

The Odes of Solomon

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Ode One

¹ The Lord is on my head like a crown, and I shall never be without Him.

² Plaited for me is the crown of truth, and it caused Your branches to blossom in me.

³ For it is not like a parched crown that blossoms not; for You live upon my head, and have blossomed upon me.

⁴ Your fruits are full and complete; they are full of Your salvation.

Ode Two

¹ I am putting on the love of the Lord.

² And His members are with Him, and I am dependent on them; and He loves me.

³ For I should not have known how to love the Lord, if He had not continuously loved me.

⁴ Who is able to distinguish love, except him who is loved?

⁵ I love the Beloved and I myself love Him, and where His rest is, there also am I.

⁶ And I shall be no stranger, because there is no jealousy with the Lord Most High and Merciful.

⁷ I have been united to Him, because the lover has found the Beloved, because I love Him that is the Son, I shall become a son.

⁸ Indeed he who is joined to Him who is immortal, truly shall be immortal.

⁹ And he who delights in the Life will become living.

¹⁰ This is the Spirit of the Lord, which is not false, which teaches the sons of men to know His ways.

¹¹ Be wise and understanding and awakened. Halleluyah.

Ode Three

¹ No man can pervert Your holy place, O my God; nor can he change it, and put it in another place.

² Because he has no power over it; for Your sanctuary You designed before You made special places.

³ The ancient one shall not be perverted by those which are inferior to it.

⁴ You have given Your heart, Maran, to Your believers.

⁵ Never will You be idle, nor will You be without fruits; For one hour of Your faith is more excellent than all days and years.

⁶ For who shall put on Your grace and be rejected?

⁷ Because Your seal is known; and Your creatures are known to it.

⁸ And Your hosts possess it, and the elect archangels are clothed with it.

⁹ You have given to us Your fellowship, not that You were in need of us, but that we are always in need of You.

¹⁰ Shower upon us Your gentle rain, and open Your bountiful springs which abundantly supply us with milk and honey.

¹¹ For there is no regret with You; that You should regret anything which You have promised; Since the result was manifest to You.

¹² For that which You gave, You gave freely, so that no longer will You draw back and take them again.

¹³ For all was manifest to You as God, and was set in order from the beginning before You. And You, Maran, have made all. Halleluyah.

Ode Four

¹ I praise You, Maran, because I love You.

² O Most High, forsake me not, for You are my hope.

³ Freely did I receive Your grace, may I live by it.

⁴ My persecutors will come but let them not see me.

⁵ Let a cloud of darkness fall upon their eyes; and let an air of thick darkness obscure them.

⁶ And let them have no light to see, so that they cannot seize me.

⁷ Let their designs become hardened, so that whatever they have conspired shall return upon their own heads.

⁸ For they have devised a plan, but it was not for them.

⁹ They prepared themselves maliciously, but they were found to be impotent.

¹⁰ Indeed my confidence is upon the Lord, and I will not fear.

¹¹ And because the Lord is my salvation, I will not fear.

¹² And He is as a woven crown upon my head, and I shall not be shaken.

¹³ Even if everything should be shaken, I shall stand firm.

¹⁴ And though all things visible should perish, I shall not die; Because the Lord is with me, and I with Him. Halleluyah.

Ode Five

¹ As the wind glides through the harp and the strings speak, so the Spirit of the Lord speaks through my members, and I speak through His love.

² For He destroys whatever is alien, and everything is of the Lord.

³ For thus it was from the beginning, and will be until the end.

⁴ So that nothing shall be contrary, and nothing shall rise up against Him.

⁵ The Lord has multiplied his knowledge, and He was zealous that those things should be known which through His grace have been given to us.

⁶ And His praise He gave us on account of His name, our spirits praise His Holy Spirit.

⁷ For there went forth a stream, and it became a river great and broad; indeed it carried away everything, and it shattered and brought it to the Temple.

⁸ And the barriers which were built by men were not able to restrain it, nor even the arts of them who habitually restrain water.

⁹ For it spread over the surface of all the earth, and it filled everything.

¹⁰ Then all the thirsty upon the earth drank, and thirst was relieved and quenched; For from the Most High the drink was given.

¹¹ Blessed, therefore, are the ministers of that drink, who have been entrusted with His water.

¹² They have refreshed the parched lips, and have aroused the paralysed will.

¹³ Even living persons who were about to expire, they have held back from death.

¹⁴ And limbs which have collapsed, they have restored and set up.

¹⁵ They gave strength for their coming, and light for their eyes.

¹⁶ Because everyone recognised them as belonging to Yahuah, and lived by the living water of eternity. Halleluyah.

Ode Six

¹ As is the course of anger over wickedness, so is the course of joy over the Beloved; and brings in of its fruits unhindered.

² My joy is the Lord and my course is towards Him, this path of mine is beautiful.

