

Crying Out To God

Luke 18:7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

Romans 8:15 For none of you have received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but all of you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, "Abba!", "Father!"

Hebrews 5:7 [Jesus Christ] in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears to him that was able to save him from death, and was heard since he feared;

Proverbs 21:13 Whoever stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

Psalms 57:2 I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me.

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not.

Exodus 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which [are] in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

Exodus 22:22 None of you shall afflict any widow, or fatherless child. If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to me, I will surely hear their cry;

Deuteronomy 15:9 Beware that there be not a thought in your wicked heart, saying, "The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand" and your eye be evil against thy poor brother, and you give him nothing; and he cry to the LORD against you, and it be sin to you.

Deuteronomy 24:15 At his day you shall give [him] his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he [is] poor, and sets his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee to the LORD, and it be sin for you.

1 Samuel 7:8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 9:16 Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man out of the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him [to be] captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry has come to me.

2 Samuel 22:7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry [did enter] into his ears.

Psalms 9:11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwells in Zion: declare among the people his doings. When he makes inquisition for blood, he remembers them: he forgets not the cry of the humble.

Psalms 18:6-10 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, [even] into his ears. Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was angry. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness [was] under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

Psalms 34:10-20

The young lions do lack and suffer hunger;
But they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing.
Come, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is the man who desires life
And loves length of days that he may see good?
Keep your tongue from evil
And your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil and do good;
Seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous
And His ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
To cut off the memory of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and the Lord hears
And delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the Lord delivers him out of them all.
He keeps all his bones,
Not one of them is broken.

Psalms 40

I waited patiently for the LORD to help me,
and he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire.
He set my feet on solid ground
and steadied me as I walked along.
He has given me a new song to sing,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see what he has done and be amazed.
They will put their trust in the LORD.

Oh, the joys of those who trust the LORD,
who have no confidence in the proud
or in those who worship idols.
O LORD my God, you have performed many wonders for us.
Your plans for us are too numerous to list.
You have no equal.
If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds,
I would never come to the end of them.

Psalms 55:17-18 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud:
and he shall hear my voice. He has delivered my soul in peace from the battle [that
was] against me: for there were many with me.

Psalms 56:9 When I cry [unto thee], then shall mine enemies turn back: this I
know; for God [is] for me.

Isaiah 12:5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this [is] known
in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great [is] the Holy
One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Isaiah 54:1 Sing, O barren, you [that] did not bear; break forth into singing, and
cry aloud, you [that] did not travail with child: for more [are] the children of the
desolate than the children of the married wife, says the LORD.

Isaiah 58

“Shout with the voice of a trumpet blast.

Shout aloud! Don't be timid.

Tell my people Israel of their sins!

Yet they act so pious!

They come to the Temple every day
and seem delighted to learn all about me.

They act like a righteous nation
that would never abandon the laws of its God.

They ask me to take action on their behalf,
pretending they want to be near me.

‘We have fasted before you!’ they say.

‘Why aren't you impressed?’

We have been very hard on ourselves,
and you don't even notice it!’

“I will tell you why!” I respond.

“It's because you are fasting to please yourselves.

Even while you fast,
you keep oppressing your workers.

What good is fasting
when you keep on fighting and quarreling?

This kind of fasting
will never get you anywhere with me.

You humble yourselves
by going through the motions of penance,

bowing your heads
like reeds bending in the wind.

You dress in burlap
and cover yourselves with ashes.

Is this what you call fasting?

Do you really think this will please the LORD?

“No, this is the kind of fasting I want:

Free those who are wrongly imprisoned;
lighten the burden of those who work for you.

Let the oppressed go free,
and remove the chains that bind people.

Share your food with the hungry,
and give shelter to the homeless.

Give clothes to those who need them,
and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

“Then your salvation will come like the dawn,
and your wounds will quickly heal.

Your godliness will lead you forward,

and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind.
Then when you call, the LORD will answer.
'Yes, I am here,' he will quickly reply.

“Remove the heavy yoke of oppression.
Stop pointing your finger and spreading vicious rumors!
Feed the hungry,
and help those in trouble.
Then your light will shine out from the darkness,
and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.
The LORD will guide you continually,
giving you water when you are dry
and restoring your strength.
You will be like a well-watered garden,
like an ever-flowing spring.
Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities.
Then you will be known as “Repairer of the Breach”
and “a restorer of paths to dwell in.”

“Keep the Sabbath day holy.
Don't pursue your own interests on that day,
but enjoy the Sabbath
and speak of it with delight as the LORD's holy day.
Honor the Sabbath in everything you do on that day,
and don't follow your own desires or talk idly.
Then the LORD will be your delight.
I will give you great honor
and satisfy you with the inheritance I promised to your ancestor Jacob.
I, the LORD, have spoken!”

Jeremiah 3:4 Will you not from this time cry to me: “My father, you [are] the guide of my youth?”

Jonah 3:8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that [is] in their hands. Who can tell [if] God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did [it] not.

Joel 2:12-13 Therefore also now, says the LORD, turn ye [even] to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he [is] gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repents him of the evil.

Psalms 91

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

This I declare about the LORD:

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.

For he will rescue me from every trap
and protect me from deadly disease.

He will cover me with his feathers.

He will shelter me with his wings.

His faithful promises are my armor and protection.

I am not afraid of the terrors of the night,
nor the arrow that flies in the day.

I do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.

Though a thousand fall at my side,
though ten thousand are dying around me,
these evils will not touch me.

I open my eyes,
and see how the wicked are punished.

If I make the LORD my refuge,
if I make the Most High my shelter,
no evil will conquer me;
no plague will come near my home.

For he will order his angels
to protect me wherever I go.

They will hold me up with their hands
so I won't even hurt your foot on a stone.

I will trample upon lions and cobras;

I will crush fierce lions and serpents under my feet!

The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me.

I will protect those who trust in my name.

When they call on me, I will answer;

I will be with them in trouble.

I will rescue and honor them.

I will reward them with a long life
and give them my salvation."