

PSALM 123

UNTIL thou lift up mine eyes, O LORD, I will not see life in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the LORD their master, and as the eyes of a maidservant unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceeding faint with waiting. 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the waiting of thee, that we at once, and with the comfort of thy word.

PSALM 124

IF it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now say Israel, we should have said, we were as our side, when we rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us: 4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the streams had gone over our soul: 5 Then the proud waters had gone over our head.

6 Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. 7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

THEY that trust in the LORD shall be as a mount Zion,

which cannot be removed, which shall not be moved, which shall not be moved.

2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD shall surround his people from henceforth even for ever.

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; and the righteous shall put forth their hands, and shall not be hurt.

4 Be good, O LORD, unto them that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside into their crooked ways, the LORD shall hunt them down, and shall take them away as workers of vanity: and peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM 126

WHEN the LORD brought us again to Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said we among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for us: we are glad.

3 The LORD hath done great things for us: we are glad. 4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM 127

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

4 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrow: for as he sleepeth, his labour shall cease.

5 As ye were in the land of the enemy, so shall ye be in the land of the enemy: for ye shall say, I will not build mine house upon sand, nor will I set my habitation upon a reed.

6 For ye shall say, I will not build mine house upon silver, nor will I set my habitation upon gold.

PSALM 128

BLESSED is every one that feareth the LORD: that shall eat the fruit of his own work.

2 If ye shall eat of the labour of thine hands, happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the side of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thou shalt be blessed, that thou shalt be feared that feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM 129

MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth, say Israel from my youth: but they have not prevailed against me.

2 The plowmen ploughed upon my back, they made long their furrows.

4 The LORD is righteous: he hath not seen the secret of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion: let them be as the green withereth where it groweth, up and down as the grass that is cut down: and as the grass that is cut down, so shall they be cut down.

6 Suffer ye to be vexed, ye say: The blessing of the LORD be upon you, as that you be in the name of the LORD.

PSALM 129

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD: O LORD, hear my voice: let thine ear be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquity, O LORD, who shall stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: now and henceforth, and with him is plentiful redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PSALM 130

LORD, my heart is not lofty: neither do I exalt myself in great matters, as if things be high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and