

Psalms: Key Words

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<p>1 Tree Two Ways Tree & Chaff “Blessed is the man” “whose delight is in the law of the LORD”</p>	<p>2 Messiah Anointed One Kiss the Son <i>Why do the nations rage?</i> <i>“You are my Son, today I have become your Father.”</i> <i>You will rule them with an iron scepter.</i></p>	<p>3 Thousands Shield “You are a shield around me O LORD You bestow glory on me and lift up my head”</p>	<p>4 Bed Sleep “I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety” <i>In your anger do not sin</i></p>	<p>5 Access “But I by your great mercy, will come into your house in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple” <i>Their throat is an open grave</i></p>
<p>6 Sickbed Penitential “I am worn out from groaning; all night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears.” <i>My soul is greatly troubled</i></p>	<p>7 Judge “God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.”</p>	<p>8 What is Man? How majestic is your name! <i>What is man that you are mindful of him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor</i></p>	<p>9 Poor An acrostic w/10 Focus on God’s justice “The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble”</p>	<p>10 Poor (continued) Focus on the wicked man “do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.” <i>His mouth is full of curses and lies and threats</i></p>
<p>11 Throne Flee like a bird to your mountain” “The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne” “Foundations are being destroyed”</p>	<p>12 Words “The words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times”</p>	<p>13 How Long? “How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?” “But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation”</p>	<p>14 Fool “The fool says in his heart, “There is no God”” <i>All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.</i></p>	<p>15 Admittance “LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?”</p>
<p>16 Portion “LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup” <i>You will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay</i></p>	<p>17 Apple “Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings”</p>	<p>18 Theophany “He parted the heavens and came down The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!” <i>Therefore I will praise you among the Nations, O LORD</i></p>	<p>19 Sun “The heavens declare the glory of God The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul May the words of my mouth...” <i>Their voice goes out into all the earth...</i></p>	<p>20 Chariots “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God”</p>

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<p>21 Crown “O LORD, the king rejoices in your strength. How great is his joy in the victories you give!” “You placed a crown of pure gold on his head.”</p>	<p>22 Abandonment <i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i> <i>They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing</i> <i>I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.</i></p>	<p>23 Shepherd The LORD is my Shepherd and my Host</p>	<p>24 Gates “Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?” “Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up you ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.” <i>The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.</i></p>	<p>25 Way An acrostic “Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.”</p>
<p>26 Innocence “I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, O LORD.” “I love the house where you live, O LORD”</p>	<p>27 Light “The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?” “One thing I ask of the LORD...that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.”</p>	<p>28 Hands “I lift up my hands to your Most Holy Place”</p>	<p>29 Storm “Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.” “The voice of the LORD is over the waters” “The LORD sits enthroned over the flood.”</p>	<p>30 Resurrection “You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead.” “Weeping may remain for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning”</p>
<p>31 Commit “My times are in your hands” <i>Into your hands I commit my spirit</i></p>	<p>32 Confession Penitential “You are my hiding place...you surround me with songs of deliverance.” <i>Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered...</i></p>	<p>33 Heart Hallelujah chorus “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made” “He who forms the hearts of all”</p>	<p>34 Taste Acrostic “Taste and see that the LORD is good” “The LORD is close to the broken hearted” <i>He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken</i></p>	<p>35 Betrayal “Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me” <i>Those who hate me without reason</i></p>
<p>36 Feast “They feast on the abundance of your house” “You love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.” <i>There is no fear of God before his eyes</i></p>	<p>37 Patience Acrostic “Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.” <i>But the meek will inherit the land</i></p>	<p>38 Pain Penitential Describes every pain possible “There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.”</p>	<p>39 Silence “I will put a muzzle on my mouth”</p>	<p>40 Obedience I waited patiently <i>Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but ears you have pierced; burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require, Then I said, “Here I am, I have come – it is written about me in the scroll.</i></p>

