**PSALM 16**

Exaudi, Domine, justitiam.

*A just man’s prayer in tribulation against the malice of his enemy.*

**1** The prayer of David.

Hear, O Lord, my justice: attend to my supplication. Give ear unto my prayer, which proceedeth not from deceitful lips.

**2** Let my judgment come forth from thy countenance: let thy eyes behold the things that are equitable.

**3** Thou hast proved my heart, and visited it by night, thou hast tried me by fire: and iniquity hath not been found in me.

**4** That my mouth may not speak the works of men: for the sake of the words of thy lips, I have kept hard ways.

**5** Perfect thou my goings in thy paths: that my footsteps be not moved.

**6** I have cried to thee, for thou, O God, hast heard me: O incline thy ear unto me, and hear my words.

**7** Shew forth thy wonderful mercies; thou who savest them that trust in thee.

**8** From them that resist thy right hand keep me, as the apple of thy eye. Protect me under the shadow of thy wings.

**9** From the face of the wicked who have afflicted me. My enemies have surrounded my soul:

**10** they have shut up their fat: their mouth hath spoken proudly.

**11** They have cast me forth and now they have surrounded me: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth.

**12** They have taken me, as a lion prepared for the prey; and as a young lion dwelling in secret places.

**13** Arise, O Lord, disappoint him and supplant him; deliver my soul from the wicked one: thy sword

**14** from the enemies of thy hand. O Lord, divide them from the few of the earth in their life: their belly is filled from thy hidden stores. They are full of children: and they have left to their little ones the rest of their substance.

**15** But as for me, I will appear before thy sight in justice: I shall be satisfied when thy glory shall appear.