

# Psalms 55

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## **Cast Your Burden on the Lord**

- 1** Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.
  - 2** Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;
  - 3** Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.
  - 4** My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
  - 5** Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.
  - 6** And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.
  - 7** Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.
  - 8** I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.
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- 9** Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
  - 10** Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.
  - 11** Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.
  - 12** For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

- 13 But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.
- 14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.
- 15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.
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- 16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.
- 17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.
- 18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.
- 19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.
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- 20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.
- 21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.
- 22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
- 23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

### Covenant — בְּרִית (Berit)

Covenant, treaty

The Hebrew **berit** (בְּרִית) denotes a covenant—a binding agreement, often ratified by blood sacrifice. God's covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic) structure redemptive history, culminating in the New Covenant.

### 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.

### 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.

### Save — יָשַׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשַׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

### Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

### Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

## CROSS REFERENCES

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### **Psalms 55:1**

**Prayer:** Psalms 17:1; 61:1; 64:1; 80:4; 84:8; 86:6; 1 Peter 3:12. **References God:** Psalms 27:9.  
**Parallel theme:** Psalms 5:1; 80:1

**Psalms 55:2** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 38:6; 43:2; 64:1; 66:19; 77:3; Isaiah 38:14; 59:11

**Psalms 55:4** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 116:3

**Psalms 55:5** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:120; Job 21:6

**Psalms 55:6** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 11:1; 139:9; Revelation 12:14

**Psalms 55:7** **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 15:14; Jeremiah 9:2; 37:12

**Psalms 55:8** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 4:6

**Psalms 55:9** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 6:7

**Psalms 55:11** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 10:7

**Psalms 55:12** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 35:26; 41:9; John 13:18

### **Psalms 55:13**

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**Psalms 55:14** **References God:** Psalms 42:4; Isaiah 2:3. **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 33:31

**Psalms 55:15** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 59:13; 64:7; 2 Samuel 18:9; 18:14; Matthew 26:24; 27:5; Acts 1:25. **Evil:** Psalms 9:17

**Psalms 55:16** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 50:15; 109:4. **References God:** Psalms 73:28

### **Psalms 55:17**

**Prayer:** Psalms 141:2; Daniel 6:10; Mark 1:35; Acts 3:1; 10:9; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 5:7. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 92:2; 119:62

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**Psalms 55:19**    **References God:** Psalms 65:5; 78:59; Deuteronomy 33:27; Isaiah 36:20.

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 143:12; Ecclesiastes 8:11; Jeremiah 48:11; Micah 5:2; Zephaniah 1:12; Colossians 1:17

**Psalms 55:20**    **Peace:** Psalms 7:4. **Covenant:** Psalms 89:28; 89:34. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 89:38; 109:5; Ecclesiastes 8:2; Acts 12:1

**Psalms 55:21**    **Word:** Psalms 57:4; 59:7; 64:3; Proverbs 12:18. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 12:2; 28:3; 62:4; Proverbs 26:28; Matthew 26:25; John 13:2

**Psalms 55:22**    **References Lord:** Psalms 16:8; 27:14; 37:5; 37:24. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 62:2; 62:6; 62:8; Matthew 6:25; 11:28; 1 Peter 5:7

**Psalms 55:23**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 73:18; Job 15:32; Proverbs 10:27; Ecclesiastes 7:17; Isaiah 38:17. **Blood:** Psalms 5:6

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