

# **Odes of Solomon**

#### ODE 1

- 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;
- 4. But you lived upon my head, and have blossomed upon me.
- 5. Your fruits are full and complete; they are full of your salvation.

## ODE 2 (lost)

## ODE 3

- 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 foreigner, 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 will 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 vigilant. Haluluyah.

- 1. No man can pervert your holy place, O my Alahayim; 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. You have given your heart, O Lord, to your faithful ones.
- 4. Never will you be idle, nor will you be without fruits;
- 5. 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. Sprinkle upon us your sprinklings, 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;
- 12. Since the end was manifest to you.
- 13. For that which you gave, you gave freely, so that no longer will you draw back and take them again.
- 14. For all was manifest to you as Alahayim, and was set in order from the beginning before you.
- 15. And you, O Lord, have made all. Haluluyah.

- 1. I praise you, O Lord, because I love you.
- 2. o Most High, abandon 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.
- Let their counsel become dull, so that whatever they have conspired will return upon their own heads
- 8. For they have devised a counsel, but it was not for them.
  - ((And they were vanquished although they were powerful.))
- 9. They prepared themselves maliciously, but they were found to be impotent
- 10. Indeed my hope\* is upon the Lord, and I shall not fear.

  11. And because the Lord is my salvation, 1 shall not fear.
- 12. And he is as a crown upon my head, and I shall not be disturbed.
- 13. Even if everything should be shaken, I shall stand firm.
- 14. And though all things visible should perish, I shall not die;
- 15. Because the Lord is with me, and I with him. Haluluyah.



- 1. As the [wind] moves through the harp and the strings speak,
- 2. So the Spirit of the Lord speaks through my members, and I speak through his love.
- 3. For he destroys whatever is foreign, and everything is of the Lord.
- 4. For thus it has been from the beginning, and (will be) until the end.
- 5. So that nothing will be contrary, and nothing will rise up against him.
- 6. 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.
- 7. And his praise he gave us on account of his name; our spirits praise his Holy Spirit.
- 8. 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)c to the Temple.
- 9. And the restraints of men were not able to restrain it, nor even the arts of them who habitually restrain water.
- 10. For it spread over the face of all the earth, and it filled everything.'
- 11. Then all the thirsty upon the earth drank and thirst was relieved and quenched;
- 12. For from the Most High the drink was given.
- 13. Blessed, therefore, are the ministers of that drink, who have been entrusted with his water.
- 14. They have pleased the parched lips, and have restored the paralyzed will
- 15. Even lives who were about to expire, they have seized from Death.
- 16. And members which had fallen," they have restored and set up.
- 17. They gave power for their coming, and light for their eyes.
- 18. Because everyone recognized them as the Lord's, and lived by the living water of eternity.

  Haluluyah.

- 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 toward him, this way 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 grandeur
- 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 seek from him and to benefit from his sacrifice.
- 11. For he it is who is incorruptible, 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 think that they came of themselves.
- 13. For toward knowledge he has set his way, he has spread it out 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. And the Most High will be known by his holy ones:
- 17. 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.
- 18. The Seers will go before him, and they will appear before him.
- 19. And they will praise the Lord in his love, because he is near and does see.
- 20. And hatred will be removed from the earth, and with jealousy it will be drowned.
- 21. For ignorance was destroyed upon it, because the knowledge of the Lord came upon it.
- 22. Let the Singers sing the grace of the Lord Most High, and let them offer their songs.
- 23. And let their heart be like the day, and their gentle voices like the majestic beauty\* of the Lord.
- 24. And let there not be any person that is without knowledge or voice.
- 25. For he gave a mouth to his creation: to open the voice of the mouth toward him, and to praise him.
- 26. Praise his power and declare his grace. Haluluvah.

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 speak with watchfulness in his light.
- 3. Stand and be established, you who once were brought low.
- 4. You who were in silence, speak, for your mouth has been opened.
- 5. You who were despised, from henceforth be raised, for your Righteousness has been raised;
- 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.

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- 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 declare to 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 work are they, and the power 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 will not be deprived of my name; for it is with them.'

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- 20. Seek and increase, and abide in the love of the Lord;
- 21. And you who are 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 incorrupted in all ages, on account of the name of your Father.
  Haluluyah.

#### Ode 9

- 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 his Messiah.
- 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 Alahayim the Father; and receive the purpose of the Most High. Be strong and saved by his grace.
- 6. For I announce peace to you, his holy ones, so that none of those who hear will fall in the war.
- 7. And also that those who have known him may not perish, and so that those who receive (him)c 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 justification which is for you, and she sees you before her and wills that you will be saved. Haluluyah.

