

# KNOX ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Morning Worship 10:30 AM*  
*Evening Worship 6:00 PM*

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## Heidelberg Catechism:

**Q. 31.** Why is he called "Christ", that is anointed?

**A.** Because he is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by his word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in that salvation, he has purchased for us

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**Luke 4:18-21:** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me, that I should preach the Gospel to the poor: he hath sent me, that I should heal the brokenhearted, that I should preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, that I should set at liberty them that are bruised: And that I should preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and gave it again to the minister, and sat down: and the eyes of all that were in the Synagogue were fastened on him. Then he began to say unto them, This day is the Scripture fulfilled in your ears.

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## PSALM 37

AZMON. C.M.

Carl Gotthelf Glaser

1. For e - vil - do - ers fret thou not Thy - self un - qui - et - ly;

Nor bear thou en - vy un - to them That work in - i - qui - ty.

2. For evèn like the growing grass  
Soon be cut down shall they;  
And like the green and tender herb  
They wither shall away.
3. Set thou thy trust upon the Lord,  
And be thou doing good;  
And so thou in the land shalt dwell  
And verily have food.
4. Delight thyself in God; He'll give  
Thine heart's desire to thee;  
Thy way to God commit; Him trust;  
Ii bring to pass shall He.
5. And like the morning light He shall  
Thy righteousness display;  
And He thy judgment shall bring forth  
Like noontide of the day.
6. Rest in the Lord, in patience wait;  
Nor for the wicked fret,  
Who, prosp'ring in his evil way,  
Success in sin doth get.

THE BOOK OF PSALMS  
PSALM 37

MORRIS CHANT. C.M.

William B. Bradbury

7. Cease thou from ev - 'ry an - gry thought; Of wrath make thou an  
end; Fret not thy - self in an - y wise, Fret not thy -  
self in an - y wise; It doth to e - vil tend.

8. For wicked men shall be cut off;  
Ill doers shall not stand;  
But they who wait upon the Lord  
Inherit shall the land.

11. The wicked plot against the just;  
They gnash their teeth in wrath.  
Because He sees their day at hand,  
The Lord at them shall laugh.

9. For yet a little while and then  
The wicked shall not be;  
His place thou shalt consider well,  
But it thou shalt not see.

12. The wicked have unsheathed the sword  
And bent the bow to slay;  
They cast the needy down and kill  
The men of upright way.

10. But by inheritance the earth  
The meek ones shall possess;  
And they shall then delight them-  
In an abundant peace. [selves

13. But yet the sword which they have  
Shall enter their own heart; [drawn  
Their bows which they have bent shall  
And into pieces part. [break

## Ezekiel 46

**1** Thus saith the Lord God; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

**2** And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

**3** Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the Lord in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

**4** And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the Lord in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

**5** And the meat offering shall be an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

<sup>6</sup> And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

<sup>7</sup> And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

<sup>8</sup> And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

<sup>9</sup> But when the people of the land shall come before the Lord in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

<sup>10</sup> And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

<sup>11</sup> And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

<sup>12</sup> Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the Lord, one shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.

<sup>13</sup> Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the Lord of a lamb of the first year without blemish: thou shalt prepare it every morning.

<sup>14</sup> And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the Lord.

<sup>15</sup> Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt offering.

<sup>16</sup> Thus saith the Lord God; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance.

<sup>17</sup> But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.

<sup>18</sup> Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

<sup>19</sup> After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the two sides westward.

<sup>20</sup> Then said he unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering; that they bear them not out into the utter court, to sanctify the people.

<sup>21</sup> Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.

<sup>22</sup> In the four corners of the court there were courts joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four corners were of one measure.

<sup>23</sup> And there was a row of building round about in them, round about them four, and it was made with boiling places under the rows round about.

