

1 To you I call, O Lord my rock;

do not be deaf to my cry,

lest, if you do not hear me,

I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you,

when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked,

with the evildoers,

who speak peaceably with their neighbours,

while malice is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds,

and according to the wickedness of their devices.

5 Reward them according to the work of their hands,

and pay them their just deserts.

6 They take no heed of the Lord's doings,

nor of the works of his hands;

therefore shall he break them down

and not build them up.

7 Blessed be the Lord,

for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

8 The Lord is my strength and my shield;

my heart has trusted in him and I am helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy!

and in my song will I praise him.

10 The Lord is the strength of his people,

a safe refuge for his anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance;

shepherd them and carry them for ever.

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