

God: Judge and King ~ Psalm 9 MT/English

מָזְעוֹר לְדֹנֶךָ :

2 אָזְנָה יְהוָה בְּכָל־לְבִי :

אַסְפֵּרָה כָּל־גָּלְאֹתֶיךָ :

3 אֲשֶׁר־תָּהַנֵּן וְאַעֲלֵנָה בָּךְ :

אָזְמָרָה שְׁמֶךָ עַלְיוֹן :

4 בְּשֻׁבָּא־זָיוִיבִי אַחֲרֶיךָ :

יְקַשֵּׁלוּ רַיִאַבְדּוּ מִפְנִיכָּה :

5 קִידְעָשִׂית מִשְׁפְּטֵינוּ וְדִינֵּינוּ :

יְשֻׁבָּתָךְ לְכֶפֶא שׁוֹפֵט צְדָקָה :

6 עַרְף גּוֹיִם אֶבְרָהָרָשׁ :

שְׁמָם מְחִיתָ לְעֹלָם וְעַד :

7 אָזְוִיב תָּמוֹתָה לְגַנְצָה :

וְעַרְים נִתְשַׁתְּ אָבָד זְכָרָם הַמָּה :

8 יְהוָה לְעֹלָם יִשְׁבֶּב :

כָּוֹן לְמִשְׁפְּט כְּסֹאוֹ :

9 וְהִוא יִשְׁפְּט־תָּבֵל בְּצְדָקָה :

יְהִין לְאָמִים בְּמִישְׁרִים :

10 וְיִהְיֶה יְהוָה מְשֻׁבָּב לְדָךְ :

מְשֻׁבָּב לְעֹתָה בְּאֶרְהָה :

11 וַיַּבְטְּחוּ בָּךְ יוֹדְעָיו שְׁמֶךָ :

כִּי לֹא־עֲזָבָת דָּרְשִׁיךָ יְהוָה :

A Psalm of David

Aleph

1 I will give thanks to *I AM* with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

2 I will rejoice and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Beth

3 When my enemies turn back,

they stumble and perish before your presence.

4 For you have maintained my just cause;

sitting enthroned as the one who judges righteously.

Gimel - He

5 You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked;

you have blotted out their name forever and ever.

6 The enemy is no more—ruins everlasting;

you have uprooted their cities; even their memory has perished.

Waw

7 But *I AM* sits enthroned (reigns) forever;

he has established his throne for judgment.

8 And he judges the world in righteousness;

he governs the peoples with equity.

Waw

9 *I AM* is a stronghold for the oppressed (“crushed”),

a stronghold in times of trouble.

10 And those who know your name put their trust in you,

for you, *I AM*, do not abandon those who seek you.

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12 זֶהָרוּ לְיְהוָה יְשַׁב אַיִּזֵּן

הַגִּידו בְּעָמִים עַלְילֹתֵינוּ:

13 כִּי־דָרַשׁ דָּמִים אֹתָם זָכָר

לֹא־שְׁבָח צָעַקְתָּ עֲנָנוּם:

14 חִנְנָנִי יְהוָה רָאָה עֲנָנוּ מִשְׁנָנִי

מְרוֹמָמִי מִשְׁעָרִי מְוֹתָה:

15 לְמַעַן אָסְפָרָה כָּל־תְּהִלָּתִיךְ

בְּשֻׁעָרִי בְּתַצְיּוֹן

אָנִילָה בִּישׁוּעָתְךָ:

16 טָבַע גּוֹיִם בְּשַׂחַת עַשְׁן

בְּרַשְׁתַּדוֹ פְּמָנוֹ נִלְכָּדָה רְגִלָּם:

17 נָזְדַע יְהוָה מִשְׁפָט עַשְׁתָּה

בְּפִעָל בְּפִיו נָקַשׁ רְשָׁעָתֵינוּ סָלָה:

18 רְשִׁיבוּ רְשָׁעִים לְשָׁאוֹלָה

כָּל־גּוֹיִם שְׁכַחֵן אֱלֹהִים:

19 כִּי לֹא לְנַצְחָה יִשְׁכַּח אֶבְיוֹן

הַקְּנָה עֲנָנוּם הַאֲבָר לְעֵד:

20 קָומֵה יְהוָה אֶל־יְעֻנוּ אֶנְזָשׁ

וִשְׁפַטְנוּ גּוֹיִם עַל־פְּנֵיכָךְ:

21 שִׁיחָה יְהוָה | מֹדֶרֶת לְהָם

יַדְעַו גּוֹיִם אֶנְזָשׁ הַמָּה סָלָה:

Zayin

11 Sing praises to *I AM*, enthroned in Zion!

Proclaim among the peoples his deeds!