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<p>41 Judas “But you, O LORD, have mercy on me; raise me up, that I may repay them. I know that you are pleased with me, for my enemy does not triumph over me.” <i>He who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.</i></p>	<p>42 Deer “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.” “My tears have been my food day and night” “Deep calls out to deep in the roar of your waterfalls”</p>	<p>43 Continuation of Ps 42 The refrain: Why so downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God</p>	<p>44 Slaughter Communal lament <i>Yet for your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered</i></p>	<p>45 Wedding <i>Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.</i></p>
<p>46 City A city with a river “The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” “Be still, and know that I am God.”</p>	<p>47 Clap Missionary “Clap your hands all you nations” “The nobles of the nations have assembled as the people of God”</p>	<p>48 Castles Mount Zion – the city of the great king “Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers.”</p>	<p>49 Riches The “49’s” Wisdom psalm: the eternal dwelling of the rich are their tombs. “Death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.”</p>	<p>50 Covenant Here comes the judge The Mighty One, God, YHWH summons the earth to judgment—beginning with Israel. True religion. “The cattle on a thousand hills”</p>
<p>51 Repentance Penitential “Have mercy on me O God” “Create in me a pure heart” <i>So that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.</i></p>	<p>52 Olive Tree The Ballad of that Dirty Dog Doeg “I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God”</p>	<p>53 Fool Almost identical to Ps. 14 but Elohistic “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God’”</p>	<p>54 Recoil The Ziphites betray David “Let evil recoil on those who slander me”</p>	<p>55 Dove Absalom’s rebellion? “My companion, my close friend” has betrayed me “Oh that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly far away and be at rest.”</p>
<p>56 Tears Put my tears in your wineskin/list them on your scroll</p>	<p>57 Dawn “Awake my soul! Awake harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.” “Be exalted O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth”</p>	<p>58 Snake Imprecatory Venomous snake who cannot be charmed (break teeth, slug, stillborn child, bathe feet in blood of the wicked)</p>	<p>59 Dogs When Saul sent men to watch David’s house. Dogs roaming the streets on the prowl. Singing in the morning.</p>	<p>60 Edom Upon Edom I toss my sandal (revenge for their sneaky attack)</p>

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<p>61 Tower “For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.” “Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” “I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.”</p>	<p>62 Only “My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.”</p>	<p>63 Thirsting Prayer in the desert “O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”</p>	<p>64 Arrows Their words are like deadly arrows. But God will shoot them with his arrows.</p>	<p>65 Harvest Hymn for the feast of tabernacles God’s great harvest of the nations parallels the bountiful harvest of the land</p>
<p>66 Fire and Water Hymn of praise for God’s deliverance through fire and water. “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the LORD would not have listened.”</p>	<p>67 Aaron Missionary “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.”</p>	<p>68 Cloud-rider God leads his people triumphantly through the desert to their home. <i>When you ascended on high, you led captives in your train; you received gifts from men.</i></p>	<p>69 Poison 2nd most quoted psalm in NT <i>Those who hate me without reason / zeal for your house / may their eyes be darkened / may their place be deserted</i></p>	<p>70 Hasten A short psalm: Hurry and save me! Hasten, O God, to save me....Don’t delay Possibly connected to Psalm 71</p>
<p>71 Old David’s last psalm? “Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God.” “My mouth will tell of your salvation all day long.”</p>	<p>72 Sheba Of Solomon The messianic king to whom all nations will bring tribute. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.</p>	<p>73 Slippery Ground When good things happen to bad people. “Till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.” “Whom have I in heaven but you? and earth has nothing I desire besides you.”</p>	<p>74 Axes Why did you let them chop up the temple?!! “Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand?” “It was you who crushed the heads of Leviathan.”</p>	<p>75 Horn “I will cut off the horns of all the wicked, but the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.” The prayer of Hannah and Mary</p>
<p>76 Battle Destruction of Sennacherib’s army (2 Kgs 19:35) “Valiant men lie plundered; they sleep their last sleep.” “Surely your wrath against men brings you praise.”</p>	<p>77 Insomnia You kept my eyes from closing. God parted the waters of the Red Sea – He will make a path for us.</p>	<p>78 Faithless God is faithful when his people are not. A review of Israel’s history. He chose David to shepherd his people. This is the gospel story of the OT.</p>	<p>79 Blood Destruction of Jerusalem They have poured out blood like water...Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not acknowledge you.</p>	<p>80 Vine Israel is portrayed as a vine coming out of Egypt, planted and flourishing in the land, now cut and burned. “Restore us, O LORD God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.”</p>

