

PSALM 71

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust:
let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.

6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou *art* my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honour all the day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him*.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14. But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee!

20 *Thou*, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSALM 72

A Psalm for Solomon.

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers *that* water the earth.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor

also, and *him* that hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

18. Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

PSALM 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

TRULY God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3 For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* firm.

5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.

7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

13 Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocence.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

15. If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me;

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when *one* awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou

awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

21. Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 So foolish *was* I, and ignorant: I was *as* a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalm 71 is a Psalm of old age, looking back at a life of trust, beset all the way by troubles and enemies. His joy in God is undimmed.

Solomon wrote Psalm 72. At the writing of this Psalm, Solomon's kingdom was at the pinnacle of its glory. We may think that this Psalm was, in part, a description of Solomon's own peaceful and glorious reign. However, some of its statements, and its general tenor, can allude only to the Kingdom of God.

Asaph wrote the 73rd Psalm. It deals with the perplexing question concerning the problem of pros-

perity of the wicked. To some degree it resembles the Book of Job. Verses 1-14 present the question, "Why do the wicked flourish and the righteous suffer?" The same question has been asked down through the years. Yet, those of us who know Christ as our personal Saviour should understand the answer. This world is not our home; it is merely a training ground and battlefield for the Christian. We have much greater things in store than material earthly possessions. God has not promised that we would flourish on earth; but He tells us in His Word that what He has laid up for us in heaven is more than tongue can

tell or finite mind can understand. Romans 8:18 tells us, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Don't be perplexed when the wicked seem to prosper; just look forward to the time when you will hear your heavenly Father say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Joy, riches, and a never-ending love and peace will be yours forever!

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips" (Proverbs 24:28).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 21: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

BIRTHDAY TODAY

MACKIE SUAREZ

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1813

THE BIRTHDAY OF HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Today is the birthday of Henry Ward Beecher, a well-known preacher of the past. Pray for all preachers today.

It is something to be a preacher! Pray for preachers everywhere today, but pray especially for your own preacher.

1908

PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND DIED.

Pray for the President today. Pray for the leaders of all nations everywhere, especially nations of free men. Thank God for the Presidents of the past on which our great nation has been built.

1948

THE DATE OF THE BEGINNING OF THE RUSSIAN BLOCKADE OF WEST BERLIN.

What a shame this has been. The Berlin Wall, the division of the city, the shooting of people fleeing to freedom, etc. is certainly something that should make us blush that it could happen in our generation. Pray for God's people in Berlin. Pray for freedom everywhere. Pray that the Russian menace will be stopped

before we are all slaves. Pray that God will lead us in America to stay free and to stop the trend of Socialism.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1884

JOHN R. LYNCH, FORMER CONGRESSMAN FROM MISSISSIPPI, ELECTED TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF REPUBLICAN CONVENTION and became first black to preside over deliberations of a national political party.

1885

SAMUEL DAVID FERGUSON CONSECRATED BISHOP OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH and named bishop of Liberia. He was the first black American with full membership in the House of Bishops.

1898

AMERICAN TROOPS, INCLUDING TENTH CAVALRY, DROVE SPANISH FORCES FROM ENTRENCHED POSITIONS AT LA GUASIMAS, CUBA.

1936

MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, FOUNDER-PRESIDENT OF BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE, NAMED DIRECTOR OF NEGRO AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION. She was the first black woman to receive a major appointment from the federal government. She held the post until January 1, 1944.

1972

THE RULES COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION APPROVED THE NOMINATION OF YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE AS CO-CHAIRPERSON OF THE CONVENTION.

1968

RESURRECTION CITY CLOSED. More than one hundred residents were arrested when they refused to leave site. Other residents, including Ralph Abernathy, were arrested during demonstration at Capitol. National Guard was mobilized later in the day to stop disturbances.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 53

AUTHOR: David

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

This Psalm is the same as Psalm 14, at least in the English. There is one difference, however. The word for God is different in the two Psalms. The two words used are the words, “Jehovah” and “Elohim.” In other words, the Psalmist is saying, “The fool has said in his heart there is no Jehovah.” Then he says, “The fool has said in his heart there is no Elohim.” Now the word “God” when “Jehovah” is used means, “God of grace, dwelling with His people.” It is the personal Saviour name of God. The word “Elohim” means “creator.” Here we have two looks at one God. He is the creator, the mighty God of the universe, the sustainer of all creation, and yet at the same time He is my personal Saviour, my personal God Who knows my name, counts the hairs of my head and is interested in the minutest detail of my life. Perhaps David is showing us the two relationships of God, or maybe David is maturing some and he grows in grace to see God in an added light. Ah, ‘tis a wonderful thing to have a great creator, a majestic, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent King of kings and Lord of lords looking over me. ‘Tis even more wonderful to realize that that great God loves me personally and watches over me to supply my needs.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD’S PEOPLE:

This Psalm was especially appropriate to a person who was afraid. Ah, what comfort was received as the humble Jew realized the greatness of his God, as well as the tenderness and compassion of His personality!

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "THERE IS JUST TOO MUCH TO GIVE UP"

(Assignment 21)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next 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.)

No rest.

() Isaiah 57:20

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

No peace.

() Isaiah 57:21

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

No happiness.

() Revelation 3:17

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

(Contrast) peace.

() John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...

Plenty.

() Psalms 34:10

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.