



## KATHISMA 15

### Psalm 105

*Alleluia.*

**G**ive thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Or Who can show forth all His praises?

3 Blessed are they that keep judgment and do justice at all times!

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor You have toward Your people; Visit me with Your salvation,

5 That I may see the good of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers did not understand Your wonders in Egypt; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, but provoked him at the sea, even the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; So He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 He saved them out from the hands of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of their enemies,

11 And the waters covered their enemies; There was not one of them left.

12 Then they believed His words; They sang His praise.

13 But they soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,

14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15 And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the Lord.

17 The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18 A fire was kindled in their company; The flame burnt up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshiped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory into the image of an ox that eats grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red Sea.

23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath, lest He should destroy them.

24 Then they despised the pleasant land; They believed not His word,

25 But murmured in their tents, and did not heed the voice of the Lord.

26 Therefore He lifted up His hand in an oath against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices made to the dead.

29 Thus they provoked Him to anger with their inventions, and the plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and executed judgment, and so the plague was stopped.

31 And that was accounted to him for righteousness to all generations forevermore.

32 They angered Him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses on account of them;

33 Because they provoked his Spirit, so that he spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples, concerning whom The Lord had commanded them,

35 But they mingled among the nations, and learned their works;

36 They served their idols, which were a snare to them.

37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons,

38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled by their own works, and played the harlot by their own deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against His people, so that He abhorred His own inheritance.

41 And He gave them into the hands of the Gentiles, and those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times He delivered them; But they provoked Him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry;

45 And He remembered for them His covenant, and repented according to the multitude of His mercies.

46 He also made them to be pitied by all those who carried them away captive.

47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and to triumph in Your praise.

48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say: Amen! Amen!

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia glory to You O God (3x); Lord have mercy (3x); Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

## Psalm 106

*Alleluia.*

**G**ive thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; They found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distress.

7 And He led them forth by the right way, that they may go to a city for habitation.

8 O, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with good things.

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, bound in affliction and irons,

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the counsel of the Most High,

12 Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their chains in pieces.

15 O, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

16 For He has broken the gates of bronze, and cut the bars of iron in pieces.

17 Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.

20 He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

21 O, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

22 Let them offer Him the sacrifice of praise, and proclaim His works with rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business on great waters,

24 They see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.

25 For He commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea.

26 They mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

28 Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses.

29 He calms the storm, so that its waves are still.

30 Then they are glad because they are quite; So He guides them to their desired haven.

31 O, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, and the water springs into dry ground;

34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turns a wilderness into a standing water, and dry land into water springs.

36 There He makes the hungry dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation,

37 And sow fields and plant vineyards, that they may yield a fruitful harvest.

38 He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease.

39 When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction and sorrow,

40 He pours contempt upon their princes, and causes them to wander in the wilderness where there is no way;

41 Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, and makes their families like a flock.

42 The righteous see it and rejoice, and all iniquity stops its mouth.

43 Who is wise enough to observe these things, and understand the mercies of the Lord?

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia glory to You O God (3x); Lord have mercy (3x); Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

## Psalm 107

*A Psalm of David.*

**O** God, my heart is steadfast, my heart is ready! I will sing and give praise even in my glory.

2 Awake psaltery and harp! I myself will awake early.

3 I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to You among the nations.

4 For Your mercy is great above the heavens, and Your truth reaches to the clouds.

5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and Your glory above all the earth;

6 That Your beloved may be delivered. Save me with Your right hand, and answer me.

7 God has spoken in His holiness: "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem and measure out the valley of Succoth.

8 Galaad is Mine, and Manasses is Mine; Ephraim also is the strength of My head; Judah is My lawgiver,

9 Moab is the washbowl of My hope; Over Edom I will cast out My shoe; Over Philistia I will triumph."

10 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?

11 Is it not You, O God, Who cast us off? And You, O God who did not go out with our armies?

12 Give us help from trouble, for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we will do valiantly, for it is He who shall tread down our enemies.

## Psalm 108

*A Psalm of David. To the Chief Musician.*

**O** God, do not pass over my praise in silence.

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause.

4 In return for my love they are my adversaries, but I give myself to prayer.

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set a wicked man over him, and let Satan stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned, and let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few, and let another take his office.

9 Let his children be fatherless and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds and beg; Let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

11 Let the creditor seize all that he has, and strangers spoil his labor.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy to him, nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off, and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his father be remembered before the Lord, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be continually before the Lord, that He may cut off the memory of them from the earth;

16 Because he did not remember to show mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, so let it enter his body like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, and for a belt with which he girds himself continually.

20 Let this be the Lord's reward to my adversaries, and to those who speak evil against my person.

21 But You, O God the Lord, deal with me for Your name's sake; Because Your mercy is good, deliver me.

22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like a shadow when it declines; I am shaken like a locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting, and my flesh is wasted for lack of oil.

25 I also have become a reproach to them; When they look at me, they shake their heads.

26 Help me, O Lord my God! And save me according to Your mercy,  
27 That they may know that this is Your hand, and that You, Lord, have done it.

28 Let them curse, but You bless; When they arise, let them be ashamed, but let Your servant rejoice.

29 Let my accusers be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; And I will praise Him among the multitude.

31 For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

***Glory** to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia glory to You O God (3x); Lord have mercy (3x); Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

### **Prayers after the Fifteenth Kathisma**

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who are present everywhere and fulfilling all things, Treasury of Blessings and Source of Life: Come abide in us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us of our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for the glory of Your name.

Lord, have mercy (3x).

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.



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Come, let us worship God our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

*And these troparia, Tone 1:*

My sins are like the great deep, O Savior, and I have been drowned by my transgressions. Stretch out Your hand to me as You did to Peter, O God, and have mercy on me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

I am condemned by my evil thoughts and deeds, O Savior. Give me the resolve to turn back, O God, that I may cry out: Save me, O good Benefactor, and have mercy on me.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Cleanse me who am wretched and defiled, tainted by unseemly deeds and unclean thoughts, O God-blessed Maiden all-immaculate; pure, untainted, all-holy Virgin Mother.

Lord, Have mercy (40x).

O Master, Lord Jesus Christ, You are my Helper and I am in Your hands; help me! Do not abandon me to sin against You. I have been led astray, do not abandon me to pursue the will of my flesh. Do not despise me, O Lord, for I am infirm. You know what is good for me. Do not abandon me to perish because of my sins. Do not abandon me, O Lord! Do not withdraw from me, for I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You. Save me for the sake of Your mercy, since all those who trouble me are before You and I have no other refuge but You, O Lord. Let all who arise against me and seek after my soul to destroy it be put to shame. For You alone are all-powerful, O Lord, and glory is Yours unto the ages of ages. Amen.