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<p>81 Honey Listen! "With honey from the rock I would satisfy you."</p>	<p>82 gods YHWH judges the gods "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed." <i>I said, "You are 'gods'"</i></p>	<p>83 Midian Let Israel's enemies become like Midian & Sisera (Gideon and Deborah – the weak overpower the strong)</p>	<p>84 Doorkeeper "How lovely is your dwelling place / The sparrow has found a home Better is one day in your courts. / I'd rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."</p>	<p>85 Meet "Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven."</p>
<p>86 Forgiving Of David "You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you" "Among the gods there is none like you."</p>	<p>87 Born in ZION The LORD will write in the register of the peoples: "This one was born in Zion" "All my fountains are in you."</p>	<p>88 Darkness Entirely lament 3 times the psalmist cries out to God "darkness is my closest friend"</p>	<p>89 Rahab Psalm of Ethan Rahab = Egypt Long psalm about God's deeds and attributes, his covenant promises, followed by a lament over His abandonment of his promises (i.e. It feels like Israel is back in Egypt)</p>	<p>90 Years Of Moses "From everlasting to everlasting you are God" Vs. the temporal nature of man "Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom"</p>
<p>91 Shelter "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." <i>He will command his angels concerning you to guard all your ways...</i></p>	<p>92 Palm Tree "The righteous will flourish like a palm tree...they will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green."</p>	<p>93 Waters God's eternal throne established long ago God is mightier than the chaos of the waters. "Holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD."</p>	<p>94 Vengeance "O LORD, the God who avenges, O God who avenges, shine forth." <i>The LORD knows the thoughts of man; he knows that they are futile.</i></p>	<p>95 Invitation "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD... Come, let us bow down in worship..." <i>Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts...</i></p>
<p>96 Trees Let Israel, the nations, and all creation praise the LORD as creator and judge. "the trees of the forest sing for joy." "Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness."</p>	<p>97 Fire "The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad, let the distant shores rejoice. A fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side." Zion and villages of Judah rejoice in God's judgment</p>	<p>98 Arm Israel, the nations, and creation are called to praise God for his coming judgment "his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him."</p>	<p>99 Holy, Holy, Holy "Holy is the Lord" – 3x Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.</p>	<p>100 Hundredth Invitation for the whole earth the worship YHWH "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."</p>

