

Psalms 102

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Hear My Prayer, O Lord

- 1** Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.
- 2** Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.
- 3** For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.
- 4** My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.
- 5** By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.
- 6** I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.
- 7** I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.
- 8** Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.
- 9** For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,
- 10** Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.
- 11** My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

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- 12** But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.
 - 13** Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

- 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.
- 15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.
- 16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.
- 17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.
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- 18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.
- 19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;
- 20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;
- 21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;
- 22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
- 23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.
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- 24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.
- 25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.
- 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:
- 27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.
- 28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Forgive — נָשָׂא / סָלַח (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (סָלַח) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

Glory — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Kingdom — מַלְכוּת (Malkhut)

Kingdom, reign, royal power

The Hebrew **malkhut** (מַלְכוּת) denotes kingdom or royal rule—the realm and reign of a king. God's kingdom represents His sovereign rule over all creation.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Mercy — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

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Psalms 102:6 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 38:14; Zephaniah 2:14; Revelation 18:2

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Psalms 102:11 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 109:23; 144:4; Job 14:2

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