

Darkness

Psalm 88

**A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. To the
choirmaster: according to Mahalath Leannothe. A
Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.**

**1 O Lord, God of my salvation,
I cry out day and night before you.
2 Let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry!**

**3 For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.**

**4 I am counted among those who go down to
the pit;**

I am a man who has no strength,

5 like one set loose among the dead,

like the slain that lie in the grave,

like those whom you remember no more,

for they are cut off from your hand.

**6 You have put me in the depths of the pit,
in the regions dark and deep.**

**7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.**

Selah

**8 You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;**

**9 my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call upon you, O Lord;
I spread out my hands to you.**

**10 Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the departed rise up to praise you? Selah**

**11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?**

**12 Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?**

**13 But I, O Lord, cry to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.**

**14 O Lord, why do you cast my soul away?
Why do you hide your face from me?**

**Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.**

**16 Your wrath has swept over me;
your dreadful assaults destroy me.**

**17 They surround me like a flood all day long;
they close in on me together.**

**18 You have caused my beloved and my friend
to shun me;
my companions have become darkness.**

Three Questions in the Darkness

1. Even the greatest servants of God fight the darkness.

Three Lessons in the Darkness

1. Even the greatest servants of God fight the darkness.
2. Cry TO God in the darkness.

Job 19:25

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.”

Three Lessons in the Darkness

1. Even the greatest servants of God fight the darkness.
2. Cry TO God in the darkness.
3. Darkness doesn't scare God.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way

His wonders to perform;

He plants His footsteps in the sea

And rides upon the storm.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Deep in unfathomable mines,

Of never failing skill

He treasures up His bright designs,

And works His sov'reign will.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

His purposes will ripen fast,

Unfolding every hour;

The bud may have a bitter taste,

But sweet will be the flow'r.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

