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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

PLEA FOR GRACE IN TIMES OF DISTRESS

PSALM 143

Matt. 10:30, “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”

Job 14:5, “Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass.”

Types of Psalms

Communal or National Lament:

Ps. 44, 74, 79, 80, 83

Individual Lament:

Ps. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 56, 59

Lament: express a complaint or one's distress; usually related to grief or mourning.

Psa. 143:0, “A Psalm of David.”

- 1. The plea for YHWH to graciously deliver in righteousness from our enemies.
(Psa. 143:1–6)**
- 2. The appeal to YHWH to guide and direct because our trust is in Him.
(Psa. 143:7–12)**

**Psa. 143:1, “Hear my prayer, O LORD,
Give ear to my supplications!
In Your faithfulness answer me,
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**Psa. 143:2, “Do not enter into judgment
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For in Your sight no one living is
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אזן-1 *ʔzn-1*
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תפילה *tefilla*
comm fem sing
constr
prayer

תחנון *tachanun*

comm masc plur constr
supplication

**Psa. 4:3, “But know that the LORD has set
apart for Himself him who is godly; The
LORD will hear when I call to Him.”**

Psa. 27:7, “Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.”

Psa. 30:10, “Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!”

חַנּוּן-1 *chanan-1*

**qal imper masc
sing**

**to show favor,
grace, mercy**

Psa. 4:1, “Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

Psa. 6:2, “Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.”

Psa. 25:16, “Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted.”

Psa. 119:132, “Look upon me and be merciful to me, as Your custom is toward those who love Your name.”

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-בָּ (b^e-), in, with, by

אֱמוּנָה *ʿemunah*
comm fem sing
constr
faithfulness

צְדָקָה *tzedakah* comm
fem sing constr
righteousness

Lam. 3:19, “Remember my affliction and roaming, the wormwood and the gall.

Lam. 3:20, “My soul still remembers and sinks within me.

Lam. 3:21, “This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.

Lam. 3:22, “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.

Lam. 3:23, “They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.”

Psa. 143:2,

**“Do not enter into judgment with Your
servant,
For in Your sight no one living is
righteous.”**

Psa. 143:3,

**“For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
He has crushed my life to the ground;
He has made me dwell in darkness,
Like those who have long been dead.**

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רדף *radaf*
qal perf 3
masc sing
to pursue

דכא *dakha'*
piel perf 3
masc sing
to crush

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עטף-2 *tf-2*

**hitpael wawConsec
3 fem sing to be
faint, fading away to
death**

שמם *shmm* hotpaal
imperf 3 masc sing
to be desolate,
appalled, “driven to
numbness”, at the
point of despair

Psa. 143:5, “I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.”

זכר *zkhr* qal perf 1 com sing **to remember**

הגה-1 *hgh-1* qal perf 1 com sing **to meditate, moan, speak**

שיח *sych* polel imperf 1 com sing
to meditate, speak

Psa. 143:6,

**“I spread out my hands to You;
My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.
Selah”**

2. Plead with God to guide and preserve us. (Psa. 143:7–12)

Psa. 143:7,

“Answer me speedily, O LORD;

My spirit fails!

Do not hide Your face from me,

**Lest I be like those who go down into the
pit.”**

Psa. 143:8,

**“Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in
the morning,
For in You do I trust;
Cause me to know the way in which I
should walk,
For I lift up my soul to You.”**

Psa. 30:7, “LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.”

Psa. 27:9, “Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.”

Psa. 102:2, “Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily.”

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**חֶסֶד-2 *chesed-2* comm
masc sing constr
lovingkindness, loyal
love, faithful love**

**בטח-1 *batach-1*
qal perfect 1
com sing
to trust, be
confident, be
safe, secure**

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**נָצַל *natzal* hif imper masc sing
“to take away, rescue, save,
deliver”**

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למד *lamad*

**piel imper masc sing
to learn, teach**

נחה-1 *nachah-1*

**hif imperf 3 fem sing
jussiveM
to lead, guide**

Psa. 143:11,

“Revive me, O LORD, for Your name’s sake! For Your righteousness’ sake bring my soul out of trouble.”

חַיָּה (ḥāyâ) *live, have life, remain alive, sustain life, revive from sickness, discouragement, or even death.*

צָרָה (ṣārâ) *straits, distress*

Psa. 143:12,

**“In Your mercy cut off my enemies,
And destroy all those who afflict my soul;
For I am Your servant.”**

חֶסֶד-2 *chesed-2* comm

masc sing constr

lovingkindness, loyal

love, faithful love

צָרָר-2 *tzarar-2*

qal part masc plur

constr to be

hostile