



PRAYING THE PSALMS

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PSALM 26

God, I want Your ways to control my **business**.

Psa 26:1 (NIV) Of David. Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. Set me free from those people and things that are trying to hurt me, O Lord. Because of Jesus, I have blamelessness credited to my account. Because of Him, I have a clean record that covers all my life. He has empowered me to be steadfast in all my ways. In His Name and through His righteousness I ask that You protect me from all who are trying to stop me from presenting Your message. Vindicate me from them for Your glory.

Psa 26:2 (NIV) Test me, O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; Check me out and see if there is anything in me that is hindering Your work in and through my life. Examine my heart and mind and make sure that they are always pleasing to You. I want my thoughts and ways to be in line with all You stand for. I want the convictions and systems of my heart to represent Who You are. Retrain my mind and my heart to have and hold Your Truth all the days of my life. Look me over and make sure everything in is exactly the way You want them to be.

Psa 26:3 (NIV) for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth. I love You with all that is within me. Your Holy Spirit has filled me and empowered me with a love I have never known. He has equipped me with a type of love that is much more dynamic than human love. I am able to use it to love You in a way that is more wonderful than anything I have ever experienced. You in turn, are loving me back with Your supernatural love. This two-way love relationship is blessing me and empowering me to serve You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is making it possible for me to walk continuously in Your Truth.

Psa 26:4 (NIV) I do not sit with deceitful men, nor do I consort with hypocrites; The transformation that Jesus has done in my life has changed all of my close associates, God. I use to be totally influenced by them. I patterned my life after their systems and philosophies. They looked to me like extremely successful people. I read their books, went to their seminars, and watched how they lived their lives. I wanted to be like them. Now I can see, through Your Truth, that they don't know anything. They are getting ahead in this world by being deceitful and hypocritical. They act like they love and care for people. Yet, all they truly care about is getting what they want. They set goals for themselves and their company that require that they pressure people. Their goals become more important than the needs of the people they are suppose to be serving.

Psa 26:5 (NIV) I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.

Their board meetings and planning sessions become all about their success and how much money they can make. All their studies consist of how they can get the people who do business with them to do what they want them to do. They look like successful business people. But they, in fact, are evildoers and wicked people. They spend their time thinking up ways to trap people into buying their products. They lay very sophisticated snares in front of people who trust them. They don't want people to have the right to decide whether or not they need what they offer. They want to control their buying habits and make them do what they want them to do. Your Holy Spirit is helping me to avoid being a part of who they are and what they do.

Psa 26:6 (NIV) I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, O LORD,

I choose the innocent way. I want to do business according to Your systems. I want to come up with ways to better serve these people. I want to come before You and find out how I can best meet their needs. I want to lay before them good choices. Help me to do what I do as a service to You rather than trying to please people. I bow my knees before You. I seek Your will in all my business dealings. Make my heart pure before You. Before I reach out to anyone to transact business, I want to always seek Your ways and Your will in all matters. Once You have approved my business products and systems, then I will go out to serve the people.

Psa 26:7 (NIV) proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.

Let my life and my associations with those around me bring praise and glory to You. Help me to always give You the glory for all my business success. Give me the strength to explain to those who do not know You that all my success in life is coming through You. Give me the wisdom to bring them to You for all their business dealings. Provide them with such a trust in the way You want them to transact business, that they accept You as their Lord and Savior. Let multitudes of people who were going after worldly principles to see how You will make their life and business successful. You will bless all those who will turn from their wick and deceitful business dealings and will come to You for Your transformation.

Psa 26:8 (NIV) I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells. Since I have laid my life and my finances out before You, I have changed where I spend my time. I am no longer spending time before worldly leaders. Instead, I am spending all my time consulting with You. I am sitting at Your feet and learning Your ways. You have all wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. It was foolish of me to spend my time and training anywhere else. You are the One Who knows how to run this world. You are the One Who created all of life's relationships. You understand how to best serve our neighbor. And, from me coming to You for normal life transactions, something very wonderful has happened. I have found out how glorious You really are. In the area of business I established the beginning relationship with You. I came thinking that I just needed what You had to offer. Now I know that I don't just need what You have to offer. I, more than anything, need You.