³ For there is a Helper for me, the Lord. He has generously shown Himself to me in His simplicity, because His kindness has diminished His dreadfulness.

⁴ He became like me, that I might receive Him. In form He was considered like me, that I might put Him on.

⁵ And I trembled not when I saw Him, because He was gracious to me.

⁶ Like my nature He became, that I might understand Him. And like my form, that I might not turn away from Him.

⁷ The Father of knowledge is the Word of knowledge.

⁸ He who created wisdom is wiser than His works.

⁹ And He who created me when yet I was not knew what I would do when I came into being.

¹⁰ On account of this He was gracious to me in His abundant grace, and allowed me to ask from Him and to benefit from His sacrifice.

¹¹ For He it is who is in-corrump, the perfection of the worlds and their Father.

¹² He has allowed Him to appear to them that are His own; in order that they may recognize Him that made them, and not suppose that they came of themselves.

¹³ For towards knowledge He has set His way, he has widened it and lengthened it and brought it to complete perfection.

¹⁴ And has set over it the traces of His light, and it proceeded from the beginning until the end.

¹⁵ For by Him He was served, and He was pleased by the Son.

¹⁶ And because of his salvation He will possess everything.

¹⁷ And the Most High will be known by His holy ones:

¹⁸ To announce to those who have songs of the coming of the Lord, that they may go forth to meet Him and may sing to Him, with joy and with the harp of many tones.

¹⁹ The Seers shall go before Him, and they shall be seen before Him.

²⁰ And they shall praise the Lord in His love, because He is near and does see.

²¹ And hatred shall be removed from the earth, and with jealousy it shall be drowned.

²² For ignorance was destroyed upon it, because the knowledge of the Lord arrived upon it.

²³ Let the singers sing the grace of the Lord Most High, and let them bring their songs.

²⁴ And let their heart be like the day, and their gentle voices like the majestic beauty of the Lord.

²⁵ And let there not be anyone who breathes that is without knowledge or voice.

²⁶ For He gave a mouth to His creation: to open the voice of the mouth towards Him, and to praise Him.

²⁷ Confess His power and declare His grace. Halleluyah.

Ode Seven

¹ Open, open your hearts to the exultation of the Lord, and let your love abound from the heart to the lips.

² In order to bring forth fruits to the Lord, a holy life; and to talk with watchfulness in His light.

³ Rise up and stand erect, you who sometimes were brought low.

⁴ You who were in silence, speak, for your mouth has been opened.

⁵ You who were despised, from henceforth be lifted up, for your Righteousness has been lifted up;

⁶ For the right hand of the Lord is with you, and He will be your Helper.

⁷ And peace was prepared for you, before what may be your war.

⁸ Hear the word of truth, and receive the knowledge of the Most High.

⁹ Your flesh may not understand that which I am about to say to you; nor your garment that which I am about to show you.

¹⁰ Keep my mystery, you who are kept by it; keep my faith, you who are kept by it.

¹¹ And understand my knowledge, you who know me in truth; love me with affection, you who love;

¹² For I turn not my face from my own, because I know them.

¹³ And before they had existed, I recognized them; and imprinted a seal on their faces.

¹⁴ I fashioned their members, and my own breasts I prepared for them, that they might drink my holy milk and live by it.

¹⁵ I am pleased by them, and am not ashamed by them.

¹⁶ For my workmanship are they, and the strength of my thoughts.

¹⁷ Therefore who can stand against my work? Or who is not subject to them?

¹⁸ I willed and fashioned mind and heart, and they are my own. And upon my right hand I have set my elect ones.

¹⁹ And my righteousness goes before them, and they shall not be deprived of my name; for it is with them.

²⁰ Pray and increase, and abide in the love of the Lord;

²¹ And you who were loved in the Beloved, and you who are kept in Him who lives, and you who are saved in Him who was saved.

²² And you shall be found in-corrupt in all ages, on account of the name of your Father. Halleluyah.

Ode Eight

¹ Open your ears, and I shall speak to you.

² Give me yourself, so that I may also give you myself.

³ The word of the Lord and His desires, the holy thought which He has thought concerning Mshikha.

⁴ For in the will of the Lord is your life, and His purpose is eternal life, and your perfection is incorruptible.

⁵ Be enriched in God the Father; and receive the purpose of the Most High. Be strong and redeemed by His grace.

⁶ For I announce peace to you, His holy ones, so that none of those who hear shall fall in the war.

⁷ And also that those who have known Him may not perish, and so that those who received Him may not be ashamed.

⁸ An everlasting crown is Truth; blessed are they who set it on their head.

⁹ It is a precious stone, for the wars were on account of the crown.

¹⁰ But Righteousness has taken it, and has given it to you.

¹¹ Put on the crown in the true covenant of the Lord, and all those who have conquered will be inscribed in His book.