- 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 capture a good captivity for freedom.

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- 4. I took courage and became strong and captured the world, and it became mine for the glory of the Most High, and of Alahayim my Father.
- 5. And the gentiles who had been scattered were gathered together, but I was not defiled by my love (for them), because they had praised me in high places.
- 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. Haluluyah.

## **ODE 11**

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



- 2. For the Most High circumcised me by his Holy Spirit, then he uncovered my inward being toward 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 spring of the Lord generously.
- 7. And so I drank and became intoxicated, from the living water that does not die.
- 8. And my intoxication was not with ignorance but I abandoned vanity
- 9. And turned toward the Most High, my Alahayim, and was enriched by his favors.
- 10. And I abandoned the folly cast upon the earth, and stripped it off and cast it from me.
- 11. And the Lord renewed me with his garment, and possessed me1 by his light.
- 12. And from above he gave me immortal rest; and I became like the land which blossoms and rejoices in its fruits.
- 13. And the Lord (is) like the sun upon the face of the land.
- 14. My eyes were enlightened, and my face received the dew;
- 15. And my breath was refreshed by the pleasant fragrance of the Lord.
- 16. And he took me to his Paradise, wherein is the wealth of the Lord's pleasure. ((I contemplated blooming and fruit-bearing trees and self-grown was their crown. Their branches were flourishing and their fruits were shining; their roots (were) from an immortal land. And a river of gladness was irrigating them, and the region round about them in the land of eternal life.))
- 17. Then I adored the Lord because of his magnificence.
- 18. And I said, blessed, O Lord, are they who are planted in your land, and who have a place in your Paradise;
- 19. And who grow in the growth of your trees, and have passed from darkness into light."
- 20. Behold, all your laborers are fair, they who work good works, and turn from wickedness to your kindness.
- 21. For they turned away from themselves the bitterness of the trees when they were planted in your land.
- 22. And everyone was like your remnant. ((Blessed are the workers of your water,))" and the eternal memorial" of your faithful servants.
- 23. Indeed, there is much room in your Paradise. And there is nothing in it which is barren, but everything is filled with fruit.
- 24. Praise be to you, O Alahayim, the delight of Paradise for ever. Haluluvah.



- 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 door 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 thought, and the preachers of his mind, and the teachers of his works.
- 5. For the subtlety of the Word is inexpressible and like his expression so also is his swiftness and his acuteness, for limitless is his path.
- 6. He never falls but remains standing, and one cannot know 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 harmony, and they spoke one to another whatever 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 was swift 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 recognized everything, and have known the Lord in his truth.

  Haluluvah.

- 1. Behold, the Lord is our mirror. Open (your) eyes and see them in him.
- 2. And learn the manner of your face, then announce praises to his Spirit.
- 3. And wipe the painto from your face, and love his holiness and put it on.
- 4. Then you will be unblemished at all times with him. Haluluyah.

- 1. As the eyes of a son upon his father, so are my eyes, O Lord, at all times toward you.
- 2. Because my breasts and my pleasure are with you.



- 3. Do not turn aside your mercies from me, O Lord; and do not take 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 serenity, 6 O Lord, 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, O Lord.
- 9. And according to the multitude of your mercies, so grant unto me, and hasten to grant our petitions.
- 10. For you are sufficient for all our needs. Haluluyah.

- 1. As the sun is the joy to them who seek its daybreak, so is my joy the Lord;
- 2. Because he is my sun, and his rays have restored me; and his light has dismissed all darkness from my face."
- 3. Eyes I have possessed 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 lived fully through him.
- 6. I abandoned the way of error, and went toward him and received salvation from him generously.
- 7. And according to his generosity he gave to me, and according to his majestic beauty he made me.
- 8. I have put on incorruption through his name, and stripped off corruption by his grace.
- 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 become known to his faithful ones, and been given without limit to all that trust in him. Haluluyah.

- 1. As the work of the plowman is the plowshare, and the work of the helmsman\* is the steering of the ship, so also my work is the psalm of the Lord in his praises.
- 2. My art and my service are in his praises, because his love has nourished my heart, and his fruits he poured unto my lips.
- 3. For my love is the Lord; hence I shall sing unto him.



