

PSALMS: CREATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE UNIVERSE

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- 8:1 (For the choir director; on the Gittith. A Psalm of David.)
O Yahweh, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth,
Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!
- 8:2 From the mouth of infants and nursing babes
You have established strength,
Because of Your adversaries,
To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.
- 8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;
- 8:4 What is man, that You take thought of him?
And the son of man, that You care for him?
- 8:5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
And do crown him with glory and majesty!
- 8:6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,
- 8:7 All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,
- 8:8 The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
- 8:9 O Yahweh, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!
- 19:1 (For the choir director. A Psalm of David.)
The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.
- 19:2 Day to day pours forth speech,
And night to night reveals knowledge.
- 19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
Their voice is not heard.
- 19:4 Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their utterances to the end of the world.
In them He has placed a tent for the sun,
- 19:5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;
It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.
- 19:6 Its rising is from one end of the heavens,
And its circuit to the other end of them;
And there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- 24:1 (A Psalm of David.)
The earth is Yahweh's, and all it contains,

The world, and those who dwell in it.
24:2 For He has founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the rivers.

33:6 By the word of Yahweh the heavens were made,
And by the breath of His mouth all their host.
33:7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
33:8 Let all the earth fear Yahweh;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
33:9 For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
33:10 Yahweh nullifies the counsel of the nations;
He frustrates the plans of the peoples.
33:11 The counsel of Yahweh stands forever,
The plans of His heart from generation to generation.
33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh,
The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.
33:13 Yahweh looks from heaven;
He sees all the sons of men;
33:14 From His dwelling place He looks out
On all the inhabitants of the earth,
33:15 He who fashions the hearts of them all,
He who understands all their works.

65:1 (For the choir director. A Psalm of David. A Song.)
There will be silence before You, and praise in Zion, O God;
And to You the vow will be performed.
65:2 O You who do hear prayer,
To You all men come.
65:3 Iniquities prevail against me;
As for our transgressions, You forgive them.
65:4 How blessed is the one whom You choose, and bring near to You,
To dwell in Your courts.
We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.
65:5 By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation,
You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea;
65:6 Who do establish the mountains by His strength,
Being girded with might;
65:7 Who do still the roaring of the seas,
The roaring of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.
65:8 And they who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs;
You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy.
65:9 You visit the earth, and cause it to overflow; You greatly enrich it;
The stream of God is full of water;
You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth.

65:10 You water its furrows abundantly;
You settle its ridges;
You soften it with showers;
You bless its growth.

65:11 You have crowned the year with Your bounty,
And Your paths drip with fatness.

65:12 The pastures of the wilderness drip,
And the hills gird themselves with rejoicing.

65:13 The meadows are clothed with flocks,
And the valleys are covered with grain;
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

75:2 "When I select an appointed time,
It is I who judge with equity.

75:3 "The earth and all who dwell in it melt;
It is I who have firmly set its pillars.
Selah.

90:1 (A Prayer of Moses the man of God.)
Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

90:2 Before the mountains were born,
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

90:3 You turn man back into dust,
And do say, "Return, O children of men."

90:4 For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it passes by,
Or as a watch in the night.

93:1 Yahweh reigns, He is clothed with majesty;
Yahweh has clothed and girded Himself with strength;
Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.

93:2 Your throne is established from of old;
You are from everlasting.

93:3 The floods have lifted up, O Yahweh,
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their pounding waves.

93:4 More than the sounds of many waters,
Than the mighty breakers of the sea,
Yahweh on high is mighty.

93:5 Your testimonies are fully confirmed;
Holiness befits Your house, O Yahweh, forevermore.

95:1 O come, let us sing for joy to Yahweh;
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

95:2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

95:3 For Yahweh is a great God,
And a great King above all gods,
95:4 In whose hand are the depths of the earth;
The peaks of the mountains are His also.
95:5 The sea is His, for it was He who made it;
And His hands formed the dry land.

104:1 Bless Yahweh, O my soul!
O Yahweh my God, You are very great;
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
104:2 Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak,
Stretching out heaven like a tent curtain.
104:3 He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters;
He makes the clouds His chariot;
He walks upon the wings of the wind;
104:4 He makes the winds His messengers,
Flaming fire His ministers.
104:5 He established the earth upon its foundations,
So that it will not totter forever and ever.
104:6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters were standing above the mountains.
104:7 At Your rebuke they fled;
At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away.
104:8 The mountains rose; the valleys sank down
To the place which You established for them.
104:9 You set a boundary that they may not pass over;
That they may not return to cover the earth.
104:10 He sends forth springs in the valleys;
They flow between the mountains;
104:11 They give drink to every beast of the field;
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
104:12 Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;
They lift up their voices among the branches.
104:13 He waters the mountains from His upper chambers;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works.
104:14 He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,
And vegetation for the labor of man,
So that he may bring forth food from the earth,
104:15 And wine which makes man's heart glad,
So that he may make his face glisten with oil,
And food which sustains man's heart.
104:16 The trees of Yahweh drink their fill,
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,
104:17 Where the birds build their nests,
And the stork, whose home is the fir trees.
104:18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.