12 For he who avenges blood remembers;

he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Heth

13 Be gracious to me, *I AM*!

See my affliction from [the hands of] those who hate me;
you who lift me up from the gates of death,

14 that I may recount all your praises,

in the gates of the daughter of Zion

[and there] rejoice in your salvation.

Teth

15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;

in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.

16 *I AM* has made himself known; he has executed judgment;

the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.
Higgaion. Selah –[resounding music]

Yodh - Kaph

17 The wicked shall return to Sheol ("the realm of the dead");

all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall never be forgotten;

the hope of the poor shall never perish.

19 Arise, *I AM*! Let not *mortal* man prevail;

let the nations be judged in your presence.

20 Strike them in fear, *I AM*;

Let the nations know that they are mere mortals! *Selah*

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1 לֹמַד יְהוָה תִּעֲמֶד בַּרְחֹק

תַּעֲלִים לְעֵתֹת בָּאָרֶה :

2 בְּגָאוֹת רָשָׁע יַדְלֵךְ עֲנֵי

יְתַפְּשֵׂו בְּמַזְמֹות וְזַחֲבוֹ :

3 כִּי־הַלְּלָרָשׁ עַל־תְּאֻוָת נְפָשָׁו

וּבְאַעֲבָדָךְ נָאָזֵן יְהוָה :

4 רָשָׁע כָּגֹבָה אָפֹה בְּלִי־יְדָרָשׁ

אֵין אֱלֹהִים כָּל־מַזְמֹותָיו :

5 יְהִילָי דְּרָכָיו בְּכָל־עַת

מָרוֹם מִשְׁפְּטֵיךְ מִנְגָּדוֹ

כָּל־צֹרְרָיו יִפְתַּח בְּחָם :

6 אָמַר בְּלָבוֹ בְּלִאָמָות

לְדָר וְדָר אָשָׁר לְאָבָרָע : 7 אֱלֹהָ

כְּיָהו מְלָא וּמְרֻמּוֹת וְתָךְ

תַּחַת לְשׁוֹנוֹ עַמְל וְאָנוֹן :

8 יִשְׁבֵן בְּמַאֲלָב חָצְרִים

בְּמַסְתָּרִים יְהִגְןֵנְיָ

עִינָיו לְחַלְקָה יַצְפְּנוּ :

9 יְאָדָב בְּמַסְתָּר | כְּאָרִיה בְּסַבַּה

יְאָרָב לְחַטֹּף עֲנֵי

יְחַטְּף עֲנֵי בְּמַשְׁכָו בְּרַשְׁקו :

Lamedh

1 Why, I AM, do you stand far off?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

2 In their arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;

let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.

Nun ??

3 For the wicked boast about the cravings of his soul,

and he blesses the greedy and reviles I AM.

4 In the pride of his face the wicked never seeks him;

[in] all his thoughts there is no room for God.

Mem ??

5 His ways prosper at all times;

your judgments are on high, out of his sight; (beyond him)

as for all his foes, he snorts ("blows") at them.

6 He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved;

throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity." oath

Pe

7 His mouth is filled with deceit and tyrannical oppression;

under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.

8 He sits in ambush in the villages;

in hiding places he murders the innocent.

Ayin

His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless.

9 He lurks ["lie in ambush"] in secret like a lion in his thicket;

he lurks that he may seize the poor;

