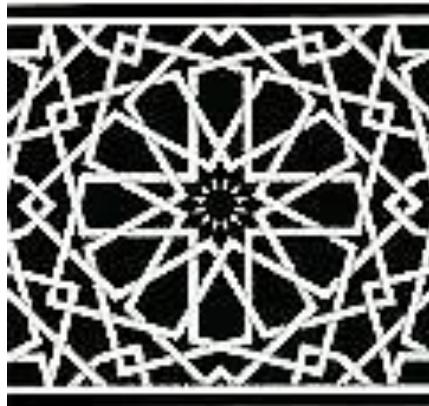


19 of the
Most Beautiful
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Worship poetry
from the Holy Zabur

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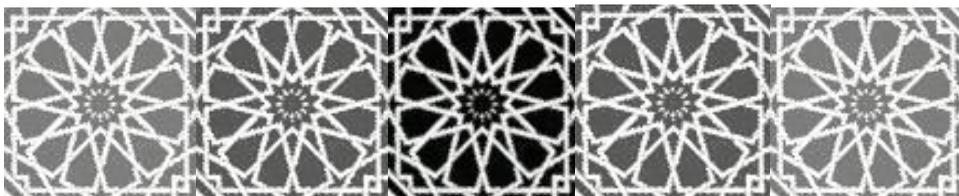
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In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Compassionate

For centuries people have used the most beautiful names of Allah to worship. These names are attributes of God that describe his various traits. His followers can share in some of these qualities to a limited degree, but only God has these characteristics in their perfect form.

The prophet Dawud (also called David) understood this when he said Allah has exalted above all things his name and his word. (Zabur chapter 138 verse 2)

Understanding these perfections of Allah helps to warm our hearts so that we can admire him more deeply, obey him more willingly, and worship him more truly.



19 of the most beautiful names of God have been matched with 19 of the *Zabur's* poems.

The *Zabur* is one of the holy books originally given by the one God for the guidance of mankind. Also called the Psalms of David, it is a collection of ancient poetry.

Several prophets and holy men wrote the different chapters of the *Zabur*, although most were written by Dawud. Other contributors include the prophets Musa (Moses) and Sulayman (Solomon).

Each chapter is a separate poem. Some chapters describe the magnificence of Allah. Some glorify God for His creation. Some thank God for help given. In some the writer cries out his deepest feelings before submitting them to Allah, waiting with trust for God's help.

Dawud's *Zabur* encourages us to know, fear, glory in, and praise God:

Make my heart undivided to fear your name.

(Zabur chapter 86 verse 11)

Glory in his holy name. Let the heart of those who seek Allah rejoice.

(chapter 105 verse 3)

Those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you, Allah, have not forsaken those who seek you.

(chapter 9 verse 10)

The *Zabur* helps us to open our hearts to truly serve Allah in all situations.



Ar-Rahman: O Beneficent One

*Great is Allah, and greatly to be praised!
His greatness is unsearchable. (v. 3)*

Zabur chapter 145

- 1 I will exalt you, my God, the King.
I will praise your name forever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will praise you.
I will extol your name forever and ever.
- 3 Great is Allah, and greatly to be praised!
His greatness is unsearchable.
- 4 One generation will commend your works to another,
And will declare your mighty acts.
- 5 Of the glorious majesty of your honor,
Of your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- 6 Men will speak of the might of your awesome acts.
I will declare your greatness.
- 7 They will remember your great goodness,
And will sing of your righteousness.
- 8 Allah is gracious, merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great loving kindness.

9 Allah is good to all.
His tender mercies are over all his works.

10 All your works will give thanks to you, Allah.
Your saints will extol you.

11 They will speak of the glory of your kingdom,
And talk about your power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,
The glory of the majesty of his kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.
Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

14 Allah upholds all who fall,
And raises up all those who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait for you.
You give them their food in due season.

