ps. 18:13-14
God speaks with a powerful voice
The sound of His voice is very loud - Ex. 19:16-19
God's voice is full of majesty
God does this to make known His mighty deeds - Ps. 145:5, 12

C. David said the voice of the Lord breaks the cedars - 29:5-7

The Lord breaks the cedars with His voice
The Lord is the One who planted the cedars of Lebanon - Ps. 104:16
The Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon
The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf
The Lord makes Sirion skip like a young wild ox
The Sidonians call Mount Herman, "Sirion" - Deut. 3:9
The Lord hews out flames of fire with His voice

D. David said the voice of the Lord affects the wilderness - 29:8-9

The Lord shakes out the wilderness by His voice
The Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh
This is where the twelve spies gave their report to Moses - Num. 13:26
The Lord speaks and the deer gives birth
God asked Job if he knew what time that would be - Job 39:1
The Lord speaks and strips the forests bare
The Lord causes everything in His temple to cry, "Glory"
The tabernacle was designed to give glory to God - Ex. 39:32-42

E. David said the Lord gives strength to His people - 29:10-11

The Lord sat as King at the flood

The Lord was the One who brought the flood on the earth - Gen. 6:17

The Lord sits as King forever

The Lord is the One who is King forever and ever - Ps. 10:16

The Lord will give strength to His people

The Lord gives strength to those who are His people - Is. 40:29

The Lord will bless His people with peace

Psalm 30

A Song at the Dedication of the House of David

A. David said the Lord brought him up from the grave - 30:1-3

David said that he would extol the Lord

David was praising the Lord for His deliverance - 2 Sam. 22:47

David said that the Lord had lifted him up

The Lord is the Shepherd who carries His people - Ps. 28:9

David said the Lord had not allowed his foes to rejoice over him

David asked the Lord not to let his enemies rejoice over him - Ps. 20:6

David had cried out to the Lord in his trouble

David said the Lord had healed him

Christ was wounded for our sins - Is. 53:5

David said the Lord brought up his soul from the grave

The Lord brought up his soul from Sheol (the grave) - Ps. 86:13

David said the Lord had kept him alive

The Lord will revive His people again - Ps. 85:7

David said the Lord kept him from going down to the pit (grave)

A pit was often used as a prison for prisoners - Is. 24:22

B. David said the Lord brings joy in the morning - 30:4-5

David told the godly ones to sing praise to the Lord

David said to give thanks to His holy name

David gave thanks to the holy name of the Lord - Ps. 97:12

David said the anger of the Lord was only for a moment

David knew the Lord would not keep His anger forever - Is. 54:7-8

David said His favor is for a lifetime

The Lord shows steadfast love - Ps. 63:3

David said weeping may last for the night

David knew the Lord heard his weeping - Ps. 6:9

David said a shout of joy will come in the morning

David knew he could give a shout of joy in the morning - 1 Ki. 8:28

C. David was troubled when the Lord hid His face - 30:6-7

David said that he had spoken in his prosperity

David had said he would never be moved

The Lord is the One who keeps our foot from slipping - Ps. 66:9

David said the Lord's favor made his mountain stand strong

This was a hill or group of hills - Deut. 32:49

David said the Lord hid his face and he was troubled

This was a request for the Lord to show His compassion - Ps. 6:3

D. David asked the Lord to hear his request for mercy - 30:8-10

David said he had cried out to the Lord

David said he asked the Lord for mercy

Our light affliction is only for a short time - 2 Cor. 4:17

David asked what profit there was in his blood

David asked the Lord if he could praise Him when he went down to the pit

David felt like he was getting close to death - Ps. 88:3

David asked if the dust would praise the Lord

There is no remembrance in death - Ps. 6:5

David asked if the dust would praise His faithfulness

The dead do not praise the Lord - Ps. 115:17

David asked if the dust would show the Lord's truth

We only have until death to give praise to the Lord - Eccl. 9:10

David asked the Lord to hear and show mercy

This is an act of kindness or compassion - Prov. 14:21

David asked the Lord to be his helper

The Lord is our source of strength and help - Ps. 28:7

E. David said he would sing praise to the Lord forever - 30:11-12

David said the Lord had turned his mourning into dancing

The Lord heard him and brought gladness - Jer. 31:4

David said the Lord had taken off his sackcloth

Wearing sackcloth was a sign of mourning - 2 Sam. 3:31

David said the Lord had clothed him with gladness

The Lord replaced his mourning with joy - Ps. 51:12

David said his soul would praise the Lord

David said he would sing praise to the name of the Lord - 2 Sam. 22:50

David said he would not be silent

David said his call was to the Lord - Ps. 31:18

David said he would give thanks to the Lord forever

David knew Israel could have their hope in the Lord forever - Ps. 131:1-3

Psalm 31
A Psalm of David

A. David had his trust in the Lord - 31:1-8

1. David looked to the Lord for deliverance - 31:1-2

David said he had put his trust in the Lord

David knew that those who trusted in the Lord were not ashamed - Ps. 22:5

David asked the Lord not to let him ever be ashamed

David asked the Lord to deliver him in His righteousness

David asked the Lord to bow down his ear to him

David knew that the Lord would answer him - Ps. 17:6

David asked the Lord to deliver him speedily

David asked the Lord to be his rock of refuge

David asked the Lord to be a fortress of defense to save him

2. David knew the Lord was his rock - 31:3-5

David knew the Lord was his rock and fortress

David knew that the Lord was his God in whom he took refuge - Ps. 18:2

David asked the Lord to lead and guide him for His name's sake

David knew that the Lord would lead him in paths of righteousness - Ps. 23:3

David asked the Lord to pull him out of the net

(this was the net his enemies secretly laid for him)

