

POETRY

Psalm 19: 1-7 Creator

For the leader. A psalm of David. 1 2 The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the works of his hands. 3 Day unto day pours forth speech; night unto night whispers knowledge. 4 There is no speech, no words; their voice is not heard; 5 A report goes forth through all the earth, their messages, to the ends of the world. He has pitched in them a tent for the sun 6 it comes forth like a bridegroom from his canopy, and like a hero joyfully runs its course. 7 From one end of the heavens it comes forth; its course runs through to the other; nothing escapes its heat.

Psalm 23

1 A psalm of David | **The LORD is my shepherd;*** there is nothing I lack. 2 In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; 3 he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. 5 You set a table before me in front of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Indeed, goodness and mercy* will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

Psalm 137:1 - 6 Experiencing Loss

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat weeping when we remembered Zion. 2 On the poplars in its midst we hung up our harps. 3 For there our captors asked us for the words of a song; Our tormentors, for joy: "Sing for us a song of Zion!" 4 But how could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? 5 If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget. 6 May my tongue stick to my palate if I do not remember you, If I do not exalt Jerusalem beyond all my delights.

Song of Solomon 1:2-8 God's Love is Romantic

Let him kiss me with kisses of his mouth, for your love is better than wine, 3 better than the fragrance of your perfumes. Your name is a flowing perfume—therefore young women love you. 4 Draw me after you! Let us run! The king has brought me to his bed chambers. Let us exult and rejoice in you; let us celebrate your love: it is beyond wine! Rightly do they love you!
Love's Boast ...

Isaiah 40:28-31 Hope in God

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is God from of old, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny. 29 He gives power to the faint, abundant strength to the weak. 30 Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, 31 They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.