16 You open your hand,
And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

17 Allah is righteous in all his ways,
And gracious in all his works.

18 Allah is near to all those who call on him,
To all who call on him in truth.

19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him.
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 Allah preserves all those who love him,
But all the wicked he will destroy.

21 My mouth will speak the praise of Allah.
Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

-Dawud

Ar-Rahim: O Merciful One

He raises up the poor out of the dust! (v. 7)

Zabur chapter 113

- 1 Alhamdulillah!
Praise, you servants of Allah,
Praise the name of Allah.

 - 2 Praise be to the name of Allah,
From this time forth and forevermore.
 - 2 From the rising of the sun
To the going down of the same,
Allah's name is to be praised.

 - 4 God is high above all nations,
His glory above the heavens.
 - 5 Who is like Allah, our God,
Who has his seat on high,
 - 6 Who stoops down to see in heaven and in the earth?
 - 7 He raises up the poor out of the dust.
Lifts up the needy from the ash heap;
 - 8 That he may set him with princes,
Even with the princes of his people.
 - 9 He settles the barren woman in her home,
As a joyful mother of children.
- Alhamdulillah!

al-Malik: O King

*Who is this King of glory? Allah, Lord of the
universe. (v. 10)*

Zabur chapter 24

- 1 The earth is Allah's, and its fullness;
The world, and those who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it on the seas,
And established it on the floods.
- 3 Who may ascend to Allah's hill?
Who may stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart;
Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood,
And has not sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive a blessing from Allah,
Righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek your face- even Yaqub. *Selah*.¹

¹ *Selah* may mean 'pause', or it may be a musical term.

- 7 Lift up your heads, you gates;
Be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
The King of glory will come in.
- 8 Who is the King of glory?
Allah strong and mighty, Allah mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, you gates;
Yes, lift them up, you everlasting doors:
The King of glory will come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory?
Allah, Lord of the universe,
He is the King of glory.

-Dawud



al-Qūdḥ: O Most Holy and Pure

Evil cannot live with you. (v. 4)

Zabur chapter 5

- 1 Give ear to my words, Allah.
Consider my meditation.
- 2 Listen to the voice of my cry, my King and my God;
For to you do I pray.
- 3 Allah, in the morning you shall hear my voice.
In the morning I will lay my requests before you,
And will watch expectantly.
- 4 For you are not a God who has pleasure in wickedness.
Evil cannot live with you.
- 5 The arrogant shall not stand in your sight.
You hate all workers of iniquity.
- 6 You will destroy those who speak lies.
Allah abhors the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.
- 7 But as for me, in the abundance of your loving kindness
I will come into your house:
I will bow toward your holy temple in reverence of you.
- 8 Lead me, Allah, in your righteousness
because of my enemies.
Make your way straight before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth.
Their heart is destruction.
Their throat is an open tomb.
With their tongue they speak lies.

10 Hold them guilty, O God.
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Thrust them out in the multitude of their transgressions,
For they have rebelled against you.

11 But let all those who take refuge in you rejoice,
Let them always shout for joy, because you defend them.
Let them also who love your name be joyful in you.

12 For you will bless the righteous.
Allah, you will surround him with favor
As with a shield.

-Dawud

as-Salam: O Source of Peace

He restores my soul. (v. 3)

Zabur chapter 23

- 1 Allah is my shepherd:
I shall lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
For his name's sake.
- 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, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil.
My cup runs over.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of Allah forever.

-Dawud

al-Mū'mīn: O Inspirer of Faith

...I sought God, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. (v. 4)

Zabur chapter 34

- 1 I will bless Allah at all times.
His praise will always be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall boast in God.
The humble shall hear of it, and be glad.
- 3 Oh magnify Allah with me.
Let us exalt his name together.

- 4 I sought God, and he answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 They looked to him, and were radiant.
Their faces shall never be covered with shame.
- 6 This poor man cried, and Allah heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of Allah encamps around those who fear him,
And delivers them.

- 8 Oh taste and see that Allah is gracious.
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.
- 9 Oh fear Allah, you his saints,
For there is no lack with those who fear him.
- 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger,
But those who seek God shall not lack any good thing.