Psa 26:9 (NIV) Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with bloodthirsty men, While I am in the world doing things that address normal human needs, help me not to be included with the world. Even though I am working with money and temporal items, protect me from becoming a part of the world. Let me be a beacon of Your righteousness and glory to business people and consumers. Let me so set an example of Your wisdom and godly principles that large quantities of people turn to You. I know that I will be out there working with sinners and bloodthirsty people. Sinners will not understand unless You draw them. The bloodthirsty will want to silence me. But I ask You to judge them and stop their influence. I also ask that You would speak to the sinners and help them to understand Your ways.

Psa 26:10 (NIV) in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes. The sinners are pretty much doing what the bloodthirsty are doing. There appears to be no difference between them. However, I know You make a distinction between them. The bloodthirsty have already made up their mind. They have no intentions of serving You and they don't want anyone else to serve You either. The sinners, on the other hand, have a chance. They can be drawn away from these wicked schemes. They can repent of all their bribes. Punish the bloodthirsty and bring the sinners into Your family. Stop the influence and the resistance of the bloodthirsty. Bring the sinners to Your great salvation.

Psa 26:11 (NIV) But I lead a blameless life; redeem me and be merciful to me. Because of Your mercy, I have a blameless life in Jesus. Since I have a blameless life credited to my account, I need Your mercy so I can demonstrate that life. I want to live a blameless life before the people of this world. Let them to see Your power of transformation. Let them to see what You can do in and through them if they will put their trust in You. Only You can see my blamelessness that is credited to my account. The world doesn't get to see Your greatness through me without You changing the way I live. I thank You for giving me this time to start yielding to Your Holy Spirit. I am glad that I am currently safe from total eternal destruction. But, I want to be a light that shines before all people. Live Your blameless life through me. Let them see Your power that You give those who will yield to all You have to offer.

Psa 26:12 (NIV) My feet stand on level ground; in the great assembly I will praise the LORD. My life was totally unpredictable. I never knew what was going to show up next. One minute everything was great. The next minute I was about to lose everything I had. I always was facing things that tripped me up. My footing was completely unsure. Nothing I built on was stable. My life was established on shifting sand. Now I have You going before me. You are leading me where things are stable. I know that You will make everything that happens to me work out for my good. Every place where You lead me is safe. I can count on all my circumstances to have a purpose. Nothing I experience is outside of Your control. I can always keep my eyes on You and know the direction I am to go. My business and personal life have been brought under Your guidance, plan, and control. Your blessings have given me an abundant supply of things to praise You for. I will praise You before the people of this world and before Your people as well. Your ways are the only way to live.

PSALM 27

God, I want to be delivered from all my **fears**.

Psa 27:1 (NIV) Of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid? Lord, You make my way clear. Before You saved me I was walking in darkness. I couldn't see which direction to go. I was lost, confused, and lonely. I had constant fear and depression. There was no place to turn for safety. Now I can see the direction I am to go. You protect me from falling into traps of sin and temptation. You empower me with Your salvation. You shield me from all those things that attack me. With You in my life I have no reason to be afraid. Your salvation formed a stronghold around my life. Fear has been removed from me.

Psa 27:2 (NIV) When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. I use to look at all the things that could happen to me. My mind was filled with all kinds of possible problems and difficulties. I thought about all the things that could go wrong. I was afraid of disease, suffering, and death. I worried about things that never came my way. I suffered from problems that never formed. My life was filled with imagined difficulties that melted before they even got to me. You protect me from all potential issues. When real problems are coming my way, You make them stumble and fall. Those things that are trying to devour me and attack me, You stop them before they can do their damage. I can now see things coming at me and not fear.

Psa 27:3 (NIV) Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. Not only am I being set free from imagined problems and potential harm, I am being set free from the fear of big things. You have so stabilized my heart that even huge threats aren't disturbing my heart. I feel peace in the midst of great attacks. Your healing has been so great that an army can't scare me. Even though war broke out against me, You have filled my heart with the assurance that You are completely protecting me. A supernatural confidence has come into my being and has helped me to feel Your love and protection.

