

Psalm 71

In te, Domine, speravi

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IN THEE, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion: but
rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness, *incline thine ear unto me, and
save me. 2. Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may always resort: thou hast
promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence and my castle. 3. De-
liver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly: out of the hand of the
unrighteous and cruel man. 4. For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I
long for: thou art my hope, even from my youth. 5. Through thee have I been
holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mother's
womb; *my praise shall be always of thee. 6. I am become as it were
a monster unto many: but my sure trust is in thee. 7. O let my mouth be
filled with thy praise: that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day
long. 8. Cast me not away in the time of age: forsake me not when my
strength faileth me. 9. For mine enemies speak against me, *and they that lay

wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying: God hath forsaken him;

*persecute him, and take him, for there is none to de-liv-er him. 10. Go not far from me, O God: my God, haste thee to help me. 11. Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul: let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me e-vil. 12. As for me, I will patiently abide always: and will praise thee more and more¹³. My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation: for I know no end thereof. 14. I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God: and will make mention of thy righteousness only.¹⁵ Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now: therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works. 16. Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed: until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, *and thy power to all them that are yet for to come. 17. Thy righteousness, O God, is very high: and great things are they that thou hast done; O God,

who is like un - to thee? 18. O what great troubles and adversities hast thou
 shewed me, *and yet didst thou turn and refresh me: yea, and broughtest me
 from the deep of the earth again¹⁹. Thou hast brought me to great honour:
 and comforted me on ev'ry side.²⁰. Therefore will I praise thee and thy
 faithfulness, O God, *playing up-on an instrument of musick: unto thee will
 I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Is-rael. 21. My lips will be fain
 when I sing unto thee: and so will my soul whom thou hast de-livered.
 22. My tongue al-so shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are
 confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil. Glory be to
 the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the
 beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be: world without end. Amen