11 Come, you children, listen to me.
I will teach you the fear of Allah.

12 Whoever loves life,
And desires to see good days,
13 Keep your tongue from evil,
And your lips from speaking lies.

14 Turn away from evil, and do good.
Seek peace, and pursue it.

15 Allah's eyes are on the righteous.
His ears listen to their prayer.

16 God's face is against those who do evil,
To cut off the memory of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and Allah hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 God is near to those who have a broken heart,
And saves those who have a crushed spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But Allah delivers him out of them all.

20 He protects all of his bones.
Not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall kill the wicked.
Those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

22 Allah redeems the soul of his servants.
None of those who take refuge in him shall be
condemned.

-Dawud

al-Mūhāymīn: O Guardian

*In your righteousness,
bring my soul out of trouble. (verse 11)*

Zabur chapter 143

- 1 Hear my prayer, Allah.
Listen to my petitions.
In your faithfulness and righteousness, relieve me.
- 2 Do not enter into judgment with your servant,
For in your sight no man living is righteous.
- 3 For the enemy pursues my soul.
He has struck my life down to the ground.
He has made me live in dark places,
as those who have been long dead.
- 4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me.
My heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the days of old.
I meditate on all your doings.
I contemplate the work of your hands.
- 6 I spread forth my hands to you.
My soul thirsts for you, like a parched land.
Selah.
- 7 Hurry to answer me, Allah.
My spirit fails.

Do not hide your face from me,
So that I do not become like those
who go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning,
For I trust in you.
Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,
For I lift up my soul to you.

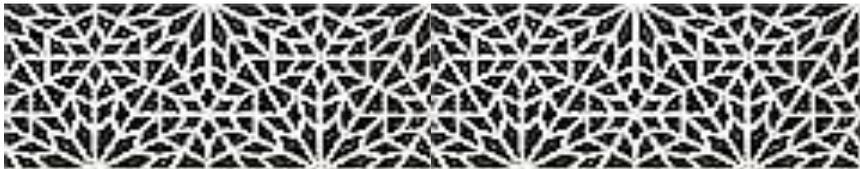
9 Deliver me, Allah, from my enemies.
I flee to you to hide me.

10 Teach me to do your will,
For you are my God.
Your Spirit is good.
Lead me in the land of uprightness.

11 Revive me, Allah, for your name's sake.
In your righteousness, bring my soul out of trouble.

12 In your loving kindness, cut off my enemies,
And destroy all those who afflict my soul,
For I am your servant.

-Dawud



al-Aziz: O Almighty

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

(v. 2)

Zabur chapter 90

- 1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
for all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
- 3 You turn man to destruction, saying,
"Return, you children of men."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight
Are but as yesterday when it is past,
As a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away as they sleep.
In the morning they sprout like new grass.
- 6 In the morning it sprouts and springs up.
By evening, it is withered and dry.
- 7 For we are consumed in your anger.
We are troubled in your wrath.
- 8 You have set our iniquities before you,
Our secret sins in the light of your presence.

9 For all our days have passed away in your wrath.
We bring our years to an end as a sigh.

10 The days of our years are seventy,
Or even by reason of strength eighty years;
Yet their pride is but labour and sorrow,
For it passes quickly, and we fly away.

11 Who knows the power of your anger,
Your wrath according to the fear that is due to you?

12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

13 Relent, Allah! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your loving kindness,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
For as many years as we have seen evil.

16 Let your work appear to your servants;
Your glory to their children.

17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us;
Establish the work of our hands for us;
Yes, establish the work of our hands.

