

Psalm 31

A Psalm of David

King James Version (KJV)

31 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

² Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

³ For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

⁴ Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength. (privily= secretly or covertly)

⁵ Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. See Luke 23:46 – also Jesus' last words.

⁶ I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

⁷ I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

⁸ And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room. (large room suggests freedom, not captivity)

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

¹⁰ For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed. (David refers to his adultery with Bathsheba)

¹¹ I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me. (was= became)

¹² I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

¹³ For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life. (life= soul – spiritual life)

¹⁴ But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God.

¹⁵ My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. (My times= my affairs)

¹⁶ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. Numbers-6:24-26

¹⁷ Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave. (Let them be cut off for the grave – better translation)

¹⁸ Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

¹⁹ Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! (fear= revere)

²⁰ Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. (pavilion= a temple, also can be a wedding tent – see Rev-20:4-6)

²¹ Blessed be the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city. (strong city= a fortified or fenced city)

²² For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

²³ O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. (proud to serve God-reward... proud of yourself- punishment)

²⁴ Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

Written in view of Psalm 20 – Jacob's trouble