¹² For their book is the reward of victory which is for you, and she sees you before her and wills that you shall be saved. Halleluyah.

Ode Nine

¹ The Lord has directed my mouth by His Word, and has opened my heart by His Light.

² And He has caused to dwell in me His immortal life, and permitted me to proclaim the fruit of His peace.

³ To convert the lives of those who desire to come to Him, and to lead those who are captive into freedom.

⁴ I took courage and became strong and captured the world, and the captivity became mine for the glory of the Most High, and of God my Father.

⁵ And the Gentiles who had been dispersed were gathered together, but I was not defiled by my love for them, because they had praised me in high places.

⁶ And the traces of light were set upon their heart, and they walked according to my life and were saved, and they became my people for ever and ever. Halleluyah.

Ode Ten

¹ My heart was pruned and its flower appeared, then grace sprang up in it, and my heart produced fruits for the Lord.

² For the Most High circumcised me by His Holy Spirit, then He uncovered my inward being towards Him, and filled me with His love.

³ And His circumcising became my salvation, and I ran in the Way, in His peace, in the way of truth.

⁴ From the beginning until the end I received His knowledge.

⁵ And I was established upon the rock of truth, where He had set me.

⁶ And speaking waters touched my lips from the fountain of the Lord generously.

⁷ And so I drank and became intoxicated, from the living water that does not die.

⁸ And my intoxication did not cause ignorance, but I abandoned vanity, and turned toward the Most High, my God, and was enriched by His favours.

⁹ And I rejected the folly cast upon the earth, and stripped it off and cast it from me.

¹⁰ And the Lord renewed me with His garment, and possessed me by His light.

¹¹ And from above He gave me immortal rest, and I became like the land that blossoms and rejoices in its fruits.

¹² And the Lord is like the sun upon the face of the land.

¹³ My eyes were enlightened, and my face received the dew;

¹⁴ And my breath was refreshed by the pleasant fragrance of the Lord.

¹⁵ And He took me to His Paradise, wherein is the wealth of the Lord's pleasure.

¹⁶ I beheld blooming and fruitbearing trees, and self-grown was their crown.

¹⁷ Their branches were sprouting and their fruits were shining.

¹⁸ From an immortal land were their roots.

¹⁹ And a river of gladness was irrigating them, and round about them in the land of eternal life.

²³ Then I worshipped the Lord because of His magnificence.

²⁴ And I said, Blessed, Maran, are they who are planted in Your land, and who have a place in Your Paradise;

²⁵ And who grow in the growth of Your trees, and have passed from darkness into light.

²⁶ Behold, all Your labourers are fair, they who work good works, and turn from wickedness to your pleasantness.

²⁷ For the pungent odour of the trees is changed in Your land, and everything becomes a remnant of Yourself. Blessed are the workers of Your waters, and eternal memorials of Your faithful servants.

²⁸ Indeed, there is much room in Your Paradise. And there is nothing in it which is barren, but everything is filled with fruit.

²⁹ Glory be to You, O God, the delight of Paradise for ever. Halleluyah.

Ode Eleven

¹ He has filled me with words of truth, that I may proclaim Him.

² And like the flowing of waters, truth flows from my mouth, and my lips declare His fruits.

³ And He has caused His knowledge to abound in me, because the mouth of the Lord is the true Word, and the entrance of His light.

⁴ And the Most High has given Him to His generations, which are the interpreters of His beauty, and the narrators of His glory, and the confessors of His purpose, and the preachers of His mind, and the teachers of His works.

⁵ For the subtlety of the Word is inexpressible, and like His utterance so also is His swiftness and His acuteness, for limitless is His progression.

⁶ He never falls but remains standing, and one cannot comprehend His descent or His way.

⁷ For as His work is, so is His expectation, for He is the light and dawning of thought.

⁸ And by Him the generations spoke to one another, and those that were silent acquired speech.

⁹ And from Him came love and equality, and they spoke one to another that which was theirs.

¹⁰ And they were stimulated by the Word, and knew Him who made them, because they were in harmony.

¹¹ For the mouth of the Most High spoke to them, and His exposition prospered through Him.

¹² For the dwelling place of the Word is man, and His truth is love.

¹³ Blessed are they who by means of Him have perceived everything, and have known the Lord in His

truth. Halleluyah.

Ode Twelve

¹ Behold, the Lord is our mirror. Open your eyes and see them in Him.

² And learn the manner of your face, then declare praises to His Spirit.

³ And wipe the paint from your face, and love His holiness and put it on.

⁴ Then you will be unblemished at all times with Him. Halleluyah.

Ode Thirteen

¹ As the eyes of a son upon his father, so are my eyes, Maran, at all times towards You.

² Because my pleasure is with You.

³ Turn not aside Your mercies from me, Maran; and take not Your kindness from me.

⁴ Stretch out to me, my Lord, at all times, Your right hand, and be to me a guide till the end according to Your will.

