Lifelight: Selected Psalms Session 8 Readings

# Day 1

### Psalm 21

- 1 TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID. O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah
- 3 For you meet him with rich blessings; you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever and ever.
- 5 His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you bestow on him.
- 6 For you make him most blessed forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.
- 7 For the king trusts in the LORD, and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.
- 8 Your hand will find out all your enemies; your right hand will find out those who hate you.
- 9 You will make them as a blazing oven when you appear. The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath, and fire will consume them.
- 10 You will destroy their descendants from the earth, and their offspring from among the children of man.
- 11 Though they plan evil against you, though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.
- 12 For you will put them to flight; you will aim at their faces with your bows.
- 13 Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

# Day 2

#### Psalm 132

- 1 A SONG OF ASCENTS.Remember, O LORD, in David's favor, all the hardships he endured,
- 2 how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
- 3 "I will not enter my house or get into my bed,
- 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
- 5 until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.
- 7 "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!"
- 8 Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your saints shout for joy.
- 10 For the sake of your servant David, do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
- 11 The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.
- 12 If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their sons also forever shall sit on your throne."
- 13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place:
- 14 "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

- 15 I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- 16 Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.
- 17 There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
- 18 His enemies I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown will shine."

### 2 Samuel 7:1-16

- 1 Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,
- 2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent."
- 3 And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."
- 4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan,
- 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?
- 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling.
- 7 In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"
- 8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.
- 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.
- 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly,
- 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.
- 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
- 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,
- 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.
- 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

# Psalm 66:7

7 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations- let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah

### Colossians 1:15

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

# Ephesians 5:23-24

- 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.
- 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

# Colossians 1:18

18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

#### 2 Peter 1:11

11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Revelation 5:13

13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

### Luke 1:69-71

69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

71 that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

# Day 3

### Psalm 45

- 1 TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO LILIES. A MASKIL OF THE SONS OF KORAH; A LOVE SONG. My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.
- 2 You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.
- 3 Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty!
- 4 In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!
- 5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.

- 6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
- 7 you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
- 8 your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
- 9 daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
- 10 Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house.
- 11 and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.
- 12 The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.
- 13 All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.
- 14 In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her.
- 15 With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.
- 16 In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.
- 17 I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

### Luke 4:22

22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

# Revelation 1:16

16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

#### Revelation 6:2

2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

# Romans 15:12

12 And again Isaiah says,, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

# Day 4

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#### Hebrews 2:10-13

- 10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.
- 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,
- 12 saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."
- 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

# Day 5

#### Psalm 72

- 1 OF SOLOMON. Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- 3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!
- 5 May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- 7 In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- 9 May desert tribes bow down before him and his enemies lick the dust!
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- 11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- 12 For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!
- 16 May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field!
- 17 May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!
- 18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!
- 20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

#### Acts 13:38-39

38 Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything 39 from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

### Matthew 25:31-41

- 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
- 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
- 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.
- 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
- 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'
- 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?
- 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?
- 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'
- 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'
- 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.