

THE ADDITIONAL BOOKS

# The Prayer of Manasses; Psalm 151

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**Translation.** The Prayer of Manasses: King James Version, Apocrypha (1611; text of 1769).

Psalm 151: World English Bible.

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*King Manasseh prays in his chains (Prayer of Manasses 10)*

## The Prayer of Manasses

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, Almighty God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed; <sup>2</sup>who hast made heaven and earth, with all the ornament thereof; <sup>3</sup>who hast bound the sea by the word of thy commandment; who hast shut up the deep, and sealed it by thy terrible and glorious name; <sup>4</sup>whom all men fear, and tremble before thy power; <sup>5</sup>for the majesty of thy glory cannot be borne, and thine angry threatening toward sinners is importable: <sup>6</sup>but thy merciful promise is unmeasurable and unsearchable; <sup>7</sup>for thou art the most high Lord, of great compassion, longsuffering, very merciful, and repentest of the evils of men. Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodness hast promised repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against thee: and of thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that they may be saved. <sup>8</sup>Thou therefore, O Lord, that art the God of the just, hast not appointed repentance to the just, as to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, which have not sinned against thee; but thou hast appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner: <sup>9</sup>for I have sinned above the number of the sands of the sea. My transgressions, O Lord, are multiplied: my transgressions are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of heaven for the multitude of mine iniquities. <sup>10</sup>I am bowed down with many iron bands, that I cannot lift up mine head, neither have any release: for I have provoked thy wrath, and done evil before thee: I did not thy will, neither kept I thy commandments: I have set up abominations, and have multiplied offences. <sup>11</sup>Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching thee of grace. <sup>12</sup>I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities: <sup>13</sup>wherefore, I humbly beseech thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by

reserving evil for me; neither condemn me into the lower parts of the earth. For thou art the God, even the God of them that repent; <sup>14</sup> and in me thou wilt shew all thy goodness: for thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy. <sup>15</sup> Therefore I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: for all the powers of the heavens do praise thee, and thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Psalm 151 (World English Bible)

*This Psalm is a genuine one of David, though extra, composed when he fought in single combat with Goliath.*

- <sup>1</sup> I was small among my brothers, and youngest in my father's house. I tended my father's sheep.
- <sup>2</sup> My hands formed a musical instrument, and my fingers tuned a lyre.
- <sup>3</sup> Who shall tell my Lord? The Lord himself, he himself hears.
- <sup>4</sup> He sent forth his angel and took me from my father's sheep, and he anointed me with his anointing oil.
- <sup>5</sup> My brothers were handsome and tall; but the Lord didn't take pleasure in them.
- <sup>6</sup> I went out to meet the Philistine, and he cursed me by his idols.
- <sup>7</sup> But I drew his own sword and beheaded him, and removed reproach from the children of Israel.