David knew that the Lord was his strength

David said he would commit his spirit into the hand of the Lord

Christ committed His Spirit to the Father while on the cross - Luke 23:46

David knew the Lord who redeemed him was the Lord God of truth

David praised the Lord for His faithfulness - Ps. 71:22

3. David knew he could rejoice in the Lord's mercy - 31:6-8

David had hated those who regarded useless idols

Those who regard useless idols forsake their own mercy - Jonah 2:8

David had his trust in the Lord

David was glad and rejoiced in the mercy of the Lord

David knew the Lord had considered his trouble

David told the Lord he knew his soul in trouble

The Lord hears His sheep and knows them - John 10:27

David knew the Lord had not shut him up in the hand of the enemy

David knew the Lord had set his feet in a wide place

The Lord brought David out into a wide place and rescued him - Ps. 18:19

B. David asked the Lord to show His mercy - 31:9-13

1. David was experiencing sorrow and grief - 31:9-11

David asked the Lord to have mercy on him as he was in trouble

David said his eye was wasting away with grief

David said his eye was wasting away because of his grief - Ps. 6:7

David said his soul and body were also wasting away

David said his life was spent in grief

David said his years were spent with sighing

David said his strength was failing because of his iniquity

David said his bones were wasting away

David said he was a reproach among all his enemies

David said he was a reproach because of his enemies - Is. 53:4

David said this was especially true among his neighbors

David said his companions had become darkness - Ps. 88:18

David said those who knew him rejected him

Those who saw him outside fled from him

David said they were brought to ruin by their words - Ps. 64:8

2. David knew there were many against him - 31:12-13

David felt he was forgotten like a dead man and out of mind

David said he was like a broken vessel

David said he heard the slander of many

They were sinning against their brethren - Ps. 50:20

David said there was fear on every side

On the day of the anger of the Lord no one will escape - Lam. 2:22

David said they were taking counsel against him

Later the Jewish leaders took counsel together against Christ - Matt. 27:1

David said they were scheming to take away his life

C. David trusted the Lord with his life - 31:14-18

1. David said his times were in the hand of the Lord - 31:14-16

David knew his times were in the hand of the Lord

David knew that the Lord was his God

David asked the Lord to deliver him from the hand of his enemies

David asked the Lord to deliver him from those who persecuted him

David wanted the face of the Lord to shine upon him

David asked the Lord to restore him that he might be saved - Ps. 80:3

David asked the Lord to save him for his mercies' sake

2. David asked that the wicked would be judged - 31:17-18

David asked the Lord would not let him be ashamed
David knew that he could take refuge in the Lord - Ps. 25:20
David said he had called on the Lord
David said to let the wicked be ashamed
David said to let them be silent in the grave
Those in the grave can no longer speak - Ps. 115:17
David said to let the lying lips be put to silence
The Lord is the One who silences lying lips - Ps. 120:2
David said they spoke evil words proudly
David said they spoke against the righteous with contempt

D. David understood the goodness of the Lord - 31:19-24

1. David knew that the goodness of the Lord was great - 31:19-20

David said the Lord laid up His goodness for those who feared Him
God's kindness is meant to lead people to repentance - Rom. 2:4
David said the Lord prepared His goodness for those who trusted Him
David said the Lord did this in the presence of the sons of men
David said the Lord did this to hide them from the plots of men
God is a hiding place who preserves people from trouble - Ps. 32:7
David said the Lord would keep them in a shelter from the strife of tongues

2. David said the Lord heard his voice when he cried out - 31:21-22

David said blessed be the Lord
David had been shown His marvelous kindness in a strong city
The Lord is a Savior to those who seek refuge from enemies - Ps. 17:7
David said in his haste that he had been cut off from the Lord
David said the Lord heard the voice of his supplications
David said the Lord heard when he cried out to Him

3. David encouraged others to take courage - 31:23-24

David said to love the Lord all you His saints
David said the Lord preserves the faithful
David said the Lord fully repays the proud person
David said to be of good courage
As we wait on the Lord our heart can take courage - Ps. 27:14
David said the Lord will strengthen your heart
David said the Lord would do this for all who hope in Him

Psalm 32
A Psalm of David

David spoke of the blessing of forgiveness - 32:1-2

David knew the joy of forgiveness
Sin was covered and forgiven and would be paid by the Son of God - Rom. 4:7-8
David knew that his sin was covered
David knew that the Lord did not impute iniquity to him
David knew that his spirit was cleared from deceit

David spoke of the consequences of keeping silent - 32:3-5

David said his bones grew old when he kept silent
He felt like the hand of the Lord had come down on him - Duet. 29:4
David said he groaned all through the day
David said he felt the hand of the Lord day and night
David said his vitality was all dried up
David said then he confessed his sins
Confession to the Lord set David free from guilt - Ps. 38:18
David no longer tried to hide his sins
David said he confessed his sins to the Lord
David said the Lord forgave his sins

David said his protection came from the Lord - 32:6-7

David said that the godly pray to the Lord
David said the Lord will be found when a person is godly
David said the godly man would be protected by the Lord
David said the Lord was his hiding place
The Lord was David's hiding place (stronghold) - Ps. 9:9
David knew the Lord would deliver him from trouble
David said the Lord surrounded him with songs of deliverance
Singing happens when we know we are forgiven - Ps. 40:3

David was now able to instruct others - 32:8-9

David could now instruct others and teach them the way to go
David knew the Lord would guide him with His eye
David said not to be like a horse or mule with no understanding
A horse needs a whip to understand - Prov. 26:3
David said they had to be harnessed with bit and bridle
David said otherwise they will not come near you