-Musa



al-Jabbar: O Restorer

Who has set your glory above the heavens! (v.1)

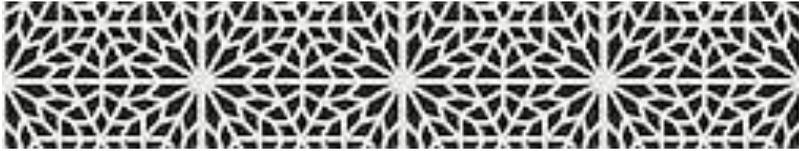
Zabur chapter 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not be afraid,
though the earth changes,
Though the mountains are shaken
into the heart of the seas;
- 3 Though its waters roar and are troubled,
Though the mountains tremble with their swelling.
Selah.

- 4 There is a river, the streams of which
make the city of God glad,
The holy place of the tents of the Most High.
- 5 God is in her midst. She shall not be moved.
God will help her at dawn.
- 6 The nations raged. The kingdoms were moved.
He lifted his voice, and the earth melted.
- 7 Allah, Lord of the universe is with us.
The God of Yaqub is our refuge.
Selah.

8 Come, see Allah's works,
 What desolations he has made in the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.
 He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear.
 He burns the chariots in the fire.
10 "Be still, and know that I am God.
 I will be exalted among the nations.
 I will be exalted in the earth."
11 Allah, Lord of the universe is with us.
 The God of Yaqub is our refuge.

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al-Mūtakabbir: O Majestic One

Who has set your glory above the heavens! (v.1)

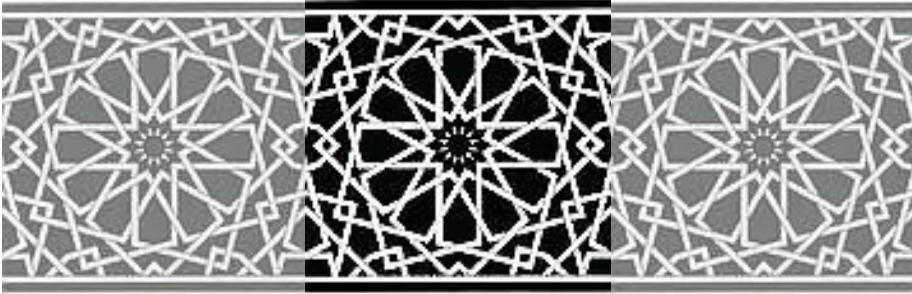
Zabur chapter 8

- 1 Allah, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth,
Who has set your glory above the heavens!
- 2 From the lips of children and infants
you have ordained praise,
Because of your adversaries,
That you might silence the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider your heavens,
The work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which you have ordained;
- 4 What is man,
that you think of him?
The son of man,
that you care for him?



5 For you have made him a little lower than the angels;
You crowned him with glory and honor.
6 You make him ruler over the works of your hands.
You have put all things in subjection under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen,
Yes, and the animals of the field,
8 The birds of the sky,
The fish of the sea,
And whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
9 Allah, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!

-Dawud



al-Khaliq: O Creator

The heavens declare the glory of God. (v. 1)

Zabur chapter 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God.
The expanse shows his handiwork.
- 2 Day after day they pour forth speech,
And night after night they display knowledge.
- 2 There is no speech nor language,
Where their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their sound has gone out through all the earth,
Their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
Like a strong man rejoicing to run his course.
- 6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens,
His circuit to its ends;
There is nothing hidden from its heat.
- 7 The Taurat of Allah is perfect,
Restoring the soul.
Allah's testimony is sure,
Making wise the simple.
- 8 Allah's precepts are right,
Rejoicing the heart.
Allah's commandment is pure,

Enlightening the eyes.
9 The fear of Allah is clean,
Enduring forever.
Allah's ordinances are true, and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
yes, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey
and the extract of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is your servant warned.
In keeping them there is great reward.
12 Who can discern his errors?
Forgive me from hidden errors.
13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins.
Let them not have dominion over me.
Then I will be upright,
I will be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth
And the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in your sight, Allah,
My rock, and my redeemer.