Psa 27:4 (NIV) One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. None of my worry or fretting ever helped. I'm never able to protect myself from any of it. As long as I looked to myself for protection, I suffered from all the possible problems that might come my way. I suffered from things that did happen to me. And, I suffered from things that never happened. Now I see what my need is. I see what I must ask from You. I only need one thing. I want, ask for, and need to stay in Your house all the days of my life. Everything disappears when I gaze at Your beauty. I can't be concentrating on problems and looking at You at the same time. If I am seeking You, my mind is on Your power and Your deliverance. If I am beholding You as You really are, I can readily see that I have nothing to worry about. You and all You have to offer are more than enough to take care of every need I have.

Psa 27:5 (NIV) For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. When real troubles come my way, I know You will keep me safe inside of Your dwelling place. I can live where You live. I can stay hidden inside of the shelter of Your holiness. You have me placed on Christ Jesus, the rock of my salvation. He is too much for anything or anyone to hurt me. Nothing can get to me there. Just knowing that I am safe in Your dwelling, drives away my fears. I feel safe in the arms of Your protection. Jesus died so that I could be totally free from all worry. I honor that death and suffering by putting my complete trust in Him.

Psa 27:6 (NIV) Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

I see all that You are wanting me to see. Your light has made it all clear to me. I see myself lifted up above all those who want to do me harm. I can see my situation being exalted by Your mighty power. I have been using my imagination to envision evil, pain, and calamity. Now I use the faith You have given me to see total victory and peace. I yield to Your Holy Spirit to bring my imagination under His control. I yield to the power of Your Word to inspire my faith to a whole new way of thinking. As I believe in Your great deliverance, I start to offer great shouts of joy. I sing and make music to You for all You have, are, and will do for me. Instead of feeling fear, I feel great joy and am giving great worship to You.

Psa 27:7 (NIV) Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

I know You always hear me when I pray to You, Lord. I know You will always be merciful to me when You answer. Your ears are always open to my cry. You answer all the prayers I pray. Your answers aren't based on what I deserve. I don't have to come to You with my own righteousness. I come to You for transformation in my life. Your miracles are being worked in and through me because of Your mercy. At times when I have nothing good or holy to offer, I know that the righteousness of Christ makes the answers to my prayers possible. The only reason You are able to hear my voice is because of His work. He has purchased mercy for all that I am. Without Him and all He has done for me, my relationship with You, God, would be totally cut off.

Psa 27:8 (NIV) My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

Finally my heart has come into the right attitudes. Salvation turned it toward You. It healed my heart and made to stop seeking the things of the world. It took my eyes off of trying to be my own deliverer. Now my heart is pushing me to seek You and Your constant presence. My heart wants to look at You. It is moving me in Your direction. You are anointing my heart to make You my everything. You are taking the place of all those things I filled my life with. The more I replace them with You, the more my heart seeks You with greater intensity.

Psa 27:9 (NIV) Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior. I know I don't deserve You. There is nothing I have to offer You. I would never have been able to do what it took to build a relationship with You. Based on my life's behavior, You should hide Your face from me. I deserve Your anger and punishment. I deserve to be rejected and forsaken. But, because of the salvation that Jesus made possible, You have been my helper. Don't hide Your face from me. Because of Jesus' salvation, don't turn me away in anger. Because You are my God and Savior, do not reject or forsake me. Continue to be my help and Savior.

Psa 27:10 (NIV) Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. I have suffered great rejection from those who should have loved me. Some of my most important friends have turned their backs on me. I have felt the pain being rejected by people who I thought were my friends. I felt like there was no one who loved me. I was surrounded by complete evidence that I was unlovable. People who knew me best were indicating that I was worthless. People who held my greatest respect said that I didn't deserve to be their friend. They were proving to me that I had nothing to offer. I saw myself as useless to all those around me. I couldn't find anyone who was willing to say I was important. Then You came into my life and received me. You loved me and accepted me just as I was. You became my Father and Mother. You gave me a reason to be glad.

