

PSALMS 9 and 10 (an irregular acrostic pair)

PSALM 9

All praise to You, with my whole heart; as I show forth, how great that Thou art.

- 2 **A**s I brighten with joy, and leap in Your love; I sing of Your greatness, O Lord God above!
- 3 **B**ad men who hate me, will turn and then fall; when they face Your presence, O Lord God of all!
- 4 **B**y Your righteous judgments, You've maintained my life; Your throne settles justice, and ends every strife.
- 5 **G**od chides the nations, and destroys the wrong; erasing their memory, ever so long.
- 6 **H**aters destroyed, are come to an end; destroying their camps, so none think of them.
- 7 **V**erily Lord, You remain to all days; You've established Your throne, for the judgments You say.
- 8 **V**indicating the earth, in justice and light; ruling the nations, secure and upright.
- 9 **V**aliant Lord a refuge, for all those oppressed; high safety in tight times, when things aren't the best.
- 10 **V**igilant on Your power, we trust full in Thee; for You Lord forsake not, those crying in need.
- 11 **Z**ion Dweller sing praises, now unto the Lord; announce to the nations, the things He performs.
- 12 **Z**ealous seeking justice, for the slain and their kin; He remembers and forgets not, the cry of poor men.
- 13 **C**hoose mercy for me Lord, consider my pain; lifting me up, from the gates of the grave.
- 14 **C**hanting salvation, at the doors of the maids; I rejoice in victory, Thou Who dost save.
- 15 **T**erribly nations shall fall, in the pit of their deeds; the net they have hidden, has captured their feet.

- 16 **T**ELL of the Lord, known by just things He'll do; while the wicked are snared, in their handiwork too. (Meditate and Pause)
- 17 **Y**es the wicked, find grave's dark reward; as do all who forget, that God is the Lord.
- 18 **K**indly the destitute, won't be mislaid; the humble's sweet memory, won't pass away.
- 19 **K**now and rise up Lord, no mortal delight; for every nation, is judged in Thy sight.
- 20 **K**eepest them in dread Lord, of Thee once again; that all of the nations, may know they're but men. (Pause)

PSALM 10

Lord why do You stand back, so remote from me? Veiling Yourself, in my times of great need?

- 2 **L**ofty in pride, bad men flame 'gainst the poor; let them be seized, by the plans they secure.
- 3 They evilly boast, at their heart's wish so great; adoring their plunder, which God surely hates.
- 4 The wicked in pride, for the grandeur he sought; won't seek after God, for God's not in his thoughts.
- 5 His paths always twisted, God's laws are too high; he scoffs at his foes, and delights in a lie.
- 6 He has said in his heart, "I shall never be shaken; for age upon age, will I not be forsaken."
- 7 His mouth's filled with curses, and fraud and deceit; and under his tongue, empty toil finds seat.
- 8 Sitting in ambush, for hamlet and town; concealed there to slay, all the blameless he's found.
- 9 Ambushes like a lion, concealed in its lair; he seizes the meek, drawing them to his snare.
- 10 He crouches and sinks down, in a lowly feint; that the wretched may fall, where his strong paws await.
- 11 He says in his heart, "God's forgotten my deeds; He for sure hides His face, I will never be seen!"
- 12 **Q**uickly rise up Lord, and stir up Your hand; forget not the meek, who inhabit the land.
- 13 **Q**uest of the wicked, to ignore our God? They muse in their hearts, He will never reward.

- 14 **R**equite them and payback, their trouble and spite; the wretched all trust You,
for orphans You fight.
- 15 **S**Hatter the arm, of the wicked and wrong; tread down his wicked deeds, for
Thou art strong.
- 16 **S**Hout to the Lord King, Who ever endures; for nations shall perish, soon out of
the earth.
- 17 **T**he Lord hears the meek, every longing and fear; He will set up their heart, and
will prick up His ears.
- 18 **T**o judge every orphan, and the crushed who do fail; that the man of the earth,
may no longer prevail!