

Psalm 59:16-17

“But I will sing of your power; yes, I will sing aloud of your mercy in the morning; for you have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble. To you, O my strength, I will sing praises; for God is my defense, my God of mercy.” (NKJV)

“But as for me, I will sing about your power. Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love. For you have been my refuge, a place of safety when I am in distress. O my strength, to you I sing praises, for you, O God, are my refuge, the God who shows me unfailing love.” (NLT)

Sing 1:

Shuwr-through the idea of strolling minstrelsy; to sing

Sing 2:

Ranan-to creak (or emit a stridulous sound), i.e. to shout (usually for joy)

Power and Strength:

ʿOwz-strength in various applications (force, security, majesty, praise)

Mercy:

Checed-kindness; piety; beauty

Morning:

Boqer-dawn (as the break of day); generally, morning

Defense:

Misgab-a cliff (or other lofty or inaccessible place); abstractly, altitude; figuratively, a refuge

Refuge:

Manowc-a retreat; a fleeing

Sing Praises:

Zamar-through the idea of striking with the fingers; properly, to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument, i.e. play upon it; to make music, accompanied by the voice; hence to celebrate in song and music

You might read these verses like this: “I will stroll about, playing my stringed instrument and singing about your strength. I will sing loudly at the break of dawn about the kindness you have shown me, because in times of trouble you have been a place where I can retreat to that is inaccessible to the enemy. To you, my strength, I will play my stringed instrument and celebrate you with music and song, because you have been my place of retreat, the one who has shown me kindness.”

The title of this psalm reads: *For the choir director. A psalm of David regarding the time Saul sent soldiers to watch David’s house in order to kill him. To be sung to the tune “Do Not Destroy!”* This story is found in 1 Samuel 19:11-24.

Saul also sent messengers to David’s house to watch him and to kill him in the morning. And Michal, David’s wife, told him, saying, “If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will

be killed." So Michal let David down through a window. And he went and fled and escaped. And Michal took an image and laid it in the bed, put a cover of goats' hair for his head, and covered it with clothes. So when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick."

Then Saul sent the messengers back to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." And when the messengers had come in, there was the image in the bed, with a cover of goats' hair for his head. Then Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this, and sent my enemy away, so that he has escaped?" And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?'"

So David fled and escaped, and went to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth. 19 Now it was told Saul, saying, "Take note, David is at Naioth in Ramah!" Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that is at Sechu. So he asked, and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And someone said, "Indeed they are at Naioth in Ramah."

So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say," Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Scripture References:

Psalm 21:13

Be exalted, O Lord, in your own strength! We will sing and praise your power.

Psalm 5:3

My voice you shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to you, and I will look up.

Psalm 88:13

But to you I have cried out, O Lord, and in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Psalm 92:2

To declare your lovingkindness in the morning, and your faithfulness every night...

Psalm 119:147

I rise before the dawning of the morning, and cry for help; I hope in your word.

Psalm 18:2

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 28:8

The Lord is their strength, and he is the saving refuge of his anointed.