Psa 27:11 (NIV) Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. I know how it feels to be rejected. I know the pain and the loneliness of not having any true friends. You made it possible for me to understand mistreatment. I hated the actions taken against me. I desperately needed people's kindness. You have taught me how important it is to love people. You taught me why I need to be people's friends. Teach me more of Your ways, O Lord. Make me into a person who cares for those around me. Help me to be friendly and accepting. Teach me to love those who think they are useless and unlovable. Help me to use the oppressions of the oppressors. Help me to take advantage of all the pain they taught me. Let me walk in a straight path to those who need You. Let me walk a straight path of honesty, friendliness, love, care, and humility. Never let me forget how painful it all was. Use it to move me into a great ministry of Your deliverance and salvation to all who will listen.

Psa 27:12 (NIV) Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence. The more I move forward in caring for others, the more Satan hates all I am and do. Keep me protected from all his and his cohorts desires. They want to ruin my reputation. They want to spread lies against me and all I am doing. Don't turn me over to their desires. They are trying to bring me back into fear and timidity. They want to scare me back into my shell. They hope to debilitate me to such an extent that I don't reach out to all who need You. Set me free from all they are trying to do to me. Help me to not fear them. Give me great faith in You and all You have, are, and will do for me. Let me see Your great protection and deliverance.

Psa 27:13 (NIV) I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Thank You for answering my prayer. I already feel Your confidence building in my heart. I can feel the fear draining from me. Your Holy Spirit is making Your goodness be obvious to me. You are assuring me that Your goodness will be with me all the days of my life. I arise in that goodness. I open my mouth in confidence in You and all You have to offer. I reach out in acceptance and love to those around me. With Your goodness filling my heart, I reach out and bless the lonely and downtrodden. With You I can be their friend. With all You have to offer, I can be the best friend they have ever had.

Psa 27:14 (NIV) Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Help me to not rush ahead of You. Help me not to try to be people's friends without You doing it through me. I want to offer You rather than human effort. I want them to see You in all that I am and do. You have so much to offer. You are supernatural. I am only human. You can heal them. I can only befriend them. God I wait on You to be their friends through me. I accept Your strength in my heart and life. I believe that You are going to use me in a mighty way to meet the needs of all who will accept You. I believe that You will empower me to share You with every person. I wait on You because Your Holy Spirit is enabling me to wait. My heart is open to You and all You have to offer.

PSALM 28

God, I have become totally dependent on You.

Psa 28:1 (NIV) Of David. To you I call, O LORD my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit. My life has been built around You, God. I have come to realize that I can't live without You. My prayers to You use to be few and far between. I would try to run my own life my own way. But, as I learned how much You love me and want to be my source, I became dependent on You and all You have to offer. My life can't continue without You. You are so great and wonderful, I don't even consider my life to be living when You don't answer my prayers. I have to hear from You constantly. I feel like I am dead when You don't talk to me.

Psa 28:2 (NIV) Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place. I am reaching out to You and You alone. I have found out that there is no other source. I am not appealing to You on the basis of my own rights. I am crying out to You because You are merciful. You are extremely holy and pure. I, in myself, am not. Yet, You allow me to reach toward Your holiness and call out to You for help. Hear my cry, my God. I have to have You. I have found that Your help is not optional. You are vital to all I am and all I do.

Psa 28:3 (NIV) Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts. I know I deserve to be included with the wicked. I haven't done anything to merit Your help and love. I can see my weaknesses and shortcomings. I can feel the draw of sin in my life. There are moments when my whole being rages with desires to do things that are against what You stand for. When people do things that I see as mistreatment, I want to react against them and do them harm. When I get the upper hand over people, I can feel the desire to want to stay there and rejoice over them. I see myself looking like I am nice. But, there is a lot of malice that wants to be entertained in my heart.

