

PSALM 138

A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, *and* strengthenedst me *with* strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great *is* the glory of the LORD.

6. Though the LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

PSALM 139

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

OLORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways.

4 For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.

7. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.

9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to thee*.

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

17. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18 *If* I should count them, they

are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

2 Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together *for* war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison *is* under their lips. Selah.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have

purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8. Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; *lest* they exalt themselves. Selah.

9 *As for* the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSALM 141

A Psalm of David.

LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5. Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes *are* unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares *which* they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their

own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

PSALM 142

Maschil of David; A Prayer when
he was in the cave.

ICRIED unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4. I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSALM 143

A Psalm of David.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give Hear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy

righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

7. Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy

name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I *am* thy servant.

PSALM 144

A Psalm of David.

BLESSED *be* the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, *and* my fingers to fight:

2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

3 LORD, what *is* man, that thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

4 Man is like to vanity: his days *are* as a shadow that passeth away.

5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity,

and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

9. I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 *It is he* that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the similitude of a palace:

13 *That* our garner *may be* full, affording all manner of store: *that* our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 *That* our oxen *may be* strong to labour; *that there be* no breaking in, nor going out; *that there be* no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy *is that* people, that is in such a case: *yea, happy is that* people, whose God *is* the LORD.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalms 140—143 are prayers for protection. David has a host of enemies that harassed him, but they continually drove him ever closer and closer to God. I think this can be clearly seen in Psalm 140. There is also a promise here that the wicked will ultimately be destroyed. In spite of their prevalence in this life, there is coming a time when judgment will fall.

Psalm 141 is another of David's prayers for protection against being driven to sin. Psalm 142 is one of his prayers in his early life, and Psalm 143 is his penitent cry for help and guidance. This could possibly cover the time when he was being pursued by Absalom.

Note here that although David had sinned, he knew where to go for forgiveness. Too many times when Christians falter they are defeated and never seemingly come back to serving the Lord. When this happens it is a victory for the devil. David was a man after God's own heart, yet he willfully sinned. He was punished for that sin, but the point I want to emphasize here is that David never lost sight of the fact that God was a forgiving God, and in times of trouble he knew where to take his problems.

Psalm 144 is a song of praise. It is one of David's battle songs. It is likely that his army may have chanted such hymns as they moved into conflict. This Psalm is also a prayer for manifestation of the Lord's power. God is praised (verses 1 and 2) and His help sought in the light of man's weaknesses (verses 3 and 4).

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion" (Proverbs 28:1).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 23: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

BIRTHDAY TODAY

DENISE POLK

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

588 B.C.

FAMINE PREVAILED AND THE BABYLONIANS TOOK ISRAEL.

Read II Kings 25:3, Jeremiah 39:2 and Jeremiah 52:6.

1838

THE BIRTHDATE OF P.P. BLISS.

P.P. Bliss was a famous song writer, especially gifted in the writing of beautiful hymns. In 1875 his royalties were \$60,000.00. Moody advised him to keep \$5,000.00 for himself. "Not a cent, it all belongs to God," said P.P. Bliss. He wrote "Almost Persuaded," "Whosoever Will," and "The Light of the World." Why not sing with the family today or with some friends the great song "Whosoever Will."

"WHOSOEVER WILL"

*Whosoever heareth, shout, shout the sound!
Spread the blessed tidings all the world around;
Tell the joyful news wherever man is found.
"Whosoever will may come."*

*Whosoever cometh, need not delay,
Now the door is open, enter while you may;
Jesus is the true, the only Living Way:
"Whosoever will may come."*

*"Whosoever will!" the promise is secure;
"Whosoever will!" forever must endure;
"Whosoever will!" 'tis life forevermore;
"Whosoever will may come."*

Chorus:

*"Whosoever will, whosoever will"
Send the proclamation over vale and hill;
'Tis a loving Father calls the wanderer home;
"Whosoever will may come."*

1819

THE BIRTHDAY OF ELIAS HOWE.

Today is the birthday of Elias Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine. Thank God today for the sewing machine. Think of the tremendous blessing it has been to our lives.

1838

THE BIRTHDAY OF JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR.

1850

PRESIDENT ZACHARY TAYLOR DIED.

1865

SOME GIVE THIS AS THE DATE THE SALVATION ARMY WAS FOUNDED.

How we thank God for General William Booth and the founding of the Salvation Army. Pray for this

organization today, especially that God will keep it fundamental, faithful to the truth, and after souls.

1878
THE BIRTHDAY OF H.V. KALTENBORN,
FAMOUS RADIO COMMENTATOR.

1916
BIRTHDAY OF J.B. WILLIAMS OF THE SUDAN
INTERIOR MISSIONS.

Mr. Williams is the deputation secretary of the Sudan Interior Missions.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1863
UNION TROOPS ENTERED PORT HUDSON.
With the fall of Vicksburg (on July 4) and Port Hudson, Union controlled Mississippi River and Confederacy was cut into two sections. Eight black regiments played important roles in siege of Port Hudson.

1868
FRANCIS L. CARDOZO INSTALLED AS SECRETARY OF THE STATE of South Carolina and became the first black cabinet officer on the state level.

1893
DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS PERFORMED “WORLD’S FIRST SUCCESSFUL HEART OPERATION” at Chicago’s Provident Hospital.

1927
ATTY. WILLIAM T. FRANCIS NAMED MINISTER TO LIBERIA.

1955
E. FREDERIC MORROW APPOINTED ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER and became the first black to hold an executive position on the White House staff.

1979
DR. WALTER MASSEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "SOME FOLK CANNOT FORGIVE"

(Assignment 23)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page)

You must.

() Matthew 6:15

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

You can.

() Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

You will be tormented if you do not.

() Matthew 18:34

And his Lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

The heavenly Father will exert this judgment.

() Matthew 18:35

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Able when God's power works in us.

() Ephesians 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.