Psalm 68

4. 7When thou didst march before thy folk, th’Egyptians from among, And broughtest them through the wilderness, which was both wide and long, 8The earth did quake, the rain poured down heard were great claps of thunder: The mount Sinai shook in such sort, as it would cleave a sunder.

5. 9Thine heritage with drops of rain, abundantly was washed:22 And if so be it barren waxed, by thee it was refreshed. 10Thy chosen flock doth there remain: thou hast prepared that place: And for the poor thou didst provide, of thine especial grace.

6. 11God will give women causes just to magnify his name: When as his people triumphs make, and purchase brute and fame. 12For puissant kings for all their power shall flee and take the foil: And women which remain at home, shall help to part the spoil.

7. 13And though ye were as black as pots, your hew should pass the dove, Whose wings and feather seem to have, silver and gold above. 14When in this land God shall triumph over kings both high and low, Then shall it be like Zalmon hill, as white as any snow.

8. 15Though Bashan be a fruitful hill, and in height others pass: Yet Zion, god’s most holy hill, doth far excel in grace. 16Why brag ye thus, ye hills most high, and leap for pride together? This hill of Zion, God doth love, and there will dwell forever.

9. 17God’s army is two millions of warriors good and strong: The Lord also in Sinai is present among. 18Thou didst, O Lord, ascend on high, and captives led them all: Who in times past thy chosen flock in prison kept and thrall.

10. Thou madest them tribute for to pay: and such as did repine, Thou didst subdue, that they might dwell in thy temple devine. 19Now praised be the Lord, for that he poureth on us such grace: From day to day he is the God of our health and solace.

11. 20He is the God from whom alone, salvation cometh plain: he is the God by whom we scape, all dangers, death and pain. 21Thus God will wound his enemy’s head, and break the hairy scalp Of those, that in their wickedness, continually do walk.

12. 22From Bashan will I bring, said he, my people and my sheep, And all mine own, as I have done, from danger of the deep. 23And make them dip their feet in blood, of those that hate my name: And dogs shall have their tongues embrood23 with licking of the same.

13. 24All men may see how thou, O God, thine enemies dost deface, And how thou goest, as God and King, into thine holy place. 25The singers go before with joy: the minstrels follow after, And in the midst the damsels play with timbrel and with taber.

14. 26Now in thy congregations, O Israel, praise the Lord: And Jacob’s whole posterity, give thanks with one accord. 27Their chief was little Benjamin, but Judah made their host: With Zebulon, and Naphtali, which dwelt about their coast.

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22 Washed.

23 Covered, surrounded, and incorporated as like a brew.
15. As God hath given power to thee, so, Lord, make firm and sure, 
The thing that thou hast wrought in us, forever to endure. 
And in thy temple gifts will we give unto thee, O Lord, 
For thine unto Jerusalem sure promise made by word.

16. Yea, and strange kings, to us subdued, 
shall do like in those days: 
I mean, to thee, they shall present 
their gifts of laud and praise. 
He shall destroy the spearmen’s ranks, 
these calves and bulls of might, 
And cause them tribute pay, and daunt 
all such as love to fight.

17. Then shall the lords of Egypt come, 
and presents with them bring: 
The Moors most black shall stretch their hands 
unto their Lord and King. 
Therefore ye kingdoms of the earth, 
give praise unto the Lord: 
Sing psalms to God with one consent: 
thereto let all accord.

18. Who though he ride and ever hath 
above the heavens bright, 
Yet by the fearful thunderclaps 
men may well know his might. 
Therefore the strength of Israel 
ascrbe to God on high, 
Whose might and power doth far extend, 
above the cloudy sky.

19. O God, thine holiness and power, 
is dade24 evermore: 
The God of Israel giveth us strength, 
praise be God therefore.

24 Dreaded.