<sup>24</sup> Then said he unto me, These are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

## Acts 4

**1** And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

**2** Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

**3** And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

**4** Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

**5** And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

**6** And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

**7** And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

**8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

<sup>9</sup> If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

<sup>10</sup> Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

<sup>11</sup> This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

<sup>12</sup> Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

<sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

<sup>14</sup> And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

<sup>15</sup> But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

<sup>16</sup> Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

<sup>17</sup> But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

<sup>18</sup> And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

<sup>20</sup> For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

<sup>21</sup> So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

<sup>22</sup> For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

<sup>23</sup> And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

<sup>24</sup> And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

<sup>25</sup> Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

<sup>27</sup> For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

<sup>28</sup> For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

<sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

<sup>30</sup> By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

<sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

<sup>32</sup> And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

<sup>33</sup> And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

<sup>34</sup> Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

<sup>35</sup> And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

<sup>36</sup> And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

<sup>37</sup> Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

## PSALM 37

MARSELLA. C. M.

William Martin



14. A lit - tle that a just man hath Is more and bet - ter far



Than all the wealth of man - y such As whol - ly wick - ed are.



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| 15. For sinners' arms shall broken be;<br>The Lord the just sustains;<br>He knows the days of perfect men;<br>Their heritage remains. | 20. A good man's footsteps by the Lord<br>Are all established right;<br>And in the way wherein he walks<br>He taketh great delight.     |
| 16. They shall not be ashamed when they<br>The evil time shall see;<br>And when the days of famine come<br>They satisfied shall be.   | 21. Although he fall, yet shall he not<br>Be cast down utterly;<br>Because Jehovah with His hand<br>Upholds him mightily.               |
| 17. But wicked men, Jehovah's foes,<br>As fat of lambs are they;<br>They shall consume, yea, into smoke<br>Shall they consume away.   | 22. I have been young, and now am old;<br>Yet have I never seen<br>The just man left, nor that his seed<br>For bread have beggars been. |
| 18. The wicked borrows, but the debt<br>Again he doth not pay;<br>Whereas the righteous mercy shows<br>And gives his own away.        | 23. He's ever merciful and lends;<br>His seed is therefore blessed.<br>Depart from evil, and do good,<br>And ever dwell at rest.        |
| 19. For such as blesséd are of Him<br>The earth inherit shall;<br>And they that are accursed of Him<br>Shall be cut off and fall.     | 24. Because Jehovah justice loves,<br>Forsaking not His own;<br>They are preserved for evermore,<br>But sinners overthrown.             |

## Hebrews 12

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

<sup>8</sup> But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

<sup>9</sup> Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

<sup>10</sup> For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

<sup>11</sup> Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

<sup>12</sup> Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

<sup>13</sup> And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

<sup>14</sup> Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

<sup>15</sup> Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

<sup>16</sup> Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

<sup>17</sup> For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

<sup>18</sup> For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

<sup>19</sup> And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

<sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

<sup>21</sup> And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

<sup>22</sup> But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

<sup>23</sup> To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

<sup>24</sup> And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

<sup>26</sup> Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

<sup>27</sup> And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

<sup>28</sup> Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

<sup>29</sup> For our God is a consuming fire.

PSALM 37

Dodd, C. M.

William B. Bradbury



25. The just in - her - it shall the land, And ev - er in it dwell.



The just man's mouth doth wis-dom speak; His tongue doth jus - tice tell.



26. The law of God is in his heart;  
His steps slide not away.  
The wicked watcheth for the just  
And seeketh him to slay.

27. The Lord will never cut him off  
Nor leave him in his hands;  
The righteous will He not condemn  
When he in judgment stands.

28. Wait on the Lord and keep His way;  
Exalt thee then shall He  
To gain the land by heritage—  
The wicked's ruin see.

29. I saw the wicked great in power  
Spread like a green bay tree;  
He passed, lo, was not; yea, I sought,  
But found he could not be.

30. Mark thou the perfect, and behold  
The man of uprightness,  
Because that surely of this man  
The latter end is peace.