David knew that the Lord gives mercy and joy - 10-11

David said the wicked will have many sorrows

The sorrows of those who follow other gods will multiply - Ps. 16:4

David said those who trusted the Lord would be surrounded by mercy

Those who trust in the Lord are blessed by mercy - Prov. 16:0

David said to be glad in the Lord and rejoice

David said the upright can be glad - Ps. 68:3

David said all the upright can shout for joy

Those who rejoice in the Lord can give thanks to His holy name - Ps. 97:12

Psalm 33

A Psalm of Joy

1. David knew he could rejoice in the Lord - 33:1-3

David encouraged the righteous to sing for joy

Sing for joy in the Lord, you righteous and give thanks to His name - Ps. 97:12

David said praise from the upright is beautiful

David said to give praise on the harp

David said to do this on a harp of ten strings

David said to sing to the Lord a new song

David said to play skillfully with a shout of joy

2. David knew that the Lord loved righteousness - 33:4-5

David said the word of the Lord is upright

David said the word of the Lord is done in faithfulness

David said the Lord loves righteousness and justice

David knew that the Lord would deliver him as he was righteous - Ps. 31:2

David said the earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord

3. David knew that the Lord made the heavens by His word - 33:6-7

David said the Lord spoke to make the heavens

God commanded and they were created - Ps. 148:5

David said His Word created the sun, moon and stars

This included the sun, moon and all the stars - Gen. 2:1

David said the Lord gathered the waters together as a heap

God separated the waters from the dry land - Gen. 1:9

David said the Lord made some of the waters very deep

This is the areas below the waters and some are deep - Job 38:8

4. David said that the earth needed to fear the Lord - 33:8-9

David said the earth needed to fear the Lord

Adam and Eve had felt great fear when they sinned - Gen. 3:10

David said the people of the world needed to stand in fear of Him

The fear of God causes us to have His peace - Ps. 46:3

David said that what God spoke happened immediately

God spoke and there was light - Gen. 1:3

David said that what happened continued to stand

All of the things that God commanded have stood - Ps. 148:5

5. David knew that the counsel of the Lord would stand forever - 33:10-12

David said the plans of the nations did not stand

The counsel of the ungodly does not stand - Is. 8:10

David said the plans of the various groups of people had no effect

The thoughts of God are much higher than the thoughts of man - Is. 55:8

The plans of Pharaoh could not have any effect on Israel - Ex. 14:7

David knew the counsel of the Lord would stand forever

The purpose of God will stand when the plans of men fail - Prov. 19:21

David knew the plans of the heart of God extended to all generations

The word is repeated twice to talk about all generations - Ps. 46:19-20

David said the nation would be blessed whose God is the Lord

Those who are obedient to God are blessed - Prov. 29:18

David said that nation God chose as His own inheritance

God chose Israel to be His own special inheritance - Deut. 7:6

6. David knew that the Lord sees every person - 33:13-15

David said that the Lord looks from heaven

The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of men - Ps. 14:2

David said that He sees all the sons of men

God knew those who would judge Judah would come from the east - Ezek. 25:4

David said that the Lord looks from the place where he dwells

God even saw and has already judged Satan - Is. 14:11-16

David said that He sees all of the people of the earth

God will reward each one according to his obedience - Jer. 32:19

David knew that God works in the heart of each person individually

God sees all the steps of each person - Job 34:21

Each one will receive the fruit of his deeds - Jer. 32:9

David said God considers all of their works

Each person will be judged for his own works - Rev. 20:13

God looks for those who have blameless hearts - 2 Chron. 16:9

7. David knew that man cannot depend on his own armies - 33:16-17

David knew that no king is saved by a mighty army

David did not trust in either his bow or his sword - Ps. 44:6

We must look to the Lord for His salvation - Ps. 60:11

David knew a mighty man is not delivered by great strength

A mighty man should not boast in his wisdom or might - Jer. 9:23-24

David knew a horse is a false hope for victory

Some people do depend on horses - Ps. 20:7

David knew a horse cannot deliver anyone by great strength

The Lord is the one who gave a horse its strength - Ps. 147:10

The Lord is the One who gives victory - Prov. 21:31

8. David knew the Lord watches over those who fear Him - 33:18-19

David knew that the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him

The eyes and ears of the Lord see and hear the righteous - Ps. 34:15

The Lord teaches the righteous as He watches over us - Ps. 32:8

David knew His eye is on those who hope in His mercy

The Lord does not withdraw His eye from the righteous - Job 36:7

David knew the Lord will deliver their soul from death

In famine the Lord delivers the righteous from death - Job 5:20

David knew the Lord can keep them alive in famine

The Lord provides even in times of famine - Ps. 37:19

9. David knew that the Lord is the only source of help - 33:20-22

David said our soul waits for the Lord

Isaiah said he waited for the Lord to bring him hope - Is. 8:17

David realized that he was poor and needy - Ps. 70:6

David said He is our help and our shield

The Lord wanted all who feared Him to also trust in Him - Ps. 115:9-11

David knew his help came from the Lord - Ps. 121:1-2

David said our heart rejoices in Him

Those who returned later also trusted in Him - 2 Ch. 20:27

David said this is because we trust in His holy name

We can stand firm as we trust in the Lord - Ps. 112:7

The Lord will give perfect peace to those who trust in Him - Is. 26:3

David asked the Lord to let His mercy be upon us

We need His mercy because of our sin - Prov. 14:34

David said this is why their hope was in the Lord

Job had his hope in the Lord even if he died - Job 13:15

David waited because his hope was in the Lord - Ps. 39:8

4. David knew the Lord would provide good to all who trusted Him - 34:8-10

David said to taste and see that the Lord is good

How sweet are the words of the Lord to my taste - Ps. 119:103

David knew a person is blessed if they trust in Him

Blessed are those who take refuge in the Lord - Ps. 2:12

David told His saints to fear the Lord

The saints are to show a great reverence to the Lord - Lev. 19:32

David said those who trust in Him do not suffer want

The Lord is my helper and that is why I do not fear - Heb. 13:8

David said the young lions lack and suffer hunger

Those who do not trust the Lord lack spiritual life - Eph. 2:1

David knew those who seek the Lord will not lack any good thing

The Lord does not withhold any good thing from the upright - Ps. 84:11

5. David said he would teach those who feared the Lord - 34:11-12

David invited his children to listen to him

The Lord had favored Israel in the past - Ps. 42:1-3

David said he would teach them the fear of the Lord

This is a reverence and respect for someone who is greater - Prov. 1:7

David asked who is the man that desires life

Those who fear the Lord experience the joy of the Lord - Neh. 1:11

David asked who is the man that loves many days

Most people love to experience a long life - Gen. 27:4

David said that he shall see that the Lord does good

Those who love the life the Lord gives see Him do good - 2 Sam. 15:25

6. David told them what to speak and do - 34:13-14

David said to keep their tongue from evil

Job also said he would not speak wickedness or speak deceit - Job 27:4

David said to keep your lips from speaking deceit.