-Dawud

al-Bari: O Maker of Order

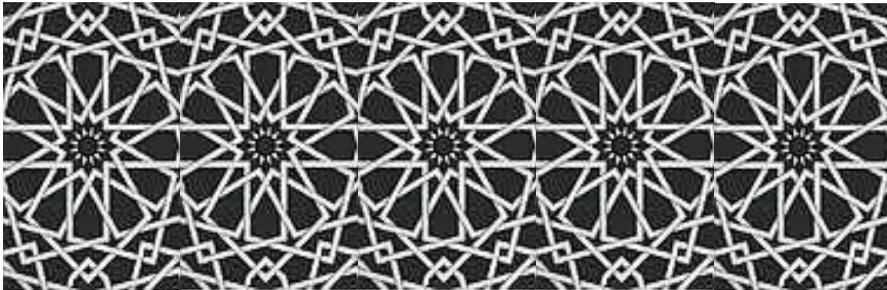
...he commanded and they were created. (v. 5)

Zabur chapter 148

- 1 Alhamdulillah!
Praise Allah from the heavens!
Praise him in the heights!
- 2 Praise him, all his angels!
Praise him, all his host!
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon!
Praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4 Praise him, you heavens of heavens,
You waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of Allah,
For he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He has also established them forever and ever.
He has made a decree which will not pass away.
- 7 Praise Allah from the earth,
You great sea creatures, and all depths!
- 8 Lightning and hail, snow and clouds;
Stormy wind, fulfilling his word;

- 9 Mountains and all hills;
Fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild animals and all cattle;
Small creatures and flying birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth;
- 12 Both young men and maidens;
Old men and children:
- 13 Let them praise the name of Allah,
For his name alone is exalted.
His glory is above the earth and the heavens.
- 14 He has lifted up the horn of his people,
The praise of all his saints;
Even of Bani-Israel, a people near to him.

Alhamdulillah!



Al-Mūṣawwir: O Shaper of Beauty

...to see Allah's beauty (v. 4)

Zabur chapter 27

- 1 Allah is my light and my salvation.
Whom shall I fear?
God is the strength of my life.
Of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evil-doers came at me to eat up my flesh,
Even my adversaries and my foes,
They stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear.
Though war should rise against me,
Even then I will be confident.
- 4 One thing I have asked of Allah,
That I will seek after,
That I may dwell in the house of God
All the days of my life,
To see Allah's beauty,
And to inquire in his temple.
- 5 For in the day of trouble
he will keep me secretly in his pavilion.
In the covert of his tent he will hide me.
He will lift me up on a rock.

6 Now my head will be lifted up
above my enemies around me.
I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tent.
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to Allah.

7 Hear, Allah, when I cry with my voice.
Have mercy also on me, and answer me.

8 When you said, "Seek my face,"
My heart said to you, "I will seek your face, God."

9 Do not hide your face from me.
Do not put your servant away in anger.
You have been my help.
Do not abandon me, neither forsake me,
God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then Allah will take me up.

11 Teach me your way, Allah.
Lead me in a straight path,
Because of my enemies.

12 Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries,
For false witnesses have risen up against me,
Such as breathe out cruelty.

13 I am still confident of this:
I will see the goodness of Allah in the land of the living.

14 Wait for God.
Be strong, and let your heart take courage.
Yes, wait for Allah.

-Dawud

*Ak-Ghaffar: O Repeatedly Forgiving
When I kept silence, my bones wasted away...*
(v. 3)

Zabur chapter 32

- 1 Blessed is he whose disobedience is forgiven,
Whose sins are covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man
Whom Allah will by no means charge with sin,
In whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3 When I kept silence,
My bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me.
My strength was sapped in the heat of summer.
Selah.
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to you.
I did not hide my iniquity.
I said, I will confess my transgressions to God,
And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.
- 6 For this, let everyone who is godly pray to you
in a time when you may be found.

- Surely when the great waters overflow,
They shall not reach to him.
- 7 You are my hiding place.
You will preserve me from trouble.
You will surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you
In the way which you shall go.
I will counsel you with my eye on you.
- 9 Don't be like the horse, or like the mule,
Which have no understanding,
Which are controlled by bit and bridle,
Or else they will not come near to you.
- 10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked,
But he who trusts in God,
Loving kindness shall surround him.
- 11 Be glad in Allah,
And rejoice, you righteous!
Shout for joy,
All you who are upright in heart!

