

Psalms 48

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Great Is the Lord in Zion

- ¹ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
 - ² Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
 - ³ God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
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- ⁴ For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.
 - ⁵ They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.
 - ⁶ Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.
 - ⁷ Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.
 - ⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.
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- ⁹ We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
 - ¹⁰ According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.
 - ¹¹ Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

- 12** Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.
- 13** Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.
- 14** For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

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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** (יְהוָה), 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.

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 48:1

References Lord: Micah 4:1. **Holy:** Psalms 2:6; 46:4; Zechariah 8:3; Revelation 21:2.

Resurrection: Psalms 65:1; 96:4; 145:3; Revelation 19:5. **References God:** Psalms 87:3

Psalms 48:2 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 50:2; Isaiah 14:13; 66:10; Lamentations 2:15; Ezekiel 20:6; Daniel 8:9; 11:16; Hebrews 12:22. **Kingdom:** Matthew 5:35

Psalms 48:3

Parallel theme: Psalms 125:1; 2 Chronicles 12:7. **References God:** Psalms 46:7

Psalms 48:5 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 14:25

Psalms 48:6 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 13:13

Psalms 48:7 **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 22:48; Jeremiah 18:17

Psalms 48:8 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 87:5; Matthew 16:18. **References God:** Psalms 46:5. **References Lord:** Micah 4:1

Psalms 48:9 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 26:3; 40:10; 104:34. **Related:** Song of Solomon 1:4

Psalms 48:10 **References God:** Deuteronomy 28:58. **Parallel theme:** Joshua 7:9; Malachi 1:11. **Resurrection:** Psalms 113:3. **Righteousness:** Isaiah 41:10

Psalms 48:11

Judgment: Psalms 97:8; Revelation 15:4. **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 9:9; Luke 23:28; Revelation 18:20

Psalms 48:13 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 71:18; 122:7

Psalms 48:14 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 16:2; 25:9; 73:24; Proverbs 8:20; Isaiah 58:11; Lamentations 3:21; John 16:13. **References God:** Psalms 31:14; 73:26

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