- 4. For I am strengthened in his praises, and I have faith in him.
- 5. I shall open my mouth, and his spirit will speak through me the praiseo of the Lord and his beauty,
- 6. The work of his hands, and the service 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 perceives his thought.
- 9. For the eye sees his works, and the ear hears his thought.
- 10. It is he who spread out the earth, and placed the waters in the sea.
- 11. He expanded the heaven, and set the stars.
- 12. And he set the creation and aroused it, then he rested from his works.
- 13. And created things run according to their courses and work their works, and they are not able to cease and be idle.
- 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 acceptance one from another they complete the beauty of Alahayim.
- 18. And there is nothing outside of the Lord, because he was before anything came to be.
- 19. And the worlds are by his word and by the thought of his heart.
- 20. Praise and honor to his name. Haluluvah.

- 1. Then I was crowned by my Alahayim, and my crown is living.
- 2. And I was justified by my Lord, for my salvation is incorruptible.
- 3. I have been released from vanities, and am not condemned.
- 4. My chains were cut off by his hands; I received the face and form 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 did not err.

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- 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 paths, and I opened the doors which were closed



- 10. And I shattered the bars' of iron, for my own iron(s) 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 toward all my bondsmen in order to loose them; that I might not abandon 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.

### **Doxology**

17. Glory to you, our Head, O Lord Messiah. Haluluyah.

- 1. My heart was raised 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. O Lord, for the sake of those who are in need, do not expel 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
- 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 evils.
- 8. You are my Alahayim, falsehood and death are not in your mouth; only perfection is your will.
- 9. And vanity you knew not, because neither does it know you.
- 10. And you knew 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 form and were impoverished.
- 13. But the wise 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.



16. Praise and great honor to his name. Haluluyah.

## **ODE 19**

- 1. A cup of milk was offered to me, and I drank it in the sweetness of the Lord's kindness.
- 2. The Son is the cup, and the Father is he who was milked; and the Holy Spirit is she who milked him;
- 3. Because his breasts were full, and it was undesirable that his milk should be released without purpose.
- 4. The Holy Spirit opened her bosom, and mixed the milk of the two breasts of the Father.
- 5. Then she gave the mixture to the generation without their knowing, and those who have received (it) are in the perfection of the right hand.
- 6. The womb of the Virgin took (it), and she received conception and gave birth.
- 7. So the Virgin became a mother with great mercies.
- 8. And she labored and bore the Son but without pain, because it did not occur without purpose
- 9. And she did not seek a midwife, because he caused her to give life.
- 10. She bore as a strong man with desire and she bore according to the manifestation, and possessed with great power.
- 11. And she loved with salvation, and guarded with kindness, and declared with greatness.

  Haluluyah.

- I am a priest of the Lord, and to him I serve as a priest;
- 2. And to him I offer the offering of his thought.
- 3. For his thought is not like the world, nor like the flesh, nor like them who serve according to the flesh.
- 4. The offering of the Lord is righteousness, and purity of heart and lips.
- 5. Offer your inward being faultlessly; and do not let your compassion oppress compassion; and do not you yourself oppress anyone.
- 6. You should not purchase a foreigner because he is like yourself, nor seek to deceive your neighbor, nor deprive him of the covering for his nakedness.
- 7. But put on the grace of the Lord generously, and come into his Paradise, and make for yourself a crown from his tree.



- 8. Then put (it) on your head and be refreshed, and recline upon his serenity.
- 9. For his glory will go before you; and you will receive of his kindness and of his grace and you will be anointed in truth with the praise of his holiness.
- 10. Praise and honor to his name. Haluluyah.

- I raised my arms' on high on account of the grace of the Lord.
- 2. Because he cast off my chains from me, and my Helper raised me according to his grace and his salvation.
- 3. And I stripped 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 incorruptible fellowship.
- 6. And I was lifted up in the light, and I passed before his face.
- 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.
- Then upon my face increased the exultation of the Lord and his praise Haluluyah.

#### **ODE 22**

## **Christ Speaks**

- 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 chains, so that I might loosen them;
- 5. He who overthrew by my hands the dragon with seven heads, and placed 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 the evil poison and your hand leveled 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 broken 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.



Haluluyah.