We are to make every effort to avoid speaking deceit - Eph. 4:25

David kept his lips from speaking deceit - Ps. 17:1

David said to depart from evil

We are to depart from evil and learn to do good - Isa. 1:16-17

David said to do good

We are to turn away from evil and do good - Ps. 37:27

When we seek the good the Lord gives the desires of our heart - 1 Pet. 3:10-12

David said to seek peace and pursue it

We are to pursue what makes for peace - Rom. 14:19

The Lord told Jeremiah what would happen in the future - Jer. 50:20

Psalm 34

A Psalm of David

1. David encouraged others to join him in praise - 34:1-3

David said he would bless the Lord at all times

We are also to give thanks always and for everything - Eph. 5:20

David said his praise for the Lord would continually be in his mouth

We are to give thanks in all situations - I Thess. 5:18

David said his soul would boast in the Lord

In the future God will cause the physical lights to not give light - Isa. 13:10

David said the humble would hear it and rejoice

The Lord leads the humble in what is right - Ps. 25:9

David invited others to magnify the Lord with him

This was why David had prepared the material for the temple - 1 Chron. 22:5

David said they could all exalt His name together

God reminded Moses of this relationship much earlier - Ex. 3:13-15

2. David saw the Lord deliver him from all his fears - 34:4-5

David said he sought the Lord and the Lord answered him

The Lord does not forsake those who seek Him - Ps. 9:10

David said the Lord delivered him from all his fears

David had to escape from Saul or be killed - 1 Sam. 19:11

David said those who look to the Lord are radiant

God promised Abraham his descendants would be like the stars - Gen. 15:5

David said their faces will never be ashamed

Those who do not look to the Lord will be ashamed - Ps. 40:15

-3. David described his condition when he cried to the Lord - 34:6-7

David saw himself as a poor man that cried out to the Lord

David knew he was a needy person who needed the Lord - Prov. 3:34

David said that the Lord heard him

David knew that the Lord heard him in his trouble - 1 Sam. 12:24

David said the Lord saved him from all of his troubles

The Lord is faithful in all his words and works - Ps. 145:13

David knew the angel of the Lord is close to those who fear Him

Israel had set up an encampment at the sea - Ex. 14:9

Fear can also speak of worship of the Lord - Ps. 22:24

David knew that the Lord rescues them

David knew the Lord would rescue His followers who are in trouble - Ps. 18:6

7. David knew how the Lord looks at each person - 34:15-16

David said the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous

The Lord does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous - Job 36:7

David said the ears of the Lord are open to their cry

The Lord hears and delivers the righteous - Ps. 145:19

David said the face of the Lord is against those who are evildoers

The Lord warned He would set His face against for evil - Amos 9:4

David said the Lord will cut off their memory from the earth

The Lord cuts off the memory of those who are perished - Ps. 9:6

8. David knew that the Lord looks at the heart - 34:17-18

David said the righteous cry and the Lord hears

Job knew that the Lord gives and the Lord takes away - Job 1:21

Moses cried to the Lord many times - Ex. 15:25

David said the Lord delivers them out of all their troubles

David asked the Lord to deliver him from the mire (mud) - Ps. 69:14

David said the Lord is near the brokenhearted

The sacrifices of God are a broken and contrite spirit - Ps. 51:17

The Lord saves those who are crushed in spirit

The Lord is near all that call upon Him in truth - Ps. 145:18

9. David knew the Lord redeems the souls of His servants - 34:19-22

David said the righteous have many afflictions

James says to count it all joy when we fall into various afflictions - James 1:3

David said the Lord delivers him out of them all

The Lord delivers us from all our fears - Deut. 31:17

David said He guards all his bones

David had kept himself from guilt - Ps. 18:24

David said none of his bones are broken

This fulfilled the statement in John 19:36

David said evil will slay the wicked

The wicked stumble in the times of calamity - Prov. 24:6

God is the One who will judge the wicked - Ps. 94:3

Each person will be judged for his own deeds - Rev. 20:11-15

David said those who hate the righteous will be condemned

Those who hate the righteous will be held guilty - Ps. 1:5-6

David said the Lord redeems the soul of His servants

The Lord redeems the soul of His servants - 1 Ki. 1-29

David said none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned

There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus - Rom. 8:1

Psalm 35

A Psalm of David

1. David asked the Lord to plead his cause - 35:1-3

David asked the Lord to plead his cause with those who strove with him
David asked the Lord to fight against those who fought against him
David asked the Lord to take hold of the shields and rise up to help him
David asked the Lord to draw out the spear and stop those who pursued him
David said to say in his soul that the Lord is his salvation

2. David asked the angel of the Lord to judge them - 35:4-8

David said to let those be ashamed and dishonored who seek my life
The goal of the wicked was to destroy David's life - Ps. 40:14-15
David said let those be turned back and humbled who plotted his hurt
May all those who hate Zion be brought to shame - Ps. 129:5
David said to let them be like chaff before the wind
Let them be like whirling dust and chaff before the wind - Ps. 83:13
David asked to let the Angel of the Lord chase them
Christ is the Angel of the Lord in the Old Testament - Ps. 91:1-2
David asked that their way be dark and slippery as the Lord pursued them
The Lord is the One who brought them to slippery places - Ps. 73:18
David said they had hid their net in a pit for him without a cause
David said without a cause they dug a pit for his life
The Lord caused them to get caught in the net they hid for others - Ps. 9:15
David asked that destruction would come on him suddenly
David asked that he would be caught in his own net
David asked that would be the way he would be judged

3. David asked the Lord to let him rejoice in his salvation - 35:9-10

David said that his soul would rejoice in the Lord
He knew what the Lord had done for their fathers - Deut. 30:9
David said his soul would exalt in the Lord's salvation
David knew his salvation came from the Lord - Ps. 62:2
David said all his bones would say, Lord, who is like you
The Lord is able to make the bones He has broken rejoice - Ps. 51:8
David said the Lord delivers the poor from those to strong for him
David said the righteousness of God reaches to the heavens - Ps. 71:19
David said the Lord delivers the poor and needy from him who robs him
No works can be compared to the works of God - Ps. 86:8

4. David said they rewarded him evil for good - 35:11-14

David said that false or destructive witnesses rose up

Do not envy a man of violence or choose any of his ways - Prov. 3:31

David said that they spoke of him things that he did not know

David said they rewarded him evil for good

Those who returned evil for good accused David because he did good - Ps. 38:20

David said this brought sorrow to his soul

David told how he responded when they had a need

David said his clothing was sackcloth

Jacob mourned in sackcloth for Joseph for many days - Gen. 37:34

David said he humbled himself with fasting

Fasting was one of the ways Israel humbled itself before God - Ezra 8:21

David said his prayer would return to his own heart

David said he went about as though he were a friend or brother

David said he bowed down in mourning as one who mourns for his mother

5. David said they rejoiced in his adversity - 35:15-16

David said in his adversity they rejoiced

This makes it easy to stumble and fall - Ps. 38:18

David said they even gathered together

David said the attackers gathered against him

They were using their lips as swords to try and destroy David - Ps. 59:8

David said he did not know it

David said they slandered him without ceasing

David said they were like ungodly mockers at a feast

God cannot bless ungodly mockers - Ps. 1:1

David said they gnashed at him with their teeth

The Lord will quickly bring their mocking to an end - Ps. 112:10

6. David asked how long the Lord would let him suffer - 35:17-18

David asked the Lord how long He would look on

The favor of the Lord was what David wanted - 2 Sam. 15:25

David asked the Lord to rescue him from their destructions

(This is the way young lions tear with their sharp teeth and paws)

David asked the Lord to rescue his life from the lions

A young lion is eager to tear and destroy - Ps. 17:12

David said he would then give thanks to the Lord in the great congregation

This was when Israel brought back the Ark of the Covenant - 2 Sam. 6:17-19

David said he would praise the Lord before many people

Michal despised David because of his public display - 2 Sam. 6:14-16

7. David asked the Lord not to let them rejoice in him - 35:19-21

David realized that they were really deceptive enemies
Evildoers listen to wicked lips and a liar speaks lies - Prov. 17:14
David said they would wink with the eye to deceive him
David said they did not speak peace
David saw they devised deceitful things against others
Saul devised a plan to destroy David - 1 Sam. 18:25
David said they did this against those who did what was right
David said they opened their mouths wide against him
David said they spoke, "Aha, Aha!"
David said they claimed to have seen the evil about which they spoke

8. David asked the Lord not to be far from him - 35:22-25

David knew that the Lord had seen what they were doing
David asked the Lord not to remain silent
David asked the Lord to be close to him
David asked the Lord to stir Himself and give a legal sentence
The Lord judges on the basis of His righteousness - 2 Cor. 5:21
David asked the Lord to do this because He was his Lord and God
David asked the Lord to be his Judge
David knew the Lord would judge according to His righteousness
David said then they would not rejoice over him
David did not want them to think they had gotten their way
David did not want them to think they had swallowed him up