-Dawud

Ak-Oakhbar: O Subduer

With God is my salvation and my honor (v. 7)

Zabur chapter 62

- 1 My soul rests in God alone.
My salvation is from him.
- 2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress--
I will never be greatly shaken.
- 3 How long will you assault a man,
Would all of you throw him down,
Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
- 4 They fully intend to throw him down from his lofty place.
They delight in lies.
They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.
Selah.
- 5 My soul, wait in silence for God alone,
For my expectation is from him.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress.
I will not be shaken.
- 7 With God is my salvation and my honor.
The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
- 8 Trust in him at all times, you people.
Pour out your heart before him.
God is a refuge for us.
Selah.

- 9 Surely men of low degree are just a breath,
And men of high degree are a lie.
In the balances they will go up.
They are together lighter than a breath.
- 10 Do not trust in oppression.
Do not become vain in robbery.
If riches increase,
Do not set your heart on them.
- 11 God has spoken once,
Twice I have heard this,
That power belongs to God.
- 12 Also to you, Lord, belongs loving kindness,
For you reward every man according to his work.

-Dawud



Al-Wahhab: O Bestower

Do not forget all his benefits (v. 2)

Zabur chapter 103

- 1 Praise Allah, my soul!
All that is within me, praise his holy name!
- 2 Praise Allah, my soul,
And do not forget all his benefits;
- 3 Who forgives all your sins;
Who heals all your diseases;
- 4 Who redeems your life from destruction;
Who crowns you with loving kindness
and tender mercies;
- 5 Who satisfies your desire with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 Allah executes righteous acts,
And justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Musa,
His deeds to Bani-Israel.
- 8 Allah is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse;
Neither will he stay angry forever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor repaid us for our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is his loving kindness
toward those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like a father has compassion on his children,
So Allah has compassion on those who fear him.

14 For he knows how we are made.
He remembers that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are like grass.
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone.
Its place remembers it no more.

17 But Allah's loving kindness
is from everlasting to everlasting
with those who fear him,
His righteousness to children's children;

18 To those who keep his covenant,
To those who remember to obey his precepts.

19 Allah has established his throne in the heavens.
His kingdom rules over all.

20 Praise Allah, you angels of his,
Who are mighty in strength, who fulfill his word,
Obeying the voice of his word.

21 Praise Allah, all you hosts of his,
You servants of his, who do his pleasure.

22 Praise Allah, all you works of his,
In all places of his dominion.

Praise Allah, my soul.

-Dawud

Al-Razzaq: O Sustainer

Hope in God, for I shall still praise him (v. 5)

Zabur chapter 43

- 1 Vindicate me, God,
and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.
Oh, deliver me from deceitful and wicked men.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength.
Why have you rejected me?
Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?
- 3 Oh, send out your light and your truth.
Let them lead me.
Let them bring me to your holy hill,
To your tents.
- 4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
To God, my great joy.
I will praise you on the harp, God, my God.
- 5 Why are you in despair, my soul?
Why are you disturbed within me?
Hope in God!
For I shall still praise him:
My saviour, my helper, and my God.

Al-Fattah: O Victory Giver

How awesome are your deeds! (v. 3)

Zabur chapter 66

- 1 Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!
- 2 Sing to the glory of his name!
 Offer glory and praise!
- 3 Tell God, "How awesome are your deeds!
 Through the greatness of your power,
 Your enemies submit themselves to you.
- 4 All the earth will worship you,
 And will sing to you;
 They will sing to your name."
 Selah.
- 5 Come, and see God's deeds--
 Awesome work on behalf of the children of men.
- 6 He turned the sea into dry land.
 They went through the river on foot.
 There, we rejoiced in him.
- 7 He rules by his might forever.
 His eyes watch the nations.
 Do not let the rebellious rise up against him.
 Selah.
- 8 Praise our God, you peoples!
 Make the sound of his praise heard,

