**To the director: With stringed instruments, on the sheminith. A song of David.**

**6**Lord, don’t punish me.  
    Don’t correct me when you are so angry.  
**2**Lord, be kind to me.  
    I am sick and weak.  
Heal me, Lord!  
    My bones are shaking.  
**3**    I am trembling all over.  
Lord, how long until you heal me?[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+6&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13738a)]  
**4**Lord, come back and make me strong again.  
    Save me because you are so loyal and kind.  
**5**If I am dead, I cannot sing about you.  
    Those in the grave don’t praise you.

**6**Lord, I am so weak.  
    I cried to you all night.  
My pillow is soaked;  
    my bed is dripping wet from my tears.  
**7**My enemies have caused me such sorrow  
    that my eyes are worn out from crying.

**8**Go away, you wicked people,  
    because the Lord has heard my cries.  
**9**The Lord has heard my request for mercy.  
The Lord has accepted my prayer.

**10**All my enemies will be filled with fear and shame.  
    They will be sorry when disgrace suddenly comes upon them.

# **Easy-to-Read Version**

**10**Lord, why do you stay so far away?  
    Why do you hide from people in times of trouble?  
**2**The wicked are proud and make evil plans to hurt the poor,  
    who are caught in their traps and made to suffer.  
**3**Those greedy people brag about the things they want to get.  
    They curse the Lord and show that they hate him.  
**4**The wicked are too proud to ask God for help.  
    He does not fit into their plans.  
**5**They succeed in everything they do.  
    They don’t understand how you can judge them.  
    They make fun of all their enemies.  
**6**They say to themselves, “Nothing bad will ever happen to us.  
    We will have our fun and never be punished.”  
**7**They are always cursing, lying,  
    and planning evil things to do.  
**8**They hide just outside the villages,  
    waiting to kill innocent people,  
    always looking for any helpless person they can hurt.  
**9**They are like lions hiding in the bushes  
    to catch weak and helpless animals.  
They lay their traps for the poor,  
    who are caught in their nets.  
**10**Again and again they hurt people  
    who are already weak and suffering.  
**11**They say to themselves, “God has forgotten about us.  
    He is not watching.  
    He will never see what we are doing.”

**12**Lord, get up and do something.  
    Punish those who are wicked, God.  
    Don’t forget those who are poor and helpless.

**13**The wicked turn against God  
    because they think he will not punish them.  
**14**But, Lord, you do see the pain and suffering they cause.  
    You see it, so punish them.  
Those who were left helpless put their trust in you.  
    After all, you are the one who cares for orphans.

**15**Break the arms of those who are wicked and evil.  
    Punish them for the evil they have done,  
    and stop them from doing any more.  
**16**Lord, you are King forever and ever,  
    so I know you will remove the wicked nations from your land.  
**17**Lord, you have heard what the poor want.  
    Listen to their prayers, and do what they ask.  
**18**Protect the orphans and those who have been hurt.  
    Don’t let powerful people drive us from our land!

#### To the director: With the *gittith*. A song of David.

**8**Lord our Lord, your name is the most wonderful in all the earth!  
    It brings you praise everywhere in heaven.

**2**From the mouths of children and babies come songs of praise to you.  
    They sing of your power to silence your enemies who were seeking revenge.

**3**I look at the heavens you made with your hands.  
    I see the moon and the stars you created.  
**4**And I wonder, “Why are people so important to you?  
    Why do you even think about them?  
Why do you care so much about humans[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13765a)]?  
    Why do you even notice them?”

**5**But you made them almost like gods  
    and crowned them with glory and honor.  
**6**You put them in charge of everything you made.  
    You put everything under their control.  
**7**People rule over the sheep and cattle and all the wild animals.  
**8**They rule over the birds in the sky  
    and the fish that swim in the sea.  
**9**Lord our Lord, your name is the most wonderful name in all the earth!

