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Psalms 49–51; 61–66; 69–72; 77–78; 86–86

“I WILL DECLARE WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR MY SOUL”

Summary: *Psalm 49. Men cannot be ransomed or redeemed by wealth—God alone can redeem a soul from the grave—The glory of a rich man ceases with his death.*

Psalm 50. Asaph speaks of the Second Coming—The Lord accepts the sacrifices of the righteous and will deliver them—Those whose conduct is right will see the salvation of God.

Psalm 51. David pleads for forgiveness after he went in to Bathsheba—He pleads, Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 61. David finds shelter in the Lord, abides in the Lord’s presence, and keeps his own vows.

Psalm 62. David praises God as his defense, his rock, and his salvation—The Lord judges men according to their works.

Psalm 63. David thirsts for God, whom he praises with joyful lips. (A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.)

Psalm 64. David prays for safety—The righteous will be glad in heart.

Psalm 65. David speaks of the blessedness of God’s chosen—The Lord sends rain and good things upon the earth.

Psalm 66. Praise and worship the Lord—He tests and tries men—Sacrifices are to be offered in His house.

Psalm 69. A messianic psalm of David—The zeal of the Lord’s house has eaten Him up—Reproach has broken His heart—He is given gall and vinegar to drink—He is persecuted—He will save Zion.

Psalm 70. David proclaims, Let God be magnified.

Psalm 71. David praises God with thanksgiving—Who is like unto the Lord!

Psalm 72. David speaks of Solomon, who is made a type of the Messiah—He will have dominion—His name will endure forever—All nations will call him blessed—The whole earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord.

Psalm 77. The righteous cry unto the Lord—They remember the wonders of old, how He redeemed the sons of Jacob and led Israel like a flock.

Psalm 78. The Israelites are to teach the Lord’s law to their children—Disobedient Israel provoked the Lord in the wilderness—The Egyptian plagues are recounted—The Lord chooses and blesses Judah and David.

Psalm 85. The Lord speaks peace to His people—Truth will spring out of the earth (the Book of Mormon), and righteousness will look down from heaven.

Psalm 86. David implores God for mercy and is saved from the lowest hell—The Lord is good and generous in mercy—All nations will worship before Him.

**Supplemental
Jewish and Holy
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<u>Psalm Verses:</u>	<u>Connecting thoughts and scriptures:</u>		
Psalm 49:15 “But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me.” Psalm 49:3 “Be merciful unto me.” Psalm 49:11 “Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.” Psalm 49:17 “Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.”	Resurrection is the gift for all.	God.”	of faith, yea, even if ye can no more than desire to believe, let this desire work in you, even until ye believe in a manner that ye can give place for a portion of my words.” (Alma 32 27)
Psalm 50:23 “Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of	“But behold, if ye will awake and arouse your faculties, even to an experiment upon my words, and exercise a particle	Psalm 51:2 “Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.”	Only the Lord will forget our sins (through the ordinance of repentance and baptism forgiveness of sins), He is the only one that paid for them all. “I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (Jeremiah 31:31) Remembering our sins keeps reminding us of His mercy! The unusual sacrifice of the Red Calf in (Numbers 19) refers to the purification for sin. That was performed on the Mount of Olives, above the temple wall and still north of the altar. It is likely the Gethsemane and the Messiah’s second-coming-in-red-clothing

	location.
Psalm 61:2 “From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the <u>rock</u> that is higher than I.”	“The reading from the <i>Torah</i> describes the sacrifices brought by the princes at the dedication of the sanctuary, and the kindling of the candelabrum; special haftarot are prescribed for the Sabbaths of <i>Hanukkah</i> . In the Ashkenazi rite, a hymn called <i>Ma’oz Zur</i> (O Fortress, <u>Rock</u> of my salvation) is sung.” (<i>Encyclopedia Judaica Jr.</i>)
Psalm 62:7 “In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.”	“ADON OLAM (“Lord of the world”) . . . is a rhymed poem of unknown authorship, which was probably written in Babylon around the tenth century. The present version, as it appears in the Ashkenazi service, consists of ten verses. The first six speak of God the eternal, all-powerful and ever- ruling Creator of the universe. The next four verses are more personal in nature. Here, God is much closer to the individual worshiper, his hopes and his fears. “He is my God, my

	Redeemer, my Rock in time of trouble” There is another sensitive parallel to be seen in the lesson Moses learned as he struck the rock. Giving “Living Water” to the Israelites, Moses was reminded who the real “Rock of Salvation” was. Peter (a Greek nickname for Simon), son of Jonah, who when sinking in the Sea of Galilee cried out to the Lord, “Save me,” was probably being taught—as Moses was— who the real “ <u>Rock</u> of Salvation” was. The Lord’s highest trusted servants on the earth were honored with titles or names emulating their Master, reminding them that HE is the master.
Psalm 63:2 “To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.”	The Sanctuary is the Temple complex. Our homes can become the “temple” model of the Lord’s house. Entertainment brought in by various vicarious means may challenge us today as it did in the past! On the other hand, our homes may be

	the model to prepare us daily to live with Him, in His house, and in His city.
Psalm 64:10 “The righteous shall be glad in the LORD AND shall <u>trust</u> in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.”	The biblical word <i>emunah</i> (and its other forms) which is often translated as “belief ” really means “trust” or “confidence . . .” (Encyclopedia Judaica Jr.)
Psalm 65:9 “Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, (grain) when thou hast so provided for it.”	Another name for the Lord is Water or Living Waters. The name for heaven in Hebrew is “ <i>Shamayim</i> .” It means, “from the waters!” Water comes from heaven and so does the Lord. Many images of water are used in the scriptures
Psalm 66:19-20 “But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.”	He hears me!
Psalm 69:32-33 “The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God. For the Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.”	“To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.” (Isaiah 42:7) “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to

	preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;” (Isaiah 61:1)
Psalm 70:1 “Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.”	He is my Deliverer!
Psalm 71:8 “Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.”	May I relate all that I choose to learn as a testimony of my Savior.
Psalm 72:19 “And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled <i>with</i> his glory; Amen, and Amen.”	The creator!
Psalm 77:6 “I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.”	Abide with Me; 'Tis Eventide, Text: M. Lowrie Hofford, 1825–1888, Music: Harrison Millard, 1830–1895 (Hymn)
Psalm 78:13-16 “He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap. In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire. He clave the rocks in the wilderness	The Savior of the Exodus. He parted the red sea; He was a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. He is the Rock of Salvation who provided Living Waters.

and gave them drink as out of the great depths. He brought streams also out of the rock and caused waters to run down like rivers.”	
Psalm 85:2 “Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin.”	“I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (Jeremiah 31:31) Remembering our sins keeps reminding us of His mercy!
Psalm 86:12 “I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my	“. . . put my name upon the children of Israel” (Numbers

heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.”	6:27) “Thus shall my church be called in the last days, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints” (Doctrine and Covenants 115:4).
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