

**A PSALM FOR THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP**  
by Pastor Bert

Lord, calm my babbling heart  
lest your still small voice  
be missed beneath the din of the trivial.

Lord fill my empty soul  
lest the hunger within draw me away  
to feed on the tainted delicacies of the world.

Lord, bridle my raging flesh  
lest evil snare me by my own desires  
and drag me away from you.

Lord awaken my slumbering spirit  
lest I miss this day of your great triumph  
in favor of the hollowness of comfort.

Lord instruct my ignorant thinking  
lest I boast in the wisdom of this world  
while suppressing the truth that begins with the fear of the LORD.