

# Psalm 88

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## I Cry Out before You

<sup>1</sup>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,

<sup>2</sup>Let my prayer come before Thee, Incline Thine ear unto my cry.

<sup>3</sup>For my soul is sated with troubles, And my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

<sup>4</sup>I am counted with them that go down into the pit; I am become as a man that hath no help;

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>Thou hast laid me in the nether-most pit, In dark places, in the deeps.

<sup>7</sup>Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, And all Thy waves Thou pressest down. Selah

<sup>8</sup>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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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