⁵ Let me be pleasing before You, because of Your glory, and because of Your name let me be saved from the Evil One.

⁶ And let Your gentleness, Maran, abide with me, and the fruits of Your love.

⁷ Teach me the odes of Your truth, that I may produce fruits in You.

⁸ And open to me the harp of Your Holy Spirit, so that with every note I may praise You, Maran.

⁹ And according to the multitude of Your mercies, so grant unto me, and hasten to grant our petitions. For You are sufficient for all our needs. Halleluyah.

Ode Fourteen

¹ As the sun is the joy of them who seek its daybreak, so is my joy the Lord;

² Because He is my Sun, and His rays have lifted me up; and His light has dismissed all darkness from my face.

³ Eyes I have obtained in Him, and have seen His holy day.

⁴ Ears I have acquired, and have heard His truth.

⁵ The thought of knowledge I have acquired, and have enjoyed delight fully through Him.

⁶ I repudiated the way of error, and went towards Him and received salvation from Him abundantly.

⁷ And according to His generosity He gave to me, and according to His excellent beauty He made me.

⁸ I put on immortality through His name, and took off corruption by His grace.

⁹ Death has been destroyed before my face, and Sheol has been vanquished by my word.

¹⁰ And eternal life has arisen in the Lord's land, and it has been declared to His faithful ones, and has been given without limit to all that trust in Him. Halleluyah.

Ode Fifteen

¹ As the occupation of the ploughman is the ploughshare, and the occupation of the helmsman is the steering of the ship, so also my occupation is the psalm of the Lord by His hymns.

² My art and my service are in His hymns, because His love has nourished my heart, and His fruits He poured unto my lips.

³ For my love is the Lord; hence I will sing unto Him.

⁴ For I am strengthened by His praises, and I have faith in Him.

⁵ I will open my mouth, and His Spirit will speak through me the glory of the Lord and His beauty,

⁶ The work of His hands, and the labour of His fingers;

⁷ For the multitude of His mercies, and the strength of His Word.

⁸ For the Word of the Lord investigates that which is invisible, and reveals His thought.

⁹ For the eye sees His works, and the ear hears His thought.

¹⁰ It is He who made the earth broad, and placed the waters in the sea.

¹¹ He expanded the heaven, and fixed the stars.

¹² And He fixed the creation and set it up, then He rested from His works.

¹³ And created things run according to their courses, and work their works, for they can never cease nor fail.

¹⁴ And the hosts are subject to His Word.

¹⁵ The reservoir of light is the sun, and the reservoir of darkness is the night.

¹⁶ For He made the sun for the day so that it will be light; but night brings darkness over the face of the earth.

¹⁷ And by their portion one from another they complete the beauty of God.

¹⁸ And there is nothing outside of the Lord, because He was before anything came to be.

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¹⁹ And the worlds are by His Word, and by the thought of His heart. Praise and honour to His name. Halleluyah.

Ode Sixteen

¹ Then I was crowned by my God, and my crown was living.

² And I was justified by my Lord, for my salvation is incorruptible.

³ I have been freed from vanities, and am not condemned.

⁴ My chains were cut off by His hands, I received the face and likeness of a new person, and I walked in Him and was saved.

⁵ And the thought of truth led me, and I went after it and wandered not.

⁶ And all who saw me were amazed, and I seemed to them like a stranger.

⁷ And He who knew and exalted me, is the Most High in all His perfection.

⁸ And He glorified me by His kindness, and raised my understanding to the height of truth.

⁹ And from there He gave me the way of His steps, and I opened the doors which were closed.

¹⁰ And I shattered the bars of iron, for my own shackles had grown hot and melted before me.

¹¹ And nothing appeared closed to me, because I was the opening of everything.

¹² And I went towards all my bound ones in order to loose them; that I might not leave anyone bound or binding.

¹³ And I gave my knowledge generously, and my resurrection through my love.

¹⁴ And I sowed my fruits in hearts, and transformed them through myself.

¹⁵ Then they received my blessing and lived, and they were gathered to me and were saved;

¹⁶ Because they became my members, and I was their Head.

¹⁷ Glory to You, our Head, Maran Mshikha. Halleluyah.

Ode Seventeen

¹ My heart was lifted up and enriched in the love of the Most High, so that I might praise Him with my name.

² My members were strengthened, that they may not fall from His power.

³ Infirmities fled from my body, and it stood firm for the Lord by His will; because His kingdom is firm.

⁴ Maran, for the sake of those who are in need, do not dismiss Your Word from me.

⁵ Nor, for the sake of their works, withhold Your perfection from me.

⁶ Let not light be conquered by darkness, nor let truth flee from falsehood.

⁷ Let Your right hand set our salvation to victory, and let it receive from every region, and preserve it on the side of everyone who is besieged by misfortunes.

