

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, □

for my soul takes refuge in you;

2 In the shadow of your wings will I take refuge □

until the storm of destruction has passed by.

3 I will call upon the Most High God, □

the God who fulfils his purpose for me.

4 He will send from heaven and save me

and rebuke those that would trample upon me; □

God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

5 I lie in the midst of lions, □

people whose teeth are spears and arrows,

and their tongue a sharp sword.

6 *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, □*

and your glory over all the earth.

7 They have laid a net for my feet;

my soul is pressed down; □

they have dug a pit before me

and will fall into it themselves.

8 My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; □

I will sing and give you praise.

9 Awake, my soul; awake, harp and lyre, □

that I may awaken the dawn.

10 I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples; □

I will sing praise to you among the nations.

11 For your loving-kindness is as high as the heavens, □

and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

12 *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, □*

and your glory over all the earth.

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