It would be easy for You include me with those who do evil. But, because of Your salvation, I am free to use Your power to resist these temptations. The reason You don't include me in their destiny is because of Your great love, grace, and mercy. You have changed me from doing wicked and evil things to those around me. Your power is overcoming the pressures of my body, the lure of the world, and the devices of the devil. I thank You for stopping me from hurting people. I thank You for helping me to love them and care for them. I pray for all who are around me. Flow through me with Your great power and blessings. Meet their needs through my life and ministry.

Psa 28:4 (NIV) Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work; repay them for what their hands have done and bring back upon them what they deserve. Because of Your great work in my life, I am not included in the evil work of the wicked. You have helped me to be a blessing rather than a destructive force. But, there are those who have refused to be changed by You. Even though You have made all the same provisions for them, they have continued to do evil deeds to those around them. Make they pay for the way they are treating people. Keep them from making people suffer. Because they have resisted You and Your great salvation, consider what their hands have done. Hold it against them for being evil when they could be transformed. Repay them for all that they do because they aren't willing to be changed.

Psa 28:5 (NIV) Since they show no regard for the works of the LORD and what his hands have done, he will tear them down and never build them up again. They have no regard for all of the provisions You have paid for. They don't appreciate the suffering and death of Your Son. They refuse to take advantage of all the incredible things You have made available to them and to us. Instead, they continue to live their life in opposition to You and to all the people around them. I thank You for tearing them down and never allowing them to reestablish their efforts again.

Psa 28:6 (NIV) Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. I praise Your Name for putting a stop to all who are using satanic power to do damage to all who are calling on Your Name. Thank You for hearing my cry for Your grace and mercy. I praise You for being there when I need You. There is no way I am going to be able to survive against them. If You had not intervened, I would have been destroyed. Without Your answers to my cries, I wouldn't be available on this earth to praise You. You have protected me and, therefore, have extended my life and ministry.

Psa 28:7 (NIV) The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. I am so glad that I have stopped trying to live my life by my own efforts. Thank You for providing me Your Holy Spirit to teach me how to take more and more advantage of the salvation provisions. He has increased my understanding of all that came with salvation. He is teaching me how to take advantage of my relationship with You. I have given up my faith in my own strength and protection. My dependency has turned to Your strength and defense. It should have been obvious to me. My life has been so much better with You working through me. As this relationship has continued to grow, my heart has learned to trust in You more and more. I am being helped with so many things that use to be impossible. I am now witnessing Your miracles of supernatural work in a magnanimous way all day long.

Joy has filled my life. Not only am I getting victories and miracles, I am being blessed in my heart. Great attitude changes are taking place in me. My days aren't just better. They are filled with great joy and praise. My whole outlook on life has changed. My relationship with You has grown. I have an intense desire to praise and worship You all day long. I will sing Your praises with all my heart and soul.

Psa 28:8 (NIV) The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. Your strength is available to all Your people. Salvation provides great protection for all Christians. Through Your anointed One we can be blessed far beyond what we often take advantage of. Lord help me to share the greatness of all Your provisions to all Christians. Help us to not live below what Jesus paid for. So many of Your people are suffering with things that have been taken care of. They don't know and can't seem to use all that was purchased at the cross. I know it is disappointing to You to see them be defeated. Help all of use to grow into a full knowledge, understanding, and wisdom concerning all we have available in You.

Psa 28:9 (NIV) Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever. Many haven't made a decision to make You their Lord and Savior. You know them and see them waiting and living their life in sin and defeat. They are suffering day by day needlessly. Years are going by that they could be enjoying Your presence. Things keep them from turning and giving their life over to You. You know they are coming at some point in their life. I pray for them that they will see the folly of their delay. Save them and bless them as Your inheritance. They belong to You. Be our Shepherd. Carry us in Your arms forever, I pray.

PSALM 29

God, You rule over all circumstances and all creation.

Psa 29:1 (NIV) A psalm of David. Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

No matter how big I think I get, God. I am still nothing in comparison to You. Even those things I accomplish, I didn't do them without Your constant help. All those things I did on my own didn't bring blessings or help to me or the people I did them for. You are the One Who deserves praise and honor. I am so glad Your strength is available to me. I have seen You accomplish great and wonderful things in and through my life. Your strength is the answer to all my needs. I give you complete glory, praise, and honor. Nothing or no one else deserves credit for all the good things that are happening to me.