⁸ You are the Reflection of God, falsehood and death are not in Your mouth; only perfection is Your will.

⁹ And vanity You know not, because neither does it know You.

¹⁰ And You know not error; because neither does it know You.

¹¹ And ignorance appeared like dust, and like the foam of the sea.

¹² And vain people thought that it was great, and they became like its type and were impoverished.

¹³ But those who knew understood and contemplated, and were not polluted by their thoughts;

¹⁴ Because they were in the mind of the Most High, and mocked those who were walking in error.

¹⁵ Then they spoke the truth, from the breath which the Most High breathed into them. Praise and great honour to His name. Halleluyah.

Ode Eighteen

¹ I lifted up my arms on high on account of the compassion of the Lord.

² Because He cast off my bonds from me, and my Helper lifted me up according to His compassion and His salvation.

³ And I put off darkness, and put on light.

⁴ And even I myself acquired members. In them there was no sickness or affliction or suffering.

⁵ And abundantly helpful to me was the thought of the Lord, and His everlasting fellowship.

⁶ And I was lifted up in the light, and I passed before Him.

⁷ And I was constantly near Him, while praising and confessing Him.

⁸ He caused my heart to overflow, and it was found in my mouth; and it sprang forth unto my lips.

Ode Nineteen

¹ He who caused me to descend from on high, and to ascend from the regions below;

² And He who gathers what is in the Middle, and throws them to me;

³ He who scattered my enemies, and my adversaries;

⁴ He who gave me authority over bonds, so that I might unbind them;

⁵ He who overthrew by my hands the dragon with seven heads, and set me at his roots that I might destroy his seed;

⁶ You were there and helped me, and in every place Your name surrounded me.

⁷ Your right hand destroyed his evil venom, and Your hand levelled the Way for those who believe in You.

⁸ And It chose them from the graves, and separated them from the dead ones.

⁹ It took dead bones and covered them with flesh.

¹⁰ But they were motionless, so It gave them energy for life.

¹¹ Incorruptible was Your way and Your face; You have brought Your world to corruption, that everything might be resolved and renewed.

¹² And the foundation of everything is Your rock. And upon it You have built Your kingdom, and it became the dwelling-place of the holy ones. Halleluyah.

Ode Twenty

¹ Joy is for the holy ones. And who shall put it on but they alone?

² Grace is for the elect ones. And who shall receive it but they who trusted in it from the beginning?

³ Love is for the elect ones. And who shall put it on but they who possessed it from the beginning?

⁴ Walk in the knowledge of the Lord, and you will know the grace of the Lord generously; both for His exultation and for the perfection of His knowledge.

⁵ And His thought was like a letter, and His will descended from on high.

⁶ And it was sent like an arrow which from a bow has been forcibly shot.

⁷ And many hands rushed to the letter, in order to catch it, then take and read it.

⁸ But it escaped from their fingers; and they were afraid of it and of the seal which was upon it.

⁹ Because they were not allowed to loosen its seal; for the power which was over the seal was greater than they.

¹⁰ But those who saw the letter went after it; that they might learn where it would land, and who should read it, and who should hear it.

¹¹ But a wheel received it, and it came over it.

¹² And a sign was with it, of the kingdom and of providence.

¹³ And everything which was disturbing the wheel, it mowed and cut down.

¹⁴ And it restrained a multitude of adversaries; and bridged rivers.

¹⁵ And it crossed over and uprooted many forests, and made an open way.

¹⁶ The head went down to the feet, because unto the feet ran the wheel, and whatever had come upon it.

¹⁷ The letter was one of command, and hence all regions were gathered together.

¹⁸ And there was seen at its head, the head which was revealed, even the Son of Truth from the Most High Father.

¹⁹ And He inherited and possessed everything, and then the scheming of the many ceased.

²⁰ Then all the seducers became headstrong and fled, and the persecutors became extinct and were blotted out.

²¹ And the letter became a large volume, which was entirely written by the finger of God.

²² And the name of the Father was upon it; and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, to rule for ever and ever. Halleluyah.

Ode Twenty One

¹ The dove fluttered over the head of Maran Mshikha, because He was her head.

² And she sang over Him, and her voice was heard.

³ Then the inhabitants were afraid, and the foreigners were disturbed.

⁴ The bird began to fly, and every creeping thing died in its hole.

⁵ And the chasms were opened and closed; and they were seeking the Lord as those who are about to give birth.

⁶ But He was not given to them for nourishment, because He did not belong to them.

⁷ But the chasms were submerged in the seal of the Lord, and they perished in the thought with which they had remained from the beginning.

⁸ For they were in labour from the beginning, and the end of their travail was life.

⁹ And all of them who were lacking perished, because they were not able to express the word so that they might remain.

¹⁰ And the Lord destroyed the devices, of all those who had not the truth with them.

