Psalm 113

1 Hall’lu-Yah!
Sing Hallel, you who serve Adonai—
Sing Hallel to the name Adonai!

2 May the name Adonai be blessed
From now until eternity, in this place and
every place!

3 From the sea where the sun rises to the sea
where it sets,
Hallel is sung to the name Adonai:

4 High above all the nations is Adonai,
God’s glory is beyond the heavens.

5 Who is like Adonai, our God,
Who ascends on high to dwell,
6 Who descends down low to look
Upon the heaven and the earth?!

7 God raises the submerged from the dust,
Elevates the needy from the ash heap,
8 To dwell with nobles,
The most noble of the people,
9 Inviting the childless woman in the house to
dwell
As though she were a joyful mother of children
everywhere:

Hall’lu-Yah!
Psalm 114

1 When Israel went forth from Egypt,
The House of Jacob from a people speaking
Barbarian,
2 Judah became the place from which God’s
holiness went forth,
Israel, the place where God’s sovereignty was
displayed.
3 The sea looked—
And fled!
The Jordan is turning backward,
4 The mountains rocked like rams,
The hills like lambs!
5 What’s with you, Sea, that you are fleeing,
Jordan, that you are turning backwards,
6 Mountains, rocking out like rams,
Hills, like lambs?
7 From before Adon
Whirl about, earth!
From before the face of the God of Jacob—
8 Who turns the rock to a swirling pool of water,
Flinty stone to flowing spring!
Psalm 115 (I–II)

1 Not to us, Adonai, not to us,  
But to Your name grant honor—  
For Your covenantal love, for Your truth.

2 Why do the peoples say,  
"Where, oh where, is their God"—  
3 When our God is in the heavens!  
Whatever You desire, You have done.

4 Their idols are silver and gold,  
Handmade.  
5 A mouth have they, but they speak not;  
Eyes have they, but they see not;  
6 Ears have they, but they hear not,  
A nose have they, but they smell not—  
7 Hands, but they feel not,  
Feet, but they walk not;  
They make no sound in their throat.

8 Just like them are all those who make them,  
Who trust in them.

9 Israel: *trust in Adonai!*  
God is their support and their shield.

10 House of Aaron: *trust in Adonai!*  
God is their support and their shield.

11 Those who revere Adonai: *trust in Adonai!*  
God is their support and their shield.
Psalm 115 (12–18)

12 Adonai has brought us into the Presence,
Blessing us: 
May God bless the House of Israel,
May God bless the House of Aaron,
13 May God bless those who revere Adonai,
The small along with the great.

14 May Adonai cause you to increase,
You and your children with you;

15 Blessed are you of Adonai,
The Maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heavens are the heavens of Adonai,
But the earth God has given to humanity.

17 The dead cannot sing Hall’lu-Yah,
Nor can those who go down to the silent places.

18 So we shall bless Yah
From this moment till eternity—
Hall’lu-Yah!
Psalm 116 (1-11)

1 I am filled with love—
   For Adonai is listening to my voice,
   My pleas.
2 I am filled with love—
   For God’s ear has turned to me.
   And so I shall call out to the Holy One
   All my days.
3 The bonds of death did bind me,
   The Mitzrayim of Sheol confined me,
   And I can find only pain and sorrow.
4 And so I call out the name of Adonai:
   O Adonai—rescue me!
5 Gracious is Adonai, and just,
   Our just God nurtures with compassion!
6 Adonai guards simple people:
   How low did I lie, and God allowed me
   deliverance.
7 Come back, O my being, to thy resting place,
   For Adonai has acted generously with thee,
8 Delivering me from death,
   My eye from the tear,
   My foot from stumbling.
9 I shall walk in the presence of Adonai
   Through lands filled with life.
10 Because of my faith, I can say:
   I am in such pain!
11 I can say in my alarm:
   Everyone is lying!
Psalm 116 (12-19)

12 What can I return to Adonai
For all Your favors unto me?
13 A cup brimming with deliverance shall I raise
And call out Your name: Adonai!
14 I shall make good on my vows to Adonai
In the presence of all the people.