9. David asked the Lord to make them ashamed - 35:26

David said let them be brought to shame and confusion
David said they would be clothed with shame and dishonor
David said that they magnified themselves over David

10. David asked the Lord to let the righteous rejoice - 35:27-28

David said those who favored his righteous cause would shout for joy
David said this was due to the fact the Lord had pleasure in His servant
David said they would say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified."
The name of the Lord is to be greatly honored - 1 Chron. 22:5
David said that he would speak of the righteousness of God
The Lord judges according to His righteousness - Ps. 7:9
David said he would give praise to the Lord all day long
David said he would give this praise before all the people - Ps. 22:26

Psalm 36

A Psalm of David the servant of the Lord

1. David spoke about the heart of the wicked - 36:1-4

David said he would speak about the thoughts of the wicked

We are not to be envious of the wicked - Prov. 24:19

David said the Lord would judge the wicked by their hearts

David said they will soon be cut down like the grass

They are like grass that is renewed in the morning - Ps. 90:5-6; James 1:11

David said there is no fear of God in the heart of the wicked

There is no fear of God before their eyes - Rom. 3:18

David said he deceives himself in his own eyes

David said the Lord knows when they are filled with hate

David said the words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit

David said he has ceased to be wise and do good

They are wise in doing evil but do not know how to do the good - Jer. 4:22

David said he plans wickedness on his bed

They cannot sleep unless they have done evil - Prov. 4:16

David said he resists in a way that is not good

God said they walk in a way that is not good - Is. 65:2

David said he does not despise and hate evil

2. David spoke about the mercy of the Lord - 36:5-6

David said the mercy of the Lord reaches to the heavens

David said his faithfulness extends to the heavens

David said the righteousness of God is like the mountains of God

David said your judgments reach to the great deep (oceans)

The judgments of God are very deep - Rom. 11:33

David said the Lord is the One who preserves man and beast

3. David spoke about the lovingkindness of the upright - 36:7-9

David said how precious is your lovingkindness

David said the children of men put their trust in the shadow of your wings

David said they drink their fill of the abundance of Your house

David said the Lord gave them drink from the river of His pleasures

Christ offered living water to the Samaritan woman - John 4:10, 14

David said the fountain of life is from the Lord

David said in Your light we see light

God calls us out of darkness into His marvelous light - 1 Pet. 2:9

4. David said those who know the Lord enjoy that lovingkindness - 36:10-12

David asked the Lord to continue His lovingkindness to those who know Him
David asked the to continue His righteousness to the upright in heart
David asked the Lord to protect him from the foot of pride
David asked that the hand of the wicked not drive him away
David said that was where the workers of iniquity had fallen
David said they had been cast down and were not able to rise

Psalm 37

A Psalm of David

1. David said not to have temper against evildoers - 37:1-2

David said not to burn with anger because of evildoers
They will each be judged according to their works - Rev. 20:13
David said not to be jealous of the actions of those who get rich
The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil - 1 Tim. 6:9; Mark 8:36-37
David said they will soon be cut down like the green grass
The rich man in his pursuits withers away like the grass - James 1:10-11
David said they will soon wither like a green herb

2. David said to trust in the Lord - 37:3-4

David said to trust in the Lord and do good
As we have opportunity we are to do good to all - Gal. 6:9-10
David said then the people would live in the land a long time
Isaiah later spoke to tell them what to do - Is. 58:6-6
David said they would feed on the faithfulness of the Lord
David said to enjoy the kindness of the Lord
The kindness of the Lord is shown when our trust is in Him - Ps.20:7
David said then the Lord would give them the desires of their hearts
The Lord wants to give us the desires of our hearts - Is. 58:8-10

3. David said we are to commit our way unto the Lord - 37:5-6

David said to commit their way to the Lord and trust in Him
Commit your work to the Lord and your plans will be established - Prov. 16:3
David said then the Lord will bring this blessing to them
David said the Lord will show our righteousness as the light
David said the Lord will cause others to see the difference
As our light shines before men they will glorify God - Matt. 5:16

4. David said to cease from anger - 37:7-8

David said to rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him
I waited patiently for the Lord and He heard my cry - Ps. 40:1
David said not to become angry as we see him who prospers in his way
David said this is true even when he carries out wicked schemes
David said to cease from anger and forsake wrath
Be angry and do not sin; let not the sun go down on your anger - Eph. 4:26
David said such anger will cause us to do harm to others

5. David said that the Lord will cut off the evildoers - 37:9-11

David said that evildoers would be cut off
David said those who wait for the Lord will inherit the land
The upright will inherit the land - Prov. 2:21
David said in a little while the wicked will be no more
David said you will look carefully for his place and it will be no more
You will look carefully and he will be no more - Ps. 37:36
David said the humble will inherit the land
The meek (humble) will inherit the earth - Matt. 5:5
David said they will enjoy abundant prosperity

6. David said that the Lord laughs knowing He will judge - 37:12-15

David said the wicked plots against the righteous
David said the wicked grinds his teeth at them
They gnash at me with their teeth - Ps. 35:16
David said that the Lord laughs at him
He who sits in the heavens laughs at them - Ps. 2:6
David said that the Lord knows his day is coming
David said the wicked have drawn the sword
David said the wicked have bent their bow
David said they do this to cast down the afflicted and needy
David said they try to kill those who are upright in conduct
David said their sword will enter their own heart
David said their bows will be broken

7. David said the Lord upholds the righteous - 37:16-17

David said better is the little of the righteous than the plenty of many wicked
Their end is judgment for their sins - Ps. 73:16-17
David said the arms of the wicked shall be broken
David said the Lord upholds the righteous

8. David said the righteous will be blessed; the ungodly judged - 37:18-20

David said the Lord knows the days of the upright
Israel was to offer a lamb that was without blemish - Ex. 12:5

David knew that their inheritance will be forever

David said they will not be ashamed in the evil time
Adam and Eve had no shame before they sinned - Gen. 2:25

David said they would be satisfied in the days of famine

David said that the wicked would perish

Anyone not in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire - Rev. 20:15

