

Psalm 88

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I Cry Out before You

- 1**A Song, a Psalm of the sons of Korah; for the Leader; upon Mahalath Leannoth. Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite. O LORD, God of my salvation, What time I cry in the night before Thee,
- 2**Let my prayer come before Thee, Incline Thine ear unto my cry.
- 3**For my soul is sated with troubles, And my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
- 4**I am counted with them that go down into the pit; I am become as a man that hath no help;
- 5**Set apart among the dead, Like the slain that lie in the grave, Whom Thou rememberest no more; And they are cut off from Thy hand.
- 6**Thou hast laid me in the nether-most pit, In dark places, in the deeps.
- 7**Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, And all Thy waves Thou pressest down. Selah
- 8**Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me; Thou hast made me an abomination unto them; I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

9Mine eye languisheth by reason of affliction; I have called upon Thee, O LORD, every day, I have spread forth my hands unto Thee.

10Wilt Thou work wonders for the dead? Or shall the shades arise and give Thee thanks? Selah

11Shall Thy mercy be declared in the grave? Or Thy faithfulness in destruction?

12Shall Thy wonders be known in the dark? And Thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13But as for me, unto Thee, O LORD, do I cry, And in the morning doth my prayer come to meet Thee.

14LORD, why castest Thou off my soul? Why hidest Thou Thy face from me?

15I am afflicted and at the point of death from my youth up; I have borne Thy terrors, I am distracted.

16Thy fierce wrath is gone over me; Thy terrors have cut me off.

17They came round about me like water all the day; They compassed me about together.

18Friend and companion hast Thou put far from me, And mine acquaintance into darkness.