104:19 He made the moon for the seasons;
The sun knows the place of its setting.
104:20 You appoint darkness and it becomes night,
In which all the beasts of the forest prowl about.
104:21 The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their food from God.
104:22 When the sun rises they withdraw,
And lie down in their dens.
104:23 Man goes forth to his work
And to his labor until evening.
104:24 O Yahweh, how many are Your works!
In wisdom You have made them all;
The earth is full of Your possessions.
104:25 There is the sea, great and broad,
In which are swarms without number,
Animals both small and great.
104:26 There the ships move along,
And Leviathan, which You have formed to sport in it.
104:27 They all wait for You,
To give them their food in due season.
104:28 You give to them, they gather it up;
You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good.
104:29 You hide Your face, they are dismayed;
You take away their spirit, they expire,
And return to their dust.
104:30 You send forth Your
Spirit, they are created;
And You renew the face of the ground.
104:31 Let the glory of Yahweh endure forever;
Let Yahweh be glad in His works;
104:32 He looks at the earth, and it trembles;
He touches the mountains, and they smoke.
104:33 I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
104:34 Let my meditation be pleasing to Him;
As for me, I shall be glad in Yahweh.
104:35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
And let the wicked be no more.
Bless Yahweh, O my soul.
Praise Yahweh!

107:23 Those who go down to the sea in ships,
Who do business on great waters;
107:24 They have seen the works of Yahweh,
And His wonders in the deep.
107:25 For He spoke and raised up a stormy wind,
Which lifted up the waves of the sea.

107:26 They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the depths;
Their soul melted away in their misery.
107:27 They reeled and staggered like a drunken man,
And were at their wits' end.
107:28 Then they cried to Yahweh in their trouble,
And He brought them out of their distresses.
107:29 He caused the storm to be still,
So that the waves of the sea were hushed.
107:30 Then they were glad because they were quiet;
So He guided them to their desired haven.

139:13 For You formed my inward parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.
139:14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.
139:15 My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.
139:16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Your book they were all written,
The days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of them.

147:1 Praise Yahweh!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
For it is pleasant and praise is becoming.
147:2 Yahweh builds up Jerusalem;
He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
147:3 He heals the brokenhearted,
And binds up their wounds.
147:4 He counts the number of the stars;
He gives names to all of them.
147:5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in strength;
His understanding is infinite.
147:6 Yahweh supports the afflicted;
He brings down the wicked to the ground.
147:7 Sing to Yahweh with thanksgiving;
Sing praises to our God on the lyre,
147:8 Who covers the heavens with clouds,
Who provides rain for the earth,
Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.
147:9 He gives to the beast its food,
And to the young ravens which cry.
147:10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse;
He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man.
147:11 Yahweh favors those who fear Him,

Those who wait for His lovingkindness.
147:12 Praise Yahweh, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
147:13 For He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
He has blessed your sons within you.
147:14 He makes peace in your borders;
He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat.
147:15 He sends forth His command to the earth;
His word runs very swiftly.
147:16 He gives snow like wool;
He scatters the frost like ashes.
147:17 He casts forth His ice as fragments;
Who can stand before His cold?
147:18 He sends forth His word and melts them;
He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow.
147:19 He declares His words to Jacob,
His statutes and His ordinances to Israel.
147:20 He has not dealt thus with any nation;
And as for His ordinances, they have not known them.
Praise Yahweh!

148:1 Praise Yahweh!
Praise Yahweh from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!
148:2 Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!
148:3 Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all stars of light!
148:4 Praise Him, highest heavens,
And the waters that are above the heavens!
148:5 Let them praise the name of Yahweh,
For He commanded and they were created.
148:6 He has also established them forever and ever;
He has made a decree which will not pass away.
148:7 Praise Yahweh from the earth,
Sea monsters and all deeps;
148:8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds;
Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;
148:9 Mountains and all hills;
Fruit trees and all cedars;
148:10 Beasts and all cattle;
Creeping things and winged fowl;
148:11 Kings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth;
148:12 Both young men and virgins; Old men and children.
148:13 Let them praise the name of Yahweh,
For His name alone is exalted;

His glory is above earth and heaven.
148:14 And He has lifted up a horn for His people,
Praise for all His godly ones;
Even for the sons of Israel, a people near to Him.
Praise Yahweh!

All passages NASB, slightly modified.