

1 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: □

with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness

throughout all generations.

2 I will declare that your love is established for ever; □

you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.

3 For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; □

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 "Your seed will I establish for ever □

and build up your throne for all generations."

5 The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, □

and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;

6 For who among the clouds can be compared to the Lord? □

Who is like the Lord among the host of heaven?

7 A God feared in the council of the holy ones, □

great and terrible above all those round about him.

8 Who is like you, Lord God of hosts? □

Mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.

9 You rule the raging of the sea; □

you still its waves when they arise.

10 You crushed Rahab with a deadly wound □

and scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; □

you established the world and all that fills it.

12 You created the north and the south; □

Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.

13 You have a mighty arm; □

strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; □

steadfast love and faithfulness go before your face.

15 Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: □

they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

16 In your name they rejoice all the day long □

and are exalted in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, □

and in your favour you lift up our heads.

18 Truly the Lord is our shield; □

the Holy One of Israel is our king.

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: □

‘I have set a youth above the mighty;

I have raised a young man over the people.

20 ‘I have found David my servant; □

with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 'My hand shall hold him fast □

and my arm shall strengthen him.

22 'No enemy shall deceive him, □

nor any wicked person afflict him.

23 'I will strike down his foes before his face □

and beat down those that hate him.

24 'My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him, □

and in my name shall his head be exalted.

25 'I will set his dominion upon the sea □

and his right hand upon the rivers.

26 'He shall call to me, "You are my Father, □

my God, and the rock of my salvation;"

27 'And I will make him my firstborn, □

the most high above the kings of the earth.

28 'The love I have pledged to him will I keep for ever, □

and my covenant will stand fast with him.

29 'His seed also will I make to endure for ever □

and his throne as the days of heaven.

30 'But if his children forsake my law □

and cease to walk in my judgements,

31 'If they break my statutes □

and do not keep my commandments,

32 'I will punish their offences with a rod □

and their sin with scourges.

33 'But I will not take from him my steadfast love □

nor suffer my truth to fail.

34 'My covenant will I not break □

nor alter what has gone out of my lips.

35 'Once for all have I sworn by my holiness □

that I will not prove false to David.

36 'His seed shall endure for ever □

and his throne as the sun before me;

37 'It shall stand fast for ever as the moon, □

the enduring witness in the heavens.'

38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; □

you have shown fierce anger against him.

39 You have broken the covenant with your servant, □

and have cast his crown to the dust.

40 You have broken down all his walls □

and laid his strongholds in ruins.

41 All who pass by despoil him, □

and he has become the scorn of his neighbours.

42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes □

and made all his enemies rejoice.

43 You have turned back the edge of his sword □

and have not upheld him in battle.

44 You have made an end of his radiance □

and cast his throne to the ground.

45 You have cut short the days of his youth □

and have covered him with shame.

46 How long will you hide yourself so utterly, O Lord? □

How long shall your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is, □

how frail you have made all mortal flesh.

48 Which of the living shall not see death, □

and shall deliver their soul from the power of darkness?

49 Where, O Lord, is your steadfast love of old, □

which you swore to David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, O Lord, how your servant is scorned, □

how I bear in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 While your enemies mock, O Lord, □

while they mock the footsteps of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord for evermore. □

Amen and Amen.

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