

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.

- 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.

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.

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.

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Blood — 血 (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָם) 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 — 保惠之約 (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 — 主 / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

Righteous — 正直 (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

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

Save — 救 (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (עִשָּׂא) 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 — 話 (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דְּבָר) 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 — 憤怒 (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אֵפָה) 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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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

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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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