

Psalms 4

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Answer Me When I Call

- 1** Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
 - 2** O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.
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- 3** But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.
 - 4** Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
 - 5** Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.
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- 6** There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
 - 7** Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.
 - 8** I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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).

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.

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.

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.

Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Sacrifice — זֶבַח (Zevach)

Sacrifice, offering

The Hebrew **zevach** (זֶבַח) denotes a sacrifice or offering—an animal slaughtered for worship. Old Testament sacrifices foreshadowed Christ, 'the Lamb of God' (John 1:29).

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 4:1 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 45:1; 2 Corinthians 1:10. **Grace:** Psalms 25:16; 57:1; 119:132. **Righteousness:** Psalms 143:2; Isaiah 45:24; Jeremiah 23:6. **References God:** Psalms 17:6; Habakkuk 3:19

Psalms 4:2 **Love:** Proverbs 1:22. **Glory:** Psalms 3:3; 106:20; Jeremiah 2:11; Hosea 4:7. **Sin:** Psalms 5:6. **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 12:21; Ecclesiastes 8:11; Isaiah 45:17; Ephesians 4:25

Psalms 4:3 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 50:5; Exodus 33:16; John 15:16; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9. **References God:** 2 Timothy 2:19; 2 Peter 2:9. **References Lord:** Psalms 6:8; 31:23; 34:15

Psalms 4:4 **Sin:** Proverbs 16:6; Ephesians 4:26. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 33:8; 46:10; 63:6; 77:6; 119:161; Job 28:28; Proverbs 3:7; 2 Corinthians 13:5

Psalms 4:5 **Faith:** Psalms 37:3; 62:8; Isaiah 50:10; 1 Peter 4:19. **Righteousness:** Psalms 51:19; Deuteronomy 33:19. **Sacrifice:** Isaiah 61:8; Malachi 1:8; Matthew 5:23. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 50:14

Psalms 4:6 **References Lord:** Psalms 80:19; Numbers 6:26. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 67:1; 80:7; 119:135. **Light:** Psalms 89:15

Psalms 4:7

Parallel theme: Psalms 37:4; 43:4; 92:4; Judges 9:27; Isaiah 9:3; Jeremiah 48:33; Acts 14:17.
Related: Song of Solomon 1:4

Psalms 4:8

Parallel theme: Leviticus 26:5; Proverbs 3:24; Hosea 2:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:10. **References Lord:** Psalms 3:5; Deuteronomy 12:10; Revelation 14:13. **Peace:** Ezekiel 34:25

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