

Psalms 22:1-22

My God,
my God,
 why hast thou forsaken me?
 why art thou so far
 from helping me, and
 from the words of my roaring? 2

O my God,
 I cry in the daytime,
 but thou hearest not;
and in the night season,
 and am not silent. 3

But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. 4
 Our fathers trusted in thee:
 they trusted,
 and thou didst deliver them. 5
 They cried unto thee,
 and were delivered:
 they trusted in thee,
 and were not confounded. 6

But I am a worm,
 and no man;
a reproach of men,
 and despised of the people. 7

All they that see me
 laugh me to scorn:
 they shoot out the lip,
 they shake the head saying, 8
 He trusted on the LORD
 that he would deliver him:
 let him deliver him,
 seeing he delighted in him. 9

But thou art he that took me out of the womb:
 thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. 10
 I was cast upon thee from the womb:
thou art my God from my mother's belly. 11

A Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. 12

B Many bulls
 have compassed me:
strong bulls of Bashan
 have beset me round. 13

C They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. 14

D I am poured out like water, and
 all my bones are out of joint:
 my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. 15
 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and
 my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and
 thou hast brought me into the dust of death. 16

E For dogs have compassed me:
F the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me:
G they pierced my hands and my feet. 17
I may tell all my bones:
they look and stare upon me. 18
They part my garments among them,
and cast lots upon my vesture. 19

A But be not thou far from me,

D O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me. 20

F Deliver my soul from the sword;

E my darling from the power of the dog. 21

C Save me from the lion's mouth:

B for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns. 22

I will declare thy name
unto my brethren:
in the midst of the congregation
will I praise thee.

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Note: The structure in verses 11-21 shows each concept repeated exactly once, except for **G**, but not in either inverted (chiastic) or direct parallel order. This form appears very rarely in scripture.