Psalm 18

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I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my stony rock, and my defence: my saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust,

*my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

2. I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised: so shall I be safe from mine enemies. 3. The sorrows of death compassed me: and the overflows of ungodliness made me afraid. 4. The pains of hell came about me: the snares of death overtook me. 5. In my trouble I will call upon the Lord: and complain unto my God. 6. So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple: and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears. 7. The earth trembled and quaked: the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth. 8. There went a smoke out in his presence: and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it. 9. He bowed the heavens all-
so, and came down: and it was dark under his feet. 10. He rode upon the cherubins, and did fly: he came flying upon the wings of the wind. 11. He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him, with dark water and thick clouds to cover him. 12. At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed: hailstones, and coals of fire. 13. The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder: hailstones, and coals of fire. 14. He sent out his arrows, and scattered them: he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them. 15. The springs of water were seen, *and the foundations of the round world were discovered, at thy chiding, O Lord: at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure. 16. He shall send down from on high to fetch me: and shall take me out of many waters. 17. He shall deliver me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me: for they are too mighty for me. 18. They prevented me in the day of my trouble: but the Lord
was my upholder. 19. He brought me forth also into a place of liberty: he
brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me. 20. The Lord shall
reward me after my righteous dealing: according to the cleanness of my hands
shall he recompense me. 21. Because I have kept the ways of the Lord: and
have not forsaken my God, as the wick-ed doth. 22. For I have an eye
unto all his laws: and will not cast out his commandments from me. 23. I
was also uncorrupt before him: and eschewed mine own wick-edness.
24. Therefore shall the Lord reward me after my righteous dealing: and according
unto the cleanness of my hands in his eye-sight. 25. With the holy thou shalt
be holy: and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect. 26. With the clean
thou shalt be clean: and with the froward thou shalt learn frowardness. 27. For
thou shalt save the people that are in adversity: and shalt bring down the
high looks of the proud. 28. Thou also shalt light my candle: the Lord my God
shall make my darkness to be light. 29. For in thee I shall discomfit an host of
men: and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall. 30. The way of
God is an undefiled way: the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire; he is
the defender of all them that put their trust in him. 31. For who is God, but
the Lord: or who hath any strength, except our God? 32. It is God, that
girdeth me with strength of war: and maketh my way perfect. 33. He maketh
my feet like harts' feet: and setteth me up on high. 34. He teacheth mine
hands to fight: and mine arms shall break even a bow of steel. 35. Thou hast
given me the defence of thy salvation: thy right hand also shall hold me
up, and thy loving correction shall make me great. 36. Thou shalt make room
enough under me for to go: that my footsteps shall not slide. 37. I will
follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them: neither will I turn again
till I have destroyed them. 38. I will smite them, that they shall not
be able to stand: but fall under my feet. 39. Thou hast girded me with strength
unto the battle: thou shalt throw down mine enemies un-der me. 40. Thou
hast made mine ene-mies also to turn their backs upon me: and I shall destroy
them that hate me. 41. They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them:
yea, even unto the Lord shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.
42. I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind: I will cast them out
as the clay in the streets. 43. Thou shalt deliv-er me from the strivings of the
people: and thou shalt make me the head of the hea-then. 44. A people
whom I have not known: shall serve me. 45. As soon as they hear of me, they
shall obey me: but the strange children shall dissemble with me.
46. The strange children shall fail: and be afraid out of their prisons. 47. The Lord
liveth, and blessed be my strong helper: and praised be the Lord of my
salvation; 48. Even the God that seeth that I be avenged: and subdue the
49. It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, *and
setteth me up above mine adversaries: thou shalt rid me from the wick-ed
man. 50. For this cause will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the
Gentiles: and sing praises unto thy Name51. Great prosperi-ty giveth he unto
his King: and sheweth loving-kindness un-to David his Anointed, and unto
his seed for ev-ermore. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to
the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. A-men