David said this was because they were enemies of the Lord

David said they would vanish like the splendor of the meadows

David said they will vanish away like the smoke

Their time will come to an end - Gen 21:15

9. David said the cursed will be cut off - 37:21-22

David said the wicked borrows and does not repay

David said the righteous shows mercy and gives

He gives to the poor and his righteousness endures forever - Ps. 112:9

David said those blessed by the Lord will inherit the earth

David those who are cursed by the Lord will be cut off

10. David spoke of what happens when the blessed fall - 37:23-24

David said the steps of a man are established by the Lord

David said the Lord delights in the way of the righteous

The Lord's blessing is on the house of the righteous - Prov. 3:33

David said even when he falls he will not be totally cast down

The righteous falls seven times and rises again - Prov. 24:16

David said the Lord upholds the righteous with his hand

11. David had never seen the righteous forsaken - 37:25-26

David said he had been young and now he was old

Isaac said he was old and did not know the day of his death - Gen. 27:2

David said he had not seen the righteous forsaken

In contrast, Ahab had turned from God to the Baals - 1 Kings 18:18

David said he had not seen his descendants begging for bread

David said all day long he is gracious and lends

Open your hand to the poor and lend to him sufficient for his need - Deut. 15:8

David said that his descendants are a blessing

He will not depart from the example He has seen in his parents - Prov. 22:6

12. David said the Lord does not forsake His saints - 37:27-29

David said to depart from evil

The Lord warned about the consequences of following evil - Deut. 7:4

David said to do good instead

The Lord made us in His image so we could do good - Gen. 1:24-27

Man destroyed this by disobedience - Gen. 2:17; 6:5

David said then we will dwell forever

We will reign with the Lord forever and ever - Rev. 22:5

David said the Lord loves justice

You shall not pervert the justice due to the poor - Ex. 23:6

David said the Lord does not forsake His saints

David said His saints are preserved forever

All the righteous will be with the Lord forever - Rev. 21:1-4

David said the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off

All the unrighteous will each be judged for their own sins - Rev. 20:12

David said the righteous will inherit the land

Those who wait for the Lord will inherit the land - Ps. 37:9

David said the righteous will dwell in it forever

We will live in the presence of the Lord forever - Prov. 2:21

13. David said the mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom - 37:30-31

David said the mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom

The good person brings forth good - Matt. 12:35

David said the tongue of the righteous speaks justice

David said the law of his God is in his heart

We memorize the Word and have it in our heart to prevent sin - Ps. 119:11

David said none of his steps shall slide

Our steps will not slip as we are obedient to the Word of God - James 1:22

14. David said God will not judge and condemn the righteous -37:32-33

David said the wicked spies upon the righteous

He sits in ambush in the villages - Ps. 10:8

David said the wicked seeks to kill him

They set their eyes to cast us to the ground - Ps. 17:11

David said the Lord will not leave him in his hand

The Lord does not forsake His saints - Ps. 37:28

David said the Lord will not let him be condemned

We have been justified by faith - Rom. 5:1

David said the Lord will not condemn him when he is judged

There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ - Rom, 8:1

15. David said the wicked will not be found when he is judged - 37:34-36

David said to wait on the Lord

Our hearts will be filled with courage as we wait on the Lord - Ps. 27:14

David said to keep the way of the Lord

We are to keep ourselves from anything that causes guilt - Ps. 18:24

David said he shall exalt you to inherit the land

The Lord gave Israel the land of Israel to inherit it - 2 Chron. 20:11

David said when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it

When he is judged he will be found guilty - Ps. 109:7

David said that he had seen the wicked, violent man

The wicked, violent man is seeking to destroy others - Prov. 1:11

David said he was spreading himself like a green laurel tree

The wicked try to get others to join them - Prov. 1:11-14

David said this is the way the tree spreads in its growth

David said then the wicked passed away

Evil shall slay the wicked - Ps. 34:21

David said the wicked was no longer alive

Sinners are taken from the earth and the wicked will be no more - Ps. 104:35

David said though he looked for him, he could not be found

16. David said the man of peace will be blessed - 37:37-38

David said to notice and set aside the blameless man

The blameless and upright man trust in the Lord - Job 1:22; Ps. 1:1-3

David said to behold the upright man

David said there is a future for the man of peace

The man of peace will have descendants - Luke 10:5-7

David said that transgressors will all be destroyed

The ungodly are like the chaff which is driven by the wind - Ps. 1:4

David said the descendants of the wicked will be cut off

17. David said the Lord will deliver those who trust Him - 37:39-40

David said the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord

David said the Lord is their strength in the time of trouble

David said the Lord helps them

David said the Lord delivers them from the wicked

Our fathers trusted in You and You delivered them - Ps. 22:4

David said the Lord also saves them

The Lord delivered Daniel when he was in the lion's den - Dan. 6:23

David said the Lord does this because they take refuge in Him

Daniel's three friends were also delivered - Dan. 3:17-18; Dan 3:23-25

Psalm 38
A Psalm of David

1. David asked the Lord not to rebuke in wrath - 38:1-2
(This was a rebuke for his sin)

David asked the Lord not to rebuke him in His wrath
The Lord's wrath spoke of judgment or discipline - Ps. 6:1; Is.60:10
David asked the Lord not to discipline him in His burning anger
David said the arrows of the Lord had sunk deep into him
David said the hand of the Lord was pressing down upon him

2. David said his sin was hurting his health - 38: 3-5

David said there was no soundness in his flesh
David said this was because of the burning anger of the Lord
David said there was no health in his bones
David said this was because of his sins
Sin will bring punishment from God or man - Gen. 19:15
David said that his wounds smelled
The dead fish in the Nile River caused a great smell - Ex. 7:21
David said it seemed like they were rotting
Things that begin to rot also begin to stink - Ex. 16:20
David said this due to his foolishness
A man of quick temper acts foolishly - Prov. 14:17

3. David said this was affecting him in many different ways - 38: 6-8

David said that he was troubled
He was troubled because of his sin - Ps. 106:6
David said he was bent down greatly
The evil bow down before the good - Prov. 14:19
David said that he mourned all day long
This speaks of something that may last for many days - Ex. 21:19
David said that his stomach was filled with burning
David said there was no soundness in his flesh
This speaks of continuing weakness in the body - Lev. 26:13
David said he was weak
David said he was badly crushed
David said he groaned
David said every night he was tired with his moaning - Ps. 6:7
David said this groaning was due to the sorrow in his heart
Groaning can be due to sorrow in the heart - Ps. 35:14