he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

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יְדָכֶה יִשְׁחַת וּנְפַלֵּל 10
 בְּעַצְוֹמֵיו תַּלְכֵל כָּאִים :
 אָמַר בְּלֹבֶן שְׁכָח אֱלֹהִים 11
 הַסְּתִיר פְּנֵינו בְּלֶדְךָ לְנַצְחָה :
 קָוָמָה יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהִים נְשָׂא יְהֹוָה 12
 אֲלֹהִים שְׁכָח עֲנוֹנִים :
 עַלְמָה נָאָז רְשֻׁעָה אֲלֹהִים 13
 אָמַר בְּלֹבֶן לֹא תַּדְרִישׁ :
 רָאָתָה כִּי־אָתָה עַמְלָל וּכְעָס 14
 תְּבִיט לְתַת בְּיַדְךָ
 עַלְיךָ יַעֲזֹב חַלְכָה
 יָתָם אָתָה חַיִת עֹזֶר :
 שָׁבֵר זָרְעַ רְשָׁעָה 15
 נָרַע תְּרוֹשֵׁר־שְׁעֹז בְּלַתְמַצָּא :
 יְהֹוָה מֶלֶך עֹלָם וְעוֹד 16
 אֲבָדוּ גּוֹתָם מַאֲרָצָו :
 פָּאָתָה עֲנוֹנִים שְׁמַעַת יְהֹוָה 17
 תְּכִין לְבָם תְּקַשֵּׁיב אַיִלָּה :
 לְשִׁפְט יָתָם וְרָגֵד 18
 בְּלִי־סִיף עֹז לְעַרְצָה אַנְזָשׁ מִן־הָאָרֶץ :

10 The helpless are crushed, sink down,
and fall by his might.

11 He says in his heart, “God has forgotten,
he has hidden his face, he will never see it.”

Qoph

12 Arise, *I AM*, O God, lift up your hand;
forget not the afflicted.

13 Why does the wicked renounce God
and say in his heart, “You will not call to account”?

Resh

14 But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation,
that you may take it into your hands;
to you the helpless commits himself;
you have been the helper of the fatherless.

Shin

15 Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer;
call his wickedness to account till you find none.

16 *I AM* is king forever and ever;
the nations perish from his land.

Taw

17 *I AM*, you hear the desire of the afflicted;
you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear
18 to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,
so that never again will earthly mortals strike terror.

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Psalm 9

I. The King's Praise: Vision after Victory 9:1-12

- a David praises the name of the LORD for his **wondrous deeds of justice** 1-2
- b Recounting God's demonstrates his commitment to his **king** 3-4
by defeating the enemies of the king
- c Praise for God's everlasting judgment upon **the king's enemies:** 5-6
their names effaced, their cities in eternal ruin

[Now the poet extrapolates from the **specific victory** to God's **universal reign**. The vindication of God's king in freeing the oppressed and punishing the oppressor is now given to all who call on his name—especially those who have no rights and are poor and oppressed.]

- c' Praise for God's rule over **all the nations** which is strengthened 7-8
and established in righteousness
- b' Praise that the **poor**, just like the chosen king, 9-10
find refuge in the name of the LORD
- a' David's invites all God's people to praise the name of LORD 11-12
for his **wondrous deeds of justice**

II. The King's Lament and Petition: Vision in Adversity 9:13-20

- a The king petitions God to rescue him from the **gates of Sheol** 13-14
in order that he may sing praise in the **gates of Zion**
- b The king's praise for God's **faithful and just judgment** 15-16
- a' The destiny of the wicked—**forgotten in Sheol**; 17-18
contrasted with the hope of the needy—**never forgotten**
- b' The king urgently summons God to execute **justice** 19-20
on an international scale bringing a complete end
to the tyrannical terror driven by human pride

¹ Titles of the main headings are adapted from Derek Kidner, *Psalms 1-72* (TOTC: Leicester: InterVarsity Press, 1973), 68-72.

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Psalm 10

| III. Lament: The Enigma of the Hidden God | 10:1-11 |
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| a David's lament that God seems far away, while the wicked act with impunity ; and his petition that they fall by their own devices | 1-2 |
| b The blasphemy of the wicked against God | 3-4 |
| x The brazen arrogance of the wicked bolstered by success | 5-6 |
| b' The tyrannical violence of the wicked against the helpless | 7-8ab |
| a' The successful ambush of the poor by the wicked who act with impunity; God is far away and thus there will be no repercussions | 8c-11 |
| (Note: This strophe is double in length to give the impression of the wicked relishing and gloating in their uncontested victory.) | |
| IV. Petition: The Awakening of God | 10:12-18 |
| a The king's petition for God to rise up and vindicate the poor | 12-13 |
| b The king's confidence in God's omniscience and justice | 14 |
| a' The king's petition of God to break the power of the wicked , which will further establish his throne over all the nations | 15 |
| b' The king's confidence in God's supreme justice to vindicate the afflicted and deal a death blow to every form of human terror | 16-18 |
| (Note: This final strophe is double in length to match and subdue the pride of the wicked and bury them forever in the dust.) | |