

# Psalm 88

A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah,  
to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth,  
Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

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1. <sup>1</sup>Lord God, my Sav - ior, day and night be - fore thee cried have I.  
2. <sup>3</sup>For trou - bles great do fill my soul; my life draws nigh the grave.  
3. <sup>5</sup>Ev'n free a - mong the dead, like them that slain in grave do lie;  
4. <sup>6</sup>Thou hast me laid in low - est pit, in deeps and dark - some caves.  
5. <sup>8</sup>Thou hast put far from me my friends, thou mad'st them to ab - hor me;



<sup>2</sup>Be - fore thee let my pray - er come; give ear un - to my cry.  
<sup>4</sup>I'm count - ed with those that go down to pit, and no strength have.  
*Cut off from thy hand, whom no more thou hast in mem - or - y.*  
<sup>7</sup>Thy wrath lies hard on me, thou hast me pressed with all thy waves.  
And I am so shut up, that I find no e ya - sion for me.

6. <sup>9</sup>By reason of affliction  
mine eye mourns dolefully:  
To thee, Lord, do I call, and stretch  
my hands continually.

8. <sup>12</sup>Shall thy great wonders in the dark,  
or shall thy righteousness  
Be known to any in the land  
of deep forgetfulness?

10. <sup>15</sup>Distressed am I, and from my youth  
I ready am to die;  
Thy terrors I have borne, and am  
distracted fearfully.

12. <sup>17</sup>For round about me ev'ry day,  
like water, they did roll;  
And, gathering together, they  
have compass-ed my soul.

7. <sup>10</sup>Wilt thou show wonders to the dead?  
shall they rise, and thee bless?  
<sup>11</sup>Shall in the grave thy love be told?  
in death thy faithfulness?

9. <sup>13</sup>But, Lord, to thee I cried; my pray'r  
at morn prevent shall thee.  
<sup>14</sup>Why, Lord, dost thou cast off my soul,  
and hid'st thy face from me?

11. <sup>16</sup>The dreadful fierceness of thy wrath  
quite over me doth go:  
Thy terrors great have cut me off,  
they did pursue me so.

13. <sup>18</sup>My friends thou hast put far from me,  
and him that did me love;  
And those that mine acquaintance were  
to darkness didst remove.