4. David said the Lord knew what was happening to him - 38:9-10

David said the Lord knew what he desired in his heart

David had faithfully served the Lord for many years - 2 Sam. 2:4

David said his sighing was not hidden from the Lord

David had felt this guilt for many months - 2 Sam. 12:1-7

David said his heart was pounding

David had tried to hide his sin and even had Uriah killed - 2 Sam. 1:27

David said his strength failed him

Here we see that unconfessed sin caused him and us to feel weak - Ps. 88:14

This is why we need daily cleansing from sin - 1 John 1:7, 9; 2:28-3:3

David said that this affected the light in his eyes

David said that light was gone from his eyes

5. David said friends avoided and enemies wanted to destroy him - 38:11-12

David said this also affected his close friends

Christ experienced this same thing as He died for our sins - Luke 23:49

Christ experienced separation from the Father as He bore our sins - Matt. 27:46

Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world - John 1:29

All who receive Christ have their sins taken away forever - Heb. 10:12-14

David said his close friends were avoiding him

His attitude changed as long as he lived with guilt - Ps. 31:11

David said his closest relatives stood far away

This included some of his own sons - 2 Sam. 13:28; 18:15

David said those who wanted to see him fail

The religious leaders tried to destroy Jesus by His words - Matt. 26:63

David said they were setting snares to destroy him

David said they spent all day planning deception

The religious leaders were plotting the death of Jesus - John 11:49-53

6. David said he was like a person that did not hear - 38:13-14

David said he was like a deaf man

The Lord says this is how we overcome evil with good - Rom. 12:17-21

David said he did not hear what they were saying

David said that he was like one unable to speak

David said for that reason he did not even open his mouth

David explained how he was like a deaf man

David said that he did not argue with what others said about him

We will reap God's reward as we do good to all - Gal. 6:9-10

Christ's prayer was for His present followers - John 17:9-19

Christ prayer was for all future followers - John 17:20-26

7. David said the Lord was his only source of help - 38:15-16

David said that his hope was in the Lord

We also need to have our hope in the Lord - Ps. 39:7

David said he knew that the Lord would answer

David said that was because the Lord was his God

He had shown this trust when he fought Goliath - I Sam. 17:40

David explained why he did not want his enemies to hear

David said that then they would rejoice over him

David said they were watching for his foot to slip

Those who do not follow the Lord expect us to be different - Ps. 51:3

David said then they would exalt themselves against him

Goliath cursed David by his gods - 1 Sam. 7:43

8. David said he confessed his sin to the Lord - 38:17-20

David said that he was ready to fall

We sin but we confess our sins and the Lord forgives and cleanses - 1 John 1:9

David said he was continually filled with sorrow

David said that he confessed his guilt

Guilt is the result of unconfessed sin in the life of a Christian - Ps. 32:5

David said that he was sorry for his sin

We become troubled and anxious until we repent - 2 Cor. 7:9-10

David said his enemies were enjoying a good life

David said that his enemies were strong

David said that those who hated him continued to multiply

Saul was afraid of David because he was not trusting the Lord - 1 Sam. 17:12

David said they repay evil for good

Saul was angry at David because of his own pride - 1 Sam. 18:8-9

David said they accused him because he followed after good

The people were pleased because David did what was right - 1 Sam. 18:5

The Lord was with David because he obeyed the Lord - 1 Sam. 18:14

9. David asked the Lord to help him - 38:21-22

David asked the Lord not to forsake him

The Lord promised He will not leave or forsake His followers - Deut. 31:6

David asked the Lord not to be far from him

David did not want the Lord to be far from him - Ps. 35:22

David asked the Lord to hurry to help him

The Lord had helped David when he fought Goliath - I Sam. 17:45-46

David realized that the Lord was his salvation

David knew that the Lord was his salvation - Ps. 37:2-3

Psalm 39:1

A Psalm of David

1. David wanted to guard his words - 39:1-3

David said he would guard his ways

This is how we avoid speaking evil - James 3:5-12

David feared he could sin with his tongue

We are also to keep our tongue from speaking evil about others - Ps. 34:13

David said he would restrain his mouth with a muzzle (bridle)

A muzzle or bridle prevents the use of the mouth - Ps. 38:13

David wanted to do this when the wicked were present

Fools speak gossip and deceit and then false rumors begin - Prov. 13:3

David said he was mute with silence

Job said we need to accept what God does - Job 2:10

David said he held his peace even from the good

David said this caused his sorrow to grow worse

2. David wanted to guard his ways - 39:4-5

David said his heart was hot within him

This is the way some people organize their thoughts - Ps. 19:14

David was talking softly like a fire that was burning

David said then he spoke with his tongue

David told the Lord he wanted to know his end

The Lord wants to teach us to number our days and gain wisdom - Ps. 90:12

David wanted to know how long he would continue to live

David knew that the Lord had measured his days

Our lives pass very quickly - Eccl. 6:12

David knew that his life was like a vapor

Our lives are lighter than a breath - Ps. 62:9

3. David realized that our lives are like a shadow - 39:6

David knew that the life of every person is like a shadow

Man is like a breath; his days like a passing shadow - Ps. 144:4

David said they make an uproar for nothing

This feeling can even be present when a person prays - Ps. 55:18

David said they heap up riches

They depend on riches instead of following the Lord - Luke 18:24-27

David said they do not know who will gather those riches

Those who gather riches do not know when they will die - Luke 12:16-21

4. David had his hope in the Lord as he waited - 39:7-9

David asked the Lord for what he was waiting

David said his hope for the future was in the Lord - Prov. 10:28

David said his hope was in the Lord

David did not want eternal judgment from the Lord - Ps. 38:15

David asked the Lord to deliver him from all his transgressions

David told Saul that he would leave judgment to the Lord - 1 Sam. 24:12

David asked not to be an insult of the foolish

We are mocked by those around us - Ps. 44:13

David said that he had silenced his mouth

David said it was the Lord who had done it

David knew that the Lord disciplines those He loves - Heb. 12:7-8

5. David asked the Lord to remove his plague from him - 39:10-11

David asked the Lord to remove this judgment from him

David knew that the Lord could judge in His time - 2 Sam. 16:12

David said he was perishing because of this opposition from the Lord

David said the Lord often disciplines a man for sin

David had experienced this discipline at other times - 2 Sam. 24:16-17

David said the Lord consumes like a moth things precious to him

Moth and rust destroy - Matt. 6:19

David said every man is a mere breath Selah.

