

1 Lord God to whom vengeance belongs, □

O God to whom vengeance belongs, shine out in majesty.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth; □

give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 Lord, how long shall the wicked, □

how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 How long shall the evildoers boast □

and pour out such impudent words?

5 They crush your people, O Lord, □

and afflict your heritage.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger; □

the orphans they put to death.

7 And yet they say, 'The Lord will not see, □

neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.'

8 Consider, most stupid of people; □

you fools, when will you understand?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? □

He that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He who corrects the nations, shall he not punish? □

He who teaches the peoples, does he lack knowledge?

11 The Lord knows every human thought, □

that they are but a breath.

12 Blessed are those whom you chasten, O Lord, □

whom you instruct from your law;

13 That you may give them rest in days of adversity, □

until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the Lord will not fail his people, □

neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 For justice shall return to the righteous, □

and all that are true of heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the wicked? □

Who will take my part against the evildoers?

17 If the Lord had not helped me, □

my soul would soon have been put to silence.

18 And when I said, 'My foot has slipped', □

your loving mercy, O Lord, upheld me.

19 In the multitude of cares that troubled my heart, □

your comforts have refreshed my soul.

20 Will you have anything to do with the throne of wickedness, □

which fashions evil through its law?

21 They gather together against the life of the righteous □

and condemn the innocent to death.

22 But the Lord has become my stronghold ☩

and my God the rock of my trust.

23 He will turn against them their own wickedness

and silence them through their own malice; ☩

the Lord our God will put them to silence.

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