

Psalm 088 - A Cry for Help

Psalm 88

[A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician upon Mahalath
Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.]

A Cry for Help

1 LORD, the God of my salvation, I have cried out by day and in the night before You.

1 O LORD, the God of my salvation, I have cried out by day and in the night before You.

1 LORD, God of my salvation, by day and by night I cry out before you.

1 O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:

2 Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry!

2 Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry!

2 Let my prayer come before you; listen to my cry.

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul has had enough troubles, And my life has approached Sheol.

3 For my soul has had enough troubles, And my life has drawn near to Sheol.

3 For my life is filled with troubles as I approach Sheol.

3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I have become like a man without strength,

4 I am reckoned among those who go down to the pit; I have become like a man without strength,

4 I am considered as one of those descending into the Pit, like a mighty man without strength,

4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength:

5 Abandoned among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom You no longer remember, And they are cut off from Your hand.

5 Forsaken among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom You remember no more, And they are cut off from Your hand.

5 released to remain with the dead, lying in a grave like a corpse, remembered no longer, and cut off from your power.

5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

6 You have put me in the lowest pit, In dark places, in the depths.

6 You have put me in the lowest pit, In dark places, in the depths.

6 You have assigned me to the lowest part of the Pit, to the darkest depths.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Your wrath has rested upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your waves. *Selah*

7 Your wrath has rested upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your waves. *Selah.*

7 Your anger lies heavily upon me; you pound me with all your waves.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. *Selah.*

8 You have removed my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an object of loathing to them; I am shut up and cannot go out.

8 You have removed my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an object of loathing to them; I am shut up and cannot go out.

8 You caused my acquaintances to shun me; you make me extremely abhorrent to them. Restrained, I am unable to go out.

8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

9 My eye grows dim from misery; I have called upon You every day, LORD; I have spread out my hands to You.

9 My eye has wasted away because of affliction; I have called upon You every day, O LORD; I have spread out my hands to You.

9 My eyes languish on account of my affliction; all day long I call out to you, LORD, I spread out my hands to you.

9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Will You perform wonders for the dead? Or will the departed spirits rise *and* praise You? *Selah*

10 Will You perform wonders for the dead? Will the departed spirits rise *and* praise You? *Selah.*

10 Can you perform wonders for the dead? Can departed spirits stand up to praise you?

10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? *Selah.*

11 Will Your graciousness be declared in the grave, Your faithfulness in Abaddon?
11 Will Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave, Your faithfulness in Abaddon?
11 Can your gracious love be declared in the grave or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Will Your wonders be made known in the darkness? And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

12 Will Your wonders be made known in the darkness? And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

12 Can your awesome deeds be known in darkness or your righteousness in the land of oblivion?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But I, LORD, have cried out to You for help, And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

13 But I, O LORD, have cried out to You for help, And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

13 As for me, I cry out to you LORD, and in the morning my prayer greets you.

13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

14 LORD, why do You reject my soul? *Why* do You hide Your face from me?

14 O LORD, why do You reject my soul? *Why* do You hide Your face from me?

14 Why, LORD, have you rejected me? Why have you hidden your face from me?

14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I was miserable and about to die from my youth on; I suffer Your terrors; I grow weary.

15 I was afflicted and about to die from my youth on; I suffer Your terrors; I am overcome.

15 Since my youth I have been oppressed and in danger of death. I bear your dread and am overwhelmed.

15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

16 Your burning anger has passed over me; Your terrors have destroyed me.

16 Your burning anger has passed over me; Your terrors have destroyed me.

16 Your burning anger overwhelms me; your terrors destroy me.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They have surrounded me like water all day long; They have encircled me altogether.

17 They have surrounded me like water all day long; They have encompassed me altogether.

17 Like waters, they engulf me all day long; they surround me on all sides.

17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

18 You have removed lover and friend far from me; My acquaintances are *in* a hiding place.

18 You have removed lover and friend far from me; My acquaintances are *in* darkness.

18 You caused my friend and neighbor to shun me; and my acquaintances are confused.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.