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- 4 But you, O LORD, will laugh at them; those nations you deride.
 I watch for you, my loving God, my strength, in whom I hide.
 My God will come and give me help; in triumph I will sing before all those who slander me, O Lord, our shield and king.
- 5 But lest my people should forget, slay not my foes outright.
 Cause them to wander aimlessly; defeat them by your might.
 Reward the evil of their lips, the words of their own mouths; let them be captured by their pride, their curses and untruths.
- 6 Consume them till they are no more; in anger lay them low.
 That God rules over Israel all distant lands will know.
 At evening they return again; like dogs they snarl and growl.
 They roam about the town for food and, finding none, they howl.
- But in the morning I will praise your strength and loving care, because you are my strong defence, my refuge from despair.
 O God, you are my only strength; to you I will sing praise.
 You are my fortress and my rock, my loving God always.