Psalms for Protection While Traveling

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Psalm 17

1 A Prayer by David. Hear, LORD, my righteous plea. Give ear to my prayer that doesn't go out of deceitful lips. 2 Let my sentence come out of your presence. Let your eyes look on equity. 3 You have proved my heart. You have visited me in the night. You have tried me, and found nothing. I have resolved that my mouth shall not disobey. 4 As for the deeds of men, by the word of your lips, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent. 5 My steps have held fast to your paths. My feet have not slipped. 6 I have called on you, for you will answer me, God. Turn your ear to me. Hear my speech. 7 Show your marvelous loving kindness, you who save those who take refuge by your right hand from their enemies. 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me under the shadow of your wings, 9 from the wicked who oppress me, my deadly enemies, who surround me. 10 They close up their callous hearts. With their mouth they speak proudly. 11 They have now surrounded us in our steps. They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth. 12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey, as it were a young lion lurking in secret places. 13 Arise, LORD, confront him. Cast him down. Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, 14 from men by your hand, LORD, from men of the world, whose portion is in this life. You fill the belly of your cherished ones. Your sons have plenty, and they store up wealth for their children. 15 As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with seeing your form.

Psalm 34

1 By David; when he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed. I will bless the LORD at all times. His praise will always be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall boast in the LORD. The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3 Oh magnify the LORD with me. Let's exalt his name together. 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked to him, and were radiant. Their faces shall never be covered with shame. 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The LORD's angel encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. 8 Oh taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. 9 Oh fear the LORD, you his saints, for there is no lack with those who fear him. 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing. 11 Come, you children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of the LORD. 12 Who is someone who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking lies. 14 Depart from evil, and do good. Seek peace, and pursue it. 15 The LORD's eyes are toward the righteous. His ears listen to their cry. 16 The LORD's face is against those who do evil, to cut off their memory from the earth. 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves those who have a crushed spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. 20 He protects all of his bones. Not one of them is broken. 21 Evil shall kill the wicked. Those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. 22 The LORD redeems the soul of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him shall be condemned.

Psalm 50

1 A Psalm by Asaph. The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks, and calls the earth from sunrise to sunset. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines out. 3 Our God comes, and does not keep silent. A fire devours before him. It is very stormy around him. 4 He calls to the heavens above, to the earth, that he may judge his people: 5 "Gather my saints together to me, those who have made a

covenant with me by sacrifice.” 6 The heavens shall declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.
Selah. 7 “Hear, my people, and I will speak. Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. 8 I
don’t rebuke you for your sacrifices. Your burnt offerings are continually before me. 9 I have no need
for a bull from your stall, nor male goats from your pens. 10 For every animal of the forest is mine, and
the livestock on a thousand hills. 11 I know all the birds of the mountains. The wild animals of the field
are mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it. 13 Will I
eat the meat of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? 14 Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Pay
your vows to the Most High. 15 Call on me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you, and you will honor
me.” 16 But to the wicked God says, “What right do you have to declare my statutes, that you have
taken my covenant on your lips, 17 since you hate instruction, and throw my words behind you? 18
When you saw a thief, you consented with him, and have participated with adulterers. 19 “You give
your mouth to evil. Your tongue frames deceit. 20 You sit and speak against your brother. You slander
your own mother’s son. 21 You have done these things, and I kept silent. You thought that I was just
like you. I will rebuke you, and accuse you in front of your eyes. 22 “Now consider this, you who forget
God, lest I tear you into pieces, and there be no one to deliver. 23 Whoever offers the sacrifice of
thanksgiving glorifies me, and prepares his way so that I will show God’s salvation to him.”

Psalm 64

1 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. Hear my voice, God, in my complaint. Preserve my life
from fear of the enemy. 2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, from the noisy crowd of the ones
doing evil; 3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and aim their arrows, deadly words, 4 to shoot
innocent men from ambushes. They shoot at him suddenly and fearlessly. 5 They encourage themselves
in evil plans. They talk about laying snares secretly. They say, “Who will see them?” 6 They plot
injustice, saying, “We have made a perfect plan!” Surely man’s mind and heart are cunning. 7 But God
will shoot at them. They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow. 8 Their own tongues shall ruin
them. All who see them will shake their heads. 9 All mankind shall be afraid. They shall declare the
work of God, and shall wisely ponder what he has done. 10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD,
and shall take refuge in him. All the upright in heart shall praise him!

Psalm 91

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will
say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” 3 For he will deliver
you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his feathers.
Under his wings you will take refuge. His faithfulness is your shield and rampart. 5 You shall not be
afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor of the pestilence that walks in
darkness, nor of the destruction that wastes at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten
thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you. 8 You will only look with your eyes, and see
the recompense of the wicked. 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High
your dwelling place, 10 no evil shall happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
11 For he will put his angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways. 12 They will bear you up in
their hands, so that you won’t dash your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and cobra.
You will trample the young lion and the serpent underfoot. 14 “Because he has set his love on me,
therefore I will deliver him. I will set him on high, because he has known my name. 15 He will call on
me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him, and honor him. 16 I will
satisfy him with long life, and show him my salvation.”

Psalm 123

1 A Song of Ascents. I lift up my eyes to you, you who sit in the heavens. 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD, our God, until he has mercy on us. 3 Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt. 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scoffing of those who are at ease, with the contempt of the proud.

Psalm 124

1 A Song of Ascents. By David. If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, let Israel now say, 2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us, 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us, 4 then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul. 5 Then the proud waters would have gone over our soul. 6 Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as a prey to their teeth. 7 Our soul has escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare. The snare is broken, and we have escaped. 8 Our help is in the LORD's name, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 130

1 A Song of Ascents. Out of the depths I have cried to you, LORD. 2 Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my petitions. 3 If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with you, therefore you are feared. 5 I wait for the LORD. My soul waits. I hope in his word. 6 My soul longs for the Lord more than watchmen long for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. 7 Israel, hope in the LORD, for there is loving kindness with the LORD. Abundant redemption is with him. 8 He will redeem Israel from all their sins.