15 Precious in the eyes of Adonai
Is the death of those bound in covenantal love.

16 I pray, Adonai—for I am Your servant,
A child of Your servant—
You have unlocked my shackles.
17 I will offer an offering of thanksgiving to You,
And call out Your name: Adonai!
18 In the presence of all the people
I shall pay fully my promises to Adonai,
19 In the courts of the House of Adonai,
In thine inmost parts, Jerusalem,
Hall’lu-Yah!
Psalm 117

1 Sing Hallel to Adonai, all peoples—
   Praise God, all nations!

2 For God’s covenantal love empowers us,
The Eternal’s truth immortalizes us,
   Hall’lu-Yah!
Psalm 118 (1-4)

1 Give thanks to Adonai, who is good,
For eternal is God’s covenantal love!

2 O let Israel say:
Eternal is God’s covenantal love!

3 O let the House of Aaron say:
For eternal is God’s covenantal love!

4 O let those who revere Adonai say:
For eternal is God’s covenantal love!
Psalm 118 (5-20)

5 From within the narrow space I cried out: Yah! The Holy One answered me in Yah’s expansive space.

6 Have Adoni no need to dread—
What can humans have of me?

7 Have Adoni for help,
So I can stare down my assailants!

8 It is good to take refuge in Adoni—
Better than trusting in princes.

9 It is good to take refuge in Adoni—
Better than trusting in princes.

10 All the peoples have surrounded me;
With the name of Adoni I will cut them off.

12 They have surrounded me like bees;
They will dry up like thorns in a fire.

13 You made me tumble and fall.
But God helped me.

15 My strength and song is Yah.
Who is my deliverance?

16 The right hand of Adoni acts bravely;
The right hand of Adoni acts bravely.

18 Yah afflicted me—agonizingly afflicted me—
And told of the works of Yah.

19 So open the gates of righteousness for me—
I’m coming through them to give thanks to Yah!

20 This is the gate for Adoni,
The just are coming through it!
Psalm 118 (21–24)

21 I thank You for responding to me,  
I have You for deliverance!

22 The stone the builders spurned  
Has become the cornerstone—

23 From Adonai did this come,  
It is wondrous in our eyes!

24 This is the day Adonai has made,  
Let us be rejoice in it, let us be jubilant!
Psalm 118 (25)

25 Please, Adonai, deliver us, please!
Please, Adonai, let us do well, please!
Psalm 118 (26–29)

26 Blessed is the one who enters in the name of Adonai; We bless you from the House of Adonai!

27 Adonai is God who sheds light upon us— Bind the festival offering with cords on the horns of the altar!

28 My God ... are You ... and ... I praise You— My God ... I will raise You high!

29 Give thanks to Adonai, who is good, For eternal is God’s covenantal love!
Psalm 27

1 Of David.

Adonai is my light and my victory—
From whom should I feel fright?
Adonai is the stronghold of my life—
From whom should I feel terror?

2 When evildoers approach me in battle to feed
   on my flesh—
My pursuers, my adversaries—
They have stumbled, they have fallen down.

3 If a camp encamps against me, my heart will
   not fear;
If a war arises against me,
In this I would trust:

4 One thing have I sought from Adonai—how
   I long for it:
That I may live in the House of Adonai all the
   days of my life;
That I may look upon the sweetness of Adonai,
And spend time in the Palace;

5 That You might hide me in Your sukkah on a
   chaotic day,
Hide me in the hiding places of Your tent,
Raise me high upon a rock.

6 Now my head rises high above my enemies
   roundabout,
And in Your tent I’ll offer offerings to the sound
   of t’ruah.
I shall sing and chant praises to Adonai!

7 Hear, Adonai, my voice—
I am crying out!
Be gracious to me, answer me!

8 My heart has said to You: “Seek my face.”
I am seeking Your face, Adonai—

9 Do not hide Your face from me.
Do not turn Your servant away in anger,
You have been my help—
Do not forsake me, do not abandon me, God
   of my deliverance!
10 For my father and my mother have
abandoned me,
Yet Adonai gathers me up.
11 Make Your path apparent to me,
Guide me in the upright road
Because of those up ahead who lie in wait for me.
12 Do not hand me over to the lust of my
adversaries—
For false witnesses have risen against me,
Puffing violently!

13 Had I not the faith
That I would see the goodness of God in the
land of life...

14 Wait for Adonai—
Fill your waiting with hope in Adonai;
Let your heart be strong and of good courage,
And wait hopefully for Adonai.