¹¹ For they were lacking in wisdom, they who exalted themselves in their mind.

¹² So they were rejected, because the truth was not with them.

¹³ For the Lord revealed His way, and spread widely His grace.

¹⁴ And those who understood it knew His holiness. Halleluyah.

Ode Twenty Two

¹ I was rescued from my chains, and I fled unto You, O my God.

² Because You are the right hand of salvation, and my Helper.

³ You have restrained those who rise up against me, and no more were they seen.

⁴ Because Your face was with me, which saved me by Your grace.

⁵ But I was despised and rejected in the eyes of many, and I was in their eyes like lead.

⁶ And I acquired strength from You, and help.

⁷ A lamp You set for me both on my right and on my left, so that there might not be in me anything that is not light.

⁸ And I was covered with the covering of Your Spirit, and I removed from me my garments of skin.

⁹ Because Your right hand exalted me, and caused sickness to pass from me.

¹⁰ And I became mighty in Your truth, and holy in Your righteousness.

¹¹ And all my adversaries were afraid of me, and I became the Lord's by the name of the Lord.

¹² And I was justified by His kindness, and His rest is for ever and ever. Halleluyah.

Ode Twenty Three

¹ I poured out praise to the Lord, because I am His own.

² And I will recite His holy ode, because my heart is with Him.

³ For His harp is in my hand, and the odes of His rest shall not be silent.

⁴ I will call unto Him with all my heart, I will praise and exalt Him with all my members.

⁵ For from the East and unto the West is His praise;

⁶ Also from the South and unto the North is His thanksgiving.

⁷ Even from the crest of the summits and unto their extremity is His perfection.

⁸ Who can write the odes of the Lord, or who can read them?

⁹ Or who can train himself for life, so that he himself may be saved?

¹⁰ Or who can press upon the Most High, so that He would recite from His mouth?

¹¹ Who can interpret the wonders of the Lord? Though he who interprets will be destroyed, yet that which was interpreted will remain.

¹² For it suffices to perceive and be satisfied, for the odists stand in serenity;

¹³ Like a river which has an increasingly gushing spring, and flows to the relief of them that seek it. Halleluyah.

Ode Twenty Four

¹ As the wings of doves over their nestlings, and the mouths of their nestlings towards their mouths, so also are the wings of the Spirit over my heart.

² I trusted, consequently I was at rest; because trustful is He in whom I trusted.

³ He has greatly blessed me, and my head is with Him.

⁴ And the dagger shall not divide me from Him, nor the sword;

⁵ Because I am ready before destruction comes, and have been set on His immortal side.

⁶ And immortal life embraced me, and kissed me.

⁷ And from that life is the Spirit which is within me. And it cannot die because it is life.

⁸ Those who saw me were amazed, because I was persecuted.

⁹ And they thought that I had been swallowed up, because I seemed to them as one of the lost.

¹⁰ But my injustice became my salvation.

¹¹ And I became their abomination, because there was no jealousy in me.

¹² Because I continually did good to every man I was hated.

¹³ And they surrounded me like mad dogs, those who in stupidity attack their masters.

¹⁴ Because their thought is depraved, and their mind is perverted.

¹⁵ But I was carrying water in my right hand, and their bitterness I endured by my sweetness.

¹⁶ And I did not perish, because I was not their brother, nor was my birth like theirs.

¹⁷ And they sought my death but did not find it possible, because I was older than their memory; and in

vain did they cast lots against me.

¹⁸ And those who were after me sought in vain to destroy the memorial of Him who was before them.

¹⁹ Because the thought of the Most High cannot be prepossessed; and His heart is superior to all wisdom. Halleluyah.

Ode Twenty Five

¹ The Lord is my hope, I shall not be ashamed of Him.

² For according to His praise He made me, and according to His grace even so He gave to me.

³ And according to His mercies He exalted me, and according to His great honour He lifted me up.

⁴ And he caused me to ascend from the depths of Sheol, and from the mouth of death He drew me.

⁵ And I humbled my enemies, and He justified me by His grace.

⁶ For I believed in the Lord's Mshikha, and considered that He is the Lord.

⁷ And He revealed to me His sign, and He led me by His light.

⁸ And He gave me the sceptre of His power, that I might subdue the devices of the people, and humble the power of the mighty.

⁹ To make war by His Word, and to take victory by His power.

¹⁰ And the Lord overthrew my enemy by His Word, and he became like the dust which a breeze carries off.

¹¹ And I gave praise to the Most High, because He has magnified His servant and the son of His maidservant. Halleluyah.

Ode Twenty Six

¹ Fill for yourselves water from the living fountain of the Lord, because it has been opened for you.

² And come all you thirsty and take a drink, and rest beside the fountain of the Lord.

³ Because it is pleasing and sparkling, and perpetually refreshes the self.