9 Who preserves our life among the living,
And does not allow our feet to be moved.
10 For you, God, have tested us.
You have refined us, as silver is refined.
11 You brought us into prison.
You laid a burden on our backs.
12 You allowed men to ride over our heads.
We went through fire and through water,
But you brought us to the place of abundance.
13 I will come into your temple with burnt offerings.
I will pay my vows to you,
14 which my lips promised,
And my mouth spoke, when I was in distress.
15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fat animals,
With the offering of rams, I will offer bulls with goats.
Selah.
16 Come, and hear, all you who fear God.
I will declare what he has done for my soul.
17 I cried to him with my mouth.
He was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I cherished sin in my heart,
The Lord would not have listened.
19 But most assuredly, God has listened.
He has heard the voice of my prayer.
20 Praise be to God, who has not turned away my prayer,
Nor his loving kindness from me.

al-'Alim: O All-knowing

...where could I flee from your presence? (v. 7)

Zabur chapter 139

- 1 Allah, you have searched me,
And you know me.
- 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up.
You perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You search out my path
And my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 For there is not a word on my tongue,
But, behold, Allah, you know it altogether.
- 5 You hem me in behind and before.
You laid your hand on me.
- 6 This knowledge is beyond me.
It is lofty.
I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where could I go from your Spirit?
Or where could I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven,
You are there.
If I make my bed in the grave,
Behold, you are there!

9 If I take the wings of the dawn,
 And settle on the most distant shore of the sea;
10 Even there your hand will lead me,
 And your right hand will hold me.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me;
 The light around me will be night;"
12 Even the darkness does not hide from you,
 But the night shines as the day.
 The darkness is like light to you.
13 For you formed my inmost being.

 You knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 I will give thanks to you,
 For I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
 Your works are wonderful.
 My soul knows that very well.
15 My frame wasn't hidden from you,
 When I was made in secret,
 Woven together in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my body.
 In your book they were all written,
 The days that were ordained for me,
 When as yet there were none of them.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I would count them,
They are more in number than the sand.
When I wake up, I am still with you.

19 If only you, God, would kill the wicked.
Get away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

20 For they speak against you wickedly.
Your enemies take your name in vain.

21 Allah, do not I hate those who hate you?
Am I not grieved with those who rise up against you?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred.
They have become my enemies.

23 Search me, God, and know my heart.
Try me, and know my thoughts.

24 See if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

-Dawud



There are 99 or more beautiful names of Allah that reflect his character and powers. Other beautiful names of Allah include:

Al-'Adl The Just	Al-'Ali The Highest
Al-Afu The Forgiver	Al-Akhir The Last
Al-Awwal The First	Al-Badi The Originator
Al-Ba'ith The Resurrector	Al-Baqi The Everlasting One
Al-Barr The Doer of Good	Al-Batin The Hidden One
Al-Basir The Seer of All	Al-Hakam The Judge
Al-Halim The Forebearing	Al-Haqq The Truth
Al-Hayy The Ever Living One	Al-Karim The Generous
Al-Majid The Majestic One	Malik al-Mulk The Owner of All
Al-Mani' The Preventer of Harm	Al-Mubdi The Originator
Al-Muhyi The Giver of Life	Al-Mu'id The Restorer
Al-Mu'izz The Bestower of Honors	Al-Mumit The Taker of Life
Al-Muqit The Nourisher	An-Nafi The Creator of Good
Al-Qadir The All Powerful	Al-Qayyum The Self-Existing One
Ar-Raqib The Watchful One	Ar-Rashid The Righteous Teacher
Ar-Ra'uf The Clement	As-Sabur The Patient One
As-Sami The Hearer of All	Al-Wahid The Only One
Al-Wajid The Finder	Al-Walí The Protecting Friend
Al-Wáli The Governor	Al-Wasi' The All-Comprehending

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