

Communal Thanksgiving

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"For the Chief Musician. A song. A Psalm."

IN ONE SENTENCE



ll the earth shouts to God for his awesome works, who tested his people like silver and brought them to abundance.

Remember it: Sixty-six: through fire and water, refined like silver into abundance.

MEMORY VERSE

Come and hear, all you who fear God. I will declare what he has done for my soul.

Psalm 66:16 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

צִרְפָּתָנוּ

"refined us" · verse 10

In the Psalms: nine times, in 7 psalms

צָרַר means "to refine," the work of melting metal so the dross separates from the silver. A goldsmith is named from this root. Israel's prison, burdens, fire, and water were not random pain but a refiner's work, and the fire led to "the place of abundance."

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1-7** All the earth shouts; God turned the sea into dry land.
- 8-12** God tested his people like silver and brought them to abundance.
- 13-15** The singer brings offerings and pays vows made in distress.
- 16-20** Come and hear: God listened to my prayer.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 66 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/66.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Praise & Thanksgiving

Israel's Story

FILL IN THE BLANKS

All the earth _____ to God for his awesome works, who tested his people like _____ and brought them to _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What did God turn the sea into?

(A) A river of blood

(B) Dry land

(C) A wall of ice

(D) A quiet lake

2. God refined his people as what is refined?

(A) Silver

(B) Gold

(C) Bronze

(D) Wheat

3. What would have kept the Lord from listening?

(A) Forgetting a vow

(B) Praying too softly

(C) Coming without a sacrifice

(D) Cherishing sin in his heart

TALK IT OVER

1. The psalm moves from "come and see" (v. 5) to "come and hear" (v. 16). What is the singer inviting people to?

2. How can a loving God also be a refiner who tests his people?

3. What has God brought you through that you could tell someone about this week?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 66 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 16 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: shouts · silver · abundance · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 6) · 2. A (v. 10) · 3. D (v. 18)