

# TEHILLIM TALKS

Psalm 71

# [No Superscription]

1-8 In You, Adonai, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! <sup>2</sup> In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me. Incline Your ear to me, and save me! <sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may **continually** come. You commanded that I should be saved, for You are my rock and my fortress. <sup>4</sup> My God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the deviant and violent man. <sup>5</sup> For You are my hope, O Lord Adonai, my trust **from my youth**. <sup>6</sup> Upon You I have leaned **from the womb**. **From the belly of my mother** You took me. My praise is **continually** of You. <sup>7</sup> An example I have been to many, and You are my strong refuge. <sup>8</sup> My mouth is filled with Your praise, and **all day long** with Your beauty.

9-11 Do not cast me away in **the time of old age**; when my strength fails do not forsake me. <sup>10</sup> For my enemies speak concerning me; those who watch for my life consult together <sup>11</sup> saying, "God has forsaken him. Pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him."

12-16 O God, be not far from me; O my God, hurry to help me! <sup>13</sup> May my accusers be put to shame and consumed; with scorn and disgrace may they be covered who seek my evil. <sup>14</sup> But I will continually hope and will praise You yet more and more. <sup>15</sup> My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for I do not know the full numbers. <sup>16</sup> With the mighty deeds of the Lord Adonai I will come. I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

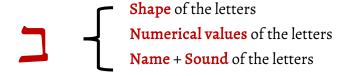
17-18 O God, from my youth You have taught me, and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds. <sup>18</sup> So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Your arm to another generation, Your power to all those to come.

19-24 Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like You? <sup>20</sup> You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth You will bring me up again. <sup>21</sup> You will increase my greatness and comfort me again. <sup>22</sup> I will also praise You with the harp for Your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to You with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. <sup>23</sup> My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You; my soul also, which You have redeemed. <sup>24</sup> And my tongue will talk of Your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

15 – My mouth will **tell** (ספר, *saphar/sepher*) of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for I do not know the full **numbers** (ספרה, *sephorah*).

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sepher (בסס) = "book" TEXT
sephorah (בססס) = "number" ("cipher") NUMBER
saphar (בססס) = "to tell" / "telling" COMMUNICATION



## Exodus 24:10

And they saw the God of Israel. There was under His feet as it were a pavement of **sapphire** [ספיר, *sappir*] stone, like the very heaven for clearness.

## Exodus 28:18

...and the second row an emerald, a sapphire [ספיר], sappir], and a diamond; [+39:11]

# Ezekiel 10:1

Then I looked, and behold, on the expanse that was over the heads of the cherubim there appeared above them something like a **sapphire** [כפיד, sappir], in appearance like a throne.

#### REFERENCES:

#### Verse 3

Psalm 91:11 For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

## Verse 15

**Isaiah 54:11-13** "O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and your foundations I will lay in <u>sapphires</u> [ספיר]. Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies, and your gates of crystal, and your entire wall of precious stones. And all your sons will be taught of Adonai; and the well-being of your sons will be great."

## Verse 18

**Exodus 15:16** Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of Your <u>arm</u> (נורוע, zaroa), they are still as a stone, till your people, O Adonai, pass by, till the people pass by whom You have purchased.

## Verse 20

**Psalm 40:2** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Numbers 15:38-39 "Speak to the people of Israel and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of <u>blue</u> [תכל'ת, *techeilet*] on the tassel of each corner. And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of Adonai, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you are inclined to prostitute yourselves."