

PSALM 71. J. H.

**M**Y Lord, my God, in all distress  
Then let no shame my soul oppress,  
As thou art just, defend me, Lord,  
Give ear, and to my suit accord,  
Be thou my rock, to whom I may  
Thy promise is to help away,  
Save me, my God, from wicked men,  
From folk unjust, and also them  
Thou art my stay whereon I rest,  
Ev'n from my youth I thought it best  
Thou hast me kept ev'n from my birth,  
Wherefore I will thee praise with mirth  
As to a monster seldom seen  
But thou art now, and still hast been  
Wherefore my mouth for ever shall  
Also my tongue shall never fail  
Refuse me not, O Lord, I pray,  
And when my strength doth waste away  
Among themselves my foes enquire  
And they against me do conspire

*The Second Part.*

11 Lay hands upon him now, they said,  
Dispatch him quick, for to his aid  
12 Do not withdraw thyself away,  
But that in time of grief I may  
13 With shame confound and overthrow  
Suppress them with rebuke also  
14 But I will patiently abide  
Still more and more each time and tide  
15 My mouth thy justice shall record  
For thy great benefits, O Lord,  
16 Yet will I go and seek for one,  
The saving health of thee alone  
17 For of my youth thou took'st the care,  
Therefore thy wonders to declare  
18 And as in youth from wanton rage  
Forsoke me not in my old age,

*The Third Part.*

19 That I thy strength and might may show  
And that our seed thy pow'r may know  
20 O Lord, thy justice doth exceed,  
Thy works are wonderful indeed,  
21 Thou mad'st me feel affliction sore,  
Yea, thou didst help and me restore,  
22 And thou my honour dost increase,  
Yea, thou dost make all grief to cease,  
23 Therefore thy faithfulness to praise  
My harp shall found thy laud always,  
24 My mouth will joy with pleasant voice  
Also my soul shall much rejoice,  
25 My tongue thy righteousness shall found,  
For grief and shame do them confound,

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**L**ord, give thy judgements to the king,  
and with his son in every thing,  
That he may govern uprightly,  
And so defend with equity  
And let the mountains that are high  
Let little hills also apply,

my hope is whole in thee :  
nor once take hold on me,  
and rid me out of dread ;  
and send me help at need.  
for aid all times resort :  
thou art my fence and fort.  
and from their strength & pow'r ;  
that cruelly devour.  
thou Lord of hosts, art he ;  
still to depend on thee.  
and I through thee was born ;  
both ev'ning and at morn.  
much folk about me throng ;  
my fence and aid most strong.  
be filled with thy praise,  
to honour thee always.  
when age my limbs doth take,  
do not my soul forsake.  
to take me through deceit ;  
that for my soul lay wait :

for God from him is gone ;  
most true there cometh none.  
O Lord, when need shall be,  
have speedy help from thee.  
all those that seek my life ;  
that fain would work me strife.  
thy help at all essays ;  
I will set forth thy praise :  
that daily help doth fend ;  
no numbers have nor end.  
with thy good help, O God,  
to shew and set abroad.  
and dost instruct me still ;  
I have great mind and will.  
thou didst me keep and stay,  
and when my head is gray ;

to them that now be here,  
hereafter many year.  
thy doings all may see ;  
Oh, who is like to thee !  
and yet thou didst me save ;  
and took'st me from the grave :  
my dignity maintain ;  
and comfort 't me again :  
I will with viol sing ;  
O Israel's holy King,  
when I shall sing to thee,  
for thou hast set me free.  
I daily speak it will ;  
that seek to work me ill.

therein instruct him well ;  
Lord, let thy justice dwell ;  
and rule thy folk with right ;  
the poor that have no might,  
unto thy folk give peace,  
in justice to increase :

4 That he may help the weak and poor  
And so destroy for evermore  
5 And then from age to age shall they  
So long as sun doth shine by day,  
6 Lord, make the king unto the just  
And like to drops that lay the dust,  
7 The just shall flourish in his days  
Until the moon shall cease always  
8 He shall be Lord, and have command  
And from the floods within the land  
9 The people that in deserts dwell  
And all his foes that do rebel  
10 The lords of all the isles also  
Arabia and Saba's kings

with aid, and make them strong,  
all those that do them wrong.  
regard and fear thy might,  
or moon give light by night,  
like rain to fields new mown,  
refreshing land new fown,  
and all shall be at peace ;  
to change, waste, or increase.  
from shore to shore throughout,  
thro' all the earth about.  
shall kneel to him full thick ;  
the earth and dust shall lick ;  
great gifts to him shall bring,  
give many a costly thing :

*The Second Part.*

11 All kings shall seek with one accord  
And all the people of the world  
12 For he the needy fort doth save  
Also the simple folk that have  
13 He taketh pity on the poor  
He doth preserve them evermore,  
14 He shall redeem their souls from dread,  
Also their blood that shall be shed  
15 But he shall live, and they shall bring  
He shall be honour'd as a king,  
16 The mighty mountains of his land  
That it like cedar-trees shall stand  
17 Their cities also well shall speed,  
In plenty it shall so exceed,  
18 For ever they shall praise his Name,  
And think them happy through the same ;  
19 Praise ye the Lord of hosts, and sing  
For he doth ev'ry wondrous thing,  
20 And blessed be his holy Name  
Let all the earth still praise the same.

PSALM 73.

**T**Ruly the Lord is very good  
And to all such as safely keep  
2 But as for me, I almost slip'd,  
Before that I was well aware  
3 For when I saw folk foolish men,  
That wicked men all things should have  
4 They never suffer pains nor grief,  
Their bodies are full stout and strong,  
5 Always free from adversity  
With other men they take no part  
6 Therefore presumption doth embrace  
They are ev'n wrapt as in a robe  
7 They are so fed, that ev'n with fat  
And as for worldly goods, they have  
8 Their life is most licentious, and  
How they the poor and simple have  
9 They set their mouth against the heavens,  
They proudly boast of worldly things ;  
10 God's people often do turn back  
And almost drink the self-same cup,

in his good grace to stand,  
obey at his command ;  
that unto him do call,  
no help of man at all.  
that are with need oppress'd,  
and bring their souls to rest ;  
from fraud, from wrong, & might ;  
is precious in his sight.  
to him of Saba's gold,  
and daily be extoll'd,  
of corn shall bear such throng,  
in Libanus full long,  
the fruits thereof surpass ;  
and spring as green as grass,  
while that the sun is light,  
all folk shall bless his might,  
to Israel's God each one ;  
yea, he himself alone ;  
all times eternally ;  
Amen, Amen, say I.

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and kind to Israel,  
their conscience pure and well,  
my feet began to slide ;  
my steps did turn aside.  
I grudg'd with great disdain,  
without turmoil and pain ;  
as if death should them smite,  
and ever in good plight ;  
and ev'ry sad event,  
of plague or punishment,  
their necks as doth a chain,  
with rapine and disdain ;  
their eyes oft-times outstart,  
more than can with their heart ;  
they boast much with their tongue  
oppressed with great wrong ;  
and do the Lord blaspheme,  
no one they do esteem.  
to see their prosperous state,  
and talk at the same rate :

*The Second Part.*

11 How can it be, that God, say they,  
These worldly things, since wicked men  
12 For we may see how wicked men  
Rewarded well with worldly goods,

should know or understand  
be lords of sea and land ?  
in riches still increase,  
and live in rest and peace :