

PSALM 88 – NKJV – 8/7/24

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. To the Chief Musician. Set to "Mahalath Leannoth."

A Contemplation of Heman the Ezrahite.

¹O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. ²Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry.

John 11:41-42;--'Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me' (NKJV).

Psalms 22:1-2, 24;--'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest...For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help' (NIV).

³For my soul is full of troubles, And my life draws near to the grave.⁴I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like a man *who has* no strength, ⁵Adrift among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom You remember no more, And who are cut off from Your hand.

Ecclesiastes 9:5;--'For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten' (ESV).

Psalms 16:10;--'For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption' (NKJV).

Romans 8:38-39;--'For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor thing to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord' (NKJV).

⁶You have laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the depths.⁷Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And You have afflicted *me* with all Your waves. *Selah* ⁸You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; *I am* shut up, and I cannot get out; ⁹My eye wastes away because of affliction.

Job 19:17;--'My breath is offensive to my wife; I am loathsome to my own family' (NIV).

Job 1:21;--'and said: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised' (NIV).

Psalms 40:2;--'He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure' (ESV).

1 Thessalonians 5:9;--'For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,' (ESV).

Luke 4:18;--'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,' (NIV).

Lord, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You. ¹⁰ Will You work wonders for the dead? Shall the dead arise *and* praise You? *Selah* ¹¹ Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the place of destruction? ¹² Shall Your wonders be known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

Ecclesiastes 9:4;--'There is hope only for the living. As they say, 'It's better to be a live dog than a dead lion!' (NLT).

Psalm 6:5;--'For there is no mention of You in death; In Sheol who will give you thanks?' (NASB).

Romans 8:18;--'I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us' (NIV).

Revelation 7:15-17;--'Therefore, 'they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, 'nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes' (NASB).

Revelation 6:9-11;--'When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, 'How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?' Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been' (NIV).

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

¹⁴ Lord, why do You cast off my soul? *Why* do You hide Your face from me? ¹⁵ I *have been* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth; I suffer Your terrors; I am distraught. ¹⁶ Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your terrors have cut me off. ¹⁷ They came around me all day long like water; They engulfed me altogether. ¹⁸ Loved one and friend You have put far from me, *And* my acquaintances into darkness.

1 Samuel 28:6;--'When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by prophets' (NASB).

Job 30:20;--'I cry out to You for help, but You do not answer me; I stand up, and You turn Your attention against me' (NASB).

Micah 3:4;--' at Then they will cry out to the Lord, but He will not answer them. Instead, He will hide His face from them that time because they have practiced evil deeds' (NASB).

Isaiah 59:2;--'But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear' (ESV).

1 John 5:14-15;--'And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him' (ESV).

John 9:31;--'We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him' (ESV).