

Psalm 66

A Song or Psalm

King James Version (KJV)

66 Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

² Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

³ Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. (terrible= awesome or revered – feared by His enemies only) (Revelation-15:3-4 <-> compare to 3-4 of this Psalm.)

⁴ All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

⁵ Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men. (terrible= awesome)

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him. See Joshua-3:17 –crossing the Jordan

⁷ He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

⁸ O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

⁹ Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

¹⁰ For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. (proved= tested) (Tried- as metal is refined in the fire to remove impurities)

¹¹ Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. (They were snared in God's love, and worked hard to learn His word)

¹² Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. (first in bondage in Egypt, then through the wilderness, into the promised land) (wealthy place= a place of freedom)

¹³ I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,

¹⁴ Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah. (incense of rams-> rams not typically offered by the people, but rather by priests, princes or others of higher status)

¹⁶ Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. (fear= revere)

¹⁷ I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue. (Bad translation – when I prayed to the Lord, I was so sure He heard that I already had a song of praise and thanks)

¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: (iniquity= vanity, usually idolatry)

¹⁹ But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰ Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

To the chief musician on Neg-i-noth Smitings

Remembering times of trouble for Israel, and a thanks for its ending. Unknown writer. (verses 1-12 about the people, 13-20 about the psalmist)