31. But such men as transgressors are  
A common end shall find;  
And at the last shall wicked men  
To ruin be consigned.

32. But righteous men's deliverance  
Is from the Lord above;  
And in the time of their distress  
A stronghold He doth prove.

33. The Lord doth help and rescue them:  
He doth them free and save  
From wicked men, because in Him  
Their confidence they have.

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## PSALM 38

ST. SYLVESTER. 8,7,8,7.

John B. Dykes



1. Lord, do not in hot dis-pleas-ure Speak in stern re-proof to me;



Let Thy chast-ning be in meas-ure And Thy stroke from an-ger free.



2. For Thy hand most sorely presses;  
Fast Thine arrows stick within;  
Wrath my weary flesh distresses,  
Gives my bones no rest for sin.
3. For my manifold transgression  
Has gone up above mine head;  
Like a burden its oppression  
Weights me down with constant dread.
4. Loathsome are my wounds neglected;  
Mine own folly makes it so;  
Bowed with pain, with grief dejected,  
All day long I mourning go.
5. For my loins are filled with burning,  
All my flesh with sore distress;  
Faint and bruised, I'm ever mourning  
In my heart's disquietness.

PSALM 38

MOUNT VERNON. 8, 7, 8, 7.

Lowell Mason

6. My de - sire and cease-less wail - ing, Lord, un - veiled be - fore Thee lie;

Throbs my heart, my strength is fail - ing; All its light hath left mine eye.

7. Friends and lovers whom I cherish,  
From my plague now stand aloof;  
Yea, my kinsmen, though I perish,  
Come no more beneath my roof.

8. They that for my life are seeking  
Snares for me in secret lay,  
Hurtful things against me speaking,  
Plots devising all the day.

9. As one deaf and dumb appearing,  
Naught I hear, nor silence break;  
Yea, as one their words not hearing,  
And whose lips no answer make.

10. Lord my God, in Thee I'm trusting;  
Thou, O Lord, wilt answer me;  
Lest they joy, against me boasting,  
When my slipping feet they see.

11. Ready now to halt and stumble,  
Ever with me grief has been;  
Guilt I'll own with spirit humble,  
And be sorry for my sin.

12. Full of life and great in number,  
Strong the foes who me withstood;  
Evil they for kindness render,  
Hating me for doing good.

13. O my God, do not forsake me;  
O Jehovah, be Thou near;  
To my helper I betake me;  
As my Saviour, Lord, appear.

## Matthew 25

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

<sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

<sup>12</sup> But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

<sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

<sup>14</sup> For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

<sup>15</sup> And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

<sup>16</sup> Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

<sup>17</sup> And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

<sup>18</sup> But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

<sup>19</sup> After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

<sup>20</sup> And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

<sup>21</sup> His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

<sup>22</sup> He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

<sup>23</sup> His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

<sup>24</sup> Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

<sup>25</sup> And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

<sup>26</sup> His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

<sup>27</sup> Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

<sup>28</sup> Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

<sup>29</sup> For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

<sup>30</sup> And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>31</sup> When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

<sup>32</sup> And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

<sup>33</sup> And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

<sup>34</sup> Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

<sup>35</sup> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

<sup>36</sup> Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

<sup>37</sup> Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

<sup>38</sup> When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

<sup>39</sup> Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

<sup>40</sup> And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

<sup>41</sup> Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

<sup>42</sup> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

<sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

<sup>44</sup> Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

<sup>45</sup> Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

<sup>46</sup> And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

## Judges 9

1 And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.

3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother.

4 And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baalberith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him.

5 And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.

<sup>7</sup> And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

<sup>8</sup> The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us.

<sup>9</sup> But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

<sup>10</sup> And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, and reign over us.

<sup>11</sup> But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

<sup>12</sup> Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us.

<sup>13</sup> And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

<sup>14</sup> Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us.

