

Psalm 143

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HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire: hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake. 2. And enter not in-to judgement with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justifi-ed. 3. For the ene-my hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4. Therefore is my spirit vexed within me: and my heart within me is desolate. 5. Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works: yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands. 6. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land. 7. Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. 8. O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust: shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee. 9. Deliver me, O

Lord, from mine enemies: for I flee unto thee to hide me. 10. Teach me to do
the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead
me forth into the land of righteousness. 11. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's
sake: and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. 12. And
of thy goodness slay mine enemies: and destroy all them that vex my soul ;
for I am thy servant. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the
Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world
without end. Amen