Psa 29:2 (NIV) Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. I give You the credit for my life and my accomplishments. I give You glory for all these great spiritual provisions. It has all been a part of Your plan. I would never have thought of anything that would have solved the situations I and the rest of the world face. Not only did You come up with the plan. You paid the extreme sacrifices for making it work. Everything good has come from You. You have withheld nothing good from me. You have blessed me far beyond anything I will ever deserve. I love You and praise You for all that I have, all that I am, and all I will be in eternity. I worship You and bow down before You. You are beautiful. Your splendor is beyond words. Your holiness is beyond human comprehension.

Psa 29:3 (NIV) The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. I can hear Your voice as the tides come in. I can see Your glory as waters fall over the water fall. Your love comes through clearly as all creation testifies with a loud voice. No one is so deaf that they can't hear Your voice thunder through all You have made. Your glory shines through and flows like mighty waters falling over a cliff. You have made sure we all know that You exist and that You reward us when we earnestly seek You. No one in all the earth has been able to ignore Your glory. You have made everything and no one can honestly deny that truth.

Psa 29:4 (NIV) The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. Your voice has spoken powerfully in my life. It has spoken creative things into all my situations. Nothing has been able to resist Your mighty deliverance. Your majestic voice hasn't just been impressive, it has been my salvation and all my protection. Your voice has brought comfort and safety to my heart. I hear how powerful and majestic it is and I know that nothing can harm me. It comes with such a powerful sound that I know that nothing is big enough or powerful enough to get through You to me.

Psa 29:5 (NIV) The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. All You have to do is speak and amazing things happen. You don't even have to grab a tree to break it in two. You can just whisper and it shatters under the pressure of Your words. You can speak and anything that stands in Your way will fall before You. You can take all the cedars of Lebanon and break them into pieces all at once. Those things that look strong and irresistible all fall at Your feet. Those things that tend to make me feel safe and secure offer no protection from the words of Your mouth. I turn from looking to them for safety. I listen, instead, to Your voice. I put all my trust in You. All You have to do is speak and all my troubles and problems bow down before Your voice.

Psa 29:6 (NIV) He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. You make the forests dance before You. You make the mountains skip like a young ox. You hold all things in Your hands. You keep them in Your control. The beauty of the forests and mountains are the handicraft of Your love. They show forth the greatness of Your heart. You have made them beautiful and majestic to let us see the character of Your provisions. Nothing can hide the message they are showing. They are displaying the magnitude of the works of Your hands. You built them as monuments to Your grace and mercy. Nothing we build is comparable to Your skill and ingenuity.

Psa 29:7 (NIV) The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. The lightning in the sky shows how Your voice works. The light and power You speak can set us free or destroy us in rebellion. I want to let Your voice flow through me to set the captives free. I want Your voice to flow through me to destroy all the works of the devil. Let the lightning bolts of Your voice be represented in my life and ministry. Let the whole world know that You are great and powerful. Let them see the manifestations of Your power. Let Your voice speak to the needs of these people. Touch their lives with instant, powerful, lasting healing for their eternal condition. Move mightily so that the whole world can see how great You are. Let them see how great Your deliverance is.

Psa 29:8 (NIV) The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. Nothing is too hard for You. No matter how high or how low. No matter how hot or how cold. No matter how wet or how dry. No matter how big or how small. You are involved in it all. You have given great consideration to all the details of life. You are taking care of us regardless of where we are. It is Your voice that changes the circumstances and makes sure all our needs are met. Even though the desert is a barren and desolate place, You have made provisions for Your people. You grow food bearing plants in places where it looks like nothing could live. You are everywhere supplying everything we need.

Psa 29:9 (NIV) The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" Regardless of how desperate the situation is You are in control of it all. All the storms of life are smaller than Your voice. We can see Your power in the wind, the rain, and the weather. You have the power to destroy all life and all of existence. The only reason it isn't all destroyed is because You are holding it all together by Your mighty power. When the earth is shaking and our life is in danger, we are being protected by You. When nothing seems safe, we know You are watching over us. As You bring the world to an end, we look to Your great promises and relax.