<sup>15</sup> And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>16</sup> Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands;

<sup>17</sup> (For my father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:

<sup>18</sup> And ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;)

<sup>19</sup> If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you:

<sup>20</sup> But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

<sup>21</sup> And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

<sup>22</sup> When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,

<sup>23</sup> Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:

<sup>24</sup> That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren.

<sup>25</sup> And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

<sup>26</sup> And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

<sup>27</sup> And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech.

<sup>28</sup> And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him?

<sup>29</sup> And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out.

<sup>30</sup> And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.

<sup>31</sup> And he sent messengers unto Abimelech privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee.

<sup>32</sup> Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that is with thee, and lie in wait in the field:

<sup>33</sup> And it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, when he and the people that is with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion.

<sup>34</sup> And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies.

<sup>35</sup> And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that were with him, from lying in wait.

<sup>36</sup> And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men.

<sup>37</sup> And Gaal spake again, and said, See there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim.

<sup>38</sup> Then said Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

<sup>39</sup> And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

<sup>40</sup> And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, even unto the entering of the gate.

<sup>41</sup> And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

<sup>42</sup> And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech.

<sup>43</sup> And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people were come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them.

<sup>44</sup> And Abimelech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two other companies ran upon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them.

<sup>45</sup> And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that was therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

<sup>46</sup> And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into an hold of the house of the god Berith.

<sup>47</sup> And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

<sup>48</sup> And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done.

<sup>49</sup> And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

<sup>50</sup> Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it.

<sup>51</sup> But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.

<sup>52</sup> And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

<sup>53</sup> And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull.

<sup>54</sup> Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A women slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

<sup>55</sup> And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

<sup>56</sup> Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren:

<sup>57</sup> And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

## PSALM 41

CHERITH. C. M.

Louis Spohr

1. O great - ly bless - ed is the man Who doth the poor be - friend;

De - liv -'rance in the e - vil day The Lord to him will send.

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| 2. The Lord will keep him, save his life;<br>On earth he blessed shall live;<br>And to his enemies' desire<br>Thou wilt him never give. | 5. My foes against me evil speak,<br>And thus of me they say:<br>When will he die that so his name<br>May wholly pass away?             |
| 3. Upon his couch of languishing<br>The Lord will him sustain;<br>And in his sickness Thou wilt make<br>And change his bed of pain.     | 6. And if one come to see my state,<br>He kindness but pretends;<br>His heart is gath'ring mischief still<br>To tell among his friends. |
| 4. I said, O Lord, do Thou extend<br>Thy mercy unto me;<br>O do Thou heal my soul, because<br>I have offended Thee.                     | 7. My foes together whispering<br>Against me ill devise;<br>Disease, say they, cleaves fast to him;<br>Laid low, he shall not rise.     |
| 8. Yea, ev'n mine own familiar friend<br>In whom I did confide,<br>Who ate my bread, now lifts his heel<br>Against me in his pride.     |   |

## Deuteronomy 30

1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

4 If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

<sup>8</sup> And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

<sup>9</sup> And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

<sup>10</sup> If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

<sup>11</sup> For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

<sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

<sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

<sup>14</sup> But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

<sup>15</sup> See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

<sup>16</sup> In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

<sup>17</sup> But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

<sup>18</sup> I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

<sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

<sup>20</sup> That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

PSALM 41

HEATH. C. M.

Lowell Mason

9. But, Lord, be mer - ci - ful to me, And  
up a - gain me raise, That I may just - ly  
them re - quite Ac - cord - ing to their ways.

10. By this I know assuredly  
That I am loved by Thee:  
Because my foe does not exult  
In triumph over me.

11. And as for me, in uprightness  
Thou dost uphold me well,  
And settest me before Thy face  
For evermore to dwell.

12. The Lord, the God of Israel,  
Be blessed forever then,  
From age to age eternally.  
Amen, yea, and amen.