⁴ For much sweeter is its water than honey, and the honeycomb of bees is not to be compared with it;

⁵ Because it flowed from the lips of the Lord, and it named from the heart of the Lord.

⁶ And it came boundless and invisible, and until it was set in the middle they knew it not.

⁷ Blessed are they who have drunk from it, and have refreshed themselves by it. Halleluyah.

Ode Twenty Seven

¹ Chasms vanished before the Lord, and darkness dissipated before His appearance.

² Error erred and perished on account of Him; and contempt received no path, for it was submerged by the truth of the Lord.

³ He opened His mouth and spoke grace and joy; and recited a new chant to His name.

⁴ Then He lifted his voice towards the Most High, and offered to Him those that had become sons through Him.

⁵ And His face was justified, because thus His Holy Father had given to Him.

⁶ Come forth, you who have been afflicted, and receive joy.

⁷ And possess yourselves through grace, and take unto you immortal life.

⁸ And they condemned me when I stood up, me who had not been condemned.

⁹ Then they divided my spoil, though nothing was owed them.

¹⁰ But I endured and held my peace and was silent, that I might not be disturbed by them.

¹¹ But I stood undisturbed like a solid rock, which is continuously pounded by columns of waves and endures.

¹² And I bore their bitterness because of humility; that I might redeem my nation and instruct it.

¹³ And that I might not nullify the promises to the patriarchs, to whom I was promised for the salvation of their offspring. Halleluyah.

Ode Twenty Eight

¹ But again Grace was swift and dismissed the corrupter, and descended upon him to renounce him.

² And he caused utter destruction before him, and corrupted all his work.

³ And he stood on the peak of a summit and cried aloud from one end of the earth to the other.

⁴ Then he drew to him all those who obeyed him, for he did not appear as the Evil One.

⁵ However, the perfect Virgin stood, who was preaching and summoning and saying:

⁶ O you sons of men, return, and you their daughters, come.

⁷ And leave the ways of that corrupter, and approach me.

⁸ And I will enter into you, and bring you forth from destruction, and make you wise in the ways of truth.

⁹ Be not corrupted nor perish.

¹⁰ Obey me and be saved, for I am proclaiming unto you the grace of God.

¹¹ And through me you will be saved and become blessed. I am your judge;

¹² And they who have put me on shall not be falsely accused, but they shall possess incorruptibility in the new world.

¹³ My elect ones have walked with me, and my ways I will make known to them who seek me; and I will promise them my name. Halleluyah.

Ode Twenty Nine

¹ There is no hard way where there is a simple heart, nor barrier for upright thoughts,

² Nor whirlwind in the depth of the enlightened thought.

³ Where one is surrounded on every side by pleasing country, there is nothing divided in him.

⁴ The likeness of that which is below is that which is above.

⁵ For everything is from above, and from below there is nothing, but it is believed to be by those in whom there is no understanding.

⁶ Grace has been revealed for your salvation. Believe and live and be saved. Halleluyah.

Ode Thirty

¹ The gentle showers of the Lord overshadowed me with serenity, and they caused a cloud of peace to rise over my head;

² That it might guard me at all times. And it became salvation to me.

³ Everyone was disturbed and afraid, and there came from them smoke and judgement.

⁴ But I was tranquil in the Lord's legion; more than shade was He to me, and more than foundation.

⁵ And I was carried like a child by its mother; and He gave me milk, the dew of the Lord.

⁶ And I was enriched by His favour, and rested in His perfection.

⁷ And I spread out my hands in the ascent of myself, and I directed myself towards the Most High, and I was redeemed towards Him. Halleluyah.

Ode Thirty One

¹ I rested on the Spirit of the Lord, and She lifted me up to heaven;

² And caused me to stand on my feet in the Lord's high place, before His perfection and His glory, where I continued glorifying Him by the composition of His Odes.

³ The Spirit brought me forth before the Lord's face, and because I was the Son of Man, I was named the Light, the Son of God;

⁴ Because I was the most glorified among the glorious ones, and the greatest among the great ones.

⁵ For according to the greatness of the Most High, so She made me; and according to His newness He renewed me.

⁶ And He anointed me with His perfection; and I became one of those who are near Him.

⁷ And my mouth was opened like a cloud of dew, and my heart gushed forth like a gusher of righteousness.

⁸ And my approach was in peace, and I was established in the Spirit of Providence. Halleluyah.

Ode Thirty Two

¹ I stretched out my hands towards the Lord, and towards the Most High I raised my voice.

² And I spoke with the lips of my heart, and He heard me when my voice reached Him.

³ His Word came towards me, in order to give me the fruits of my labours;

⁴ And gave me rest by the grace of the Lord. Halleluyah.

Ode Thirty Three

¹ I went up into the light of Truth as into a chariot, and the Truth led me and caused me to come.

² And caused me to pass over chasms and gulfs, and saved me from cliffs and valleys.

