

Psalms 143

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Teach Me to Do Your Will

- ¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.
 - ² And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
 - ³ For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.
 - ⁴ Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.
 - ⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.
 - ⁶ I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.
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- ⁷ Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
 - ⁸ Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.
 - ⁹ Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.
 - ¹⁰ Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

- 11** Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
- 12** And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), 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.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 143:1 **Righteousness:** Psalms 71:2; Daniel 9:16. **Faith:** Psalms 31:1; 1 John 1:9.

References Lord: Psalms 140:6; 2 Samuel 7:25

Psalms 143:2 **Righteousness:** Job 4:17; 15:14; 25:4; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16. **Judgment:** Job 14:3. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 130:3; Exodus 34:7; 1 John 1:10

Psalms 143:3

Darkness: Lamentations 3:6. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 7:5; 35:4; 54:3; 142:6; 2 Samuel 2:22; 18:11; Ezekiel 37:11

Psalms 143:4 **Spirit:** Psalms 77:3; 142:3. **Parallel theme:** Luke 22:44

Psalms 143:5 **Parallel theme:** Micah 6:5

Psalms 143:6 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 44:20; 63:1; 84:2; 88:9; Job 11:13; Isaiah 35:7; John 7:37

Psalms 143:7 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 27:9; 69:3; 69:17; 71:12; 102:2; Isaiah 38:18.

References Lord: Psalms 28:1; 40:17; Isaiah 8:17. **Spirit:** Isaiah 57:16

Psalms 143:8 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 27:11; 30:5; 32:8; 46:5; 59:16; 86:4; 90:14; 143:10; Isaiah 30:21; 48:17

Psalms 143:9 **References Lord:** Psalms 142:5; Proverbs 18:10. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 31:15; 56:9; 59:1

Psalms 143:10 **Spirit:** Nehemiah 9:20; John 14:26; Romans 15:13; 2 Timothy 1:7. **Good:** Hebrews 13:21. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 23:3; 119:12; 1 John 2:27. **References God:** Psalms 31:14; 140:6

Psalms 143:11 **Righteousness:** Psalms 31:1; 34:19; 71:2. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 85:6; 119:25; 119:37; 119:88; 138:7. **References Lord:** Psalms 25:11; Habakkuk 3:2

Psalms 143:12 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 52:5; 54:5; 55:23; 116:16; 119:94; 1 Samuel 25:29; 26:10

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