

<sup>1</sup>Maschil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.<sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:<sup>3</sup>Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.<sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.<sup>5</sup>For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:<sup>6</sup>That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:<sup>7</sup>That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:<sup>8</sup>And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.<sup>9</sup>The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.<sup>10</sup>They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;<sup>11</sup>And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.<sup>12</sup>Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.<sup>13</sup>He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.<sup>14</sup>In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.<sup>15</sup>He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.<sup>16</sup>He brought streams also out of the rock, and

caused waters to run down like rivers.<sup>17</sup>And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.<sup>18</sup>And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.<sup>19</sup>Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?<sup>20</sup>Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?<sup>21</sup>Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;<sup>22</sup>Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:<sup>23</sup>Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,<sup>24</sup>And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.<sup>25</sup>Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.<sup>26</sup>He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.<sup>27</sup>He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:<sup>28</sup>And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.<sup>29</sup>So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;<sup>30</sup>They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths,<sup>31</sup>The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.<sup>32</sup>For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.<sup>33</sup>Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in

trouble.<sup>34</sup> When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God.<sup>35</sup> And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer.<sup>36</sup> Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.<sup>37</sup> For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.<sup>38</sup> But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.<sup>39</sup> For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.<sup>40</sup> How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!<sup>41</sup> Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.<sup>42</sup> They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.<sup>43</sup> How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:<sup>44</sup> And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.<sup>45</sup> He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.<sup>46</sup> He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.<sup>47</sup> He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycomore trees with frost.<sup>48</sup> He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.<sup>49</sup> He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.<sup>50</sup> He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life

over to the pestilence;<sup>51</sup> And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:<sup>52</sup> But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.<sup>53</sup> And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.<sup>54</sup> And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.<sup>55</sup> He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.<sup>56</sup> Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:<sup>57</sup> But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.<sup>58</sup> For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.<sup>59</sup> When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:<sup>60</sup> So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;<sup>61</sup> And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.<sup>62</sup> He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.<sup>63</sup> The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.<sup>64</sup> Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.<sup>65</sup> Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.<sup>66</sup> And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.<sup>67</sup> Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the

tribe of Ephraim:<sup>68</sup> But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.<sup>69</sup> And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever.<sup>70</sup> He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:<sup>71</sup> From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.<sup>72</sup> So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.