Vanity of vanities all is vanity (emptiness). - Eccl. 1:2

6. David asked the Lord to hear his prayer - 39:12-13

David asked the Lord to hear his prayer

David asked the Lord to open His ear to his cry

David asked the Lord not to be silent at his tears

This is a request to the Lord for Him to hear - 2 Sam. 7:27

David said he was a stranger with God

David said he was a sojourner like all his fathers

David realized he deserved this judgment - 2 Sam. 16:13; 17:34

David asked the Lord to turn away His gaze from him

David felt like he was a stranger from the Lord (guilt) - Gen. 15:13

David said this would allow him to smile (gain strength) again

Israel was a nation of sojourners (temporary residents) in Egypt - Gen. 47:9

David said that he would soon go away

A sojourner is a person who is a stranger from another country - Gen. 23:4

David said then he would be no more

When a man dies and is no longer alive - Ps. 39:13

Psalm 40

A Psalm of David

1. David waited patiently on the Lord - 40:1-3

David said he waited patiently for the Lord

We are to wait patiently for the Lord in hope - Ps. 37:7; Is. 40:31

David said the Lord inclined unto him and heard his cry

David said the Lord brought him out of the pit of destruction

David said his enemies were like a pit of destruction - Jer. 38:6

David said the Lord brought him out of the miry clay

David said the Lord set his feet upon a rock and established his steps

David said the Lord put a new song in his mouth

Praise to our God - Ps. 33:3

David said many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord

2. David spoke of the greatness of the Lord - 40:4-5

David said how blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust

Blessed is the one who trusts in You - Psalm 34:8

David said he has not turned to the proud or to those who speak lies

David said many, O Lord my God, are the wonders You have done

The Lord does marvelous things beyond number - Job 9:10

David said Your thoughts toward us; there are none to compare with You

The Lord knows all the thoughts of our hearts - Ps. 139:23-24

David said if he was to declare and speak of them

The thoughts of the Lord should also be precious to us - Ps. 139:17

David said they are more than can be numbered

The Lord thinks of us so often His thoughts are like the sand - Ps. 139:18

3. David desired to do the will of the Lord - 40:6-8

David said sacrifice and meal offering you have not desired

The Lord desires our obedience to the Word of God - James 1:22

David said my ears you have opened

David said burnt offering and sin offering the Lord did not require

David then said, Behold I come

David said in the scroll of the book it is written of me

David said he delights to do Your will, O my God

The Word of God teaches us the will of God - Ps. 119:9

David said Your law is within my heart

We memorize the Word of God to help us grow in the Lord - Ps. 119:11

4. David spoke of the righteousness of the Lord - 40:9-12

David said he spoke good news of righteousness in the great congregation

We also need to speak of the righteousness of the Lord - Ps. 22:25

David said he would not restrain his lips as the Lord knew

We are also to speak the Word of God as we talk with others - Ps. 119:13

David said he had not hidden the Lord's righteousness within his heart

Paul spoke the whole counsel of God publicly and in the homes - Acts 20:20, 27

David said he had spoken of the Lord's faithfulness and salvation

David said he had not concealed the Lord's lovingkindness and truth

Steadfast love and faithfulness are shown to all who trust Christ - Prov. 20:28

David said he had not concealed it from the great congregation

David asked the Lord not to withhold His compassion from him

David understood the shame and disgrace of his sin

When we sin all sin is against the Lord - Ps. 51:4

David had seen evils beyond number surround him

David said that because of these he was not able to see

This is what happens to us when we yield to temptation - Ps. 38:4

David said they were more than the hairs on his head

This is why Christ atoned (paid) for our sins - Ps. 65:3

David said that his heart had failed him

5. David asked the Lord to deliver him from his enemies - 40:13-15

David asked the Lord to be pleased to deliver him

We will be forgiven as we confess our sins to Christ - 1 John 1:9

David asked the Lord to make haste to help him

David asked that those people would be ashamed and humiliated

Forgiveness cleanses us so that we do not need to live in shame - I John 1:7

David said that together they wanted to destroy his life

David said to let them be appalled because of their own shame

Those who reject Christ will experience eternal shame - Ps. 73:19

David said they were saying to him, "Aha, Aha!"

6. David wanted the Lord to be magnified - 40:16-17

David said to let all those who seek the Lord be glad in Him

David asked that those who loved His salvation would speak continually

David asked that the Lord would be magnified

We can give glory to God with great joy - Ps. 35:27

David said that he was afflicted and needy

David realized that only the Lord could be his help and deliverer

David asked God not to delay

Psalm 41

A Psalm of David

1. David knew the Lord would deliver him - 41:1-3

David asked that the Lord would bless him who considers the poor

Those who consider the poor will be blessed - Ex. 23:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven - Matt. 5:4

David said the Lord would deliver him in the time of trouble

The will of his enemies was the destruction of David - Ps. 27:12

David said the Lord would preserve him and keep him alive

Christ is the One who gives us life - John 10:11

David said he will be blessed on the earth

Wisdom helps us to see things from the point of view of the Lord - Prov. 3:18

David said the Lord would not deliver him to the will of his enemies

David knew that false witnesses had risen against him - Ps. 27:12

David said the Lord would strengthen him on his sickbed

Food often has no taste when we are sick - Job 6:6-7

David said in his illness the Lord would restore him to health

Later Hezekiah also recovered from his severe sickness - Is. 38:9

2. David knew he had sinned against the Lord - 41:4-6

David asked the Lord to be gracious to him

This speaks about the inner life of a person - Ps. 6:3

David asked the Lord to heal his soul

The Lord forgives all our iniquity - Ps. 103:3

David said he had sinned against the Lord

He knew that only the Lord could give him a clean heart - Num. 19 21-22

The Lord removes our sins as far as the east is from the west - Ps. 103:12

David said his enemies spoke evil of him

Christ had many false witnesses speak against Him - Matt. 26:49-50

David asked when his enemy would die

The Lord saw that David left the judgment of Saul to the Lord - 1 Sam. 24:4-6

David asked when his enemy would perish

Saul became an enemy because of envy - 1 Sam. 18:8-9

David said when his enemy came to speak to him he spoke lies

Saul did not keep his promise to David - 1 Sam. 18:17-19

David said his heart gathers evil to itself

This came from the evil in the heart of his enemy - Prov. 26:25

David said when he goes outside he tells those lies

The Pharisees often spoke lies about Christ - Ps. 10:5-6

3. David knew his enemies were speaking against him - 41:7-9

David said all who hate him whispered together against him

David said they plan together to devise his hurt

Jewish religious leaders plotted from the day Lazarus was raised - John 12:53

David said they said an evil disease was poured on David

David said now he dies down and will rise no more

David said this included his own familiar friend

Judas had been one of the twelve. - Ps. 55:12-14

David said this was his close friend in whom he trusted

Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss - Matt. 26:47-50

David said this friend ate his bread

Judas had just eaten the last supper with him - John 13:21-30

David said he had lifted up his heel against him

Judas had been numbered with the other disciples - Acts 1:16-17

4. David asked the Lord to be gracious to him - 41:10-11

David asked the Lord to be gracious to him

David asked the Lord to raise him up

David said that this would be so he could repay him

David said that he knew the Lord was pleased with him

David said that was why his enemy does not shout

The religious leaders tried to deny the resurrection - Matt. 28:11-15

David said this is why his enemy would not triumph over him

5. David had been told his seed would be forever - 41:12

David said the Lord upheld him in his integrity

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous - Ps. 34:15

David asked the Lord to set him before His face forever

God made Christ most blessed forever - Ps. 21:6

6. David said the blessing of the Lord will last forever - 41:13

David said blessed be the Lord

David said He is the God of Israel

David said from everlasting to everlasting

(Each section of the book of Psalms concludes by repeating a phrase)

Let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. Ps 72:19

Blessed be the Lord God forever. Amen and Amen. - Psalm 89:52

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel. From everlasting to everlasting. Ps. 106:48

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. - Ps. 150:6