

1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken □

and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; □

our God comes and will not keep silence.

3 Consuming fire goes out before him □

and a mighty tempest stirs about him.

4 He calls the heaven above, □

and the earth, that he may judge his people:

5 'Gather to me my faithful, □

who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'

6 Let the heavens declare his righteousness, □

for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: □

'I will testify against you, O Israel;

for I am God, your God.

8 'I will not reprove you for your sacrifices, □

for your burnt offerings are always before me.

9 'I will take no bull out of your house, □

nor he-goat out of your folds,

10 'For all the beasts of the forest are mine, □

the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 'I know every bird of the mountains □

and the insect of the field is mine.

12 'If I were hungry, I would not tell you, □

for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.

13 'Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, □

or drink the blood of goats?

14 'Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving □

and fulfil your vows to God Most High.

15 'Call upon me in the day of trouble; □

I will deliver you and you shall honour me.'

16 But to the wicked, says God: □

'Why do you recite my statutes

and take my covenant upon your lips,

17 'Since you refuse to be disciplined □

and have cast my words behind you?

18 'When you saw a thief, you made friends with him □

and you threw in your lot with adulterers.

19 'You have loosed your lips for evil □

and harnessed your tongue to deceit.

20 'You sit and speak evil of your brother; □

you slander your own mother's son.

21 'These things have you done, and should I keep silence? □

Did you think that I am even such a one as yourself?

22 'But no, I must reprove you, □

and set before your eyes the things that you have done.

23 'You that forget God, consider this well, □

lest I tear you apart and there is none to deliver you.

24 'Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me □

and to those who keep my way

will I show the salvation of God.'

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