

Psalm 102

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The Prayer of the Afflicted

1A Prayer of the afflicted, when he fainteth, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD. O LORD, hear my prayer, And let my cry come unto Thee.

2Hide not Thy face from me in the day of my distress; Incline Thine ear unto me; In the day when I call answer me speedily.

3For my days are consumed like smoke, And my bones are burned as a hearth.

4My heart is smitten like grass, and withered; For I forget to eat my bread.

5By reason of the voice of my sighing My bones cleave to my flesh.

6I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am become as an owl of the waste places.

7I watch, and am become Like a sparrow that is alone upon the housetop.

8Mine enemies taunt me all the day; They that are mad against me do curse by me.

9For I have eaten ashes like bread, And mingled my drink with weeping,

10Because of Thine indignation and Thy wrath; For Thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.

11My days are like a lengthening shadow; And I am withered like grass.

12But Thou, O LORD, sittest enthroned for ever; And Thy name is unto all generations.

13Thou wilt arise, and have compassion upon Zion; For it is time to be gracious unto her, for the appointed time is come.

14For Thy servants take pleasure in her stones, And love her dust.

- 15** So the nations will fear the name of the LORD, And all the kings of the earth Thy glory;
- 16** When the LORD hath built up Zion, When He hath appeared in His glory;
- 17** When He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute, And hath not despised their prayer.
- 18** This shall be written for the generation to come; And a people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.
- 19** For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven did the LORD behold the earth;
- 20** To hear the groaning of the prisoner; To loose those that are appointed to death;
- 21** That men may tell of the name of the LORD in Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem;
- 22** When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
- 23** He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days.
- 24** I say: 'O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days, Thou whose years endure throughout all generations.
- 25** Of old Thou didst lay the foundation of the earth; And the heavens are the work of Thy hands.
- 26** They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure; Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; As a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall pass away;
- 27** But Thou art the selfsame, And Thy years shall have no end.
- 28** The children of Thy servants shall dwell securely, And their seed shall be established before Thee.'