Ps 25

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| (By David) | (By David) |  | David’s. | A Psalm of David. | Pertaining to David [Of David] | *A Psalm* of David. | Of David. |
| 1 Judge me, O Lord,  for I have walked in my innocence;  and by trusting in the Lord  I shall not grow weak. | 1 Judge me, O Lord,  for I have walked in my innocence;  and by trusting in the Lord  I shall not grow weak. | Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in my innocence: I have hoped in the Lord; (therefore) I shall not be weakened. | Judge me, O Lord, for in mine innocence have I walked; and hoping in the Lord I shall not grow weak. | BE Thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently and, trusting in the Lord, I shall not falter. | Vindicate [judge] me, O Lord,  because I walked in my guilelessness,  and since I hope in the Lord, I shall not grow weak. | Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in my innocence: and hoping in the Lord I shall not be moved. | Judge me, O Lord, for I walk in my innocence,  And by hoping in the Lord, I shall not weaken. |
| 2 Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  burn my heart and mind. | 2 Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  test my heart and mind in fire. | Prove me, O Lord, and try me; fire my heart and my reins. | Prove me, O Lord, and try me; prove with fire my reins and my heart. | Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try out my reins and my heart. | Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  test my kidneys and my heart. | Prove me, O Lord, and try me; purify as with fire my reins and my heart. | Prove me, O Lord, and test me,  Try my reins and my heart in the fire. |
| 3 For Your mercy is before my eyes,  and I delight in Your truth. | 3 For Your mercy is before my eyes,  and I delight in Your truth. | For Thy mercy is before my eyes: and I have been pleased in Thy truth. | For Thy mercy is before mine eyes, and I have been well-pleasing in Thy truth. | For Thy mercy is ever before mine eyes, and I have behaved well in Thy truth. | . Because your mercy is before my eyes,  and I was pleased in your truth. | For thy mercy is before mine eyes: and I am well pleased with thy truth. | For Your mercy is before my eyes,  And I was well-pleasing in Your truth. |
| 4 I do not sit in frivolous gatherings,  nor do I consort with lawbreakers. | 4 I do not sit in frivolous gatherings,  nor do I consort with lawbreakers. | I have not sat in the council of vanity, neither did I go in with breakers of the Law. | I have not sat with the council of vanity, nor shall I go in with them that transgress the law | I have not sat with the company of the vainglorious, neither will I have fellowship with wrong-doers. | I did not sit with council of vanity,  and with transgressors of the law I will not enter; | I have not sat with the council of vanity, and will in nowise enter in with transgressors. | I have not sat down with vain councils,  Nor will I go in with those who transgress the law. |
| 5 I hate the company of evildoers,  and I will not sit with the godless. | 5 I hate the assembly of evildoers,  and I will not sit with the ungodly. | I have hated the congregation of evil doers; neither did I sit with the wicked. | I have hated the congregation of evil-doers, and with the ungodly will I not sit. | I have hated the congregation of the wicked, and will not sit among the ungodly. | I hated the assembly of evildoers,  and with the impious I will not sit | I have hated the assembly of wicked doers; and will not sit with ungodly *men*. | I hate the assembly of evildoers,  And I will not sit with the ungodly. |
| 6 I will wash my hands among the innocent,  and will encircle Your Altar, O Lord, | 6 I will wash my hands in innocence,  and I will go around Your Altar, O Lord, | I will wash my hands in holiness: and I will compass Thine altar, O Lord: | I will wash my hands in innocency and I will compass Thine altar, O Lord, | I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord, and so will I go round about Thine altar; | I will wash my hands in innocence  and go around your altar, O Lord, | I will wash my hands in innocency, and compass thine altar, O Lord: | I will wash my hands in innocence;  So I will go about Your altar, O Lord, |
| 7 that I may hear the voice of praise[[1]](#footnote-1)  and tell of all Your wonders. | 7 that I may hear the voice of praise[[2]](#footnote-2)  and tell of all Your wonders. | that I may hear the voice of Thy praise, and declare all Thy wonders. | that I may hear the voice of Thy praise and tell of all Thy wondrous works. | That I may hear the voice of Thy praise, and tell of all Thy wondrous works. | . to hear a voice of praise  and tell all your wondrous deeds. | to hear the voice of praise, and to declare all thy wonderful works. | That I may hear the voice of praise  And tell of all Your wondrous works. |
| 8 O Lord, I love the beauty of Your house[[3]](#footnote-3)  and the sanctuary of the abode of Your glory. | 8 O Lord, I love the beauty of Your house[[4]](#footnote-4)  and the sanctuary where Your glory dwells. | Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwells. | O Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth. | Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house, and the dwelling-place of Thy glory. | O Lord, I loved your house’s majesty  and the spot of your glory’s covert | O Lord, I have loved the beauty of thy house, and the place of the tabernacle of thy glory. | O Lord, I love the beauty of Your house,  And the place where Your glory dwells. |
| 9 Destroy not my soul with the wicked,  nor my life with men of blood, | 9 Do not destroy my soul with the wicked,  nor my life with men of blood, | Destroy not my soul with the ungodly, nor my life with bloody men: | Destroy not my soul with the ungodly, nor my life with men of blood, | O destroy not my soul with the ungodly, nor my life with the blood-thirsty; | Do not destroy my soul together with the impious  and my life with men of blood, | Destroy not my soul together with the ungodly, nor my life with bloody men: | Do not destroy my soul with the ungodly,  Nor my life with men of blood, |
| 10 in whose hands are iniquities,  and whose right hand is full of bribes. | 10 in whose hands are iniquities,  and whose right hand is full of bribes. | in whose hands is iniquity, and their right hand is full of bribes. | In whose hands are iniquities; their right hand is full of bribes. | In whose hand is wickedness, and their right hand is full of bribes. | in whose hands are acts of lawlessness;  their right hand was filled with gifts. | in whose hands *are* iniquities, *and* their right hand is filled with bribes. | In whose hands is lawlessness;  Their right hand is full of bribes. |
| 11 But I walk in my innocence;  redeem me and have mercy on me. | 11 But as for me, I walk in my innocence;  redeem me and have mercy on me. | But as for me, I have walked in my innocence: save me, and have mercy on me. | But as for me, in mine innocence have I walked; redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me. | But as for me, I have walked innocently; deliver me, O Lord, and have mercy upon me. | But as for me, I walked in my guilessness;  redeem me, and have mercy on me. | But I have walked in my innocence: redeem me, and have mercy upon me. | But as for me, I walk in my innocence;  Redeem me and have mercy on me. |
| 12 My foot stands on the straight path;  I will bless You, O Lord, in the churches.[[5]](#footnote-5) | 12 My foot stands on the straight path;  I will bless You, O Lord, in the churches.[[6]](#footnote-6) | For my feet have stood in uprightness: in the churches will I bless Thee, O Lord.  *Alleluia.* | My foot hath stood in uprightness; in the congregations will I bless Thee, O Lord. | My foot hath stood on the right; I will bless Thee, O Lord, in the churches. | My foot stood in uprightness;  in assemblies I will bless you, O Lord. | My foot stands in an even place: in the congregations will I bless thee, O Lord. | For my foot stands in uprightness;  In the churches I will bless You, O Lord. |

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