**[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%209&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13771a)**] To the director: Use the Alamoth of Ben.[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%209&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13771b)**] A song of David.**

**9**I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.  
    I will tell about the wonderful things you have done.  
**2**You make me happy, so I will rejoice in you.  
    God Most High, I praise your name.  
**3**My enemies turned to run from you,  
    but they fell and were destroyed.

**4**You listened to me from your throne like a good judge,  
    and you decided that I was right.  
**5**You told the nations how wrong they were.  
    You destroyed those evil people.  
    You erased their names from our memory forever and ever.  
**6**The enemy is finished!  
    You destroyed their cities.  
    There is nothing left to remind us of them.

**7**The Lord set up his throne to bring justice,  
    and he will rule forever.  
**8**He judges everyone on earth fairly.  
    He judges all nations honestly.  
**9**Many people are suffering—  
    crushed by the weight of their troubles.  
But the Lord is a refuge for them,  
    a safe place they can run to.

**10**Lord, those who know your name  
    come to you for protection.  
And when they come,  
    you do not leave them without help.

**11**Sing praises to the Lord, who sits as King in Zion.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%209&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13781c)]  
    Tell the nations about the great things he has done.  
**12**He punishes murderers  
    and remembers those who are in need.  
When suffering people cry for help,  
    he does not ignore them.

**13**I said this prayer: “Lord, be kind to me.  
    See how my enemies are hurting me.  
    Save me from the ‘gates of death.’  
**14**Then, at the gates of Jerusalem,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%209&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13784d)] I can sing praises to you.  
    I will be so happy because you saved me.”

**15**Those other nations have fallen into the pit they dug to catch others.  
    They have been caught in their own trap.  
**16**The Lord showed that he judges fairly.  
    The wicked were caught by what they did to hurt others. *Higgayon[*[*e*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%209&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13786e)*] Selah*

**17**The wicked will go to the place of death,  
    as will all the nations that forget God.  
**18**It may seem that those who are poor and needy have been forgotten,  
    but God will not forget them.  
    He will not leave them without hope.

**19**Lord, get up[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%209&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13789f)] and judge the nations.  
    Don’t let anyone think they can win against you.  
**20**Teach them a lesson, Lord.  
    Let them know they are only human. *Selah*

#### A miktam of David.

**16**Protect me, God, because I depend on you.  
**2**Some of you[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2016&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13843a)] have said to the Lord,  
    “You are my Lord.  
    Every good thing I have comes from you.”  
**3**But you have also said about the gods[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2016&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13844b)] of this land,  
    “They are my powerful gods.  
    They are the ones who make me happy.”

**4**But those who worship other gods will have many troubles.  
    I will not share in the gifts of blood they offer to their idols.  
    I will not even say their names.  
**5**Lord, you give me all that I need.  
    You support me.  
    You give me my share.  
**6**My share[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2016&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13847c)] is wonderful.  
    My inheritance[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2016&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13847d)] is very beautiful.  
**7**I praise the Lord because he taught me well.  
    Even at night he put his instructions deep inside my mind.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2016&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13848e)]

**8**I always remember that the Lord is with me.[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2016&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13849f)]  
    He is here, close by my side,  
    so nothing can defeat me.  
**9**So my heart and soul will be very happy.  
    Even my body will live in safety,  
**10**because you will not leave me in the place of death.  
    You will not let your faithful one rot in the grave.  
**11**You will teach me the right way to live.  
    Just being with you will bring complete happiness.  
    Being at your right side will make me happy forever.

**To the director: A song of David.**

**19**The heavens tell about the glory of God.  
    The skies announce what his hands have made.  
**2**Each new day tells more of the story,  
    and each night reveals more and more about God’s power.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+19&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13919a)]  
**3**You cannot hear them say anything.  
    They don’t make any sound we can hear.  
**4**But their message goes throughout the world.  
    Their teaching reaches the ends of the earth.

