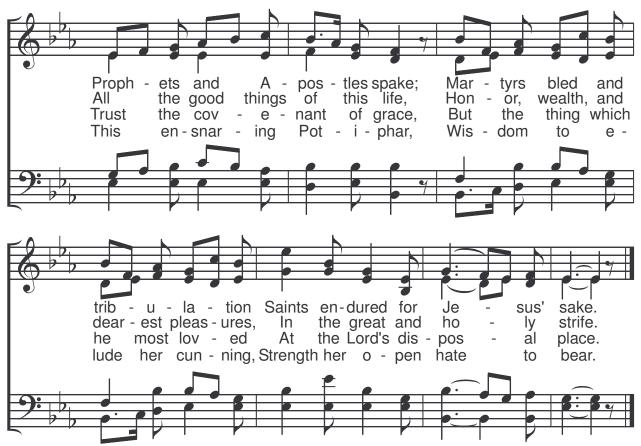
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- 5. Give us David's bold defiance
 Of the Lord's and Israel's foes;
 And in trouble, the reliance
 Which in God, his Rock, he shows;
 His right princely disposition,
 Friendship, constancy, and truth;
 But still more, his deep contrition,
 For the errors of his youth.
- 6. Arm us with Thy true discernment As Elijah, in these days When men, led by superstition, To false idols altars raise. Let us shun the mere profession Common in our days and land, Witnessing a good profession, Even if alone we stand.
- 7. Give us the Apostles' daring
 And their bold, undaunted mood,
 Threats and fierce reproaches bearing
 To proclaim the Saviour's blood;
 Let us to the truth bear witness;
 Truth alone can make us free;
 Not leave off until its sweetness
 All shall taste and know through Thee.
- 8. Give us Stephen's look collected And His calm and peaceful mind, When we meet with unexpected Trials of the fiercest kind; In the midst of shouts and crying, Let us with composure stand; Open heav'n to us in dying; Show us Christ at God's right hand.
- 9. Spirit, by whose operation
 Faith and hope and love are giv'n
 Source of holy conversation,
 Bearing seed and fruit for heav'n;
 Spirit, by whose inspiration
 Prophets and Apostles spake,
 Visit us with Thy salvation;
 Dwell with us for Jesus' sake!