- 1. Joy is for the holy ones.
  And who will put it on but they alone?
- 2. Grace is for the elect ones.
  And who will receive it but they who trusted in it from the beginning?
- 3. Love is for the elect ones. And who will put it on but they who possessed it from the beginning?
- 4. Walk in the knowledge of the Lordo 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 from a bow like an arrow that has been forcibly shot.
- 7. And many hands rushed to the letter, in order to catch (it),d 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 better than they.
- 10. But those who saw the letter went after it; that they might know where it would land, and who should read it, and who should hear it.
- But a wheel received it, and it (the letter) came over it.
- 12. And with it was a sign, of the Kingdom and of providence
- 13. And everything which was disturbing to the wheel, it moved it and cut it down.
- 14. And it restrained a multitude of adversaries; and bridged rivers.
- 15. And it crossed over (and) uprooted many forests and made a wide 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 appeared 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 Alahayim.



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.

Haluluvah.

## **ODE 24**

- 1. The dove fluttered over the head of our Lord Messiah, 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 submersion of the Lord, and they perished in that thought with which they had remained from the beginning.
- 8. For they labored from the beginning; and the end of their labor 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 thoughts, 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 declared his way, and spread out his grace.
- 14. And those who recognized it knew his holiness. Haluluyah.

### Ode 25

- 1. I was rescued from my chains, and I fled unto you, O my Alahayim.
- 2. Because you are the right hand of salvation and my Helper.
- 3. You have restrained those who rise up against me, and they did not appear again
- 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 raised 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. Haluluyah.

- 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 peak of the summits and unto their end 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 should perish, 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.
  Haluluyah.

## **ODE 27**

- 1. I extended my hands and hallowed my Lord
- 2. For the expansion of my hands is his sign.
- 3. And my extension is the upright cross. Haluluyah.

#### Ode 28

- 1. As the wings of doves over their nestlings, and the mouths of their nestlings toward their mouths, so also are the wings of the Spirit over my heart.
- 2. My heart continually refreshes itself and leaps for joy, like the babe who leaps for joy in his mother's womb.
- 3. I trusted, consequently I was at rest; because trustful is he in whom I trusted.
- 4. He has greatly blessed me, and my head is with him.
- 5. And the dagger shall not divide me from him, nor the sword.
- 6. Because I am readyo before destruction comes, and have been placed in his incorruptible arms.



- 7. And immortal life embraced me, and kissed me.
- 8. And from that (life) is the Spirit which is within me. And it cannot die because it is life.

## Christ Speaks

- 9. Those who saw me were amazed, because I was persecuted.
- 10. And they thought that I had been swallowed up, because I appeared to them as one of the lost.
- 11. But my defamation became my salvation.
- 12. And I became their abomination, because there was no jealousy in me.
- 13. Because I continually did good to every man I was hated.
- 14. And they surrounded me like mad dogs, those who in stupidity" attack their masters.
- 15. Because their mind is depraved, and their sense is perverted.
- 16. But I was carrying water in my right hand, and their bitterness I endured by my sweetness.
- 17. And I did not perish, because I was not their brother, nor was my birth like theirs
- 18. And they sought my death but were unsuccessful,' because I was older than their memory; and in vain did they cast lots against me.
- 19. And those who were after me" sought in vain to destroy the memorial of him who was before them.
- 20. Because the mind of the Most High cannot be prepossessed; o and his heart is superior to all wisdom. Haluluyah.

- 1. The Lord is my hope,
  - I shall not be ashamed in 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 raised me, and according to his great honor 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 Messiah, and considered that he is the Lord.
- 7. And he declared to me6 his sign, and he led me by his light.
- 8. And he gave me the scepter of his power that I might subdue the thoughts of the gentiles, and humble the strength 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. Haluluyah.

- 1. Fill for yourselves water from the living spring\* of the Lord, because it has been opened for you.
- 2. And come all you thirsty and take a drink, and rest beside the spring5 of the Lord.
- 3. Because it is pleasing and sparkling, and perpetually pleases the self.
- 4. For more refreshing 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 rested by it. Haluluyah.

### **ODE 31**

- 1. Chasms vanished before the Lord, and darkness was destroyed by 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 raised his voice toward 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.

## Christ Speaks

- 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 save 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.

Haluluvah.

## **ODE 32**

- 1. To the blessed ones the joy is from their heart, and light from him who dwells in them;
- 2. And the Word from the truth who is self-originate,
- 3. Because he has been strengthened by the holy power of the Most High; and he is unshaken for ever and ever. Haluluyah.

