

Psalm 044 - A Prayer in Times of Defeat

Psalm 44

[To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.]

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1 God, we have heard with our ears, Our fathers have told us The work that You did in their days, In the days of old.

1 O God, we have heard with our ears, Our fathers have told us The work that You did in their days, In the days of old.

1 God, we heard it with our ears; our ancestors told us about what you did in their day— a long time ago.

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 You with Your own hand drove out the nations; Then You planted them; You afflicted the peoples, Then You let them go free.

2 You with Your own hand drove out the nations; Then You planted them; You afflicted the peoples, Then You spread them abroad.

2 With your hand you expelled the nations and established our ancestors. You afflicted nations and cast them out.

2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

- Again, instruction from the sons of Korah

— Their history echoes: "Then Gideon said to him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did the LORD not bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to Midian." (Judges 6:13)

— In that day of trouble, just when God is on the verge of delivering them again, Israel will refer to God's help in the past

— God has intruded in history before, and He will do it again

3 For by their own sword they did not possess the land, And their own arm did not save them, But Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your presence, For You favored them.

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them.

3 It was not with their sword that they inherited the land, nor did their own arm deliver them. But it was by your power, your strength, and by the light of your face; because you were pleased with them.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 You are my King, God; Command victories for Jacob.

4 You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob.

4 You are my king, God, command victories for Jacob.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through You we will push back our adversaries; Through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us.

5 Through You we will push back our adversaries; Through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us.

5 Through you we will knock down our oppressors; through your name we will tread down those who rise up against us.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, Nor will my sword save me.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, Nor will my sword save me.

6 For I place no confidence in my bow, nor will my sword deliver me.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But You have saved us from our adversaries, And You have put to shame those who hate us.

7 But You have saved us from our adversaries, And You have put to shame those who hate us.

7 For you delivered us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we have boasted all day long, And we will give thanks to Your name forever. *Selah*

8 In God we have boasted all day long, And we will give thanks to Your name forever.

Selah.

8 We will praise God all day long; and to your name we will give thanks forever.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 Yet You have rejected *us* and brought us to dishonor, And do not go out with our armies.

9 Yet You have rejected *us* and brought us to dishonor, And do not go out with our armies.

9 However, you cast us off and made us ashamed! You did not even march with our armies!

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

10 You cause us to turn back from the enemy; And those who hate us have taken spoils for themselves.

10 You cause us to turn back from the adversary; And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves.

10 You made us retreat from our oppressors. Our enemies ransacked us.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 You turn us over to be eaten like sheep, And have scattered us among the nations.

11 You give us as sheep to be eaten And have scattered us among the nations.

11 You handed us over to be slaughtered like sheep and you scattered us among the nations.

11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 You sell Your people cheaply, And have not profited by their sale.

12 You sell Your people cheaply, And have not profited by their sale.

12 You sold out your people for nothing, and made no profit at that price.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

13 You make us an *object of reproach* to our neighbors, *Of* scoffing and ridicule to those around us.

13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors, A scoffing and a derision to those around us.

13 You made us a laughing stock to our neighbors, a source of mockery and derision to those around us.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 You make us a proverb among the nations, A laughingstock among the peoples.

14 You make us a byword among the nations, A laughingstock among the peoples.

14 You made us an object lesson among the nations; people shake their heads at us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

15 All day long my dishonor is before me And I am covered with my humiliation,

15 All day long my dishonor is before me And my humiliation has overwhelmed me,

15 My dishonor tortures me continuously; the shame on my face overwhelms me

15 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

16 Because of the voice of one who taunts and reviles, Because of the presence of the enemy and the avenger.

16 Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, Because of the presence of the enemy and the avenger.

16 because of the voice of the one who mocks and reviles, because of the enemy and the avenger.

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten You, And we have not dealt falsely with Your covenant.

17 All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten You, And we have not dealt falsely with Your covenant.

17 All this came upon us, yet we did not forsake you, and we have not dealt falsely with your covenant;

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart has not turned back, And our steps have not deviated from Your way,

18 Our heart has not turned back, And our steps have not deviated from Your way,

18 Our hearts have not turned away; our steps have not swerved from your path.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;

19 Yet You have crushed us in a place of jackals And covered us with deep darkness.

19 Yet You have crushed us in a place of jackals And covered us with the shadow of death.

19 Nevertheless, you crushed us in the lair of jackals, and covered us in deep darkness.

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we had forgotten the name of our God Or extended our hands to a strange god,

20 If we had forgotten the name of our God Or extended our hands to a strange god,

20 If we had forgotten the name of our God or lifted our hands to a foreign god,
20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Would God not find this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.
21 Would not God find this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.
21 wouldn't God find out since he knows the secrets of the heart?
21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 But for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.
22 But for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.
22 For your sake we are being killed all day long. We are thought of as sheep to be slaughtered.
22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Wake Yourself up, why do You sleep, Lord? Awake, do not reject us forever.
23 Arouse Yourself, why do You sleep, O Lord? Awake, do not reject us forever.
23 Wake up! Why are you asleep, Lord? Get up! Don't cast us off forever!
23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

24 Why do You hide Your face *And* forget our affliction and oppression?
24 Why do You hide Your face *And* forget our affliction and our oppression?
24 Why are you hiding your face? Why are you ignoring our affliction and oppression?
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our souls have sunk down into the dust; Our bodies cling to the earth.
25 For our soul has sunk down into the dust; Our body cleaves to the earth.
25 For we have collapsed in the dust; our bodies cling to the ground.
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Rise up, be our help, And redeem us because of Your mercy.
26 Rise up, be our help, And redeem us for the sake of Your lovingkindness.
26 Arise! Deliver us! Redeem us according to your gracious love!
26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.