### Psalms

## Chapter 17

A prayer of David.  
  
  
  
  
1Please listen, O Lord, to my cries,  
 And pay attention to the things that I beg.  
 Notice the things about which I pray;  
 For my words are not being spoken  
 With lips that have tried to deceive.  
  
2In Your presence, may my judgment be given,  
 And may Your eyes look upon me in fairness.  
 3For You’ve tried my heart in Your visits at night…  
 You’ve [tried] me by fire and found nothing  
 To prevent me from speaking [to You].  
  
4Concerning the hard ways of men;  
 Your lips have been my protection.  
 5Into Your ways, You’ve molded my steps,  
 So my feet may never be caught in a snare.  
 6Yes, I called out to You and You heard me, O God…  
 Your ears listened to the things that I begged.  
  
7O You who [will bring us] salvation;  
 Please show Your wonderful mercies  
 To those who put trust in Your right hand.  
  
8Guard me like the pupil of Your eye…  
 Take me under Your wings,  
 And there, provide a safe haven for me.  
  
9From the faces of the Godless, protect me…  
 From those who wish to bring misery.  
 For my enemies have me surrounded,  
 10And they speak with mouths filled with pride,  
 As they’re wrapped in their fat.  
  
11They’ve driven me out and they have me surrounded…  
 Their eyes have plans to cut me to the ground.  
 12They treat me like a lion prepared for the hunt…  
 As a cub that must now run and hide.  
  
13So, please arise, O Jehovah!  
 Cut them off and then knock them down!  
 With Your sword, save my life from the godless…  
 14Use Your hands to destroy those who hate me.  
 Yes, cut their bodies to pieces,  
 And leave them there on the ground!  
  
Please, fill [righteous] bellies with good things,  
 And also provide for their children,  
 Then give what’s left to their babies.  
  
15May Your righteous one be seen once again,  
 And may I be filled with Your glory.