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<p>101 Loyalty Royal psalm The Pledge of a Leader “I will walk in my house with a blameless heart. I will set no vile thing before my eyes.”</p>	<p>102 Days Penitential My days vanish... <i>In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands...your years will never end.</i></p>	<p>103 Love “Praise the LORD, O my soul” “Forget not all his benefits.” “As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”</p>	<p>104 Creation Based on the six days of creation with emphasis on days 3 & 5 (order and wisdom) <i>He makes his winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.</i></p>	<p>105 Joseph The story of Israel and God’s faithfulness to his covenant</p>
<p>106 Sin The story of Israel’s unfaithfulness to God’s covenant 9 accounts of Israel’s forgetfulness of God’s divine love.</p>	<p>107 Reversal 4 situations where God answers and reverses the situation – homeless wanderers, captives, rebels, and sailors</p>	<p>108 International Combination of Psalms 57 & 60 “Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.”</p>	<p>109 Cursing An imprecation calling for the total obliteration of the psalmist’s enemies. Applied to Judas: <i>May another take his place of leadership</i></p>	<p>110 King & Priest Most often quoted in NT <i>The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet...You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.</i></p>
<p>111 God YHWH praised for his works and his word ½ line acrostic with Psalm 112 “Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.”</p>	<p>112 Fear of the Lord A description of the blessed man. <i>He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever.</i></p>	<p>113 Stoop Passover The One enthroned on high, stoops down (incarnation) The <i>Magnificat</i> of the OT He raises the poor from the dust...and seats them with princes.</p>	<p>114 Skip Passover The mountains skipped with Israel came out of Egypt Reversal of nature</p>	<p>115 Idols Passover Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory Idols are lifeless Those who worship them will be like them.</p>
<p>116 Helpless Passover “I love the LORD, for he heard my voice...You have delivered by soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.”</p>	<p>117 Short Passover Shortest psalm <i>Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.</i></p>	<p>118 Stone Passover “This is the day the LORD has made.” <i>The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes...Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.</i></p>	<p>119 Law Longest psalm A 22 stanza acrostic meditation on the word of God. “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”</p>	<p>120 Meshech First of the “Songs of Ascents” Lament from a psalmist who is far from home, a man of peace living among a people of war</p>

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<p>121 Guard Song of Ascents “I lift up my eyes to hills— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.”</p>	<p>122 Jerusalem Song of Ascents “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD. Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.’”</p>	<p>123 Servant Song of Ascents “As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD, our God, till he shows us his mercy.”</p>	<p>124 Escape Song of Ascents “If the LORD had not been on our side...Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.”</p>	<p>125 Mountains Song of Ascents “As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.”</p>
<p>126 Sheaves Song of Ascents “Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.”</p>	<p>127 Sons Song of Ascents “Unless the LORD builds the house...Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him...Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.”</p>	<p>128 Wife Song of Ascents “Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.”</p>	<p>129 Plow Song of Ascents “Plowmen have plowed my back and made their furrows long.”</p>	<p>130 Depths Song of Ascents “Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD...My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.”</p>
<p>131 Humility Song of Ascents “My heart is not proud, O LORD, my eyes are not haughty...I have stilled and quieted my soul; like weaned child with its mother.”</p>	<p>132 Ark Song of Ascents “Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool. Arise, O LORD, and come to your resting place, you and ark of your might.”</p>	<p>133 Community Song of Ascents “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity...It is like precious oil poured on the head...it is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.”</p>	<p>134 Night Song of Ascents “Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who minister by night in the house of the LORD.”</p>	<p>135 Possession “For the LORD has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession.”</p>
<p>136 Litany “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. <i>His love endures forever.</i>”</p>	<p>137 Babylon “By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion....O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is he who repays you -- he who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks.”</p>	<p>138 Kings “May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth.”</p>	<p>139 Knowledge “O LORD you have searched me and you know me...I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...How precious to me are your thoughts O God! ...Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.”</p>	<p>140 Traps “Proud men have hidden a snare for me; they have spread out the cords of their net and have set traps for me along my path....” <i>the poison of vipers is on their lips.</i></p>

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<p>141 Incense “May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.”</p>	<p>142 Prison “Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name.”</p>	<p>143 Justification “Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one is righteous before you.”</p>	<p>144 Daughters “Part your heavens, O LORD, and come down...” Psalm 8 and 18 “Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace.”</p>	<p>145 Kingdom “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and your dominion endures through all generations.”</p>
<p>146 Blind “Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live...The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind.”</p>	<p>147 Snow “He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name...Extol the LORD O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion....He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes.”</p>	<p>148 Universal “Praise the LORD from the heavens...Praise the LORD from the earth...He has raised up for his people a horn.”</p>	<p>149 Saints “Let the saints rejoice in his honor and sing for joy on their beds....May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands.”</p>	<p>150 Orchestra Praise God! – where (heavens) , why (His power & greatness), how (with 7 instruments) and who (breathing beings) Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.</p>