The sun’s tent is set up in the heavens.  
**5**    It comes out like a happy bridegroom from his bedroom.  
It begins its path across the sky  
    like an athlete eager to run a race.  
**6**It starts at one end of the sky  
    and runs all the way to the other end.  
    Nothing can hide from its heat.

**7**The Lord’s teachings are perfect.  
    They give strength to his people.  
The Lord’s rules can be trusted.  
    They help even the foolish become wise.  
**8**The Lord’s laws are right.  
    They make people happy.  
The Lord’s commands are good.  
    They show people the right way to live.

**9**Learning respect for the Lord is good.  
    It will last forever.  
The Lord’s judgments are right.  
    They are completely fair.  
**10**His teachings are worth more than pure gold.  
    They are sweeter than the best honey dripping from the honeycomb.  
**11**His teachings warn his servants,  
    and good things come to those who obey them.

**12**People cannot see their own mistakes,  
    so don’t let me commit secret sins.  
**13**Don’t let me do what I know is wrong.  
    Don’t let sin control me.  
If you help me, I can be pure  
    and free from sin.  
**14**May my words and thoughts please you.  
    Lord, you are my Rock—the one who rescues me.

**To the director: A song of David.**

**21**Lord, your strength makes the king happy.  
    He is so happy when you give him victory.  
**2**And you gave him what he wanted.  
    You gave him what he asked for. *Selah*

**3**You gave the king such wonderful blessings.  
    You put a golden crown on his head.  
**4**He asked for life, and you gave it.  
    You gave him life that goes on forever.  
**5**You led him to victory that brought him great glory.  
    You gave him honor and fame.  
**6**You have given him blessings that will last forever.  
    You have given him the joy of being near you.  
**7**The king trusts in the Lord,  
    and the faithful love of God Most High will keep him from falling.  
**8**Lord, you will show all your enemies that you are strong.  
    Your power will defeat those who hate you.  
**9**When you appear,  
    you will burn them up like a blazing furnace.  
In your anger, Lord, you will completely destroy them;  
    they will be swallowed by flames of fire.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+21&version=ERV#fen-ERV-13949a)]  
**10**Their families will be destroyed.  
    They will be removed from the earth.  
**11**That is because they made evil plans against you.  
    They wanted to do things they could not do.  
**12**You will make them turn and run away  
    when you aim your arrows at their faces.

**13**Lord, we lift you up with our songs of praise.  
    We sing and play songs about your power!

#### To the director: A song of David.

**14**Only fools think there is no God.  
    People like that are evil and do terrible things.  
    They never do what is right.

**2**The Lord looks down from heaven  
    to see if there is anyone who is wise,  
    anyone who looks to him for help.  
**3**But everyone has gone the wrong way.  
    Everyone has turned bad.  
No one does anything good.  
    No, not one person!

**4**Those who are evil treat my people like bread to be eaten.  
    And they never ask for the Lord’s help.  
    Don’t they know what they are doing?  
**5**They will have plenty to fear,  
    because God is with those who do what is right.  
**6**You wicked people want to spoil the hopes of the poor,  
    but the Lord will protect them.

**7**I wish the one who lives on Mount Zion  
    would bring victory to Israel!  
When the Lord makes his people successful again,  
    the people of Jacob will be happy;  
    the people of Israel will be glad.

In these readings David prays to God:

1.Lord please don’t punish me, please don’t correct me, please don’t be angry on me. I am sick, weak, that I cried all through the night, my eyes are worn out. even my pillow is soaked wet. My enemies are causing me all this.my bones are shaking, I am trembling. Please heal me . don’t make delay to heal me. Don’t leave me, please come back and make me strong again. Don’t stay so far away. I am in trouble. Lord, save me, because, 1. I know you are so loyal and kind, and 2 if I am dead, I cannot sing praises to you, dead people don’t sing praises isn’t it.

David prays God about the evilness of the wicked people.

David talks to his enemies:

Go away, you wicked people. My Lord heard my cries. My request for mercy, and he has accepted my prayer. They will be filled with fear and shame, disgrace.