

# Psalm 69

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## The Waters Are up to My Neck

<sup>1</sup>For the Leader; upon Shoshannim. [A Psalm] of David. Save me, O God; For the waters are come in even unto the soul.

<sup>2</sup>I am sunk in deep mire, where there is no standing; I am come into deep waters, and the flood overwhelmeth me.

<sup>3</sup>I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried; Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

<sup>4</sup>They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; They that would cut me off, being mine enemies wrongfully, are many; Should I restore that which I took not away?

<sup>5</sup>O God, Thou knowest my folly; And my trespasses are not hid from Thee.

**6**Let not them that wait for Thee be ashamed through me, O Lord GOD of hosts; Let not those that seek Thee be brought to confusion through me, O God of Israel.

**7**Because for Thy sake I have borne reproach; Confusion hath covered my face.

**8**I am become a stranger unto my brethren, And an alien unto my mother's children.

**9**Because zeal for Thy house hath eaten me up, And the reproaches of them that reproach Thee are fallen upon me.

**10**And I wept with my soul with fasting, And that became unto me a reproach.

**11**I made sackcloth also my garment, And I became a byword unto them.

**12**They that sit in the gate talk of me; And I am the song of the drunkards.

**13**But as for me, let my prayer be unto Thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time; O God, in the abundance of Thy mercy, Answer me with the truth of Thy salvation.

**14**Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink; Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

**15**Let not the waterflood overwhelm me, Neither let the deep swallow me up; And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

**16**Answer me, O LORD, for Thy mercy is good; According to the multitude of Thy compassions turn Thou unto me.

**17**And hide not Thy face from Thy servant; For I am in distress; answer me speedily.

**18**Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it; Ransom me because of mine enemies.

**19**Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my confusion; Mine adversaries are all before Thee.

**20**Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am sore sick; And I looked for some to show compassion, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none.

**21**Yea, they put poison into my food; And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

**22**Let their table before them become a snare; And when they are in peace, let it become a trap.

**23**Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; And make their loins continually to totter.

**24**Pour out Thine indignation upon them, And let the fierceness of Thine anger overtake them.

**25**Let their encampment be desolate; Let none dwell in their tents.

**26**For they persecute him whom Thou hast smitten; And they tell of the pain of those whom Thou hast wounded.

- 27** Add iniquity unto their iniquity; And let them not come into Thy righteousness.
- 28** Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous.
- 29** But I am afflicted and in pain; Let Thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
- 30** I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.
- 31** And it shall please the LORD better than a bullock That hath horns and hoofs.
- 32** The humble shall see it, and be glad; Ye that seek after God, let your heart revive.
- 33** For the LORD hearkeneth unto the needy, And despiseth not His prisoners.
- 34** Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
- 35** For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah; And they shall abide there, and have it in possession.
- 36** The seed also of His servants shall inherit it; And they that love His name shall dwell therein.