

Psalms 57

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Be Merciful to Me, O God

- ¹ Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.
- ² I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.
- ³ He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.
- ⁴ My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
- ⁵ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.
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- ⁶ They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.
- ⁷ My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.
- ⁸ Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.
- ⁹ I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.
- ¹⁰ For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.
- ¹¹ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Confess — יָדָה (Yadah)

To confess, praise, give thanks

The Hebrew **yadah** (יָדָה) means to confess or give thanks—acknowledging truth openly. 'He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy' (Proverbs 28:13).

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).

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.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

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.

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.

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).

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 57:1 **Faith:** Psalms 9:10; 36:7; 61:4; 91:4; Ruth 2:12; Isaiah 50:10. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 63:7; 91:1. **References God:** Revelation 21:4. **Grace:** Psalms 56:1

Psalms 57:2 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 138:8; Isaiah 26:12; 57:15; Philippians 1:6; 2:12; Hebrews 13:21

Psalms 57:3 **Truth:** Psalms 40:11; 43:3. **Parallel theme:** Numbers 23:24; Job 31:31; Acts 12:11. **Grace:** Psalms 61:7; John 1:17

Psalms 57:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 35:17; 52:2; 58:6. **Word:** Psalms 55:21; 64:3; Proverbs 12:18; 30:14

Psalms 57:5 **Glory:** Psalms 8:1; 57:11; 72:19; 148:13; Numbers 14:21; Isaiah 6:3; Habakkuk 2:14; 3:3. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 2:11. **References God:** Isaiah 37:20

Psalms 57:6

Parallel theme: Psalms 42:6; 140:5; 142:3; 143:4; 145:14; Proverbs 28:10; 29:5; Micah 7:2

Psalms 57:7

Parallel theme: Psalms 34:4; 112:7; Romans 5:3. **References God:** Isaiah 24:15; Ephesians 5:20

Psalms 57:8 **Glory:** Psalms 16:9; 30:12. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 150:3; Judges 5:12; Isaiah 52:1; 52:9; Acts 2:26

Psalms 57:9 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 2:1; 96:3. **Resurrection:** Psalms 18:49; 138:1. **Sin:** Romans 15:9

Psalms 57:10 **Grace:** Psalms 36:5; 103:11; 108:4. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 71:19

Psalms 57:11 **Glory:** Psalms 8:1; 57:5. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 8:9