Psa 29:10 (NIV) The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. The floods may come and the floods may go. But, You are in power over them all. Nothing is going to be able to separate me from You and all Your love. Even when Satan come in like a flood, You will raise up a wall against him. You sit on Your throne and rule over all existence. You are King of kings and Lord of lords. You are God over all. I know that nothing or no one is going to dethrone You. You are the only One I trust. I am excited that You are too powerful to be defeated. I am eternally grateful that You have made sure that nothing can stop You from doing Your plan. You are God forever and ever. I praise You with all my heart.

Psa 29:11 (NIV) The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace. Whether it be winds, floods, earth quakes or other human problems, I know that You will give me the strength to overcome it all. I will not be afraid because I know You are living in me. I know that Your power will see to it that I can face every issue in the way You want me to face it. You have blessed me with great peace. When normally I would be afraid, Your peace supplies me with complete faith in You. I would typically worry about almost everything that happens. Fear would occupy most of my waking moments. But, because of Your blessings, I feel Your power and Your peace comforting me in all situations. Praise Your holy name.

PSALM 30

God, I want to do Your **ministry**.

Psa 30:1 (NIV) A psalm. A song. For the dedication of the temple. Of David. I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. My body was anything but Your temple, mighty God. I used it for sin and selfish pleasure. I gravitated to whatever felt good to me. I had no purpose or plan for my life. Sin and sinners took advantage of me. I soon was no longer making my own decisions. I became a slave to my body and sinners. But, You lifted me out of all of that. You brought me out of the pit I had dug myself into. You set me free from the penalty of sin and did not let my enemies keep control over me.

Psa 30:2 (NIV) O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Even though I put myself in all of that sin and rebellion against You, You still helped me when I called. In spite of all of my unrighteousness and filthiness, You reached down and healed me. You cleansed me from all of the sin that had attached itself to me. You healed me from all the patterns of sin that I had developed. You helped me find You and call on Your name. Thank You for not rejecting me and leaving in the pit of sin and degradation.

Psa 30:3 (NIV) O LORD, you brought me up from the grave ; you spared me from going down into the pit. I was dead in my trespasses and sins. I was going to spend eternity without You. I was going to experience the second death and pay for all my sins. I was on my way to hell. But, You brought me up out the grave. You kept me from spending eternity in the lake of fire. Not only did You deliver me from all the pain and suffering from the sins in this life, You delivered me from all the pain and suffering in eternity.

Psa 30:4 (NIV) Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

I sing songs to You from the depths of my heart. I praise You all the day long. I never run out of love and appreciation for all You mean to me. I don't know why You cared. But, I am thankful that You do. No one has ever cared for me like You do. I have never been treated with such love and concern. You are The great God and yet You are aware of me and all my needs. Even though I was a sinner and was Your enemy, You still noticed my plight and stepped into my situation. I praise You and worship You and commit myself to worshipping You all the days of my life. Your Holy Spirit will empower me to love and praise You for now and eternity.

Psa 30:5 (NIV) For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. From time to time I have wandered from Your will for my life. I would get distracted by the desires of my body, the lure of the world, or some temptation of the devil. Because of Your grace, You stepped in and chastened me. You helped me see the error I was making. Instead of letting my enemy, the devil, overtake me; You use Your correction to make it clear to me. You could have let my enemy have me for awhile. He would have done great damage to me. But, instead, You punished me for a moment and helped me see how dangerous my situation really was. I cried and was made sad for a moment. For a night I was aware of Your anger. But, in the morning I was back in Your favor. Your correction just lasts for a short time.

Psa 30:6 (NIV) When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." One of my main problems with being blessed is I can sometimes feel secure in myself. I can start looking at all the blessings and successes and forget that You are the One Who did it all. It can appear to me that I have finally learned Your Truth and am well on my way to being a great Christian. I start feeling secure in my spiritual growth. I start saying that nothing is going to be able to tempt me. I am finally secure in my stand in Your Word. I ignore the fact that You alone are keeping me. I forget that it doesn't just matter what kind of relationship I had with You yesterday. I need You just as much today.