#### **ODE 33**

- 1. But again Grace was swift and repudiated the Corrupter and descended upon him to renounce him.
- 2. And he caused utter destruction before him, and corrupted all his construction
- 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, ford he did not appear as the Evil One.
- 5. However the perfect Virgin stood,
- 6. who was preaching and summoning and saying: o you sons of men, return, and you their daughters, come.
- 7. And abandon 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. Hear me and be saved,
  - for I am proclaiming unto you the grace of Alahayim.
- 11. And through me you will be saved and become blessed. I am your judge;
- 12. And they who have put me on will not be rejected but they will possess incorruption in the new world.
- 13. My elect ones have walked with me, and my ways I shall make known to them who seek me; and I shall promise them my name.
  Haluluyah.

- 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 entirely (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,
- 6. and from below there is nothing,
- 7. but it is considered to be by those in whom there is no understanding.
- 8. Grace has been revealed for your salvation. Believe and live and be saved. Haluluyah.

- 1. The sprinkling of the Lord overshadowed me with serenity, o and it caused a cloud of peace to stand over my head;
- 2. That it might guard me at all times. And it became salvationo to me.
- 3. Everyone was disturbed and afraid, and there flowed from them smoke and judgment.
- 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 grew strong in his favor, and rested in his perfection.
- 7. And I extended my hands in the ascent of myself," and I directed myself near the Most High, and I was saved near him. Haluluyah.

## **ODE 36**

- 1. I rested on the Spirit of the Lord, and she raised 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 praising (him) by the composition of his odes.

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- 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 Alahayim;
- 4. Because I was most praised among the praised 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. Haluluyah.



- 1. I extended my hands toward the Lord, and toward 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 toward me, that which gave me the fruits of my labors;
- 4. And gave me rest by the grace of the Lord. Haluluyah.

- 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 declared to me:
- 8. All the drugs of error, and pains of death which are considered sweetness.
- And the corrupting of the Corruptor, 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 Deceived 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 allowed them to drink the wine of their intoxication;
- 13. So they cause them to vomit up their wisdom and their knowledge, and make them senseless.
- 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 saved,



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 adapted 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 praised, 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. Haluluyah.

## **ODE 39**

- 1. Raging rivers (are like) the power of the Lord; they bring headlong those who despise him.
- 2. And entangle their paths, and destroy their crossings.
- 3. And catch 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 the 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 were standing 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 our Lord Messiah were standing 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. Haluluyah.

- 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 Alahayim.
- 2. As a spring 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 will trust in him, and salvation will be established in him.
- 6. And his possession is immortal life, and those who receive it are incorruptible. Haluluyah.

## **ODE 41**

- 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 Messiah.
- 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 honor 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.

## Christ Speaks

- 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 begat me, and the thought of his heart.

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- 11. And his Word is with us in all our way, the Savior who gives life and does not reject ourselves.
- 12. The Man who humbled himself, but was raised 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 Messiah in truth is one.

  And he was known before the foundations of the world, that he might give life to persons forever by the truth of his

#### <u>Doxology</u>

16. A new chant (is) for the Lord from them that love him. Haluluyah.



- 1. I extended my hands and approached my Lord, because the stretching out of my hands is his sign.
- 2. And my extension is the common cross,
- 3. that was lifted up on the way of the Righteous One.

## Christ Speaks"

And I became useless to those who knew me [not], because I shall hide myself from those who possessed me not.

- 4. And I will be with those who love me.
- All my persecutors have died, and they who trusted in me sought me, because I am living/
- 6. Then I arose and am with them, and will speak by their mouths.
- 7. For they have rejected those who persecute them; and I threw over them the yoke of my love.
- 8. Like the arm of the bridegroom over the bride, so is my yoke over those who know me.
- 9. And as the bridal feast is spread out by the bridal pair's home, so is my love by those who believe in me.
- 10. I was not rejected although I was considered to be so, and I did not perish although they thought it of me.
- 11. Sheol saw me and was shattered, and Death ejected me and many with me.
- 12. I have been vinegar and bitterness to it, and I went down with it as far as its depth.
- 13. Then the feet and the head it released, because it was not able to endure my face."
- 14. And I made a congregation of living among his dead; and I spoke with them by living lips;
  - in order that my word may not fail.
- 15. And those who had died ran toward me; and they cried out and said, "Son of Alahayim, have pity on us.
- 16. "And deal with us according to your kindness, and bring us out from the chains of darkness.
- 17. And open for us the door by which we may go forth to you, for we perceive that our death does not approach you.
- 18. May we also be saved with you, because you are our Savior."
- 19. Then I heard their voice, and placed their faith in my heart
- 20.And I placed my name upon their head, because they are free and they are mine.
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  Haluluyah.