³ And became for me a haven of salvation, and set me on the place of immortal life.

⁴ And He went with me and caused me to rest and did not allow me to err; because He was and is the Truth.

⁵ And there was no danger for me because I constantly walked with Him; and I did not err in anything because I obeyed Him.

⁶ For Error fled from Him, and never met Him.

⁷ But Truth was proceeding on the upright way, and whatever I did not understand He exhibited to me:

⁸ All the poisons of error, and pains of death which are considered sweetness.

⁹ And the corrupting of the corrupter, I saw when the bride who was corrupting was adorned, and the bridegroom who corrupts and is corrupted.

¹⁰ And I asked the Truth, Who are these? And He said to me: This is the Deceiver and the Error.

¹¹ And they imitate the Beloved and His Bride, and they cause the world to err and corrupt it.

¹² And they invite many to the wedding feast, and allow them to drink the wine of their intoxication;

¹³ So they cause them to vomit up their wisdom and their knowledge, and prepare for them mindlessness.

¹⁴ Then they abandon them; and so they stumble about like mad and corrupted men.

¹⁵ Since there is no understanding in them, neither do they seek it.

¹⁶ But I have been made wise so as not to fall into the hands of the Deceivers, and I myself rejoiced because the Truth had gone with me.

¹⁷ For I was established and lived and was redeemed, and my foundations were laid on account of the Lord's hand; because He has planted me.

¹⁸ For He set the root, and watered it and endowed it and blessed it, and its fruits will be forever.

¹⁹ It penetrated deeply and sprang up and spread out, and it was full and was enlarged.

²⁰ And the Lord alone was glorified, in His planting and in His cultivation;

²¹ In His care and in the blessing of His lips, in the beautiful planting of His right hand;

²² And in the attainment of His planting, and in the understanding of His mind. Halleluyah.

Ode Thirty Four

¹ Raging rivers are the power of the Lord; they send headlong those who despise Him.

² And entangle their paths, and destroy their crossings.

³ And snatch their bodies, and corrupt their natures.

⁴ For they are more swift than lightnings, even more rapid.

⁵ But those who cross them in faith shall not be disturbed.

⁶ And those who walk on them faultlessly shall not be shaken.

⁷ Because the sign on them is the Lord, and the sign is the Way for those who cross in the name of the Lord.

⁸ Therefore, put on the name of the Most High and know Him, and you shall cross without danger; because rivers shall be obedient to you.

⁹ The Lord has bridged them by His Word, and He walked and crossed them on foot.

¹⁰ And His footsteps stand firm upon the waters, and were not destroyed; but they are like a beam of wood that is constructed on truth.

¹¹ On this side and on that the waves were lifted up, but the footsteps of Maran Mshikha stand firm.

¹² And they are neither blotted out, nor destroyed.

¹³ And the Way has been appointed for those who cross over after Him, and for those who adhere to the path of His faith; and who adore His name. Halleluyah.

Ode Thirty Five

¹ As honey drips from the honeycomb of bees, and milk flows from the woman who loves her children, so also is my hope upon You, O my God.

² As a fountain gushes forth its water, so my heart gushes forth the praise of the Lord, and my lips bring forth praise to Him.

³ And my tongue becomes sweet by His anthems, and my members are anointed by His odes.

⁴ My face rejoices in His exultation, and my spirit exults in His love, and my nature shines in Him.

⁵ And he who is afraid shall trust in Him, and redemption shall be assured in Him.

⁶ And His possessions are immortal life, and those who receive it are incorruptible. Halleluyah.

Ode Thirty Six

¹ Let all the Lord's babes praise Him, and let us receive the truth of His faith.

² And His children shall be acknowledged by Him, therefore let us sing by His love.

³ We live in the Lord by His grace, and life we receive by His Mshikha.

⁴ For a great day has shined upon us, and wonderful is He who has given to us of His glory.

⁵ Let us, therefore, all of us agree in the name of the Lord, and let us honour Him in His goodness.

⁶ And let our faces shine in His light, and let our hearts meditate in His love, by night and by day.

⁷ Let us exult with the exultation of the Lord.

⁸ All those who see me will be amazed, because I am from another race.

⁹ For the Father of Truth remembered me; he who possessed me from the beginning.

¹⁰ For His riches produced me, and the thought of His heart.

¹¹ And His Word is with us in all our way, the Saviour who gives life and does not reject ourselves.

¹² The Man who humbled Himself, but was exalted because of His own righteousness.

¹³ The Son of the Most High appeared in the perfection of His Father.

¹⁴ And light dawned from the Word that was before time in Him.

¹⁵ The Mshikha in truth is one.

¹⁶ And He was known before the foundations of the world, that He might give life to persons for ever by the truth of His name.

¹⁷ A new chant is for the Lord from they that love Him. Halleluyah.

This concludes the Odes of Solomon