Psa 30:7 (NIV) O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. Finally I wake up and realize that things are only great when You favor me. I am on top of the mountain when You are blessing me. As long as You are putting Your power into my life, I am in great shape. The moment You hide Your face from me, I am lost. I haven't come to any spiritual place where I can live one second without You. I am only doing as great as You are working Your greatness in and through me. I can see the patter of how this all works. It has been Your favor all the time. It never was my spiritual growth that was making things wonderful. I would spend all my days in dismay and defeat without You.

Psa 30:8 (NIV) To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: I am sorry, O Lord. I repent of my arrogance and pride. Please forgive me of all my looking to my spiritual accomplishments. Be merciful for my ignorance and infantile approach to our relationship. I ask You to send Your favor back into my life. It is clear, now, that I have to have You constantly. I never will be anything outside of all You have to offer. Come back into a close relationship with me. I was wrong for moving away from Your great provisions. My eyes are back on You and all You want to do in and through me. Help me to never get lifted up in pride against You. Help me to never look at who You have made me and see it as something I had done. Work mightily through me to the needy. Let me be used by You once again. I believe that Your Holy Spirit will empower me to never see anything You do as coming because of me.

Psa 30:9 (NIV) "What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?" How am I going to do Your ministry? What benefit will come from You rejecting me? If I am put on the sideline, will I be able to show forth Your glory? If You decide it is time for me to leave this earth, will my dead body be able to tell the world Who You are? Will my dead body proclaim the message of Your faithfulness? I can only do what I am commissioned to do, if You will forgive me and renew my position in Your ministry. I appeal to Your grace and mercy. I lay my life and ministry at Your feet. Your Holy Spirit is doing an awesome job in me. He has and is making Your training clear. I know I have made massive mistakes. I can see, through His revelations, how wrong I have been. See the work Your Holy Spirit has done and let it be used for Your glory.

Psa 30:10 (NIV) Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help."

Hear my cries, O Lord. Let Your mercy be the reason why You come to my rescue. Let Your great help come into my life. Help me to do the ministry You have called me to. Open my life up and use me to produce Your praise and glory before all people. I have nothing to offer in myself. There is no reason You would want to use me. The only thing I have is the work You have done in spite of me. If it weren't for Your Holy Spirit's work, I would be useless to all You want to do. But, He has done this great work. He will continue to empower and train my life and ministry. The Holy Spirit is using all that Jesus has provided to cause rivers of living water to flow through my inner most being. He will not let me fail You. He will demonstrate Your complete glory and honor through me. I believe in Him and all You have provided.

Psa 30:11 (NIV) You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, Thank You very much for forgiving me and using me by Your greatness. I know You will keep me secure in Your power and Word. I know Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Your Word are resident in my life and ministry. I know that You are performing Your great work in and through me to the needs of the needy. I know You will let me glorify Your Name before all people. I know that You will receive all praise and thanksgiving. I believe in You for total humility in my heart. My trust is totally in You, my God. I have no promises that I can make in confidence in myself. I have all my confidence in You. I believe that You will keep all that I have committed to You for now and eternity. Thank You for making all this possible.

Psa 30:12 (NIV) that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. You have filled my heart with singing. You opened my mouth with praises before all mankind. You set me free from silence. You empowered me to shout out Your greatness to all. I give You thanks for time and eternity. Your Holy Spirit is pouring out all You are in and through me. Your greatness shall be known by all mankind. You will be praised by all who accept You. Multitudes will sing praises to Your Name. The world will hear about Your greatness. I believe You will help me and those willing to go to every person on earth. I believe You will empower us to tell them all how great and how generous You are. You have given us Your permission in Your great commission. You have empowered us by the power of Your Holy Spirit. You have provided us the life and ministry of Your Son, Jesus. We will go forth in great power and success to fulfill what You have commissioned us to do.